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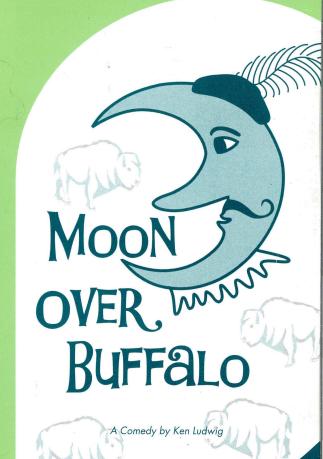
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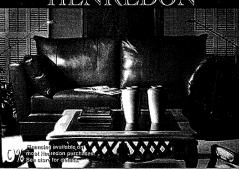












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Four society women urged Weathervane Playhouse into existence in 1935 - Grace Hower Crawford, Laurine Schwan, Helen

Troesch and Muriel Maclachlan. They started with amateur theatricals at Coach House Theater, then as now part of Akron Woman's City Club. Back then Coach House was a club theater with closed membership and profits going back to the club. This left nothing for theatrical expansion or experimentation, so the ladies set up shop in a barn owned by U.S. Senator Charles Dick on Marshall Avenue. They had no money so they planned a carnival. After expenses, they cleared \$65 and declared themselves good to go.

Friends assisted in cleaning the barn that had been a garage for the Senator's cars. They scrounged for seats, curtains and a coffee pot. Seven fully costumed and staged plays were presented during the first three weeks of the summer of 1935. The audience applauded while bringing cushions from home to sit on -the benches were hard. There was no running water or heat in the barn, but the operation had a name -- Weathervane, named for the chanticleer on the cupola of the barn. The ladies agreed that they would produce everything -- comedy, tragedy, Shakespeare, new works -- even opera. They also decreed that anyone who fit a part could be on their stage.

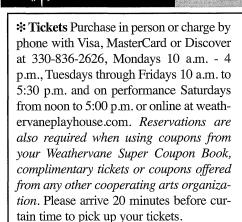
"The barn" was home until 1951 when it was sold, leaving the troupe homeless. The Board renovated a cement block building on Copley Road. This served until the late 1960's when the troupe moved to the Valley. In the early years,

directors came from the membership and were charged with casting, costumes, settings and publicity. By 1960, there were so many shows that Bob Belfance was hired as Playhouse director. Along with custodian/ticket manager Nora Scott, the two-person staff relied on volunteer support.

A Women's Board was formed in 1938 to offer volunteer and financial assistance. The Youth Theater Workshop grew out of classes offered by the original founders. Muriel Maclachlan was particularly energetic in teaching children, bringing in experts in dance and voice to assist her in teaching the youngsters. Muriel's classes grew until they became today's Education Department. Project STAGE©, a program with reduced-price, school day matinees for students, was added in the early 1990s.

A fund-raising drive in the late 1960s built the present facility on Weathervane Lane. The Playhouse opened in 1970 with Phillip Arnoult's production of *Dark of the Moon*. Grace Crawford, who died in 1971, left a legacy to pay off the mortgage. Construction made possible by the most recent Capital Campaign added classrooms, rehearsal space, scene shop, additional prop storage, elevator, library, fly gallery, stage mechanics, a sound-proof production booth and a costume shop, and also upgraded the roof and HVAC system.

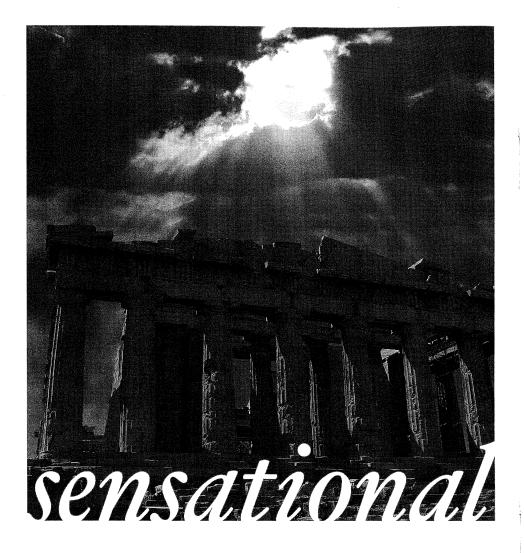
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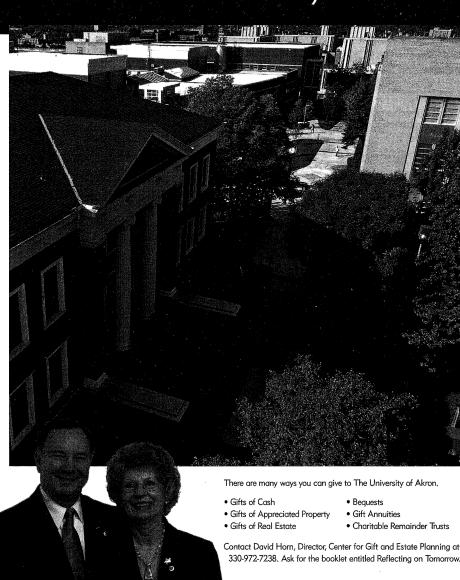






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ALAN SCOTT FERRALL (Scenic Designer/Technical Director) began at Weathervane under the tutelage of John R. Thomas. Before Weathervane, he

worked at Cuyahoga Falls High School

where he was awarded a Design Excellence citation from USITT and a place in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He has designed for many local high schools, The Players Guild, Cleveland Signstage and Channels 45/49. Scott has earned five Chanticleer Awards -- one as stage manager for Fences, the others as lighting co-designer for A Man for All Seasons and The Full Monty and lighting designer for The Laramie Project and A Lesson Before Dying. He enjoys writing the end-of-the-season revue for The Not-Ready-for-Mainstage Players who appear at our annual Chanticleer Awards Dinner.



MELANIE Y.C. PEPE (Director of Education/YAS) Producer) holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Kent State University. She has been teaching at Weathervane since

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LISA MANSFIELD (Patron Services Manager) holds a B.A. degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in English and History from the University of Akron. A stay-at-home mom since 1994, Lisa continues to be active in the community serving breastfeeding mothers through La Leche League and volunteering at Children's Hospital. The Akron Beacon Journal named Lisa a "Woman of Excellence" in 2005 for her service to military families. A stage actress in high school, Lisa is excited to return to one of her first loves, the theater. She lives in West Akron with her high school sweetheart, and now local TV anchor, Eric Mansfield, and their three sons, Joshua, Jacob and Teddy.

KATHRYN A. KOHL (Assistant Technical Director) holds a degree in Elementary Education from BGSU and a Master of Business Management degree from Aurora College in Aurora, IL. She began her theater career as a volunteer on many lighting, set construction and props crews. She won Chanticleers for her properties co-design of The Philadelphia Story and her properties design of The Sisters Rosensweig. Kathy served as Resident Master Carpenter and Master Painter for the Theatre Department at Firestone High School for six years. She lives in West Akron with husband Doug in their recently empty nest.

DREAJEAN WASHINGTON- BROWN (Data Services Manager) holds a M.S. degree in Technical Education and a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from The University of Akron. She is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Akron Alumnae Chapter. Drea says her major priority is spoiling her grandchildren. Balancing her time with work and family, she still finds time to crochet baby blankets for the Neo Natal Unit at Children's Hospital in Akron, and lap afghans for the Life Care Facility in Pittsburgh, PA and Carestone

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BENJAMIN REXROAD (Public Relations and Outreach Assistant) is frantically trying to finish his B.A. degree in Theater at The University of Akron. He continually works in arts venues across northeast Ohio including E.J. Thomas Hall, Carousel Dinner Theatre and Weathervane Playhouse. Weathervane is always finding new uses for Ben, first as a behind-the-scenes volunteer, then as House Manager and, of late, as an instructor in the Education Program. He has recently been hired by Coventry High School, his Alma Mater, to direct the shows for their drama department. In July, Ben was nominated for the Arts Alive! Award in the Rising Young Star/ Leadership category.

Looking Forward

As we begin the new year, those of us who love and support Weathervane Playhouse have much to look forward to in 2008.

We start the year off with the hilarious *Moon Over Buffalo* helmed by one of Weathervane's all-time favorite directors, Nancy Cates, and featuring some of the area's most versatile actors. This production is noteworthy in another regard - it marks the 100th set design for our own Alan Scott Ferrall. We congratulate Scott on this remarkable achievement and look forward to enjoying another hundred designs in the years to come.

We follow *Moon Over Buffalo* with an exciting production of the rarely-produced play *Children of a Lesser God* and continue with productions of *The Importance of Being Earnest, Enchanted April, And the Winner Is* and the landmark American musical *Ragtime* to close our 73rd Season. Along the way we will resume our Youth Theater Classes in February, offer Adult Acting Classes in March and April and have a very active summer of classes and camps for young people in June, July and August.

The spring will include TheaterFest (a fun evening of dining in private homes to raise money for the playhouse) on May 3rd and the Women's Board's 'Trash to Treasure' sale on May 10th. The fall will see the opening of our 74th Season (soon to be announced!) and the return of our annual Gala on November 1st at Rosemont Country Club.

There are other extraordinary things afoot at Weathervane, which you'll be hearing and seeing more about in the months to come. They include an exciting new look and logo design for the playhouse as well as plans to upgrade the public spaces of the theater to better accommodate you, our valued patrons and supporters.

There is indeed much for us to look forward to in 2008 and we hope your experience here serves to kick off a year that you'll remember as being one of the best of your life!

Sincerely,

John Hedges

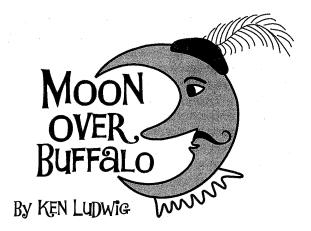
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Direction by Nancy Cates (SSDC)

Stage Manager **Jerry A. Mirman, Jr.**

Costume Design by Karen Burridge

Lighting Design by **Buddy Taylor**

Properties Design by M.J. Coulson

Sound Design by **Dave Heltebran**

Fight Choreographer **Terry Burgler**

Scenic Design/Technical Director
Alan Scott Ferrall

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About the Play

Moon Over Buffalo takes place on stage - and backstage - at the Erlanger Theater in Buffalo, New York, in 1953. George and Charlotte Hay, far from the bright lights of Broadway, are a hapless husband-and-wife acting duo stuck in Buffalo performing in a repertory company with a double bill of Cyrano de Bergerac and Private Lives. Charlotte pines for a more glamorous life as a film actor in Hollywood while husband George remains satisfied with the theatrical life. A fortuitous phone call from famous Hollywood director Frank Capra promises the career opportunity of a lifetime for both George and Charlotte - but will George pull himself together and can Charlotte believe her husband's news of this call? Doors will slam and identities will be mistaken - promising laughter and hilarious hijinks in this fast-paced farce.

Moon Over Buffalo opened at New York's Martin Beck Theatre in October 1995 and starred Carol Burnett and Philip Bosco. Later in its New York run, Lynn Redgrave and Robert Goulet replaced Burnett and Bosco. It ran on Broadway for 309 performances and earned Tony nominations for Burnett and Bosco. A subsequent production in London's West End starred Joan Collins and Frank Langella. A 1998 documentary film, Moon Over Broadway, revealed a warts-and-all, behind-the-scenes look at the play as Oscar-winning filmmakers Chris Hegedus and D.A. Pennebaker chronicled the playwright and the creative team's often-bumpy journey to Broadway, following the show all the way from its first read-through up to its final performance.

About the Playwright

Ken Ludwig will be familiar to Weathervane audiences who saw his 1989 comedy, Lend Me a Tenor, on our Main Stage in a 2006 Nancy Cates-directed production. Ludwig was born in York, Pennsylvania and was educated at Haverford College (bachelor's), Harvard Law School (juris doctorate) and Cambridge University's Trinity College (legum baccalaureus). His Lend Me a Tenor was his first show on Broadway and earned seven Tony nominations (and won two of them) and has been translated into 16 languages and produced in 25 countries around the world. He wrote the book for the musical comedy Crazy for You, which ran for four years at the Shubert Theater in New York. It won the Tony, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, Los Angeles Critics Circle and Helen Hayes Awards as Best Musical of the Year, as well as the Olivier Award for Best Musical in London, and was broadcast nationwide on the PBS television series Great Performances. In 2004, his comedy Leading Ladies premiered at the Cleveland Play House. He is an associate artist of the Alley Theatre in Houston, where his play Be My Baby opened in its 2005-2006 season in a production starring husband-and-wife duo Hal Holbrook and Dixie Carter. He has served on the New Play Committee of the National Endowment of the Arts. He is a founding member of the Shakespeare Theatre of Washington. His awards include the Edwin Forrest Award (named after a 19th Century American actor from Philadelphia and presented in recognition of services to the American arts) and the Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts. He is married to Adrienne George and has two children, Olivia and Jack; the family resides in the Washington, D.C. area.



Moon Over Buffalo

George Hay	John Bruce
Charlotte Hay	Dede Klein
Howard/Fight Captain	
Richard MaynardTir	nothy H. Champion
Paul	Scott Shriner
Ethel	Maureen Johnson
Roz	Kimberly Mahoney
Eileen	Rachel Fichter

Time: 1953

The Place: On stage and backstage at the Erlanger Theater, Buffalo, New York

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

Track Your Favorites

Keep track of your favorites all season long and you'll be prepared to vote for our Chanticleer Awards at the end of the season. Use this list as a guide...

Sound Design Lighting Design Properties Design Costume Design

Supporting Actor -- play & musical Lead Actress - play & musical

Featured Actress -- play & musical Supporting Actress -- play & musical

Best Production

Lead Actor - play & musical

Featured Actor -- play & musical

- *For your safety, we request that you remain seated until the house lights have come up at intermission and after the curtain call.
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Nancy Cates (Director) is delighted to join Weathervane to direct another of Ken Ludwig's farces. This is Nancy's tenth show here, with others including Ludwig's Lend Me a Tenor from two seasons ago and last season's All My Sons, along with earlier productions of A Man for All Seasons, Gypsy and Blithe Spirit, among others. Nancy is one of the two Artistic Directors of the Ohio Shakespeare Festival, which is gearing up for its seventh season with The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Hamlet and I Hate Hamlet next summer at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. Nancy has directed over 150 productions in the last 27 years for regional, LORT, university, community and dinner theatres, and is equally devoted to theatrical genres from comedy to drama, from classic to musical. Nancy (like the Hay family in tonight's show) has a particular fondness for Noel Coward, and she recently directed both "the Master's" Hay Fever and musical revue Oh, Coward! (the latest of seven productions) for Coach House Theatre in Akron. Other particular favorites include the regional premiere of Cowgirls at the Empire Theatre (Virginia), three productions of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, three of A Christmas Carol with music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Bob Merrill (for which she was honored to adapt the book) and The King and I, accompanied by the Richmond Symphony. The recipient of eight sets of regional directing and best play awards, Nancy is an honors graduate of the University of Virginia and a member of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers.



Coming Productions



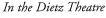
Feb. 20 - March 9

Drama by Mark Medoff Directed by Larry Nehring



May 14 - 31

Comedy by Mitch Albom Directed by Eileen Moushey





March 27 - April 6

Comedy by Oscar Wilde Directed by Melanie YC Pepe Young Actor Series



June 4 - 29

Book: Terrence McNally Novel: E.L. Doctorow Music: Stephen Flaherty Lyrics: Lynn Ahrens



April 16 - May 4

Romantic Comedy by Matthew Barber Directed by Bob Belfance



Cast Callboard

JOHN BRUCE (George Hay) is making his first appearance on the Weathervane stage. He has previously performed with Dobama Theatre, the Beck Center for the Arts and Charenton Theater Company as well as Great Lakes Theater Festival. He thanks the actors and staff for making him feel welcome, and his wife, Andrea, for her infinite patience and support.

DEDE KLEIN (Charlotte Hay) was last seen here in one of her favorite shows, *The* Lion in Winter. For Moon Over Buffalo, she is delighted to work with one of her favorite directors, Nancy Cates, who also directed Dede in Hay Fever at Coach House Theatre and Blithe Spirit at Weathervane, shows for which Dede won each theater's "best actress" award. Dede has also worked at Chagrin Valley Little Theatre, Aurora Community Theatre and The Bang & Clatter Theatre. This is Dede's fifth time playing mother, or mother-inlaw, to Scott Shriner, her second time playing mother to Kim Mahoney and daughter to Maureen Johnson, and the second time she's been passionate with Tim Champion (go figure!). Next up for Dede is The History Boys in March at The Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood.

ALEX J. NINE (Howard/Fight Captain) After spending much of the 1990s onstage at Weathervane in shows such as Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Translations, Six Degrees of Separation and A Midsummer Night's Dream, Alex is thrilled to be back at WCP for the first time this century with Moon Over Buffalo. A native of Akron and graduate of The University of Akron, Alex works regularly with Mysteries by Moushey, The Largely Literary Theatre Company and the Ohio Shakespeare Festival, where, over the past two summers, he has appeared in five shows, including Othello, Macbeth and The Best

Little Whorehouse in Texas. Alex is also a regular at Coach House Theatre, where he has appeared in Witness for the Prosecution, Ten Little Indians, Chapter Two, 6 RMS RVR VU and Hamlet. Other favorite roles include Freddy in Noises Off at the Hudson Players and, at The Players Guild of Canton, Willum in The Nerd, which Alex will direct this spring at Coach House Theatre.

TIMOTHY H. CHAMPION (Richard Maynard) is delighted to return to Weathervane for his 33rd production here. He has appeared in more than 200 plays, creating many memorable characters as well as a host of entirely forgettable ones too numerous to list. He may be familiar to some for his many appearances at Coach House Theatre, Dobama Theatre, the Players Guild Theatre, Porthouse Theatre Company and Tri-C theatres. He has spent several happy summers playing with Terry Burgler and Nancy Cates at the Ohio Shakespeare Festival, which he helped to establish. Tim is grateful to Weathervane's audiences, who have recognized seven of his acting efforts with Chanticleer Awards. He is particularly thankful for the many gifts this avocation has brought him: his companion, his closest friendships, the many opportunities to work with talented actors, directors, designers, musicians, and technicians - and he is especially grateful for the perspective he has gained inhabiting the shoes of so many different characters. By day Tim is engaged solving problems and adjusting human relationships in the practice of Trust, Estate, Probate and Real Estate law at Champion & Company, LPA. SCOTT SHRINER (Paul) first appeared

at Weathervane in 1996's Loot, most recently in The Lion in Winter, and he won Chanticleers for Lend Me a Tenor, All My Sons and Three Days of Rain. His favorite

role here is Nick in Over the River and through the Woods in 2005. He's performed at Actors' Summit, The Bang and the Clatter Theatre and with the Ohio Shakespeare Festival. He was last seen in the musical revue Oh, Coward! at Coach House Theatre. He thanks his lovely wife Kelly for her support, and is pleased to share this show with his "Mum." motherin-law Maureen.

MAUREEN JOHNSON (Ethel) last appeared at Weathervane many years ago in Social Security. She returned to the theater last spring with a Royal Coach Awardwinning performance in Coach House Theatre's production of A Murder Is Announced. She turned up as Miss Wulla Jean in the Ohio Shakespeare Festival's The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas over the summer and, this past fall, she filmed a small role in Make Me Popular, an independent movie shot in Cleveland. She credits her return to the support and encouragement of her family. She is a member of The Poets Nook.

KIMBERLY MAHONEY (Roz) makes her debut on the Weathervane stage with

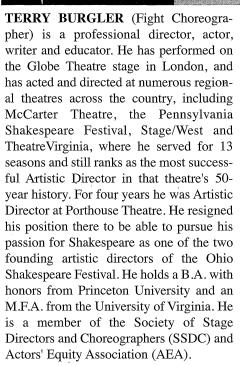
this production and she is delighted to be here. Kimberly has acted in and around the Cleveland area for the past 10 years or so, having been seen on such stages as Coach House Theatre, the Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, the Halle Theatre, Hudson Players and East 2 Theatre Company. Her past credits include Maggie in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Agnes in Agnes of God, Amanda in Private Lives, Cherie in Bus Stop, Sorel in Hay Fever, Ophelia in Hamlet ESP and Germaine in Never the Sinner. She would like to give a shout out to the cast and crew for all of their hard work, dedication and tremendous humor. The rest is the madness of art!

RACHEL FICHTER (Eileen) just completed the role of one of the Plates in the Beck Center for the Arts production of Beauty and the Beast. She is a graduate of the College of Wooster, where she played Cordelia in King Lear and Constance Ledbelly in Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet). She has also appeared with the Ohio Shakespeare Festival in *The* Comedy of Errors and Othello.



Creative Team Callboard

JERRY MIRMAN (Stage Manager) has served Weathervane for the past 20 years in a variety of roles, including but not limited to acting, stage-managing and designer of lighting and stage properties. His recent contributions include stage managing I Do! I Do!, The Sound of Music and Over the Tavern as well as lighting design for Fences. He has appeared on stage, too, in The Adding Machine, Major Barbara, A Cry of Players, Man of La Mancha and 1776. In the 2005-2006 season he stage managed The Tale of the Allergist's Wife and Over the River, served as assistant stage manager for Noises Off, designed lights for Lend Me a Tenor and designed sound for Crowns. Jerry has also worked for several summers as a stage manager for the Ohio Shakespeare Festival. For the current season, he serves as properties chair for Weathervane's Production Board. During those rare times that he is not living at Weathervane, Jerry is a police, fire and 911 dispatcher for Copley Township.



M.J. COULSON (Properties Designer) has been an active Weathervane volunteer for the past 15 years. She recently designed properties for The Full Monty and, in September, she shared her expertise by teaching a properties-design workshop for prospective volunteers. Retired as a registered nurse, M.J. enjoys working with the many young people who come to volunteer at the Playhouse - and she cherishes the opportunity to chair the Youth Award presentation at the Playhouse's annual Chanticleer Awards ceremony. In October, she traveled abroad to southern India, Sri Lanka and the Maldine Islands.

BUDDY TAYLOR (Lighting Designer), has completed five seasons with the Ohio Shakespeare Festival. For Coach House Theatre, he designed the lighting for A Murder Is Announced, Custer and Oh, Coward!, and he served as stage manager for Hay Fever. He was lighting designer for our November production of Someone Who'll Watch Over Me.

KAREN BURRIDGE (Costume Designer) is a former Weathervane Women's Board president. She has sewn dozens of costumes, assembled a multitude of stage properties and worked in a front-of-house capacity as one of the many friendly ushers and hostesses who welcome theater patrons to their seats. Most recently, she designed the stage properties for Weathervane's Amahl and the Night Visitors. Retired from the United States Postal Service, she and husband Pat live in Kent with their two children.

DAVE HELTEBRAN (Sound Designer) has spent 26 years with Weathervane as an actor, stage manager, house manager and sound designer. His performance credits include roles in Man of La Mancha and The Pirates of Penzance, and his stagemanagement credits include our productions of Biloxi Blues, As Bees in Honey Drown and, most recently, Amahl and the Night Visitors. A native of Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, Dave studied electrical engineering at The University of Akron. By day, he works as a systems-network analyst for American Greetings but also makes time in his off-work hours to sing with the Akron Symphony Chorus.

ALAN SCOTT FERRALL (Scenic Designer) is celebrating his 100th design for Weathervane. His favorite designs include The Miracle Worker and Working (Libby Jacobs, dir.), Cinderella (Brad French/Margaret Knepper, dir.), Funny Thing...Forum (Eileen Moushey/Ken Wilhelm/Margaret Knepper, dir.), Arsenic and Old Lace (Lisa Plant Wittman, dir.) and All My Sons (Nancy Cates, dir.). He thanks all the directors for their patience, and many special volunteers for their help and friendship.



Production Team Members & Crews

Alan Scott Ferrall -- Technical Director

Kathy Kohl -- Assistant Technical Director

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Tom Marshall
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John Hujar Jim Shriner

Jennifer Maxson Leslie Johnson

Jack Steele

Kevin Ford

Scott Custer Jennifer Maxson

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

December -- John Bruce

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In the Bank One Visual Arts Gallery

Connie Bloom first exhibited her work here during our production of *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife* during the 2004-2005 season. Since her work was so well received then, I thought it was time for an encore performance.

In the bleak midwinter, I want to be surrounded by beautiful images, sumptuous color and voluptuous fabrics. Connie Bloom fulfills all those desires with her gorgeous quilts and wall hangings. Akron-area residents know Connie Bloom as a crafter of undulating verbal landscapes for the **Akron Beacon Journal**, work that has given her much satisfaction. But, in recent years, she said she became aware that something was missing. That something came to light when she received a sewing machine for Christmas a few years ago. Initially, she thought she'd mend a few things. Instead, she blew up a storm with her machine and came out the other end with her first "mystically inspired" art quilt.

Since then, Connie has blossomed into a full-fledged artist in her new media. She has attended many prestigious workshops and seminars where she learned to perfect her art. She has become a master at handling issues of scale, movement and color. Connie prefers to work with hand-dyed fabrics to create her quilts and wall hangings and delights in working with metallic threads and embellishments.

In addition to the art that she creates from her own dreams and inspirations, she also does commissioned pieces. In the past year, she has focused on creating "memory/keep-sake" quilts and wall hangings. These are works commissioned by those who desire to have an article of clothing, or an accessory belonging to a loved one who may no longer be with them, incorporated into a lasting keepsake. A fervent animal lover, Connie has also done these types of quilts for those who have lost a dear animal companion. She has in-depth conversations with those who are commissioning the pieces so that she feels that she has a strong connection to the one they wish to remember. She feels that these keepsake pieces bring comfort to those who have commissioned them and are a lasting tribute to their loved ones.

Art lovers may call her cell phone at 330-472-0161 or email her at cbloom44303@netzero.com. We are delighted to exhibit these new works by Connie Bloom. *Marci Paolucci, Gallery Director*



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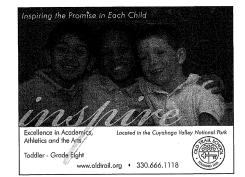
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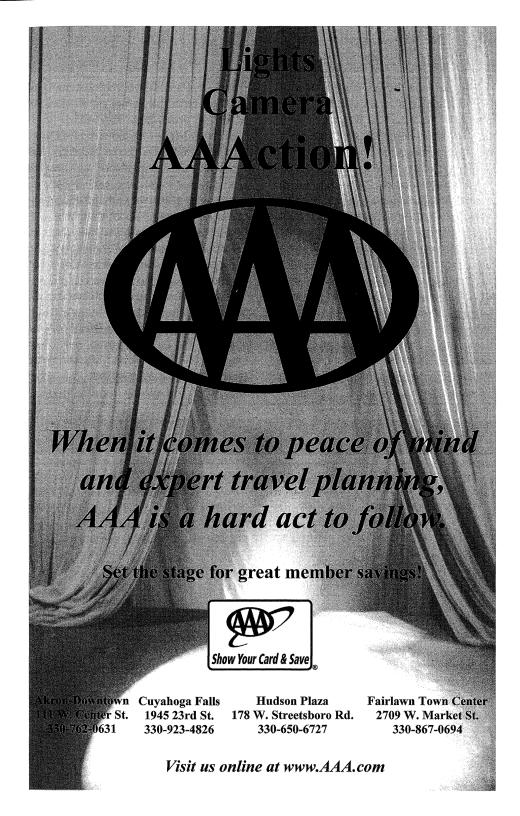


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Weathervane began as a volunteer organization and continues its growth thanks to the time and talent that members of our community invest in it. Our on-stage performers have worked long and hard to earn your applause. But their work is supported by many other unseen men and women who've helped build and paint sets, run the lights and sound, make sure that properties and set dressing items are in their proper places and do other backstage labor from stage managing to costuming and make-up. Supporting those who are actively involved in putting on each show are still more volunteers who usher, house manage, sell tickets, keep our office running and serve on our Board of Trustees, Board committees,

Production Board, Advisory Board and

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Their spirit is the backbone of our continuing operations, a valued support on which our professional staff relies.

Each month, we acknowledge the outstanding Volunteers of the Month in our lobby, but those volunteers represent all who commit their time and interest to create a great theater experience for everyone who's come to see this show.

If you have friends or relatives who volunteer generously at Weathervane, we hope you'll take a moment to thank them for their help and their support of the cultural enrichment of our community. Better yet, join them! Call us and we'll help you win your own share of the applause for a "jolly good show," an experience that offers life-enriching opportunities for all involved.

Share the Annual Chanticleer Celebration

Let's talk Chanticleer! Shortly after the final production of each season, Weathervane volunteers, subscribers and friends share an exciting awards show and party to acknowledge outstanding work by performers and technical volunteers. And, if you have seen all of the six Mainstage productions, you are eligible to be a judge!

The top performers, as chosen by the Chanticleer "judges," are awarded rooster statuettes -- "Chanticleers" -- in recognition of their work. It's a great night to get together and share in the fun and festivities. The Chanticleer Awards event is open to all.

Awards are presented for outstanding lead performances in a drama or comedy, outstanding lead performances in a musical, outstanding featured and supporting performances in a drama or comedy, outstanding featured and supporting performances in a musical and outstanding achievement in sound design, lighting design, properties design and costume design. The final award of the Chanticleer evening goes to the Best Production of the season.

In addition to performance and technical awards, the event also recognizes the Top 25 outstanding volunteers of the season, who represent all the volunteers whose time and talents create the memorable theater experiences of every Weathervane season.

We welcome you to take part in the biggest nail-biting party of the year. Make sure to pick up your ballot at the end of the season and join us!



Volunteer

Responsibilities

Here's a quick introduction to the responsibilities volunteers undertake to make our shows work. If you'd like to try your hand at any of these jobs, please call us. We'll help you learn! In addition, you receive complimentary tickets to see the shows plus the pride in knowing you are joining nearly 1 million volunteers nationwide to support community theater! Volunteers with 100 hours or more of service are eligible for a special Weathervane membership!

- * Stage Management Duties include assisting the director throughout the rehearsal period, calling cues, keeping backstage safe and orderly, and coordinating the technical needs of the show with the actors. A great opportunity for those who enjoy planning, communicating and taking charge. Once the director's work is done, it's the Stage Manager who runs each performance.
- * Set Construction Use your building skills, carpentry or painting techniques to help make illusion come to life. Help is needed days and evenings.
- * Costumes Designers and workers are vital. We invite skilled and unskilled seamstresses to make or alter costumes, create patterns, care for costumes during a show and keep our wardrobe department organized.
- * Lighting Experience is a plus, but you can learn by assisting others who know computers and electrical requirements. We'll train eager volunteers to help hang, focus and add color to lighting instruments. We'll also teach you how to run the light board and follow spots. Nobody can see the show without you.
- **❖ Sound** Create the music and sound effects tapes that enrich the aural envi-

- ronment for each show or add "live" backstage sound. Run the sound system for technical rehearsals and productions.
- * Properties All the items that help "dress" a set and all those used by actors in rehearsal and performance (from tea sandwiches to "deadly" weapons and "shattering" windowpanes) must be borrowed, built or cooked. Many volunteers are needed to work on each performance.
- * Office Volunteer If you enjoy dealing with the public, we can use your help during office hours and on show nights to assist in selling tickets and answering the phone to take reservations. You may also help with mailings, work with staff and greet customers and visitors.
- **★ Ushering** Welcome audience members with your smile, show them to their seats, pass out programs, and serve refreshments at intermission. Your help is always welcome.
- * House Manager This representative greets the audience, tears tickets and guides theater-goers to ushers for seating. You'll work with the stage manager to coordinate the timing of intermissions and remain in the lobby throughout the show to handle any emergency.

Our volunteer performers come from throughout greater Akron and northeastern Ohio. They've committed themselves to four or more weeks of rehearsals plus performances. Their greatest reward is your applause.

Many performers come with substantial theatrical experience. Others are new to the stage. Auditions are open to all and our non-traditional casting policy opens the way for many performance opportunities. Except in cases where race, gender, age or disability is essential to the play, all roles are cast on the basis of talent.

Local newspapers carry audition dates and times or call Weathervane at 330-836-2626 to be added to the audition mailing list. Some directors prefer to set appointments for audition times and may ask that you come prepared with a brief

monologue, improvisational subject or musical number. Copies of plays scheduled or audition scenes are often available for a nominal deposit.

When you arrive at the Playhouse on audition nights, you'll learn about the rehearsal and performance schedule. You may also register as a production volunteer if you're interested in learning about the technical opportunities in the show.

You may be asked to return for call-backs and will be notified of the director's cast selection as soon as possible. Please note that if you don't win the role you've wanted so badly, it may not necessarily reflect on your talent. The director's choice of cast members must take many factors into account. So, don't be discouraged and please audition again.

Beware of the Dreaded No-Show

Have you ever seen empty seats at a *sold out* sporting event or concert? Weathervane has the same problem. Subscribers who may have exchanged from another performance wonder why they weren't given those prime empty seats for the evening.

When you buy a subscription, you are *promising* to come to the theater for that ticketed performance and we hold your seat(s). This makes it impossible to tell if a performance is ever really *sold out* and annoys other ticket buyers who see that they could have been seated in a better spot.

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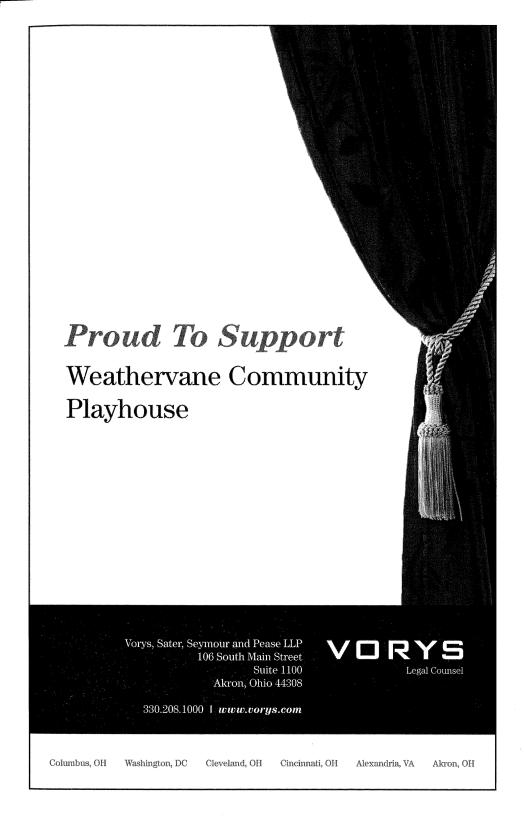
Meet the cast Many cast members spend a few minutes in the lobby area to meet and greet friends after performances. It's your chance to thank them for their performance.

Intermission Tea is served with our compliments by our volunteers. Soft drinks are available at a nominal cost.

Opening Night Receptions welcome audiences on Main Stage first Friday performances. We provide light refreshments after the show so you can share in the celebration.

For your sweet tooth snacks are available for purchase before the show and during intermission.

Refreshments (other than water) are not permitted in the auditorium.





Vision Statement

The Akron-Summit County Public Library is recognized locally as an essential community asset and nationally as one of the finest public libraries in the United States due to its excellent customer service, collaborative community involvement, and high level of customer and employee satisfaction.

Mission Statement

The Akron-Summit County Public Library provides resources for learning and leisure, information services, meeting spaces, and programs for all ages that support, improve, and enrich individual, family, and community life.

Core Values

Excellence

Striving for excellence in all we do.

Service

Providing service that is dynamic, responsive, and respectful of our customers, colleagues, and co-workers.

Learning

Fostering life-long learning and individual enrichment.

Integrity

Operating with the highest level of honesty and respect for staff, community, and library resources.

Innovative Thinking

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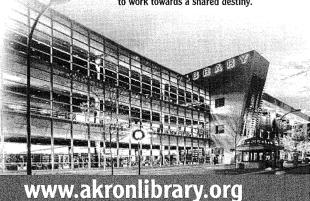
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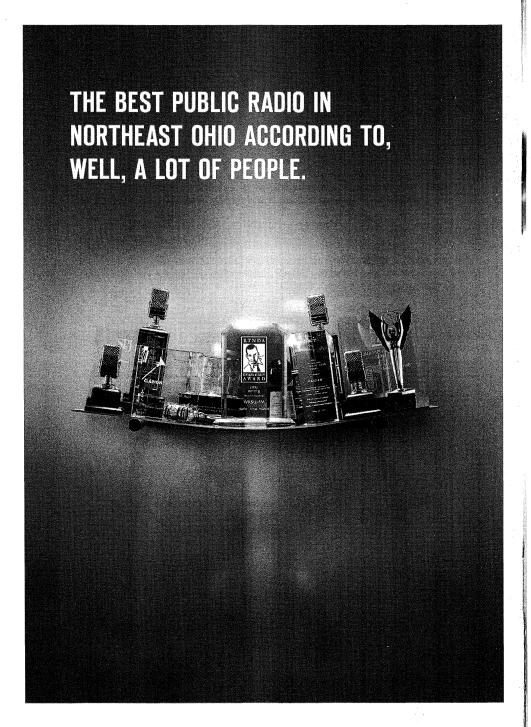


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