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Thank you to everyone that helped with costumes, props, sets, backstage, ushering and everything else that makes this production possible!



notes from the director

The Senior Shows have been a delight to direct since it began in 2020. I am thrilled to highlight how much talent these seniors have to offer. This Senior version of Singin' in the Rain is shortened but still includes all the fun music you'll enjoy. Hopefully you won't miss the tap dancing but watch for the soft shoe that we practiced so hard.

A big thank you to the cast for their hard work in learning the show – you made it so much fun for me. We are so appreciative of Brian for sharing his musical expertise with us. We hope he enjoyed it enough to come back again next year. Last year Amondee did the job of Dance Captain without taking credit - I'm so glad to have her be official for this show. Kudos to Mary, Donna, Paula and all the helpers for making the 20's come to life in costumes. They look amazing! A big thank you to Marie for finding all the props we need. Also, thanks to Steve and Dale Nickels for handling the tech that makes the show look and sound so good - after all the work with the youth shows, glad you still have time for the Senior Show. Tom was a darling for making Lina's video and running the musical recording. And I couldn't forget Paul for handling the backstage labors! Sara Pfantz always puts together such a beautiful program - many thanks to you as well. And finally, a huge thank you to Sarah Lederer for doing all the production work - you have been a godsend! Finally, thanks to all of you for coming to enjoy our labors you are what makes theater come alive.

Dee Baldock



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the scenes and musical numbers

Grauman's Chinese Theatre – The Opening of The Royal Rascal

Fit as a Fiddle - Cosmo, Don and Ensemble

Hollywood Boulevard - Immediately following

R. F. Simpson's mansion – Immediately following

All I Do Is Dream of You - Kathy and Chorus Girls

Monumental Pictures

Make 'Em Laugh - Cosmo, Stagehands and Chorus Girls Ensemble

Lucky Star - Kathy

You Were Meant for Me - Don

Miss Dinsmore's Office and Diction Classroom

Moses Supposes - Ensemble Moses Supposes (Reprise 1-3) - Ensemble

Outside Preview, Don's House and City Street

Good Morning - Kathy, Don and Cosmo Singin' in the Rain - Don and Ensemble

Recording Studio

Lina's Film Would You - Lina Kathy's Film Would You - Kathy What's Wrong with Me - Lina

R. F. Simpson's Office

Broadway Melody - Host, Broadway Dancer 1 & 2 and Ensemble

Premier of The Dancing Cavalier

Lina's Would You - Kathy and Cosmo Lucky Star (Reprise) - Don, Kathy and Ensemble

the **cast**

Dora Bailey Deb Calder
Don Lockwood
Lina Lamont
Cosmo Brown
Roz Julie Mansfield
R.F. Simpson
Fan #1
Fan #2
Kathy Seldon Jennie Cullen
Policeman
Pedestrian #1
Pedestrian #2
Young Lady Lisa Olmsted
Butler Jeff Wisniewski
Dexter
Stagehand #1
Stagehand #2
,
Chorus Girl #1
Chorus Girl #2
Chorus Girl #3
Chorus Girl #4
1st Assistant
2nd Assistant
3rd Assistant
Miss Dinsmore
Teacher Kelly Lynaugh
Student #1
Student #2
Student #3
Screening Guest #1 Krista Nelson
Screening Guest #2
Screening Guest #3
Screening Guest #4
Screening Guest #5
Sam (Sound Engineer)
Zelda
Broadway Melody Host
Broadway Dancer #1
Broadway Dancer #2
Audience Member #1
Audience Member #2
Orchestra Leader
Chorus Jeannie Piper

the cast

Chorus Girls Ensemble:

Amondee Brandt Margaret Fuguitt Lisa Gingles Sue Gorski Angie Loniello Krista Nelson Ellen Sheahan Pat Wehrley

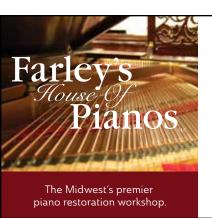


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the cast



ANNE HEDMAN BOISSONNAS



DEB CALDER



JENNIE CULLEN



MARGARET FUGUITT



LISA GINGLES



ANN HEASLETT



KELLY LYNAUGH



JULIE MANSFIELD



JERRY NEVIASER



RICK OWENS



SHARI \
SAILING



ELLEN SHEAHAN



CHRIS TELFER



TIM YANACHECK

who's who in the cast

ANNE HEDMAN BOISSONNAS (Lina Lamont) is happy to dust off her comedic chops in her first VACT production. For many years, Anne lived and breathed theater- performing in school, community, collegiate, and repertory productions. As an English teacher, she shared her theatrical passion with students, staging assigned plays and volleying Shakespearean insults and compliments along the way. Anne is grateful for this opportunity to work with such positive, collegial, collaborative people and hopes this is just her VACT beginning. A very special thank you to Roger Boissonnas for his unwavering support.

DEB CALDER (Dora Bailey). Deb is excited to be in her "first" VACT show. Deb has been cheering on her grandchildren from the audience of VACT shows since 2017. This year, it's time for her to take the stage. Deb extends her appreciation to her entire family for their love and support, Director Dee Baldock for casting her in this terrific role, and the entire cast/crew for helping her to learn the ropes in a VACT production.

JENNIFER CULLEN (Kathy Selden), is honored, grateful, and excited to play this fun role as an adult female in one of her favorite musicals, especially since she played 10 year old boy, Winthrop, in *The Music Man SR*. last season and was understandably concerned about being typecast. In all sincerity, belonging to this team of thespians Dee leads at VACT has been a huge source of inspiration, support, encouragement and challenge. Jennie thanks her family, especially husband Randy, for an infinite supply of love, faith and humor.

MARGARET FUGUITT (Miss Dinsmore) is very excited to be in her first VACT show. It has been forty-five years since Margaret was last on stage performing the role of Daisy Mae in *L'il Abner*. Margaret has enjoyed many years of watching VACT performances. Now, she's thrilled to be singing, and dancing, on stage. Many thanks to the cast, and staff, for their encouragement and warm welcome. Margaret hopes the show will "make'em laugh"!!!

LISA GINGLES (Broadway Dancer #2). Lisa is thrilled to be in her first VACT role. Thanks to her vocal coach and to her family for the support to live out this dream.

ANN HEASLETT (Zelda). Ann Heaslett is excited to be in her first VACT production and her first appearance on stage since she was a "Beauty School Dropout" in *Grease* in high school back in 1982. Thanks to her husband, Tim, for providing the encouragement to take the leap back into musical theater. Thanks to the cast and crew for providing a terrific experience and to the audience for coming to see our show.

KELLY LYNAUGH (Teacher). I am thrilled to be in my third production with VACT. Joining this great group of people has been a real joy. Playing the teacher in this musical is a little bit of typecasting. I was a teacher for 14 years and an administrator for 14 with the Madison School District. All VACT productions are my favorites, it's amazing the talent here. I never thought I would buy dance shoes at this age! I should be buying orthopedic, practical shoes! Thanks to all who come to the shows and give me support and encouragement.

JULIE MANSFIELD (Roz/Student #1/Screening Guest #3). Julie is thrilled to be in her 6th VACT production and 2nd Senior show! She started performing with VACT in 2018 in the ensemble of Willy Wonka. She continued in ensemble roles in A Christmas Story, Mama Mia, The Music Man SR., and Encore 2022. She loves the friendships she has made here at VACT! Julie thanks her family for their unending support and encouragement!

JERRY NEVIASER (Cosmo Brown) is thrilled to return to VACT for this wonderful "Romp in the Rain". Long a fan of Don O'Conner's performance in the movie version, Jerry notes that after some key research, he has determined that running up walls and doing backflips may not be prudent at this stage of his career. Previously appearing as Marcellus Washburn in last year's production of *The Music Man SR.*, he is delighted to be back working with his dear friends and teammates at VACT. He would also like to express his love and gratitude to wife Elizabeth, daughter Rachel, and his entire family for their unending encouragement and support.

who's who in the cast

RICK OWENS (Don Lockwood) has performed in two dozen VACT productions since he joined the group in 1995 as Tevye in Fiddler On The Roof. He has enjoyed inhabiting a wide variety of roles on our stages, from Elwood Dowd in Harvey to Victor Velasco in Barefoot In The Park, and singing roles as different as Count Dracula and Professor Harold Hill. "Many thanks and much respect to my fellow cast members for all the teamwork and encouragement we've shared over these last months of creative efforts and fun. And to my wonderful family for making space in our home life for all these odd characters I try to bring to life. Special recognition is also due to the people of Verona for the tremendous support of live theater that sustained this group for the last 30 years. BRAVO!"

SHARI SAILING (Broadway Melody Host) is returning for her second senior production at VACT. She played Ethel Toffelmeir in the first ever senior show last year, and has appeared as Lady Bracknell in *The Importance of Being Earnest During a Pandemic*, and in the ensembles of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Encore 2022*. Thank you so much to Dee and VACT for offering this opportunity for senior performers to step into the spotlight for the first time, or to continue sharing their theater talents and years of experience with the community.

ELLEN SHEAHAN (Broadway Dancer #1) is delighted to be appearing in her first production with VACT, having not appeared in any show since high school. There she played Carrie Pipperidge in *Carousel* and Mammy Yokum in *Lil Abner*. (This was during the Carter Administration) Ellen is grateful for the support of her family and friends who've come to see her stage re-debut. Enjoy the show!

CHRIS TELFER (Dexter). This is Chris' first show with VACT. Chris has been looking forward to retirement so that he could get back into the theater. As a music teacher Chris has helped with shows by playing in the PIT or helping students with music as well as directing some "Jr" shows. He said his last real acting was several shows in college and in The Shawano Community Theater where he played Lancelot in *Camelot*. Chris said this experience has been fantastic and is hopeful to work with his fellow cast members again in the future."

TIM YANACHECK (R.F. Simpson) feels privileged to appear in another VACT show, and not as a "Grandpa" for a change. Favorite roles have included Grandpa Potts in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and Grandpa George in *Willy Wonka*. Many thanks to all you wonderful fans who come to our shows and support community theater.



who's who in the crew

DEE BALDOCK (Director, Choreographer) founded VACT 30 years ago and has been involved ever since. She was honored to have the VACT building named for her last year. She has directed 16 shows, produced 60 and appeared in many. Her new favorite is the senior show, but the 2nd – 4th grade group is a close second. She has played many roles but her favorites are Grandma in *Billy Elliot* and Melissa Frake in *State Fair*. She was thrilled to introduce this new program to VACT and hope it can continue.

SARAH LEDERER (Producer) Sarah is excited to be producing *Singin'* in the Rain, SR! Sarah has been producing shows at VACT for the last few years with most of her time spent working with our youth productions. Some of the shows she has produced are Beauty and the Beast, Willy Wonka KIDS and Lion King KIDS. Thanks to the fantastic production team and a special thanks to her family for their love and support! Enjoy the show!

BRIAN MULLEN (Music Director) is excited to be music directing his first show. Brian has a Master of Music degree in composition from UW-Madison. Recent roles on the stage include Greenway (Elf - VACT), Bert (Mary Poppins), Etches/Pitman (Titanic), Roy (The Odd Couple), Captain Scott (Peter and the Starcatcher), Papa Ogre/Bishop (Shrek) and Stewpot/Henri (South Pacific). He has also played in the pit for many shows over the years. Thanks to Dee for giving me this opportunity, to the cast and crew for being so fun to work with and for engaging with the music, and to my family for giving me up for so many evenings.

MARY QUADE (Costume Design) Mary has been involved with VACT for 25 years. She has been in the chorus for several shows and has been lead costumer for multiple shows. Mary most enjoys designing costumes for the children's program. Mary enjoys how the young casts get so excited about their costumes and watching how they transform into their characters. In many ways the senior show is the same as working on the children's shows and it has been so fun to become involved with the senior show. "I especially want to thank Donna and Paula for all their help."

PAULA BLANKENHEIM (Assistant Costume Design) is thrilled to be part of this cast and to be helping with the costumes. This is her second senior show. This is the eighth time Paula has taken on a major role in costuming for VACT. She started with White Christmas in 2010 and since then has done costumes for Mary Poppins, A Seussified Christmas Carol, South Pacific, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, 3 Nanny Goats Gruff, Young Frankenstein, High School Musical 2 JR., The Music Man SR. "I want to thank Mary Quade and Donna Spencer for allowing me to help."

DONNA SPENCER (Assistant Costume Design) Donna is thrilled to help with costume designs for this show. She has worked on VACT costumes since the first kids show, *Rats*, in 2005. She has also been on stage for three productions but enjoys being behind the curtain these days. I had so much fun working with Mary and Paula.

who's who in the crew

MARIE KYLE (Prop Master) has been the elementary music teacher at Sugar Creek Elementary School in Verona for over 25 years. She has worked as the music director, and appeared on stage for many VACT shows, as well as directing the teen productions of *Grease*, Legally Blonde, Bye, Bye Birdie and The Drowsy Chaperone. Favorite roles include Narrator in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Glinda in The Wizard of Oz, Betty Haynes in White Christmas and Mother Superior in Sister Act. Marie loves being in shows with her husband Jim and playing the role of mom to sons Joe and Tom.

PAUL STILLER (Stage Manager) Paul is thrilled to be involved with his 20th VACT show. Paul participated in twelve VACT shows as an actor during his childhood and has been the stage manager for the most recent eight productions he has participated in. He would like to wish his mother, Theresa Gardocki, the best of luck on stage in this production of *Singin' in the Rain*.

STEVE NICKELS (Lighting Design) Steve has been designing lights for VACT shows for over 15 years, and can usually be found in the lighting booth. He has also worked backstage as a stage manager, ropes operator, spotlight operator, and producer, and occasionally can even be found on stage, but always manages to be involved with the lights. "May the Light shine on you!"

DALE NICKELS (Sound) has produced or directed many VACT shows and designed the sound for nearly every show since *The Wizard of Oz* in 1996. From time to time he shows up on stage. Most of the time he lives behind the soundboard, dealing with an increasing number of wireless microphones. His most recent directorial outing was *Elf the Musical*. "Thanks to my lovely wife, Deb, for letting me play."

TOM BLANKENHEIM (Sound Assistant) has been 'making music' with VACT since his first appearance in the orchestra pit for *Annie Get Your Gun* (2007). If Tom is not playing his clarinets or saxophones, he will often bring the music to VACT audiences by assisting Dale with sound. It has been a pleasure working with Dee, Dale and all of the talented staff, crew and cast to bring this 'Senior Version' of a classic musical to the Verona Community.

AMONDEE BRANDT (Dance Captain) Amondee is extremely proud to be joining the talented cast and crew in this 2nd ever VACT Senior production! She is honored to have been asked to take on this role. This is her 7th show with VACT. Her first show with them was as one of the Inventors in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Amondee has also appeared in Young Frankenstein, Mamma Mia, Encore 2022, Elf, Pirates Past Noon KIDS (Assistant Stage Manager) and The Music Man SR. (as Gracie Shinn). She wishes to express her gratitude to her grandchildren Antonio, Dominic & Brandee for without them none of this would have been possible and to everyone who gave their time & talent to bring this show together!

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- 2018 The Hunchback of Notre Dame; Bus Stop; A Race To The Finish; The Jungle Book KIDS; Bye Bye Birdie YPE; Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka; Little Shop of Horrors; Annie KIDS; Legally Blonde Jr.; A Christmas Story
- 2019 The Odd Couple; Three Nanny Goats Gruff; The Aristocats KIDS; 42nd Street YPE; Disney's Newsies; Chitty Chitty Bang Bang; Young Frankenstein; We Are Monsters; Disney's Frozen Jr.
- 2020 Mamma Mia!; 4 Weddings and An Elvis; Chicago High School Edition*;
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- The Importance of Being Earnest In a Pandemic; VACT Virtual Youth Theater Spring 2021; The Radio Play Disaster; Seussical KIDS; Singin' In The Rain Jr.; Matilda The Musical
- Don't Dress for Dinner; Something Rotten!; Pirates Past Noon KIDS; High School Musical 2 Jr.; The Music Man Sr.; Disney Beauty and the Beast; Encore! 2022; Elf The Musical
- 2023 The Children's Hour; The Lion King KIDS; The Little Mermaid JR.; The SpongeBob Musical

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Verona Area Community Theater, Inc

VACT, Inc. originated in the summer of 1992 and is now producing ten shows a year. From the beginning, our goal has been to offer the people in the Verona Area community opportunities to utilize their talents in all facets of the arts. Our primary goal is to have fun! If you are interested in participating in any way, please contact one of the board members listed below:

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