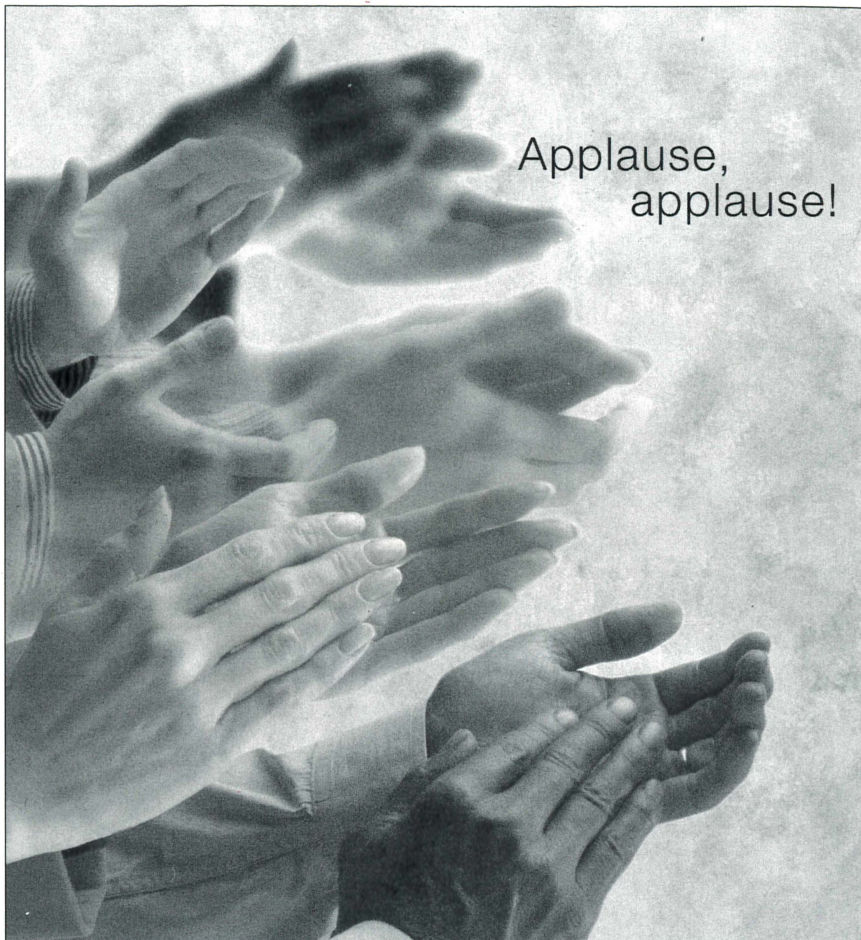




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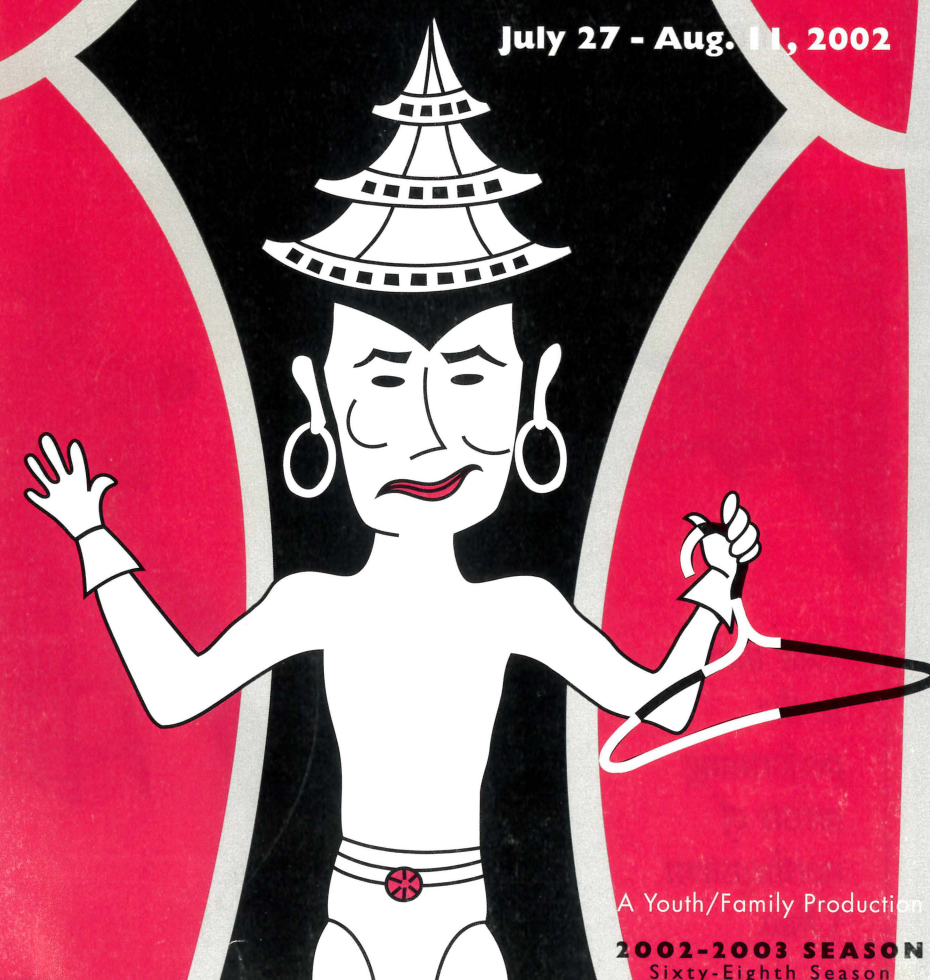
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★ **Comments** from audience members are always welcomed with interest. Please feel free to write to Weathervane or call us to express your views and opinions about our productions, play selection or other matters. We appreciate hearing from you and will respond. Please send your comments to: *Executive Director, Weathervane Community Playhouse, 1301 Weathervane Lane, Akron, OH 44313-5186.*

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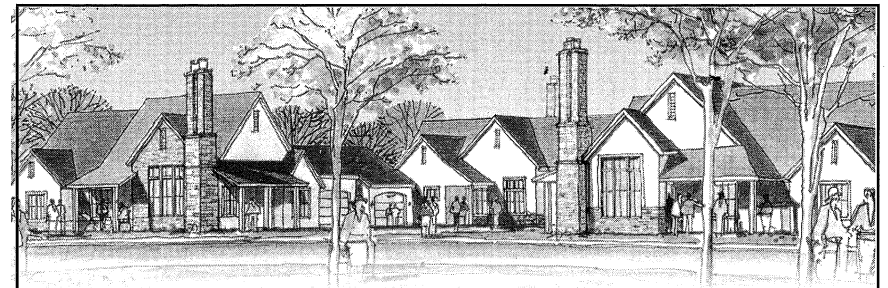


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From 1935 until 1951, Weathervane was housed in a modest carriage house barn on Marshall Avenue in Akron. The Barn, as it was known, has long since been destroyed but there are still a few people who recall its cramped quarters and especially the energy and devotion of the four ladies, Grace Hower Crawford, Laurine Schwan, Helen Troesch and Muriel MacLachlan, who believed that Akron deserved the best in theater and that volunteers could make it all happen. The plaque in our lobby lists the names of the other founders who shared their commitment and who joined their ambitious mission, producing everything from light comedy to Shakespeare and opera.

Though the Barn is now only a memory, its rooftop weathervane gave the theater its name and logotype character, the Chanticleer.

Except in 1948 when located at the Pythian Temple, the Barn was home to Weathervane until 1951. Then the organization renovated a building on Copley Road and became a more accommodating 100-seat facility. In 1960, Weathervane hired its first professional director, Bob Belfance, who served until 1992. Along with long-time custodian/ticket office manager, Nora Scott, the two-person staff relied on volunteer support. Paid guest directors and children's theater instructors served in part-time positions and Weathervane existed on a lean budget. Ticket office receipts, along with donations and community support, helped Weathervane meet expenses and created a modest endowment fund. Volunteers still nourish all of Weathervane's activities.

In the mid-1960s, a fund-raising drive resulted in construction of the present 263-seat facility which opened in 1970, one of the first enterprises at the head of the corridor into the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. Thanks to Grace Crawford's legacy, the mortgage has since been paid off. Growing audience demand for live entertainment and theater education continues to underscore Weathervane's needs for increased community support.

In its nearly seven decades, Weathervane has constructed, torn down, recycled, painted and refitted stage settings for more than 500 productions (when Stage Two and Youth Theater productions are included). We've stitched up hundreds of costumes, created lighting magic by the multi-watt, crafted reality out of scores of stage properties and, most of all, shared the talents of well over a thousand amateur performers, who take their performance curtain calls to the applause of more than a hundred thousand theatergoers. This effort is the result of volunteer dedication based on the founders' original philosophy that "all who can contribute are welcome."

Our volunteer archivist, Cue Fleming, has compiled the impressive list of productions back to 1935, a record of the dedication of those who have given their time to present each show to please the audiences who seek entertainment excellence each time the lights go up. Share the link to Weathervane's past by joining in the applause for today's performance.

NOTE: Weathervane always appreciates donations of past programs, photographs or other theater memorabilia which can be added to our archives kept at the University of Akron. Thank you.



Ticket Information

★ **Tickets** may be purchased by telephone when you call 330-836-2626 Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You may also purchase tickets in person during these hours. On performance Saturdays only, the Ticket Office is open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Ticket Office is also open one hour prior to all performances and remains open through the first intermission.

★ **Telephone reservations** must be charged to a Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card. Reservations are also required when using coupons from your Weathervane Super Coupon book, complimentary tickets or coupons offered from any other cooperating arts organization. Please arrive at the Ticket Office at least 20 minutes before curtain time to pick up your tickets. Any unclaimed tickets will be released for sale to waiting ticket buyers five minutes prior to curtain at the discretion of the Ticket Office Manager and volunteers.

★ **Special seating** - Please inform us if you have seating preferences, or require special attention due to visual, auditory or other physical needs. We'll do our best to accommodate you, but please remember orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis with season subscribers and advanced group sales taking first priority.

★ **Super Coupon holders** are reminded that coupons do *not* ensure seats for a specific performance. Please call the box office early to reserve seats with these pre-paid coupons.

★ **Season Subscriber Exchange** - Please call the Ticket Office at 330-836-2626 if you wish to exchange your subscription seat for another performance of the same show. Exchanges must be phoned in at least 24 hours prior to your originally

scheduled performance. We can't always guarantee the same seats but we'll give you the closest available replacements. An upgrade fee will be charged when changing subscription seats from the Preview Series to any other performance. *If you cannot use your subscription seats, please call us at least 24 hours in advance to release them. We will recognize this as a donation to Weathervane.*

★ **Student Rush Tickets** go on sale 30 minutes before curtain time allowing students with valid ID to purchase remaining tickets for half price on the night of performance, pending ticket availability. These tickets cannot be reserved in advance.

★ **Complimentary Tickets** for cast members and production volunteers require reservations and may be used only on designated performances. Complimentary tickets distributed to special donors also require reservations but may not be restricted to specific performances. Please let us know you wish to use a complimentary ticket when you telephone for a reservation.

★ **Discounted Group Reservations** are available for groups of 15 or more. Call Weathervane at 330-836-2626 to learn how you can entertain friends, associates, or clients with a night at the theater or to plan a fund-raising event for larger groups.

★ **Gift Certificates** are available through the Ticket Office at any time in any amount you choose.

★ **Recycle your playbills** - Anyone who doesn't wish to keep the playbill as a souvenir may drop it in our recycling box near the main entrance. We request that you do not bend, fold or deface the playbills as we will use them again for subsequent performances. Thank you.

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Weathervane Women's Board welcomes new members who serve an apprenticeship allowing them to explore the full spectrum of Weathervane activities in which they may wish to participate. Membership is open to all. If you are interested in becoming part of this vibrant organization, please let us know. Leave your name at the Ticket Office or write: Weathervane Women's Board, c/o Weathervane Community Playhouse, 1301 Weathervane Lane, Akron, OH 44313-5186.

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★ Become a Weathervane Member.

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★ Give a Special Gift To Say You Care.

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★ Designate Gifts To Local Foundations.

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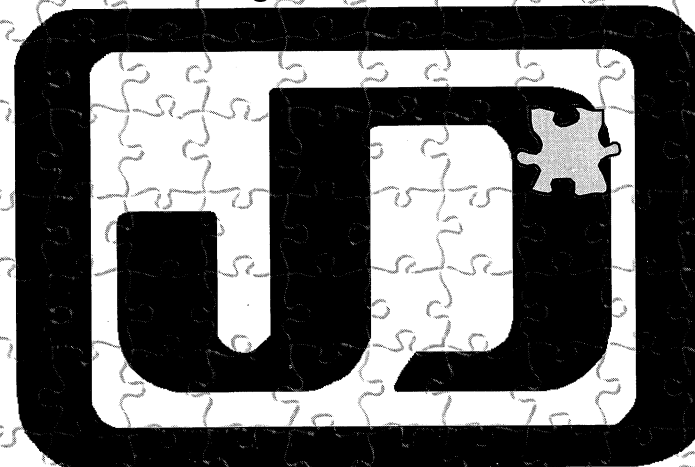
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Children from throughout the community may also audition for roles in Youth/Family productions. Casting is not dependent upon class enrollment. Participation is an extension of valuable training in every facet of production from the audition process to technical and performance experience. Family members may also have learning opportunities by participating in such productions.

Weathervane works with area schools by providing outreach information and study guides in our **Project STAGE** program, which brings public and private school students to see as many as three productions each season. This season,

Dracula, *Seven Guitars* and *Our Town* will be featured in the **Project STAGE** events. Tickets are only \$7.

For information about classes or audition schedules for Youth Theater productions, please call our Education Coordinator at 330-836-2323.

Adult Classes and Theater Training

Professionally taught fall and spring Adult Theatre Education classes include Scenic Design, Stage Lighting, Directing, Improvisation and Classical Drama. These classes help both new and experienced actors to expand their own performance and public speaking skills. Classes are held at the theater and costs are affordable. Call 330-836-2323 ext. 17 for details.

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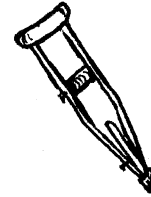


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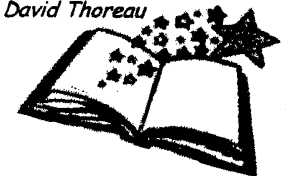
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Charlotte Chorprenning

Directed by **Amie Gabel**

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About Our Director -- Amie Gabel

Amie Gabel directed last year's production of *Charlotte's Web* at Weathervane Playhouse. Currently a sixth grade teacher with Stow-Munroe Falls City School District, she has adapted, staged and directed ten productions at Lakeview Intermediate School including two adaptations of *The Diary of Anne Frank* and three of *The Miracle Worker*. A co-founder of the Lakeview Musical Theater Company, she has staged, choreographed, and directed *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and the Broadway Jr. versions of *Annie* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Amie is a Buffalo native who began her career on stage in *The Miracle Worker* at the age of eight. As a student and instructor in her family's dance studio, Amie appeared in area productions of *The Sound of Music*, *Finian's Rainbow*, *Carousel*, *Godspell*, *West Side Story* and others. Locally, Amie was seen as Portia in *Cinderella* at Theatre 8:15. Amie and her husband Mike have two children, Dylan and Michaela, whom she hopes will come to love the theater as much as she does.

Director's Notes

When Hans Christian Anderson wrote *The Emperor's New Clothes*, he showed his readers that foolish pride leads to foolish behavior. This adaptation by Charlotte Chorpensing is based on the same classic tale which "weaves" other meaningful messages into the story, such as the adage "good always triumphs over evil."

One focus of this play is that children can be painfully honest and are usually the ones to bring out character flaws in adults. How fitting, then, is it that our cast is made up of young actors ages 7 - 13! These young men and women have worked very hard this summer to entertain the young audience members and to remind the adults that "everyone is a little foolish," but we can learn from our behavior.

I am thrilled and honored to be here at Weathervane for my second summer. We have behaved very foolishly, learned from one another and had a whole lot of fun. Isn't that what life is all about?

Amie Gabel

Dear Annie,
Great show! You're the best ever --
Keep up the good work!
Love, Grammie & Grandpa



The Emperor's New Clothes -- Cast

Zar **Keith Foster**
Zan **Alexander Stebbins**
Tsein **Katie Markovich**
Ling **Molly Brazier**
Mong **Merry Schueneman**
Fah **Corey Wolfe**

Han's Maidens

Claire Meneer, Annie Palazzo, Sara Brazier

Han **Aaron Jameyson**
The General **Jason Davis**
The Emperor **Ben Schafer**
The Empress **Hannah Drake**
Child of Tsein **Krissa Duhon**
Child of Mong **Stephanie Schafer**
Old Woman **Courtney Rice**
Bystander **Ashley Shaw**

Citizens

Amanda Dorton, Alyssa Ahrens, Sara Brazier, Allie Klejka

**For your safety, we request that you remain seated until the house lights have come up at intermission and after the curtain call.*

**The use of cameras, recording equipment and laser pointers is forbidden during this performance.*

**As a courtesy to fellow audience members, please make sure that cell phones and pagers are turned off during the performance.*

**Please do not bring food or drink in the auditorium.*

**NOTE: In case of an emergency in which the performance cannot continue, Calamity Vouchers will be issued for a future performance. Thank you.*

Our Sweet Annie,
What a GREAT "Royal Maiden" you are!
You make us beam with pride!
You are so special!
Love, Mom, Dad and Thomas



Callboard – Cast Biographies

KEITH FOSTER (Zar) is making his first appearance on the Weathervane stage. He is a 5th grader at Lakeview Elementary.

ALEXANDER STEBBINS (Zan) has appeared in local theatre productions of *Annie*, *The Sound of Music* and *Winnie the Pooh*. He is in the 6th grade at Lakeview Elementary.

KATIE MARKOVICH (Tsein) has appeared in many local theatre productions, including *Romeo and Juliet* at the IngÈnue Theatre and Weathervane productions of *Stuart Little* and *Charlotte's Web*.

MOLLY BRAZIER (Ling) is appearing in her first Weathervane production. She is a member of 4-H Homespun Heroes and the Wadsworth Waves swim team.

MERRY SCHUENEMAN (Mong) is a seasoned Weathervaner appearing in such productions as *Joseph...*, *Charlotte's Web*, *Stuart Little* and *The Jungle Book*. She is a 7th grader at Kimpton Middle School.

COREY WOLFE (Fah) is appearing for the first time on the Weathervane stage. Corey has been seen in the Stow Players production of *Planet Realations* and hopes to become a teacher someday.

CLAIRE MENEER (Han's Maiden) is a fifth grader at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School making her Weathervane debut. She has performed recently with the Carousel Theatre and ANTIC.

ANNIE PALAZZO (Hans Maiden) is making her debut on the Weathervane stage. She is in 2nd grade at Seton Catholic School and enjoys t-ball, acrobatics, tennis, swimming and reading.

AARON JAMEYSON (Han) is an 8th grader at Miller South. He has been seen on the Weathervane stage in *Our Town*, *Charlotte's Web* and *Oliver!* He has also

performed with Barberton Magical Theatre and ANTIC.

JASON DAVIS (The General) has appeared in numerous plays for the IngÈnue Theatre including *Macbeth* and *As You Like It*. He attends Litchfield Middle School and enjoys soccer and video games.

BEN SCHAFER (The Emperor) has been seen on the Weathervane stage in *Joseph...* and *Babes in Toyland*. He has also appeared with the Lakeview Musical Theatre in *The Sound of Music* and *Annie*. He is in the 7th grade at Kimpton Middle School.

HANNAH DRAKE (The Empress) appeared in the Lakeview Theatre productions of *The Sound of Music* and *Annie*. She is a 7th grader at Kimpton Middle School.

KRISSA DUHON (Child of Tsein) is a student at Miller South. She has been seen in many local theatre productions including Weathervane productions of *Our Town* and *Charlotte's Web*.

STEPHANIE SCHAFER (Child of Mong) has previously helped behind the scenes on *Joseph...* and is thrilled to be on stage for this production. She is in the 2nd grade at Highland Elementary.

COURTNEY RICE (Old Woman) is appearing in her first Weathervane production. She is in the 8th grade at Nordonia Hills Middle School.

ASHLEY SHAW (Bystander) has grown up on stage at Weathervane Playhouse. She has been seen in *Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party*, *Cinderella*, *The Jungle Book*, *Stuart Little*, *Charlotte's Web* and, most recently, as Josephine Crowell in *Our Town*. Ashley is an eighth grade student at Miller South School.



Callboard Continued – Cast Biographies

AMANDA DORTON (Citizen) is a fifth grader at Price Elementary. She has appeared in the last two Weathervane productions of *Joseph...* and enjoys tap dancing and reading.

ALYSSA AHRENS (Citizen) is appearing in her first Weathervane production. She is a 4th grader at Ledgeview Elementary. Alyssa has also written, directed, and acted in her own play,

Rainbow Mountain.

SARAH JOY BRAZIER (Han's maiden/Citizen) is making her Weathervane debut. She is a member of 4-H Homespun Heroes and enjoys softball, reading and swimming.

ALLIE KLEJKA (Citizen) is an honor student at Saint Hilary School and enjoys Irish dancing at the O'Hare School of Irish Dance.

Backstage Callboard – Designer Biographies

ERIN DILLON (Stage Manager) *Emperor* is Erin's stage managing debut at Weathervane. Her most recent credits include technical coordinator/stage manager of Copley High School's production of *Guys and Dolls*, co-lighting designer for *The Fantastiks* and *Seven Guitars* here at Weathervane, and graduating from high school! Erin will attend Ohio Northern in the fall where she plans to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree, further involvement in theatre and happiness.

CLYDE SHAW (Properties Design) has been a constant volunteer at Weathervane ead of Properties on the Production Board and designed props for Youth and Mainstage productions at Weathervane.

CHRIS SCHUENEMAN (Costume Co-Design) is a graduate of Kent State University and has been working in Weathervane's costume shop since 1996 on shows including *Stuart Little*, *The Jungle Book*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and many others. She's also worked with the Lakeview Musical Theater on productions of *Annie* and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

BETTY WATTERSON (Costume Co-Design) has been volunteering at Weathervane for almost three years and enjoyed working on costumes for

Charlotte's Web and *Wit*. She served as recording secretary for the Women's Board. A veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard (SPAR), Betty enjoys travel, golf and crossword puzzles.

EMMIE SCHUENEMAN (Student Costume Design) is in the 8th grade at Kimpton Middle School. She has appeared in numerous Weathervane productions including *Joseph...*, *Charlotte's Web* and *Stuart Little*. She is trying costume design for the first time and the design team is thrilled to have her working behind the scenes.

RYAN DURFEE (Lighting Design) is enjoying his second season at Weathervane, having co-designed lights for last year's production of *Our Town*. He is a senior at Cuyahoga Falls High School. Under the leadership of Charles Korecki, Ryan has designed lights for *Guys and Dolls* and *Fiddler on the Roof* at school.

LINDSAY JAMEYSON (Sound Design/Assistant Stage Manger) *Emperor* is Lindsay's first experience as a designer and ASM. She made her Weathervane stage debut in last season's *Our Town*. She is a junior in the International Baccalaureate program at Firestone, where she is an active theatre volunteer.



Project Stage

Project STAGE is a program developed by Weathervane Playhouse to bring to young audiences the excitement of live theater. Teachers and students receive study guides and pre-performance, in-class discussions are conducted free of charge by Weathervane staff and volunteers. The **special Project STAGE ticket price is \$7.**

The Chosen, September 18 - October 6; *The Wiz*, October 16 - November 3; *The Laramie Project*, February 26 - March 16 and *Hamlet*, March 15 - 30 are the **Project STAGE** offerings for the **2002-2003** season. It is not too early to start making plans to bring your students. We will be glad to help you start the arrangements. Call our Education Department at 330-836-2323 ext. 17.

Future Events

Aug. 17 Chanticleer Dinner & Awards	Aug. 24 Annual Membership Meeting
Sept. 18 - Oct. 6 The Chosen by Aaron Posner & Chaim Potok Mainstage Drama	Nov. 23 - Dec. 22 Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Youth/Family Musical
Oct. 16 - Nov. 3 The Wiz by Charlie Small Rock, Gospel & Soul Musical Mainstage	Fall Classes for Children Ages 4 - 18 begin September 28 (10-weeks)

Weathervane Playhouse Staff

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Production Team Members & Crews

SET CONSTRUCTION

Ruth Richardson	Erin Katz
Tom Marshall	Charles Korecki
Kim Jameyson	Kathy Kohl
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COSTUMES

Leslie Schafer	Dorothy Kies
Kim Jameyson	Connie Velotta
Henrietta Cook	Betty Williams

PROPERTIES

Jerry Dorton	Kim Jameyson
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LIGHTS

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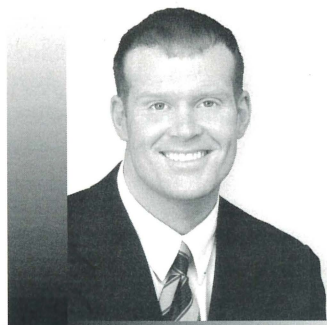
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Weathervane Business Office hours are from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. To place ticket orders call the **Ticket Office** at **330-836-2626**. The ticket office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. During performances, the Ticket Office opens one hour before each performance and remains open through the first intermission only. On performance Saturdays only, the Ticket Office is open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Ticket hours on performance Sundays begin at 1:30 p.m. Reservations may be made in person or by telephone with a credit card number.

Of course, rehearsals, set construction, classes and performance times often mean that staff and volunteers are likely to be available at other times than the hours noted during the week. For information, please call 330-836-2626. You may leave a voice mail message for a staff member, but we do not accept recorded ticket reservations. For any Ticket Office-related business, please call during Ticket Office hours.

Akron Area Arts Alliance

Weathervane Community Playhouse is a member of the **Akron Area Arts Alliance**. Its mission statement is "to utilize its collective resources to

- 1) foster communication and coordination among area cultural groups
- 2) generate greater awareness and participation in the arts and humanities in all segments of the community
- 3) promote the value of the arts and humanities to local governments and advocate its financial investment in the community's cultural activities."

Season Coupons

Seats for Weathervane's most popular shows, especially those late in the season, often sell out fast. Saturday night seating is frequently difficult to obtain, so it's smart to call for reservations early. *Please remember that coupons don't guarantee your seats. You must call for reservations.* Check the production schedule in your Super Coupon book and plan to use as many coupons as you wish for the shows you plan to see. We hope you'll use your convenient coupons frequently and won't find yourself missing out on sold-out shows or ending the season with unused coupons. Performances and schedules are subject to change so, for the most up-to-date information, call our ticket office at 330-836-2626.

Remember, you can always buy a new Super Coupon book at the Ticket Office any time you want to treat yourself and several friends to a Weathervane show. Books of eight coupons provide a modest savings over regular admission prices.

Mission Statement Weathervane Community Playhouse

The mission of the Weathervane Community Playhouse is to entertain, inform and educate, thereby enriching the cultural life of the Greater Akron area. Weathervane shall provide area residents the opportunities both to attend and to participate in quality presentations of a cross-section of the finest theatrical works available. Weathervane shall provide education in the theater arts to adults and children. In meeting these goals, Weathervane shall be mindful of the standards of its audiences and shall maintain fiscally sound management.



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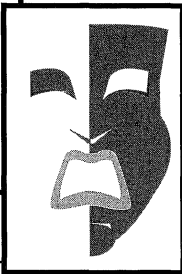
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Our wardrobe department also appreciates donations of clothing, shoes, women's purses, hats and jewelry, as well as usable patterns and lengths of fabric.

Please call before bringing donations to the

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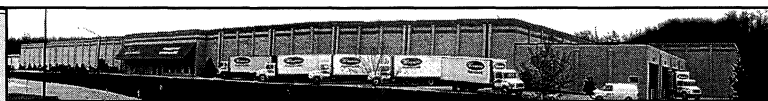
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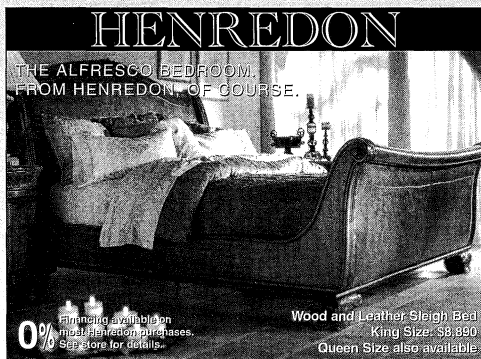
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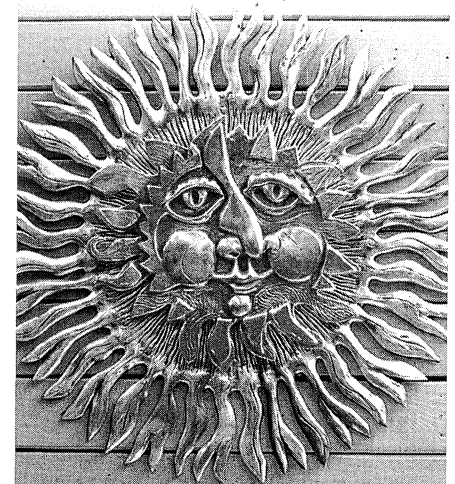


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Their spirit is the backbone of our continuing operations, a valued support on which our professional staff relies.

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 unique challenges with every performance.

Share the Annual Chanticleer Celebration

Shortly after the final production of each season, Weathervane volunteers and friends share an exciting party to acknowledge outstanding performances by performers and technical volunteers. The top performers are awarded rooster statuettes—Chanticleers—in recognition of their work, as voted by Chanticleer "judges" who have seen all productions during the season. It's a great night to get together, share hopes, fun and festivities and is open to all.

If you'd like to take an additional part in Chanticleer night and serve as a juror to vote for the award winners, all that is required is your affidavit that you have seen all seven shows during the season, and your choices for outstanding lead performances by a male

or female in a drama or comedy, outstanding support performances, and outstanding lead and support in a musical as well as choices in technical achievement. Chanticleers are also awarded for Properties, Lights, Costumes and Sound Design, plus Best Production of the season. In addition to performance and production awards, the event also recognizes outstanding volunteers of the year.

Chanticleer ballots are available during the run of the season's final show in July or August each year. We welcome regular theater-goers who'd like to take part in the jurying and join us for the biggest nail-biting party of the year. For information, please call our office.



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Organization Benefit Opportunities

A benefit night or matinee at Weathervane can add funds to your club or organization treasury and could be an exciting annual event. Check the schedule of this season's productions. Perhaps one of the shows will dovetail with the aims and purpose of your group.

Discounted tickets for groups of 15 or more may be sold at a profit or passed along to your members. To create a dramatic fund-raiser or special celebration, you may also plan for catered refreshments. Your fund-raising chairman can get further details on a benefit night at Weathervane by calling Front-of-House Coordinator, Keith Campbell.

Boutique Treasures

Our lobby Gift Boutique is a fund-raising project of Weathervane Women's Board. Shop from one hour before curtain time or during intermission to find exciting jewelry, watches, bibelots, music boxes, and other unique items and objects for yourself or for gifts. Every purchase helps make good things

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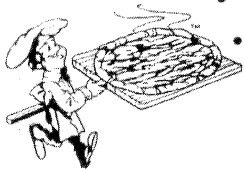
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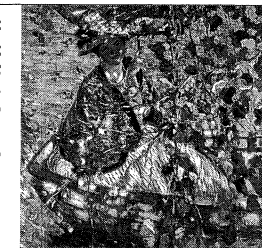
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Intermission Tea is served with our compliments by our volunteer hosts and hostesses. Please enjoy a cup with us. Soft drinks are available at a nominal cost.

Opening Night Receptions welcome our audiences on the first Friday night of each production. We'll provide light snacks and refreshments after the show so you can share that "first-nighter" feeling.

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Your support and commitment are welcome and appreciated any time and are needed now more than ever. For those who are already members, we suggest that an increase in your membership may be an idea whose time has come in the face of dwindling government resources.

If you truly enjoy live theater, you'll be playing a vital part every time the lights go up for each show on the Weathervane stage and we can honestly say that the show couldn't go on without you.



Who Gets On Stage at Weathervane?

The performers you see on the Weathervane stage come from throughout the greater Akron and surrounding areas. They're volunteers, just like the many men and women who supply backstage talent to make sure the show goes on performance after performance. They've committed themselves to four to six weeks of rehearsals plus performances, and their greatest reward is your applause.

Many performers come to our shows with substantial theatrical experience. Others may be new to the stage. Frequently we find that talented newcomers to our area find that Weathervane is a great way to make new friends especially if they've been involved with community productions in their former home town.

Auditions are open to all and our non-traditional casting policy opens the way for performance opportunities for ethnic minority actors and others who may be physically or mentally challenged. Except in cases where race, gender, age or disability is essential to the play, all roles are cast on the basis of talent and sincerity of purpose.

To find out how you can get on stage, check the newspaper for audition dates and times or call Weathervane at 330 836-2626 if you are interested in auditioning for a role in one of our upcoming productions or in a Youth

Theater production. We'll tell you about requirements.

Weathervane shows are never "pre-cast." When you've been in a show or auditioned, your name will be included in our file so we can send you future audition notices. Some guest 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 theater on audition nights, you'll learn about the rehearsal and performance schedule ahead. 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 callbacks 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 to develop the proper "relationships," style and reality of the ensemble. Don't be discouraged. Come try again. The next show may suit you even better!





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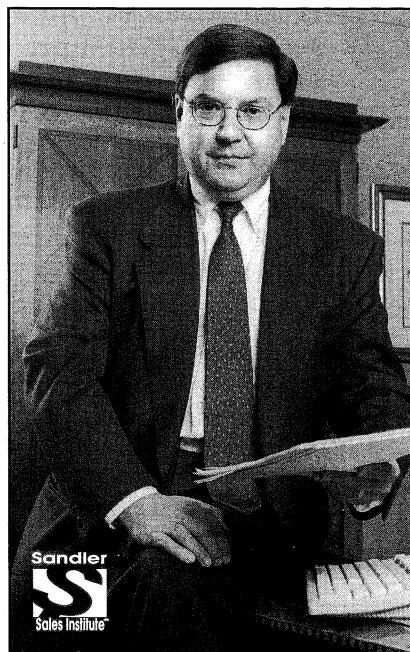
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I am interested in the following areas: (Check as many as you wish)

☐ Acting	☐ Costuming	☐ Box Office
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What Can You Do as a Weathervane Volunteer

Here's a quick introduction to the responsibilities volunteers undertake to make our shows work night after night. If you'd like to try your hand at any of these jobs, please call our Production and Volunteer Coordinator, Maryanne Cotter, at 330-836-2323. 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 fulfilling responsibility 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. We appreciate all the help we can find to design and build sets, move them and tear them down after a show to make new ones.

★ **Costumes** - Designers and workers are vital. We need skilled and even unskilled seamstresses to make or alter costumes, create patterns, care for costumes during a show and keep our wardrobe department organized. Add your design ideas or learn from other hard-working volunteers.

★ **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. You'll take pride in knowing that nobody can see the show without you.

★ **Sound** - Create the music and sound effects tapes that enrich the aural environment for each show or add "live" backstage sound. Run the sound system

for technical rehearsals and productions. We'll help you learn.

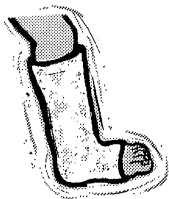
★ **Properties** - All the items that help "dress" a set and all those used by actors in rehearsal and performance (from tea sandwiches to "deadly" weapons and "shattering" windowpanes) must be borrowed, built or cooked. We need many volunteers to work on each performance. If you are clever at building things or have friends with "neat stuff" they'll loan, volunteer here.

★ **Box Office** - If you enjoy dealing with the public, we can use your help during office hours and on show nights to assist in taking money and answering the phone to take reservations.

★ **Ushering** - Welcome audience members with your smile, showing them to their seats, passing out programs, and serving refreshments at intermission. Your help is always welcome.

★ **House Manager** - The theater's unofficial 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.

★ **Office Volunteer** - Put a few morning or afternoon hours to good use answering phones, taking reservations, helping with mailings, working with staff, and greeting customers and visitors. Many friendly people are needed to help.



We hope you keep breaking your legs for many years to come. That's what we're supposed to say, right?

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