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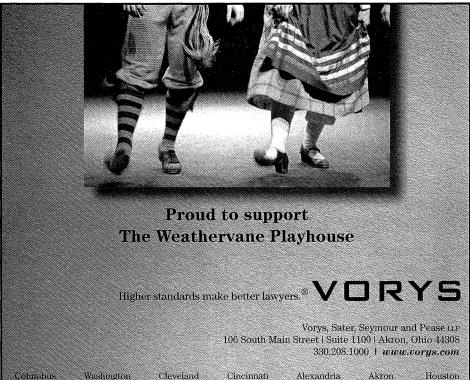
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From the "barn" to Copley Road to the Valley...

Weathervane Community Playhouse began its run in 1935. Four artistically talented Woman's City Club members -- Grace Hower Crawford, Muriel MacLachlan, Laurine Schwan, Helen Troesch -- and a core of charter members rented the empty carriage house belonging to Akron's Senator Charles Dick. Their goal was to present a wide spectrum of plays: classics, dramas, comedies, new works – even opera – with casting open to anyone who fit a part.

The women chose a carnival as their fundraiser to start paying the rent. Despite a drenching downpour, they raised \$60. They named their space "Weathervane" after the rooster on the barn's cupola. After cleaning their new home, scrounging for seats, a curtain and a coffee pot, Weathervane opened its first season. During that summer of 1935 the group presented seven fully costumed and staged plays. In 1936, Muriel MacLachlan with the other founders offered classes to children and adults, beginning a tradition that has become today's Education Department. In 1938 a Women's Board was formed to offer volunteer financial assistance. It, too, continues to this day.

The "barn" was home until it was sold. In 1951 the Playhouse purchased a cement block building at 1471 Copley Road and renovated it for a theater with seating capacity of 125. The all-volunteer organization hired its first employee, Nora Scott, as custodian/ticket manager. Actual management of the Playhouse was handled by the Operating Board, which reported to the Board of Trustees, Because directors were becoming scarce, the Board hired Bob Belfance as full-time Manager/Director. He held the position from 1961-69 and from 1974-92. During the Copley Road days, plays were presented six days a week. Because of their popularity, not everyone who wanted to see a show could be accommodated. A new home was planned. During the 1960s the membership's plans came together in June 1970 with the opening of Dark of the Moon here on Weathervane Lane. Longtime friend and founder Grace Hower Crawford died in 1971, remembering the Playhouse in her will. Her money enabled the Board to pare down the mortgage and set up an Endowment Fund. The last mortgage payment was made in 1974 through a contribution of the Women's Board. Three major additions followed; these included first-floor restrooms, classrooms, a costume shop, fly gallery and elevator. The former scene shop became the John L. Dietz Theater/Classroom in 2005 and the lobby project was just completed for the opening of the 75th season.

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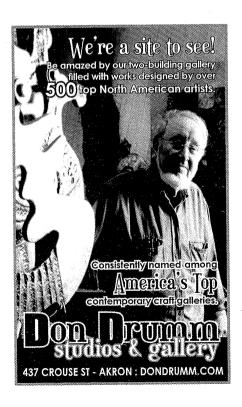
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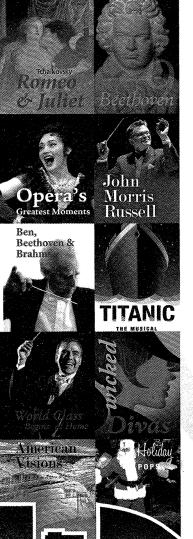
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From Our Executive Director

Our 2011-12 Season - Come Alive!

Welcome to the beginning of another season at Weathervane Playhouse (our 77th!) and to this performance of 3 Guys Naked From the Waist Down. And congratulations on your adventurousness! Even though this show is relatively tame, the title sure indicates something racier than what you're in for!

If I could wax philosophical for a moment, theater, in my opinion, is a place where we have the opportunity to come together as a community to experience a shared sense of our



own humanity - or, simply put, to experience what makes us all more alike than different. In the process, we come away feeling more alive than we did before. This is the business I think Weathervane Playhouse is in - the "coming more alive" business.

Throughout this season we hope you truly feel more alive as a result of having spent time with us. Whether it's from musicals about three stand-up comics or an agoraphobic musical theater aficionado, comedies about Shakespearean characters invading Hollywood or mistaken identities in an English vicarage, or dramas about five sisters in rural Ireland or two 18th century composing rivals, we hope that you come away with an enhanced perspective on your own life and perhaps with a little more bounce in your step as a result. This is what we are keenly dedicated to.

To that end, let me know how we're doing. You'll find my email address at the bottom of this letter. Feel free to send me your thoughts, comments, suggestions or concerns about your experiences at Weathervane in the months to come. Also feel free to let me know how we're doing in the "coming more alive" department!

Thank you for gracing us with your time. We hope to prove worthy of

Sincerely,

John Hedges Executive Director

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Musical by Jerry Colker & Michael Rupert

(They're not really naked)

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About the Play and Playwright

About the Play

3 Guys Naked from the Waist Down was originally developed and presented at PlayMakers Repertory Company in Chapel Hill, North Carolina in the early 1980s. The show opened off-Broadway in New York City at the Minetta Lane Theatre on Feb. 5, 1985, where it played for 160 performances before closing on June 30, 1985. The show received four Drama Desk Award nominations, winning one for Outstanding Book of a Musical. Actor Scott Bakula (from NBC's Quantum Leap and TNT's Men of a Certain Age) played the role of Ted Klausterman in the New York production. Since then, productions of the show have also been staged in London, Toronto, Copenhagen, Tokyo, Frankfurt and the Pasadena Playhouse in California. The show's original cast recording was released by Polydor Records in 1985.

About the Show's Creators

MICHAEL RUPERT (Music) made his debut as a composer with 3 Guys Naked from the Waist Down. As a performer, he is a three-time Tony Award-nominee and a Tony Award-winner (for Best Supporting Actor in Musical for the 1986 Broadway revival of Sweet Charity). As an actor, his Broadway credits include Legally Blonde, Ragtime, Falsettos (Tony nomination), City of Angels, Mail, Sweet Charity (Tony Award, Drama Desk Award), Pippin, The Happy Time (Tony nomination). His off-Broadway credits include Elegies and Putting It Together. His other work as a composer is the musical Mail (L.A. Drama Critics nomination). He directed Breaking the Code for Weathervane Playhouse in October 2010.

JERRY COLKER (Book and Lyrics) made his debut as a playwright and lyricist with 3 Guys Naked from the Waist Down. For this show, he was nominated for New York's Drama Desk Award for his lyrics, and he won the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Book of a Musical. He also wrote the book and lyrics for the musical Mail, another collaboration with composer Michael Rupert; this show played on Broadway for 37 performances in 1988. As an actor, his Broadway credits include Pippin, A Chorus Line and West Side Story. His films include Traxx (1988) and Stone Cold (1991). As a writer for television, he served as a story editor for the ABC-TV sitcom Growing Pains between 1991 and 1992.



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3 Guys Naked from the Waist Down -- Cast

| Ted Klausterman | Rob Dougherty |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Phil Kunin | |
| Kenny Brewster | Connor Simpson |

MUSICIANS

Brad Wyner: Keyboards/Conductor Jeffrey Bodkin: Saxophone/Flute

Kevin Aylward: Bass Scot Sexton: Drums

Acts and Musical Numbers Act One

Komedy Klub East Promise of Greatness Angry Guy/Lovely Day Promise of Greatness (Reprise)

The Last Stand-Up Don't Wanna Be No Superstar I Operator Screaming Clocks (The Dummies Song)

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Act Two

The American Dream
What a Ride I
"Hello, Fellas" Theme
"Hello Fellas" TV Special World Tour
What a Ride II
What a Ride III
"Three Guys Naked from the Waist Down"
Screaming Clocks (Reprise)
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About Our Director & Musical Director



MARC MORITZ (Director) Marc is thrilled to be making his directorial debut at Weathervane Playhouse. He most recently directed *A Raisin in the Sun* at TrueNorth Theatre. Other directing credits include *The Walworth Farce* and *Guttenberg! The Musical!* both at Dobama Theatre. He will be directing *Tigers Be Still*, a quirky new comedy for Dobama Theatre this upcoming season. As an actor, Marc originated the role of Talk Show Host in the Broadway production of the Stephen Sondheim/Hal Prince musical, *Merrily We Roll Along*. He most recently appeared as Al Lewis in *The Sunshine Boys* at Porthouse

Theatre. Other regional acting work includes The Great Lakes Theater Festival, Idaho Shakespeare Festival Co-Production of *Into the Woods*. Favorite Roles: Mushnik in *Little Shop of Horrors*: Tateh in *Ragtime*, Cat In The Hat in *Seussical*, Chico in *Cocoanuts*, Malvolio in *Twelfth Night*, Ezekial Cheever in *The Crucible* and Emperor Joseph in *Amadeus*. Theatres: GLTF, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Riverside Shakespeare, Cleveland Play House, Long Wharf, Goodman, New Harmony, & Dobama. Marc was the Founder/Artistic Director of Cleveland's popular Giant Portions Improv Co and has taught and performed with ImprovOlympic and Second City in Chicago and NYC. Marc is in the Returning Professional Acting program at Kent State University and will receive his MFA degree in Spring 2012. He is grateful for his two beautiful children, 8-year-old Joseph and 11-year-old Sarah, who are too young to see this show, but continue to laugh every time they hear the title!

Director's Notes:

The time: The 1980s! The world was poised on the brink of nuclear annihilation! Millions of people were hungry, desperate and out of work. The situation looked hopeless. And very serious. Until one man – one very silly man – burst onto the stage of the Komedy Klub East! "Ladies and gentlemen: Ted Klausterman!" With these opening lines, thus begins the wonderful adventure of 3 Guys Naked from the Waist Down. But wait a minute. It's not the 1980s...It's 2011. And yet, everything in these opening lines still rings true today. At this very moment. Now I have no interest in getting political, nor is my connection and love for this show rooted in any deeply political or sociological beliefs. Yet it is something to certainly pay attention to as we witness this journey of three very unique people. The joy for me in working on this piece is the creative energy and unique perspective the three very talented "guys" bring to the table in this production. We have lots of laughter in the rehearsal halls – for me that is a must. I have one very strong rule about directing actors. I really have no interest in working with anyone with whom I would not want to share a cup of coffee – or beverage of your choice. The whole creative team here at Weathervane has been terrific. Without their hard work and commitment to excellence, you would be seeing a very different show today. I hope 3 Guys puts a smile on your face, and gets you in touch with being grateful for family, friends and lovers. And for those of you disappointed that there is no actual nudity in this show...come to the cast party!

Love & Respect, Marc Moritz



BRAD WYNER (Musical Director) is delighted to be working for the first time at Weathervane. Credits as musical director include *Gutenberg! The Musical!* at Dobama, *The Rocky Horror Show* at Cleveland Public Theatre, *Bunnicula* at The Cleveland Play House, *Little Shop of Horrors* at Cassidy, and a full season at Kalliope Stage (*Christmas Carol Rag, A Little Night Music, Baby, Cabaret, Opal*). Brad often works as a musical director for

educational productions (JCC Playmakers, St. Richard Theatre Company, many, many others), and has also taught musical theater at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland School of the Arts, Beck Center, and the Play House. As a singer/rock pianist, Brad spent a year in New York performing with Piano Loco: The Rock'n'Roll Dueling Piano Show, and currently plays keyboards for Diamond Dogs: The Sound and Vision of David Bowie (www.bowietribute.com). By day, he teaches music and drama at the Monarch Center for Autism.



Cast Biographies



ROB DOUGHERTY (Ted Klausterman) is excited to be returning to the Weathervane stage after a small hiatus from acting. He débuted on our stage in 1999's production of *Cinderella*

as Prince Charming and has also appeared in Cabaret (Cliff Bradshaw), My Way, Smokey Joe's Cafe (Michael), and The Full Monty (Ethan) hère at Weathervane. Some other favorite roles include The Baker (Into the Woods), Sparky (Forever Plaid), Felix (The Odd Couple), Pseudolus (A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum) and Ferrris Layman (The Diviners). He has three semesters left in earning his dual degree of Philosophy and Political Science (because he obviously doesn't want to make money) from The University of Akron and hopes to move overseas with his amazing and talented girlfriend, Jenn ("I love you, Babes!"). To the cast and crew, "Let's go for broke!" and to everyone else, "I hope vou enjoy the show!"



PATRICK CIAMACCO (Phil Kunin) is honored to return to the Weathervane stage and share it with two talented actors/comedians. Professionally he has performed at The Beck

Center in *Jerry Springer: The Opera* (Dwight/God), *Spelling Bee* (Barfee) and *Evil Dead: The Musical* (Jake); also, PlayhouseSquare's *We Gotta Bingo* (Bucky), a musical version of *The*

Nutcracker at The Cleveland Play House and Playhouse Square's 2 1/2 year run of Tony & Tina's Wedding. Favorite performances include Secret Garden (Archibald), Chess (Freddie), Art (Marc), Of Mice and Men (Lennie) and The Full Monty (Dave). Patrick also co-founded, directs, performs and writes for The Laughter League, a Cleveland based sketch comedy group. Patrick sends thanks to his Mom, Frank, his brothers, Joe Kenderes, Jacqi, and especially Debbie, for her laughter and love.



CONNOR SIMPSON (Kenny Brewster) is thrilled to be returning to Weathervane, having last appeared here as the title character in *Pippin*. A sophomore BFA Musical Theatre major at

Kent State University, Connor has been seen in KSU's productions of *Brigadoon* and *Hamlet*, as well as Porthouse Theatre's *Bye Bye Birdie*. Connor is also a proud graduate of St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus, OH, where he appeared in such roles as Father in *Children of Eden*, Joseph in *Joseph... Dreamcoat*, and was the lead in the national high school premiere of the musical *Striking 12*. He thanks Marc for this incredible opportunity, his family for their constant love and support, and his mentor, Doug Montgomery, who taught him to always give 110%.



About Our Choreographer



MONICA OLEJKO (Choreographer) 3 Guys Naked from the Waist Down is Monica's second job here at Weathervane. She choreographed Sweeney Todd many years ago. Mo has choreographed and directed for over 20 years and danced for twice as long. Her work has been seen on stages throughout Ohio. She's performed from Fairbanks, Alaska to Zimbabwe, Africa (Harare International Festival of the Arts). She has

directed/choreographed Chicago, The Drowsy Chaperone, Joseph and...Dreamcoat, A Chorus Line, Singin' in the Rain, Guys and Dolls, The Rocky Horror Show, Damn Yankees, West Side Story and School House Rock to name a few. A dance teacher at Above The Barre Dance Studio in Berea, she is also a voice over artist for radio, television, American Greetings cards and Little Tykes toys. Although she and Marc Moritz have been friends since the first Bush administration, this is their first theatrical endeavor together. It was worth the wait.



Creative Team Biographies



RICHARD WORSWICK (Stage Manager) took a turn as stage manager for our production of *The Rainmaker* during the 2008-2009 season. Last fall, he played the role of Alan Turing in our

production of *Breaking the Code*. Richard has been seen in many mainstage productions including *The Chosen, The Laramie Project, The Mystery of Irma Vep, The Dinner Party, Noises Off, The Tale of the Allergist's Wife and The Sisters Rosensweig.* In our Dietz Theater he was seen in *The Goat or, Who Is Sylvia?* and *Love! Valour! Compassion!* He has also performed at none too fragile theatre, Coach House, Bang and Clatter, Dobama, Charenton, Cleveland Play House and PlayhouseSquare. He lives in Bath with his partner, John.



DAVID RUGGLES (Sound Designer) most recently designed lighting for our mainstage production of *A View from the Bridge* and sound for our Dietz production of *Crumbs from the*

Table of Joy, as well as 2010-2011 season opener They're Playing Our Song. He has won Chanticleers for lighting Italian American Reconciliation and A View from the Bridge and sound for Man of La Mancha. He also designed sound for The Sum of Us and lighting for other productions including Perfect Wedding and the 2006 production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. He has also designed lighting for Cuyahoga Falls High School productions including Bye Bye Birdie, The Outsiders and How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying. He attends Kent State University.



KAREN BURRIDGE (Costume Designer) is a former Women's Board president. Earlier this year she co-designed props for *Quilters*, and she gathered props for our 8 X 10 Play Festival (eight

plays/10 minutes long) and she co-designed costumes for *Be My Baby* at Western Reserve Playhouse. She spends her Sunday evenings at 88.9 WSTB-FM answering phones for *The Sunday Oldies Jukebox*. She and husband Pat live in Brimfield.



JASON BRYAN MAURER (Assistant Stage Manager) assumed the role of stage manager for our recent production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella. He played the role of Louis in Weathervane's production of Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge* last season and now assumes the role of assistant stage manager for this production. He has been involved in the performing arts since high school. Since then, Jason took a brief hiatus from acting to do more of a behind-the-scenes role with a few small theater companies. Recently, he directed the Ohio premiere of *Dear Harvey* at First Grace Arts in Akron.



RACHEL GEHLERT

(Properties/Projection Designer) was our Assistant Director for last season's *The Nerd*, for which she also understudied the role of Tansy. Previously she played the

role of Mercedes in The Farndale Avenue House Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol. Rachel worked as Assistant Director for Sunshine Boys at Porthouse Theater, where she met Mr. Moritz. Happily, paths crossed for another production! Stage Credits: 8 x 10 TheatreFest, The Man Who Came to Dinner, You Can't Take it with You, Pipe, God's Favorite, Top Girls. Production/Design: Fitz and Walloughs Get It in the End!, The Diary of Anne Frank, Harvey, To Kill a Mockingbird, On Borrowed Time, The Golden Apple, The Fantastiks, Rumors, Cabaret, The Bear, Urban Cowboy: The Musical. She also served as Educational Director for Israel Horovitz's Gloucester Stage Company.



ALAN SCOTT FERRALL (Scenic/Lighting Designer) began with Weathervane as a backstage volunteer under the tutelage of the late John R. Thomas. This is Scott's 15th season as a

Weathervane staff member. Previously, he worked at Cuyahoga Falls High School and has designed sets for the Players Guild of Canton, Cleveland Signstage Theatre and Western Reserve Public Media (PBS-TV Channels 45/49). Scott has earned seven Chanticleer Awards – one as stage manager for Fences; lighting designs for The Laramie Project and A Lesson Before Dying; co-lighting designs for A Man for All Seasons, The Full Monty and Man of La Mancha and, most recently, for Best Technical Element/Young Actor Series - Lighting Design for Joseph.



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JOHN HEDGES, Executive Director

Mr. Hedges has an extensive background in theatre as both an actor and a producer. Prior to coming to Weathervane, John spent ten years in the acting company at the Barter Theatre in Virginia, where he performed in over 60 shows. Other acting credits include performances at Town Hall in New York and the Pantages Theatre in Los Angeles. Regionally he has worked at the Indiana Repertory Theatre, the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival, Actors Theatre of Louisville and the American Stage Festival, where he appeared opposite Academy Award-winner Olympia Dukakis in The Cherry Orchard. John has been Managing Director of First Stage Milwaukee, Associate Producer of North Shore Music Theatre, Business Director of Gloucester Stage Company and General Manager of New York's award-winning Pearl Theatre Company. Mr. Hedges is a member of Actors' Equity Association, served on the Board of Directors of Boston's StageSource and chaired its Strategic Planning Committee, been a Conference Panelist for the American Alliance for Theatre & Education and written for American Theatre magazine. He studied at Indiana State University and the Professional Theatre Training Program at the University of Delaware, is a graduate of the National Shakespeare Conservatory and holds an honorary MFA degree in theatre from Stafford University. A 2009 graduate of Leadership Akron (Class XXV), John lives in Medina.



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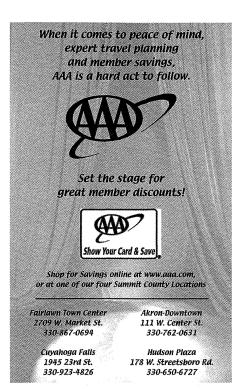
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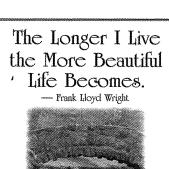
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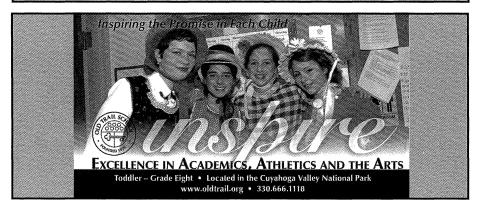


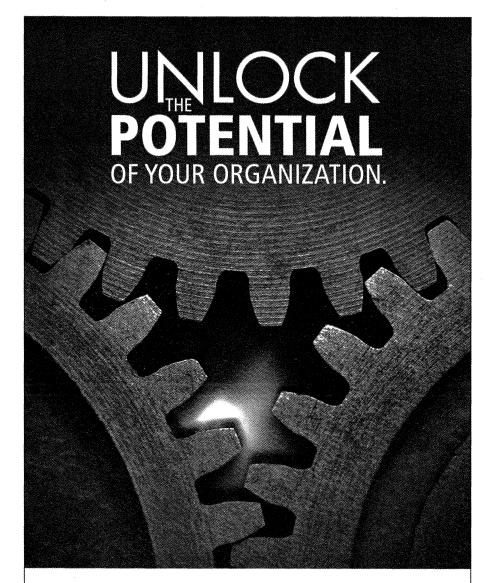
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