

Little Women

By Louisa May Alcott

Adapted by Scott Davidson



PRESENTED BY:
**THE GINGERBREAD PLAYERS
OF TGV**

Directors Notes

Writing Director's Notes is a bittersweet challenge for me. As I sit to write them we are on the cusp of creating an excellent show. As you sit to read them, we are two weeks into the future, the show has taken a life of its own, and our rehearsal time together is a mere memory. Memory is an important factor in this play. We are looking into the experiences that Jo holds so dear as she calls us to visit her memories of family, friends, and the years that were most influential to her becoming an adult. I too will carry memories of this awesome experience and the young men and women (and the not so young ones too) who have touched my life over the past seven weeks. We wanted to give our young people an opportunity to delve into a play that challenged them, took them deeper into character development, and provided a chance to learn something of themselves and each other along the way. The cast approached this process in such a mature way and I am so grateful for the chance to work with each and every one of them. Kudos to you all and the crew that supports you! And a special thank you to Ms. Lois for being my right-hand friend throughout this process yet again. And to my sister Diane, I thank you for all the love and support you have given me.

Brenda Kay Brunston

Cast

A number of the characters in the show have been double cast. Those listed as Cast A will appear on October 7, 9 and 15. Cast B actors will perform on October 8, 14 and 16.

Jo March	Catherine Allbritton, Cast A Athena Kiene, Cast B
Beth March	Katie Courson, Cast A Kalyn Cooper, Cast B
Meg March	Hope Hathcock, Cast A Hannah Moody, Cast B
Amy March	Hannah Robinson, Cast A Shelby Stacey, Cast B
Hannah	Stephanie Turner
Marmee	Jennifer Singleton
Aunt March	Diane Marie Brunston
Mrs. Gardener	Jessica Gillard
Sallie Gardner	Kaitlyn Allbritton, Cast A Phoebe Singleton, Cast B
Belle	Bethany Weller, Cast A Kaitlyn Clark, Cast B
Annie	Sam Kassum, Cast A Raini Singleton, Cast B
Theodore Lawrence ("Laurie")	Sommers Coleman, Cast A Andy Conerly, Cast B
John Brooke	Jacop Reddick
Mr. March	Michael Wetherington

"Little Women" is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado.

Scene Sequence

In and around the March Home in Concord, Massachusetts.

Act I

Scene One: The morning of Christmas Eve, 1863

Scene Two: Christmas Eve

Scene Three: Christmas morning

Scene Four: The following spring, 1864

Scene Five: That autumn

Act II

Scene One: Two and a half years later, spring, 1867

Scene Two: That summer

Scene Three: Three months later

Scene Four: The following spring, 1868

Scene Five: That autumn

Scene Six: Two months later, winter, 1868

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Production Crew

Director *Brenda Kay Brunston*

Assistant Director *Lois Allbritton*

Producer *Mixson Anderson*

Stage Manager *Lois Allbritton*

Stage Crew *Lynnette Kenworthy, RoseMary Coleman,
& The March Girls*

Set Construction *The Allbritton Family, Diane Marie Brunston,
The Weller Family, Rosemary and Justin Cole-
man, The Kassum Family, Kaitlyn Clark, Jessica
Gillard, Michael Wetherington, Michael Brogdon,
The Kenworthy Family & Walter Weller*

Lights *Parker Allbritton*

Sound *Mixson Anderson & Katelynn
Kenworthy*

Costume Manager *Kellie Thomason*

Props Master *Carol Anne Cooper*

Publicity *Diane Marie Brunston*

Program *Robin McLendon*

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Cast



Catherine Allbritton. Christopher Columbus! Plummy play! Theatre is very prominent in my life: eight GBP and three LAT performances. My favorite show so far has been "Big Bad Musical". Ms.

Brenda, much gratitude for casting me in Little Women as Jo...a role long desired. Castmates, especially Jo B, "break a leg!" :)



Katie Courson. Katie is an 11-year-old Star Wars loving, happy kid. She enjoys dancing, movies, and her many pets. She is super excited to be in her first play with the Gingerbread Players. She attends Hahira

Middle School. Katie wants to thank her friends and family for their support.



Hope Hathcock is 11 years old and is performing her first play this fall. She dances, sings, and plays basketball and tennis. Hope is very thankful and excited to be in this play and

have support from her family.



Hannah Robinson is a sophomore at Lowndes H.S. She has travelled and lived in many places to include Japan. She loves theater and started acting at age 5 in "Annie". She was recently in

GBP's "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe." Thanks to God who has given her all her gifts and talents and who she loves very much!



Athena Kiene has been in several musicals and monologue competitions, however, this is her first major role. She is very excited to be part of this production and wants to thank her family for all of their love and support. Thanks!



Kalyn Cooper. I am 11 years old and in the 5th grade at Lake Park Elementary. This is my 2nd performance at TGV. I really enjoy performing on stage and hope to be in more plays at TGV. My hobbies

include singing, dancing and hanging out with friends.



My name is **Hannah Moody**. This is my 11th show with the Gingerbread Players, and I've enjoyed every one of them. I am a senior in high school this year and hope to continue theater throughout college and beyond. Enjoy the show!!



Shelby Stacey would like to thank Ms. Brenda for the opportunity to perform this play. This play has taught me a lot. I am currently involved with my school's drama program. I want to be an actress or a defense

attorney. I have big dreams; all I need is a shooting star.

Cast



Stephanie Turner has been performing since she was four, appearing in productions such as "Beauty and the Beast," "Annie," "Treasure Island," along with playing Auntie Em in

"Wizard of Oz." She is currently a senior, journalism major at VSU and the managing editor for the school paper.



Diane Marie Brunston has been active in theatre since the 5th grade. She is thrilled to, again, be working with big sister Brenda and a great cast and crew. Diane's day job is at

Baytree Animal Hospital where she loves taking care of Valdosta's "4-legged kids."



Kaitlyn Allbritton. This my 11th time on stage with Gingerbread Players. My favorite role was Lucy in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." My favorite costume was the spider in "Babes in Toyland", although I

am really looking forward to wearing my frilly, fancy dress as Sallie. When not performing, I enjoy helping backstage.



Hello! My name is **Bethany Weller**. This is my second play with Gingerbread Players. I am very excited. I attend Georgia Cyber Academy Online public school at home. I

have an older sister, Alex, and a dog, Dixie. I enjoy playing the piano, playing with my dog, swimming, and theatre.



Jennifer Singleton. Through the years I've done a handful of shows here at TGV, during high school I did a heap of them as well. This time I am lucky to share the stage with both of my

daughters, Raini and Phoebe again. FINALLY MY BRAIN WASHING HAS KICKED IN! MUWAHAHA! It's always nice to be back behind the 4th wall.



Jessica Gillard is thrilled to be in her first Gingerbread production and her third appearance on the Dosta stage. She has over 20 years of dance experience and has choreographed many

productions, including the past two TGV summer musicals. Many thanks to Brenda and Lois for the direction and enthusiasm.



Hi my name is **Phoebe Singleton**. I'm "Sallie" in the play. This is my 3rd show with TGV and I'm really excited! Besides acting, I enjoy soccer, making friends, going to

school where I'm involved with the PE and Chess clubs and being silly. I hope you enjoy the play "Little Women"!!!



Kaitlyn Clark. I go to Saint John Catholic School and I love to read and write, and especially act. This is my first play and I am very excited. Thank you Mom and Dad for helping me with my

lines, and Michael and Adam for your moral support.

Cast



Sam Kassum is a 5th-grader at St. John School. She sings in the St. John's Youth Choir, plays piano and trombone, is a purple belt in Taekwondo, and enjoys spending time with her sister and pets. "Little Women" is her first play and she says it won't be her last!



Raini Singleton. I'm in the 8th grade at Lowndes Middle school. I'm involved in band, chess club, FCA and student council. This is my third show here at TGV and I'm excited to once again be among amazing actors and people. I've only recently discovered my enjoyment of acting and I'm proud to embrace it.



My name is **Sommers Coleman** and I'm a 17 yr. old senior at LHS. I have been fortunate enough to have been cast in 6 previous GBP shows, Valwood one act, and recently "A Ring of Truth" at LHS. Thanks

Ms. Brenda for the opportunity to be part of another GBP show!



Andy Conerly is a native of Valdosta, GA. He has participated in theatre at VSU including "Macbeth" and the cabaret troupe. Also he has performed in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and

"The Great American Trailer Park Musical", with TGV.



Jacop Reddick has appeared in three local films including *The Battle of the Cursed: The Two Kings*, two short plays, and one musical. He was a part of the Theatre Wing

at Cook High and has a certificate in Video Production from Wiregrass Tech. He enjoys singing, guitar, and martial arts.



Michael Wetherington started performing in 1996. He began at Valdosta High School under Richardo Ipina and continued pursuing his love of theatre at Valdosta State University under Dr. Randy

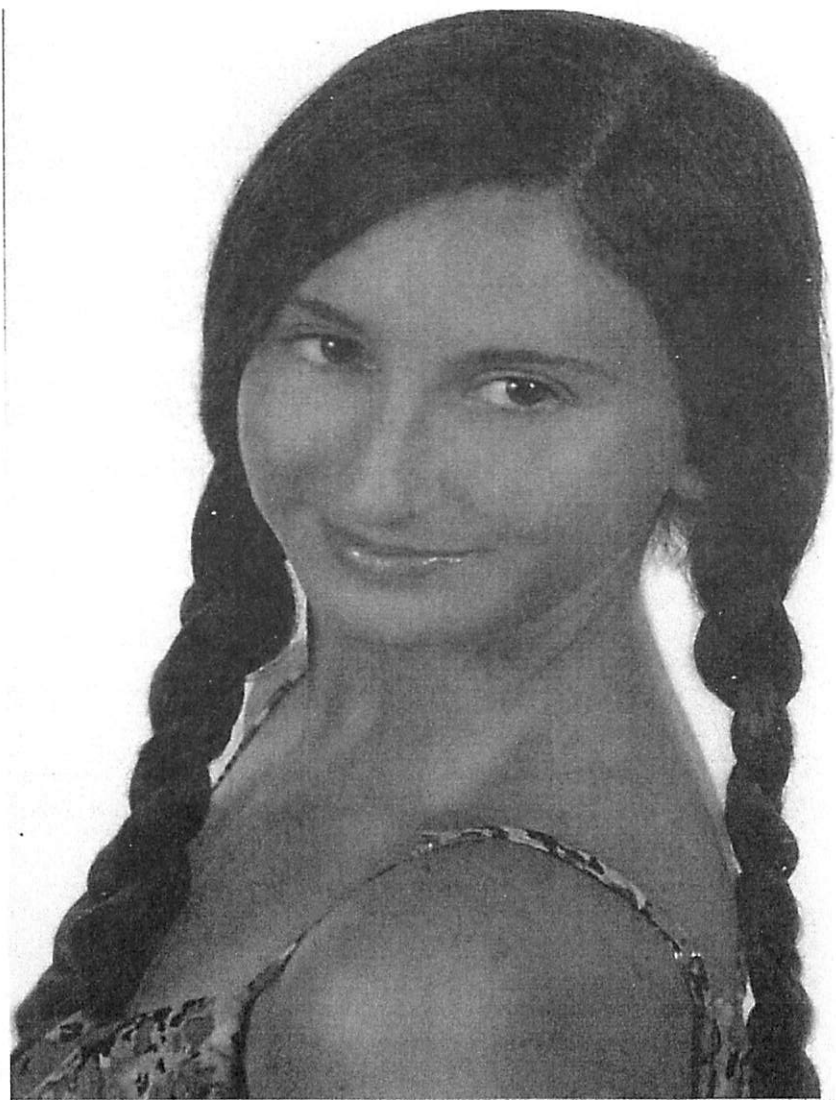
Wheeler. During this time he began voice acting as a radio personality on WVVS. He also enjoys doing stand up comedy.

A Bit of History...

Louisa May Alcott, author of the timeless classic Little Women, based the story on her own family and their experiences during the years of the American Civil War. The characters mirror her own family, with Jo as a reflection of herself. Her family was quite wealthy, but her father had dreams of creating a place where people could live together in peace and harmony. His ideal of communal living in which people worked the land together to create a paradise on earth was shortly lived, but the message of his desire blossomed within his daughters and they continued to find joy and comfort knowing that they were loved by their family and closest friends.

Congratulations Hope!

We Love You! Mom, Dad, Heather,
Hailee, Brandon, and Gage.



SHOOT FOR
THE STARS
AND
ALWAYS BE
YOURSELF

We are so proud of you
both and are happy
you've found the love of
theatre.

**Break a leg!!
Olive Juice!**

xxoo Mom & Dad



**We are proud of
you Katie!**
Love, Mom & Dad

Plummy!
Just Plummy!
Love, Momma and
Daddy



Our favorite Little Woman,
"Bethy". We're so proud of
you, Kalyn



Love Daddy, Mom & Chase

Awesome!



Aunt Mary, Brad, MB,
David & Mia



**Kaitlyn, we are so
proud of you!**
**Love, Mommy,
Daddy, Michael
and Adam**

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crew. WE LOVE YOU!



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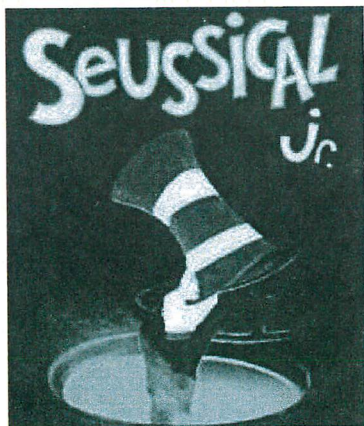
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