

CLAGUE PLAYHOUSE
presents



by Philip Dawkins

Directed by Ron Newell

May 12 - June 4, 2023

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Up-to-date COVID-19 information will be posted in the lobby or visit our website at clagueplayhouse.org.

RESTROOMS are located in the theater lobby.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES are not permitted in the auditorium.

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BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

BOX OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday - Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and one hour before curtain time on performance dates. Closed Monday and Tuesday. **PHONE: 440-331-0403** **Tickets available online at www.clagueplayhouse.org.**

ADMISSION:

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

Limited FREE Student tickets for all Thursday performances - call the Box Office for more information

PREPAYMENT IS A MUST. Payment may be made by cash, check, money order, American Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa, and Clague Playhouse Flexitix or Gift Ticket. Prepaid tickets held at the Box Office should be picked up one half-hour before curtain time.

GROUP DISCOUNTS are available for groups of 20 or more. For more information, please call the Box Office.

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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.

FAILURE: *A Love Story*

Our Cast

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| The Chorus | Patrick Carroll |
| Jenny Fail | Kierstan Kathleen Conway |
| The Chorus | Jon Fancher |
| The Chorus | Beth Gaertner |
| John N. Fail | Assad Khaishgi |
| Mortimer Mortimer | Noah Pekari |
| Nelly Fail | Eliza Rodriguez |
| Gertrude Fail | Persis Sosiak |
| The Chorus | Lou Will |

Setting: Fail Clock Works, Chicago, 1900's

A play in 2 Acts with an 15 minute intermission

The Songs:

I Love You Johnny and *I Have a Secret*

Music and Lyrics by Mike Petrone

Silent Movie and Additional Music

Composed and Arranged by Mike Petrone

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

ABOUT OUR CAST



Patrick Carroll
(Chorus) is
happy to be back
on stage at
Clague
Playhouse. He
was last seen in
*The Curious
Savage, Lucky*

Stiff and *A Little Night Music*. He
has appeared at Beck Center,

Carousel Dinner Theater, Great
Lakes Theater, Playhouse
Square and in productions
throughout Northeast Ohio over
the past 50 years. He is a
graduate of the American Musical
& Dramatic Academy in New
York City. Love to my incredible
wife, wound nurse and full-time
life stage manager Diana
D'Alessandro.

ABOUT OUR CAST *continued*



Kierstan Kathleen Conway (Jenny June Fail) is thrilled to make her debut at Clague Playhouse. Recently, she

graduated from Cleveland State University with a BA in Theatre and French. Collegiate credits include: *Richard III* (Richard III), *The Moors* (Moor Hen), *Sweeney Todd* (Ensemble, u/s Mrs. Lovett), and *Into the Woods* (Florinda). Additionally, she performed in France in *MOLIÈRE* (Lucinde, Dom Juan, Angélique). She would like to thank her friends, family, and Noah for their endless support!



Jon Fancher (Chorus) returns to Clague Playhouse following a 2007 debut as Claude in *An Empty Plate....* Other area credits

include Jacob/Potiphar in *Joseph... Dreamcoat* and Mr. McQueen in *Urinetown* at Beck; Mr. Sawyer in *Miracle on 34th Street: the Musical* at TrueNorth; Mother Burnside/Mr. Babcock in *Mame* and Sir John in *Me and My Girl* at Mercury. With God—

and wife Mary—all things are possible.



Beth Gaertner (Chorus) is happy to be back on the Clague stage after this season's *One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall*. She has

previously appeared on & offstage at LCCC, Cassidy Theatre and other area venues. By day, Beth works for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in the Recreation Programs department and loves discussing the importance of summer camp. She sends her thanks to Ron, the cast, her family, and Tucker the dog.



Assad Khaishgi (John N. Fail) is thrilled to be back on stage after the Years of the Plague, and especially happy to be back at Clague, where

he was last seen acting Imperially in *The Explorers Club*. A transplant from Karachi, Pakistan to Lakewood, Ohio, he's a physician by day and just plain weird at night. Laugh hard, run fast, be kind.

ABOUT OUR CAST *continued*



Noah Pekari
(Mortimer
Mortimer) is
ecstatic to make
his Clague
Playhouse and
Cleveland debut.
A Connecticut
native, Noah's
performed in

productions with Connecticut
Theatre Company, *Guys and
Dolls* (Nathan), *Into the Woods*
(Rapunzel's Prince), and *Meet
Me in Saint Louis* (Ensemble).
He also is an impressionist and
comedian well known for his
WebSeries *Preschool Apprentice*
on Instagram and TikTok
(@thereal_nrp). He would like to
thank his family, Kierstan, Ben,
Morgan, and followers for
supporting him along the way!



Eliza Rodriguez
(Nelly Fail) is
excited to return
to Clague
Playhouse after
performing here
last season as
Frances in *These
Shining Lives*.
Other credits

include *Escape to Margaritaville*
at The Brecksville Theatre, *One
Man, Two Guvnors* at Blank
Canvas Theatre, and *Scapin, Life
is a Dream, Equus*, and
Marat/Sade at The College of
Wooster. Thanks to Jim for being
the best husband/line-runner and
to the audience for supporting
live theatre.



Persis Sosiak
(Gertrude Fail) is
grateful for the
chance to appear
with this talented
cast and her first
show here at
Clague
Playhouse.

Previous roles:

Gypsy (*Gypsy*); Maria (*The
Sound of Music*, WATCH Award);
Jane (1776); Eliza (*My Fair
Lady*); Emma (*Jekyll and Hyde*);
Rosie (*Bye, Bye Birdie*); and Lilly
(*The Secret Garden*). Persis is
co-trained in Nursing (BSN,
George Mason University) and
Public Health (MPH, Yale
University). Love to Brett Miller,
for everything.



Lou Will
(Chorus) is
privileged to be
included in his
16th production
at this gem of a
theater, and to
work once again
with Ron Newell,
plus a wonderful

cast and crew. Favorites on this
stage are *Fox on the Fairway*,
Rumors, *Comedy of Tenors*, *An
Inspector Calls*, *Moon Over
Buffalo*. Lou is a 'retired'
Presbyterian pastor, and extends
deep gratitude to his wife, Sylvia,
for her love and support in our
51-year journey together.

ABOUT OUR PRODUCTION STAFF

Ron Newell (Director/Set Designer) Clague Playhouse is glad to have Ron onboard for our 95th 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 *Failure: A Love Story*...Enjoy the Show!"

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

- Ron



John Roberts

(Music Director)

Mr. Roberts is the former Principal of Valley Forge High School and Managing Director

of the Cassidy Theatre. He is a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College and Kent State University. In 1975, Mr. Roberts founded the Greenbrier Youth Theatre and has directed or musically directed over 125 shows. In 1979, he wrote the music and the lyrics for *EBENEZER*, a Christmas Musical with Mr. David Jecmen. In 1981, he partnered with Mr. Bruce Michalski and wrote *TOM SAWYER'S WORLD*. Mr. Roberts retired from the Parma Schools in 1999 and went on to become an assistant professor of Education at Baldwin -Wallace where he was awarded the Faculty Excellence Award in May of 2003. He then went to work for Constellation Schools and was an elementary principal and coordinator of curriculum until 2010 when he and his wife retired to Florida. In 2021, Mr.

ABOUT OUR PRODUCTION STAFF *continued*

Roberts returned from Florida and recently directed the music for *The Wizard of Oz* at Valley Forge and did the musical direction for *Grease* in April.

Diana D'Alessandro

(Assistant to the Director/Stage Manager) Over the last 20+ years, Diana has been involved with nearly 70 productions at Beck Center for the Arts, Cassidy, Clague Playhouse, Huntington, Lakeland and Lorain Community theaters. Stage Management credits include more than half of those productions at Beck Center.

Favorites include *Gypsy*, *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill*, *The Pitman Painters*, *Forever Plaid*, *Hairspray*, and *Billy Elliott*. Thanks to the Production Team and Crew! Love to Patrick.

Sydney DeMatteis-Geib (Co-Costume Designer) is a Staff Assistant Costume Designer at IBG Designs. Her work has been contributed to many theater and film productions as well as commercials and art installations. Recently, Sydney has designed for The Millennial Theater Project, Rubber City

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Theatre and Near West Theatre. A graduate from Belmont University with a BFA in Fashion Design, Sydney is excited to be back at Clague for another production.

Dred Geib (Co-Costume Designer) is a production designer for IBG Designs and specializes in properties, costumes, and sets. Working in the Northeast Ohio area he focuses mainly in theater, film and art installation. Dred is happy to be back for another season at Clague Playhouse!

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!

Dan Mayer (Sound Designer) received his formal training at The Ohio State University and shortly after graduating, moved to Chicago for Technical Production and Sound Design work. He gained his experience at Chicago's flagship children's theater, Emerald City Theatre Company as their resident A/V Engineer and as an Assistant Technical Director at Northeastern Illinois University, then took his talents to Miami at the Arsht Center as a Head A/V Engineer. Now with a growing and extremely supportive family, he continues to hone and expand his design portfolio as he works as a Lead A/V Media Technician at Tri-C as well as offering design work to nearby productions.

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DirectorRon Newell
Music DirectorJohn Roberts
Assistant to the Director/Stage ManagerDiana D'Alessandro
Lighting DesignerJeff Lockshine
Sound DesignerDan Mayer
Set DesignerRon Newell
Light/Sound Operators.....Mary Kahelin, Neal Silvester
Set Construction Dave Bartsche, Chuck DoBroka
Donna Hughes, Connie Kyttler
Candace Lipton, Charlie Moran
Ron Newell, Bill Nordgren
Kathy Whitmore, Dave Young
Co-Costume Designers Dred Geib, Sydney DeMatteis-Geib
Properties DesignerMargy Haas
Prop Procurement.....Gig Giauque, Margy Haas, Donna Nordgren
Prop CrewVanessa Achkar, Christina Easter
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