

**CLAGUE PLAYHOUSE**  
*presents*



**by Lynne Halliday, James  
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Craig Pospisil**

**Directed by Robert Gibb**

**November 11 - December 11, 2022**

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### **ADMISSION:**

Adults: \$21, Seniors (60+): \$20, and Students: \$13

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CURTAIN TIMES: Performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday begin at 8:00 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2:00 p.m.

# One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall

*Our Cast (in order of appearance)*

**Don Knepper** .....Bell Ringer, RJ, Gerald  
**Mary Manos Mitchem** .....Darla, Joellen, Felicia  
**Mike Frye** .....Robert, Andy  
**Minor Stokes** .....Lacey, Jenny, Abbie  
**Noah Underhill** .....Todd, Terry, Robin  
**Jonathan McCleery** .....Stephen, Matthew  
**Beth Gaertner** .....Erin, Sharon, Ellie  
**Karen Flannery** .....Taylor, Molly, Linda

**Setting:** The Evergreen Mall - the center corridor of the mall, the staff room of a sporting goods store, and two clothing stores in the mall.

## **Scenes:**

Christmas Eve is Here ....Bell Ringer, Darla, Robert, Lacey, Todd  
What Child is This? .....Todd  
Making Spirits Bright.....Stephen, Erin, Andy, Darla  
Home for the Holidays.....Taylor, RJ  
Good Will to Men .....Robert, Lacey  
We Need a Little Christmas .....Abbie, Joellen, Robin  
Deck the Halls.....Molly, Matthew, Darla  
Bearing Gifts, We Traverse Afar .....Felicia, Linda, Andy  
Hark How the Bells .....Gerald, Ellie  
Away in a Manger .....Todd, Jenny, Darla, RJ, Gerald, Ellie

## ***Presented without an intermission***

*One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall* was produced by Schondeikkan Productions in association with The Journey Company at The New York International Fringe Festival, a production of The Present.

***PLEASE NOTE: For the safety of our cast and crew, please do not walk across or touch items on our stage.***

# About Our Cast



**Karen Flannery** (Taylor, Molly, Linda) is thrilled to be making her debut at Clague Playhouse. Most recently you may have seen

her as Norma in *Plaza Suite* at The Cassidy Theatre. Other notable past credits include; *the shape of things* (Evelyn), *Trying* (Sarah Schorr), *Little Women* (Amy) and *The Spitfire Grill* (Percy) at The Colonial Players in Annapolis, MD. When not on stage or working her 9 to 5, Karen can be found performing her favorite role daily as Mom/Mama/Mommy along with her best and all time favorite up and coming little performers, Vivienne, Bridget, and Molly. She'd like to thank her friends and family for their continued support, most especially her husband Jim for his unwavering encouragement and the push to get back on the stage - thank you for the me time!



**Mike Frye** (Robert, Andy) is an actor from Oberlin, OH and has performed at theaters all over Lorain county and

Cleveland, including Workshop Players, Olde Town Hall, Blank Canvas, Talespinner, Dobama, and the Oberlin Summer Theater Festival. He performed at Clague Playhouse in *The Explorers Club* and *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*. Most recently he appeared in *Insurrection* and *Dog Act* at convergence-continuum, *Nightfall* at French Creek Theater, and performed his own written work *Web of Deceit* at the Borderlight Fringe Festival.



**Beth Gaertner** (Erin, Sharon, Ellie) is excited to make her Clague debut! She was most recently seen in *Lysistrata* at

LCCC. Favorite previous credits include *Over the Tavern* (Annie) at Cassidy Theatre and *Our Town* (Emily) at Berea Grindstone Players. By day, Beth works for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in the Recreation and Community Programs department, and is always happy to discuss the importance of summer camp. She sends her thanks to Rob, the cast, her family, and Tucker the dog.

# About Our Cast continued



**Don Knepper**  
(Bell Ringer, RJ, Gerald) is pleased to be participating in his third production at Clague

Playhouse. He was previously seen in *Almost, Maine* and *Every Christmas Story Ever Told and Then Some*. He has also been seen at various other theatres in roles ranging from Fester in *The Addams Family* to Charlie Brown in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* to Jody in *Lonely Planet*.

Don lives in Parma and is a consultant with the Chelko Consulting Group. He also has the best circle of friends a person could ask for and after this production is looking forward to the Holidays, including "Hallmark Day".

Enjoy the show and all the best to You and Yours this Holiday Season!



**Jonathan McCleery**  
(Stephen, Matthew) Jonathan is making his debut on the Clague stage,

but has been seen throughout

the area in many venues, including Workshop Players, Olde Towne Theatre, Mighty Goliath Players, and Cleveland Shakespeare Festival to name a few. Though his face may be new to you, this is Jonathan's 72nd production, including multiple stints as both Scrooge and Marley. Perhaps mentioning that will make sense later. Jonathan is recently retired from pastoring Bay United Methodist Church, and is thankful to Robert and the exquisite cast and crew he has assembled.



**Mary Manos Mitchem**

(Darla, Joellen, Felicia) is making her first appearance at Clague Playhouse and

is excited to do so! Mary has been seen all over Cleveland area over the last 20 years. Some of her favorite roles were Suzy in *Wait Until Dark*, Doris in *Same Time, Next Year* and Ouiser in *Steel Magnolias*! Mary would like to thank Rob for casting me!!!! And to her biggest fans Alexis, Emma & Mindy, thanks for just being you! Cast and crew, thanks for such a fun time!!! Break a leg!

# About Our Cast continued



**Minor Stokes**  
(Lacey, Jenny, Abbie) has performed at a variety of theaters in the Cleveland-Akron area, including

Near West Theater, the Oberlin Summer Theater Festival, Rubber City Theater, Ohio Shakespeare Festival, Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, and Beck Center for the Arts. This is their first time back onstage since the experimental play *Sanzaru* at Playwrights Local in February 2020, and their first time working at Clague Playhouse. Minor is a graduate of Oberlin College and Tech Elevator.



**Noah Underhill**  
(Todd, Terry, Robin) is very excited to be making his Clague debut. He is a college student at

Lorain County Community College studying the arts. He isn't a stranger to stage performing as he has been a part of several theaters since he was 11. Some of his favorite roles have been Charlie Bucket (*Willy Wonka*, French Creek Theatre), Prince Eric (*Little Mermaid*, Palace Youth Theater), and Ned Schneebly (*School of Rock*, PYT). He also got to work as a Production intern for PYT's *Mary Poppins* this summer. He would like to thank all of the wonderful cast and crew for making this a really enjoyable experience.

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# About Our Production Staff

**Robert Gibb** (Director) returns to Clague Playhouse for his eighth production, including two previous holiday shows: *Every Christmas Story Ever Told* and *Ethan Claymore*. He is an award-winning actor and director and is celebrating his 40th year in the Greater Cleveland theatrical community. Professionally he is a Technology Support Specialist and Trainer for an international law firm based in Cleveland.

**Candace Lipton** (Assistant to the Director/Stage Manager) has been involved in all aspects of theatre for several years, but most often can be found immersed behind the scenes with costuming, set construction, stage manager or assistant to the director.

Some of her favorite roles on stage are Roz in *Moon over Buffalo*, Marie Louise in *The Constant Wife*, Bridgett in *M\*A\*S\*H*, and Jane in *Lie, Cheat and Genuflect*. Her most challenging role included learning to tap dance (going left, too), for

her role as Vera in *Stepping Out*. When she was cast in *My Three Angels*, she knew she found a home as a member of the family of good people here at Clague Playhouse. Candace is happy to once again work with Rob along with these very talented actors, who kept her laughing all through the rehearsal process. When she isn't spending time at the theatre, Candace is out riding her bike. This past year she rode the Ohio to Erie trail self-contained, 366 plus miles. Ride on.

**Jeff Lockshine** (Lighting Designer) has designed the lighting for more than 100 productions throughout Northeast Ohio and beyond and is always delighted to return to Clague Playhouse—his 'home' theater. At Clague, he also directed *Suds!* and appeared onstage in *Lost in Yonkers*. Jeff obtained an MFA in Production Design & Technology from Ohio University and is happy to welcome you back to live theater!

## About Our Production Staff *continued*

**Ron Newell** (Set Designer)  
Clague Playhouse is glad to have Ron onboard for our 95<sup>th</sup> season adding to his long list of achievements in theatre starting in 1956.

His journey includes the worlds of stage, screen and television, commercials, industrial films, sets and staging for the world of high fashion and classical music and on and on...

In 1982, Ron decided to turn professional, joining actors equity, SAG/AFTRA of which he is a proud member.

Along the way there were stops to pick up a few awards. The Northern Ohio Live Award for Achievement for *Angels in America Part 1 and 2* at Dobama Theatre, Times Newspaper - Set Design Berea Summer Theatre, *The Will Rogers Follies*, Cleveland Critics Award - Set Designs and Performance, Dobama, Ensemble, Berea Summer Theatre and Playhouse Square.

When asked about the future Ron replied, "When it gets here, I'll deal with it!".

"To you, our audience, for attending live theatre - I can only offer my thanks, my love and respect...and of course *One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall...Enjoy the Show!*"

Of course all would not be possible without the love of MLSQPOODEDEHARPER.

- Ron

### **Jenniver Sparano**

(Costume Designer) has designed costumes for a number of productions at Clague Playhouse, the most recent being last season's holiday production of *Ethan Claymore*. Elsewhere, her work has been seen at Beck Center, Blank Canvas Theatre, Cleveland Public Theatre, convergence-continuum, Dobama Theatre, Ensemble Theatre, Rocket Mortgage Field House, Weathervane Playhouse, and the Pickwick & Frolic cabaret stage. In addition to her design work, she is proud to co-produce an annual musical production to benefit AIDS/HIV service agencies, returning from a pandemic hiatus in 2023. A

## About Our Production Staff *continued*

Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Mount Holyoke College, she also studied in Paris and is employed by KeyBank.

**Lance Switzer** (Props Manager) is pleased to start his 18th year working on productions at Clague Playhouse. Lance has over 150 local productions to his credit at various theatres around the area. I want to thank my great props team on gathering and creating the props for this show.

**Lisa L. Wiley** (Sound Designer) has designed sound for productions in several local theatres. Some productions include: *Lilies*, *True West*, *Devil Boys from Beyond*, *Tom at the Farm*, *12th Night*, *Troilus and Cressida* and most recently *These Shining Lives* for Clague Playhouse. Lisa is also a stage actor, props designer, voice-over artist, standardized patient and performs with Women in History.

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# *Production Staff*

Production Manager .....	Lance Switzer
Director .....	Robert Gibb
Assistant to the Director/Stage Manager .....	Candace Lipton
Lighting Designer .....	Jeff Lockshine
Sound Designer .....	Lisa L Wiley
Set Designer .....	Ron Newell
Light/Sound Operators .....	Tyler Batholomew Mary Kahelin, Neal Silvester
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# Christmas **SHORTS**

by Lucy Williams

December 16 -18, 2022

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