

Theatre Guild Valdosta

Presents

**THE
MUSICAL
COMEDY
MURDERS OF
1940**

By John Bishop

*Join us as we remember
Marjorie Manning Pruden.
The loss of an important
member of our TGV family
and an incredible lady.
It was with pride the costume
shop was and will remain
dedicated to "Marge".*



MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940

Directed by Mike Glasscock
Assistant Director Butch Fussell

By John Bishop

Act One

15 Minute Intermission

Act Two

Cast

Helsa Wenzel/ Katerina.....Molly Nemecek
Deiter.....Ryan Stillings
Elsa Von Grossenknueten.....Kathryn E Smith
Michael Kelly.....Ted Bilak
Patrick O'Reilly.....Michael Brogdon
Ken De La Maize.....Earl Lehkamp
Nikki Crandall.....Jessica Gillard
Eddie Mccuen.....Carl Glasscock
Marjorie Baverstock.....Kristi Soutar
Roger Hopewell.....Mitch Parker
Bernice Roth.....Patti Cook



Molly Nemecek recently graduated from VSU with a degree in theatre performance. She has been involved in theatre for 14 years and has enjoyed every moment of it. Besides acting she has training in costume design and

theatrical make-up. She hopes to not just act, but pursue a career in special-effects make-up for film/TV.



Ryan Stillings is a 19 year old VSU student theatre major. He loves to act, sing, and..well, attempt to dance. This is Ryan's third show with TGV, he was last seen as *Narracott* in "And Then There Were None". Ryan says, "I have very much enjoyed being a part of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940". This show is filled with laughs, screams and secrets and everyone will get a kick out of it.



Kathryn E Smith has been "treading the boards" since she toddled onto them at age 2. She was last seen at TGV as *Miss Emily* in "And Then There Were None". Her resume includes roles as varied as *Lady Macbeth & Desdemona* in the Shakespearean dramas to *Aunt Queenie* in "GIGI" (both the musical and the play). Though her first love is acting, she has directed musicals such as "The Man of Lamancha", "Kiss Me Kate" & "State Fair" as well as plays the likes of "The Good Doctor", "A Man for All Seasons" & "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie".



Ted Bilak considers himself a mere toddler in the acting community surrounded by a host of experienced actors. Ted's previous acting experience was in "Marvin's Room", "Lost in Yonkers" and "And Then There Were None" as well as playing himself on WE TV as a storm chaser in a show titled "Twister Sisters". Ted was also an extra in the movie "Zombieland". This is his first role in an all out comedy and he is looking forward to it! He is retired military and has worked for the Lowndes County City of Valdosta inspections department for 12 years. Thanks to the director and assistant director along with all the backstage people that make this look so easy.



Michael Brogdon is thrilled to be returning to the Theatre Guild stage after a 6 year hiatus. Previous roles with TGV include *Henry II* in "The Lion in Winter", *Dr. Watson* in "Sherlock's Last Case", *Brick* in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof", *Mr. Roat* in "Dial 'M' for Murder" and *George Pigden* in "Out of Order".



Earl Lehkamp This is Earl's third show with TGV. Our production of "The Foreigner" brought him from Jacksonville, FL. Then came "Sordid Lives". Earl says, "I enjoy playing the 'Dosta. Everyone is a pleasure to work with and the many friends I have made in Valdosta is a great bonus. I wish to give special "Thanks" to those who made my life easier by opening their homes to me."



Carl Glasscock Thanks to my family and friends who have been here to support me through my 15 years down here. Hope you enjoy the show. I know me and the cast worked hard. And a special thanks to my dad for casting me and giving me this great role.



Jessica Gillard is currently a graduate student studying Clinical Psychology at VSU. She has 20 years of dance experience, including ballet, jazz, modern, tap and ballroom. She has choreographed many dance productions and musicals such as "High School Musical" and "Into the Woods". Some of her favorite roles include *Paul/Swoozie* in "Alexander, Who's Not...Going to Move", *Gabriella* in "High School Musical" and *Miss Myrtle* in "Snake on the Mountain". She is thrilled to be performing in her first TGV production.



Kristi Soutar has been performing with TGV since she was 10 years old. She is thrilled to have another opportunity to be on stage with this wonderful group of people before going to graduate school out of state. You may have remember her as a nurse in this season's production of "South Pacific" or as *Alice Sycamore* in "You Can't Take it With You" several years ago, among other roles. She has also enjoyed the opportunity to work backstage with several shows. Though she will be far away next season, she will not forget her fantastic friends from TGV! Thanks to everyone for all you have taught me!



Mitch Parker is a native of sand Rock, AL and now makes his home in Valdosta. He is the Assistant Superintendent of the City's Withlacoochee wastewater treatment plant. Parker served virtually eleven years underwater on several nuclear submarines in the US Navy. Mitch's theatre debut was in the role of *Bernard* in TGV's recent production of "Don't Dress for Dinner".



Patti Cook has been involved with TGV for 6 years and is presently serving as the Treasurer. Her real job is teaching Math at VSU. Patti was recently in *Don't Dress for Dinner (Jacqueline)*. Some of her favorite roles were *Cemetery Club (Doris)*, *Ladies in Retirement (Louisa)*, *Harvey (Veta Louise)* and *Rumors (Claire)*. She would like to thank Mike & Butch for the opportunity to show off her bracelet collection and her "singing abilities" with the role of Bernice, the lyricist.

The Crew

Wayne Eliasek
Catherine Bradley
Mary Ann Green
Tammie Glasscock
Carl Glasscock
Adrian Taylor
Mary Helen Taylor

Butch Fussel
Patti Cook
Molly Nemecek
Earl Lehkamp
Mitch Parker
Jessica Gillard

Ryan Stillings
Ted Bilak
Kristi Soutar
Clay Lee
Grant Brown
Jennifer Scott
and a cast of thousands...

Directors note

Thanks, to my family, cast, crew and TGV board for following me along the journey that is as “the character Ken would say “Theatre”. I could not and would not do it without all of you.

It is my fervent hope that the audience enjoys the show as much as I did when first read.

Special Thanks To...

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American Glass & Glass Pro by American Glass for both the plexi glass
and my Assistant Director

Bob Brabham for his help with music

Sue Johnson for her assistance with costumes

AUDITIONS!

Auditions will be held May 24 and 25 for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* A musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber; lyrics by Tim Rice.

There are parts for a large adult cast plus a children's choir, ages 8-15.

Children's auditions will be held from 5 - 6:30pm on the 24th and 25th. Children should prepare a short vocal selection (no accompaniment) and bring a head shot.

Adult auditions will begin at 7pm on the 24th and 25th. Adults should prepare a short vocal selection (no accompaniment), be prepared to learn a short dance routine, and bring a head shot.

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