

The Opera House Players Present

Fiddler on the Roof



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Music by: Jerry Bock

Lyrics by: Sheldon Harnick

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Musical Direction Craig Strutt
Choreography Diane Fisk

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MEET THE CAST

Russ Hagen - Tevye - Russ has enjoyed acting with the Opera House Players as Alfred P. Doolittle in *My Fair Lady* (2005) and the mayor in *The Baker's Wife* (2007). He is delighted to play Tevye in this fall's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* and says, "I look at the character Tevye and sometimes I'm looking in a mirror." Russ and wife Barb have three grown children and live on their century farm near Rossville. He enjoys being "the soil guy" for Crawford County, Wisconsin.

Anne Franta - Golde - This is Anne's ninth OHP production. Previous shows include: *Dirty Work at the Crossroads* (1966), *Joseph* (1999), *Hello Dolly* (2001), *The Wizard of Oz* (2004), *My Fair Lady* (2005), *It's a Wonderful Life* (2005), *Annie Warbucks* (2006), and *The Baker's Wife* (2007). She is the vocal music director for grades 7-12 at Central Community School in Elkader. She also directs the choir at St. Joseph's Church in Elkader. Anne and her husband, John have four children: Katie, Molly, Ben, and Matt.

Katherine A. Franta -Tzeitel - This is Katherine's eighth OHP production. Previous shows include: *Joseph* (1999), *Hello Dolly* (2001), *Children of Eden* (2002), *Wizard of Oz* (2004), *My Fair Lady* (2005), in which she played the part of Eliza Doolittle, *It's a Wonderful Life* (2005), and *Annie Warbucks* (2006). Katherine has been a performing arts enthusiast ever since she can remember. In high school she appeared in seven theatrical productions and achieved such honors as All-State speech, and was the first four year choral All-Stater from Central. Last year Katherine attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids where she majored in theatre. She spent the past two summers doing Summerstock theatre in Kentucky. Katherine is the daughter of John & Anne Franta of Elkader and her siblings are Matt, Ben, and Molly. After this show closes, she will fly to New York City and begin her studies with the American Musical & Dramatic Academy.

Chelsy Suddendorf - Hodel - Chelsy is the daughter of Larry and Karen Suddendorf of Monona. She has two brothers; Brody and Colby, and is a sophomore at MFL Mar Mac School. This is her fifth performance with the OHP. She was recently seen in last fall's production of *The Baker's Wife*. (2007) Two years ago, she played Annie in the OHP production of *Annie Warbucks* (2006). She was also seen in *The Wizard of Oz* (2004) and *It's a Wonderful Life* (2005). She is no stranger to performing, having sung many solos in the church choir. Chelsy was chosen to sing in the OPUS honor choir in 2005, 2006, & 2007. Chelsy also enjoys running, hanging with her friends, and playing her french horn in her spare time.

Molly Franta - Chava - This is Molly's ninth OHP production. Previous shows include: *Joseph* (1999), *Hello Dolly* (2001), *Children of Eden* (2002), *The Governor's Son* (2003), *The Wizard of Oz* (2004), *My Fair Lady* (2005), *Annie Warbucks* (2006), and *The Baker's Wife* (2007). She is a senior at Central Community School in Elkader, where she has appeared in eight productions, most recently "Beauty and the Beast" as Mrs. Potts. Some of her many activities include: dance, band, chorus, speech, drama, student council, golf, traveling, spending time with friends and family, and taking care of her two dogs, Harley and Bugle. She was selected for the Opus Honor Choir for four years and the Iowa All-State Chorus in 2006 and 2007. Molly lives in Elkader with her parents, John and Anne. She has two older brothers, Matt and Ben, and one older sister, Katie.

Elizabeth Healy - Shprintze - Elizabeth is an 8th grader at Central. She lives with her parents, Tom and Nancy, and siblings, Andrew and Danielle. This is Elizabeth's sixth time appearing on the Opera House stage. She was in *The Wizard of Oz* (2004), *Tales of Hans Christian Andersen* (2005), *Annie Warbucks* (2006), *The Little Mermaid* (2007), and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (2007). In her spare time, she enjoys singing, playing the oboe, and spending time with family and friends.

Bailie Koehn - Bielke - Bailie is the daughter of Heidi & Luke Koehn. She lives outside of Elkader. Bailie is in sixth grade at Central Community School in Elkader. This is her third production with the OHP following her role in *Annie Warbucks* (2006), and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (2007).

Kim Becwar-Andersen - Yente - Kim started her OHP involvement in 2001 with the show, *Lend me a Tenor*. Since then, she's been seen in such shows as *Run For Your Wife*, *Caught in the Net*, *The Baker's Wife* (2007), *Noises Off* (2007), *Annie Warbucks* (2006), *My Fair Lady* (2005), and *The Wizard of Oz* (2004). Last year, she enjoyed the chance to co-direct *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (2007) with Craig Strutt. Kim's a freelance writer and photographer. She's the co-owner of Visionary Publishing and the co-coordinator of the Northeast Iowa Writers Retreat. This summer, she married journalist Bob Andersen of Elkader. It was the first wedding ever held at the Opera House. Kim and Bob reside in West Union with two teenagers and the family dog, Balto. Their daughter, Keisha, is in the "Fiddler" chorus.

Austin Ruff - Motel - Austin Ruff is a senior at MFL MarMac. This is his third Opera House Players production, after *Joseph* (1999) and *Nuncrackers* (2003). At school he is involved in National Honor Society, Mixed and Men's Chorus, Band, the Young Americans Show Choir, Speech, and the fall musical, *The Enchanted Sleeping Beauty*. He is also involved in Boy Scouts and 4-H. He has two sisters, Katie and Leah, and lives in Farmersburg with his parents, Ed and Barb, and a dog, Annie.

Jon Banse - Perchik - Jon resides near Backbone State Park with Marge, his wife, and Jonathan, their son. Jon's last on stage performance was when he played Geoffrey in *Something's Afoot* (2008). His last directing activity was when he co-directed *Annie Warbucks* in 2006. He has been actively involved with the Opera House Players since 1995. Off the stage he stays active by camping, bicycling, golfing, and boating with Marge and Jonathan, singing with his quartet "Three Lads and Dad" and the Keystone Barbershop Chorus, Emanuel Lutheran Church, mentoring at Starmont, real estate investing, and the Point Area Community Klub (PACK). During the day, he is an Estimator/Director of Estimating Information Systems for Seedorff Masonry, Inc.

Craig Strutt - Lazar Wolf / Musical Director - Craig, has acted in or directed 36 OHP productions since returning to the OHP stage in *Annie* (1992) where he played the role of Oliver Warbucks. He directed such OHP productions as *Joseph* (1999), *The Secret Garden* (2000), *Into the Woods* (2000), *Hello Dolly* (2001), *Children of Eden* (2002), *The Wizard of Oz* (2004), and *My Fair Lady* (2005). He was last seen on stage in *The Baker's Wife* (2007). Craig is a Chiropractic Physician in McGregor where he lives with his wife, Terri, the "Ticket Lady". They are discovering the joys of being grandparents with Mariah Cirila Moser, their first grandchild!

Steve Diers - Mordcha - Steve resides in Monona with his wife, Beth, and son, Jacob, where he is the City Administrator. Steve was active in several high school productions at Central High School in Elkader from 1989-1992. In 2004 Steve returned to the area and has been involved such shows as *The Wizard of Oz* (2004) and *The Baker's Wife* (2007). When not administrating city business Steve enjoys spending time with his family and friends as well as Chicago Cubs Baseball, Bears Football and Iowa Hawkeye Athletics.

Cary Kann - Rabbi - Cary has been a staple of the Opera House Players since you first saw him in *Bye Bye Birdie* (1996). Much of the cover artwork and set pieces you see associated with the OHP we owe to Cary's artistic talents. Cary resides in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin with his very supportive wife, Jonelle, and a teenage son, Alex, and two demanding cats, Sylvester and Angela. He also has two lovely and talented daughters, Ariel and Avalon.

Kyle Picha - Mendel - Kyle is very excited to be making his OHP premiere. He has been involved with over a dozen shows in the past, but has not had the chance to work with the Elkader crew before. He has thoroughly enjoyed working on this iconic piece of musical theatre with a group of locals that are both talented and passionate about making this show leap from the page, to the stage, and ultimately to the hearts of the audience. "You are the music while the music lasts." ~T.S. Eliot

Kevin Lau - Avram - Kevin lives in Elkader with his wife, Kim, son, Adam and daughter, Grace, where he works as an insurance agent for Gifford Insurance. This is his third OHP production following *Annie Warbucks* (2006) and *The Baker's Wife* (2007). He enjoys singing at church, and until recently was in the Keystone Chorus for about ten years. He spends his time at his kids' school events. Kevin's hobbies include gardening, working on his old truck and riding his motorcycle. He serves on the Central school board.

Bryce Durbin - Nachum - Bryce is a freelance illustrator and designer who moved to Iowa in 2005. He and his wife, Shannon, lived in Arlington until the beginning of 2008, when they moved to Elkader. This is Bryce's fourth show at the Elkader Opera House. He last appeared as Barnaby in *The Baker's Wife* (2007). His previous shows include *Noises Off* (2007) and *Annie Warbucks* (2006).

Diane Fisk - Grandma Tzeitel / Choreography - Diane has been an active member of the OHP since the fall of 1978. Throughout the years she has worn many hats: acting on stage, directing, choreography and stage manager. She last directed *The Baker's Wife* (2007). She was last seen on stage as Miss Tweed in *Something's Afoot* (2008). She has also appeared as Harriet Doyle in *Annie Warbucks* (2006), Mrs. Eynsford-Hill, *My Fair Lady* (2005), The Wicked Witch in *The Wizard of Oz* (2004), Helene in *Sweet Charity* (1984), Roxy Hart in *Chicago* (1991), Kathy Sheldon in *Singing in the Rain* (1995), Rose in *The Secret Garden* (2000), Aysha in *Children of Eden* (2002) and *Sister Leo* in the Nonsense shows to name a few. She also does much of the choreography, including this show. She teaches confirmation and is youth sponsor at St. Paul's Church in Monona and works at Fisk's Farm & Home in Monona. Diane continues to live in Monona with her husband, Tim. They have four sons, Travis, Danny, Andrew and Charlie, all of whom have been on stage with the OHP. The role she enjoys the most is Grandma to Isabella, daughter of Travis and Jenny.

Kathy Garms - Fruma Sarah - Kathy has lived most of her life in Elkader. Her first OHP appearance was as Hodel in *Fiddler on the Roof* (1974). Some of her past characters include Maria, *The Sound of Music* (1978); Sarah Brown, *Guys and Dolls* (1980); herself, *Stardust* (2002); Mrs. Barrymore, *The Governor's Son* (2003); and Mary Hatch, *It's a Wonderful Life...The Musical* (2005). Since retirement, volunteerism has become a way of life for Kathy. As president of

Elkader's Sister City Friendship Club, it doesn't take much to get her talking about Elkader's unique Algerian connection. Being a life-long learner, she is passionate about music, nature and making the world a better place for all people. While enjoying country living near Elkader, Kathy and husband, Keith, raised three sons...Aaron, Adam, and Eli.

Clark Ott - Constable - Clark has been a member of OHP since 1988. He was last seen on stage in the murder/mystery/musical satire *Something's Afoot* (2008) (he was one of the 11 people who died out of the cast of 10 - no, that's not a misprint.) His wife, Janet, is sharing the stage with him in *Fiddler*. Their children Bryan, Erin and Traci have also been involved with OHP productions.

Chris Hadley - Fyedka - Chris is from Waterloo. This is his debut performance with the OHP. He moved to Elkader last year and is the junior high and high school band director at Central. His last time on stage was playing a pirate in Wartburg College's production of "Pirates of Penzance" in 2003 and his high school roles include playing Ewart in "Music Man" and Joseph in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." In his spare time he enjoys hanging out with friends, playing piano, sax, drums, volleyball, pick-up basketball games, skiing, flying, napping, composing music, and jamming with his band Funk Lotion.

Janet Ott - Shaindel - Janet was last on stage in *It's A Wonderful Life* (2005). She has been and continues to be an asset to the OHP helping backstage with set changes. Janet is the off-stage and only real wife of Clark Ott. They have three children, Bryan, Erin and Traci.

Ellen Opperman - The Fiddler - Yes, the Fiddler is authentic! Ellen has been playing the violin for eight years and is currently taking lessons from the UNI Suzuki School of Music. The eighth grader also plays french horn and trumpet with the Starmont Middle School Band. This is Ellen's eighth show with the Opera House Players. Ellen has been selected for OPUS Honor Choir for the last three years. Her other activities include dance, church choir, basketball, track, swim team, and socializing. Ellen would like to thank you for coming and she hopes you enjoy the show! She'd like to specially thank her Grandpa Ivan for buying her first violin at age 5! Little did she know she'd be **The Fiddler** on the Roof.

David Beck - Sasha - Dave has been in many Opera House productions both on stage and in the orchestra pit. His first production was accompanying at the piano in the spring 2002 performance of *Stardust*. In the fall of 2003 he took the stage for the first time as Mr. McGovern in *The Governor's Son*. Since then Dave has appeared on stage in every fall production. Dave has also accompanied and directed the high school musicals for the past 12 years. Moonlighting as a Gazette carrier and working at FreedomBank in Elkader and Monona round out his day. In his spare time Dave enjoys playing piano, gardening and geneology.

Dan Beck - Russian - Dan, a taxidermist by trade, resides in Elkader with his wife, Tina. He has two stepsons, Justin & Brandon. Justin and his special friend, Maria have blessed them with three grandsons, Dominique, Skylier & Isaiah. Dan has previously been seen on stage in *Something's Afoot* (2008), *The Baker's Wife* (2007) and *Annie Warbucks* (2006). Dan & Tina enjoy spending time with their kids and going on walks together. They also enjoy sharing their faith in the Lord with others. Dan says, "Don't be afraid to get involved with the OHP. It's so much fun, you will want to keep right on coming back."

Donna Winke - Villager - Donna and Darwin Winke moved to Elkader 17 years ago to work at Central Community School. Now in retirement they enjoy golf, bridge, making wine, travel and time spent with friends. Their sons, Scott and wife Sara, Brock and wife Jennifer, and three grandchildren live in Colorado which makes traveling west very appealing. This is Donna's second show with OHP following her role as the spinster, Therese in *The Baker's Wife* (2007).

Sophia Landis - Villager - Sophia is a senior at Central Community. She has been in 13 Opera House plays since *Joseph* (1999). She has also been active in school productions as well as Manchester's Pass the Hat Players. Sophia keeps herself busy with dance class, individual and large group speech, band, chorus, church activities, and working at the pharmacy in Elkader. She also enjoys working at Camp Ewalu in Strawberry Point. She lives in Elkader with her parents, Bruce and Betty, and her brother, Evan.

Bob Wright - Russian - Bob has lived in Elkader for about a year. This is his first show with the OHP. He was in drama club, chorus, swing choir, and a trumpet player in band. The last musical he was in was “The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas” with the Conrad Players from Conrad, Ia. Bob graduated from Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School.

Keisha Chelberg- Villager - Keisha is a senior at North Fayette High School. In her spare time, she is involved in music and speech contest. Lately, she's been spending time with her family, her dog Balto, and attending races in Cresco with her boyfriend Chris. This is Keisha's 7th opera house production including *Hello Dolly* (2001), *The Governor's Son* (2003), *The Wizard of Oz* (2004), *My Fair Lady* (2005), *It's A Wonderful Life* (2005), and the *Moto Guzzi Rally Show* (2006).

Beth Diers - Rifka - Beth joins us for her second OHP production following *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Beth enjoys staying home with son, Jacob (2) and running their home baking business, Stolen Moments. She lives in Monona with her husband, Steven, and their son, Jacob.

Andrea Mericle - Villager - This is Andrea's OHP debut. When not on stage, Andrea can be found leading worship and serving as the pastor at Peace United Church of Christ in Elkader.

Donna Anderson - Mirala - Donna first appeared with the OHP in *The Sound of Music* (1978). Since then she has acted in, directed, or has done choreography for numerous productions for the OHP including: *Guys and Dolls* (1980), *The King & I* (1983), *Sweet Charity* (1984), *Camelot* (1985), *Brigadoon* (1988), *Peter Pan* (1989), *A Christmas Carol* (1990), *Annie* (1992), *Joseph...* (1999), *The Governor's Son* (2003), *My Fair Lady* (2005), *Annie Warbucks* (2006), *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (2007) and her most recent performance of Lady Grace in *Something's Afoot* (2008) along with several variety shows and melodramas throughout the years. She lives with her husband, Mike on a farm near Elkader. They have a son, Matt and daughter-in-law, Heather and a daughter, Darcy and son in law, Kasey. Donna teaches Literature and Drama at the MFL Mar Mac Middle School in McGregor. She is also the director of their annual musical and choreographer for Cabaret.

Sue Meyer - Yelena - Sue is the Clayton County Recorder. She and her husband live and farm north of Elkader along Hwy 13. They have 2 grown sons and one daughter-in-law, Andy and Heidi live and work in Monona and Ben lives and works in Des Moines. Sue's first production was *Singin' in the Rain* (1995). She has been in seven shows since. Some of Sue's other hobbies include fishing and cruising in their '72 Olds and of course, having the kids come for visits and vice versa.

Jim Osterhaus - Russian - This is Jim's third appearance for the Opera House Players. His debut was in *My Fair Lady* (2005) followed by a role in *Annie Warbucks* (2006). Jim is a dentist in Guttenberg where he lives with his wife, Sue. He likes to play soccer (with old guys), travel and, shamelessly, likes to discuss politics and religion.

Austin Smith -Villager - Austin is celebrating his senior year at MFL Mar Mac with his fourth OHP Fall production, one for each year of high school. Austin lives outside of Farmersburg with his parents, Jeff and Janelle, three brothers, and dog, Jackie. Austin is involved in cross-country, wrestling, track, choirs (mixed, mens, show), bands (marching, concert, pep, jazz), school theater, Luther League (president), 4-H County Council, National Honor Society, and he is a Junior Facilitator at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (Yay HOBY JUFA's!!!). He is currently unsure of where to attend college, but hopes to keep theater in his life. “Thank you everyone for making this all possible!”

Shannon Dallenbach Durbin - Villager - Shannon Dallenbach Durbin is married to Bryce Durbin. They recently moved to Elkader. She is the editor of The Clayton County Register. Shannon has acted in, written, and directed several high school productions. She played Bielke in “Fiddler on the Roof” ten years ago. She reminds us the musical's title stems from a painting by Marc Chagall, one of many surreal paintings he created of Eastern European Jewish life, often including a fiddler. The Fiddler is a metaphor for survival, through tradition and joyfulness, in a life of uncertainty and imbalance.

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THE CREWS

SET CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN & PROPS

Clark Ott
Marla Reimer
Tom Chandler
Jim Osterhaus
Dan Beck
Dave Beck
Lee Lenth

Kay Moser
Kevin Lau
Janet Ott
Jay Moser
Diane Fisk
Tom Strauss
Jeremy Harbaugh

Cary Kann
Marge Banse
Jon Banse
Donna Anderson
Joan Strauss
Verna Lenth
Donna Winke

LIGHTING & SOUND

Jay Moser

Marla Reimer
Don Harstad

Del Reimer
Craig Strutt

COSTUMES, HAIR & MAKEUP

Connie James
Louise Johnson
Berdina Bell
Sue Meyer

Barb Chandler
Kristie Kenkel
Barb Duwe-Peterson
Tiffany Walters
Joaane Keleher

Verna Lenth
Jane Griffith
Sue Gnagy
Dorothy Tolcou

TICKETS

Terri Strutt

Moser Pharmacy

PROGRAMS & PUBLICITY

Craig Strutt

Terri Strutt
Kay Moser

Kim Becwar

ORCHESTRA

Orchestra Director	Tom Chandler	Percussion	Allen Isen
Keyboard	Joan Strauss	Horn	Kate Chandler
Keyboard	Karen Suddendorf	Violin	Ellen Opperman
Reeds	Richard Palucci	Cello	Leslie Gibbons
	Laurie Klosterboer	Bass	Jim Klosterboer
	Kathy Davies	Trumpet	Eric Layden
	Vicki Rodenberg		

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Musical Numbers & Scenes

Act One

Scene 1:

Tradition Tevye, Golde, Chorus
Matchmaker Hodel, Chava, Tzeitel, Shprintze, Bielke

Scene 2:

If I Were A Rich Man Tevye

Scene 3:

Sabbath Prayer Tevye, Golde, Chorus

Scene 4:

To Life Tevye, Lazar, Villagers, Russians

Scene 6:

Tevye's Monologue Tevye
Miracle of Miracles Motel

Scene 7:

The Dream Grandma, Rabbi, Tevye, Golde, Fruma-Sarah, Chorus

Scene 9:

Sunrise, Sunset Tevye, Golde, Perchik, Hodel, Chorus

INTERMISSION

Act Two

Scene 1:

Now I Have Everything. Perchik, Hodel
Tevye's Rebuttal Tevye
Do You Love Me? Tevye, Golde

Scene 2:

The Rumor Yente, Mendel, Avram, Villagers

Scene 3:

Far From The Home I Love Hodel

Scene 6:

Chava Sequence Tevya, Chorus

Scene 7:

Anatevka Golde, Yente, Lazar, Mendel, Avram, Chorus

The Cast

Tevye Russ Hagen
 Golde Anne Franta
 Tzeitel Katie Franta
 Hodel Chelsy Suddendorf
 Chava Molly Franta
 Shprintze Elizabeth Healy
 Bielke Bailie Koehn
 Yente Kim Becwar-Anderson
 Motel Austin Ruff
 Perchik Jon Banse
 Lazar Wolf Craig Strutt
 Mordcha the innkeeper Steve Diers
 Rabbi Cary Kann
 Mendel (Rabbi's son) Kyle Picha
 Avram (Bookseller) Kevin Lau
 Nachum(Beggar) / Bottle Dancer Bryce Durbin
 Grandma Tzeitel Diane Fisk
 Fruma Sarah Kathy Garms
 Constable Clark Ott
 Fyedka Chris Hadley
 Shaindel Janet Ott
 The Fiddler Ellen Opperman
 Sasha Dave Beck
 Yussel Chuck Lammers
 Russian Dan Beck

Russian Brad Harbaugh
 Russian Jim Osterhaus
 Russian Lee Lenth
 Russian Bill Ashby
 Villager / Bottle Dancer Bridget Camp
 Villager / Bottle Dancer Sophia Landis
 Villager / Bottle Dancer Bob Wright
 Villager / Mirala Donna Anderson
 Villager / Rifka Beth Diers
 Villager Keisha Chelberg
 Villager Shannon Durbin
 Villager Jeremy Harbaugh
 Villager Marie James
 Villager Nicole Klingman
 Villager Samantha Knight
 Villager Keaton Lane
 Villager Melanie Lane
 Villager Andrea Mericle
 Villager Sue Meyer
 Villager Katheryn Opperman
 Villager Charles Reimer
 Villager Austin Smith
 Villager Tom Strauss
 Villager Tiffany Walter
 Villager Maureen Wild
 Villager Donna Winke
 Villager Ron Kaiser

Bill Ashby - Russian - Bill is a first timer with the Opera House Players. He moved back to Clermont when he retired from Education in 1996. He lived in Clermont in the 70's and was Principal at Valley High School. While living in Fort Dodge, Iowa he was in 17 musical productions, including two productions of "Fiddler". When he saw it was being done in Elkader he had to be a part of his favorite show again. He is enjoying being both a Villager and a Russian Soldier. Bill was involved in music and drama in high school and his first five years as a teacher he directed all the school plays, even though he was teaching math.

Bridget Camp - Villager - Bridget is excited to appear on the OHP stage for the first time. She recently graduated Luther College and lives with her husband, Drew, outside of Elkader. Previous theater roles include Kim MacAfee in "Bye, Bye Birdie" and Cinderella in "Into the Woods".

Brad Harbaugh - Russian - Brad joins us for his third OHP production, following *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (2007), and *Something's Afoot* (2008). He also sings in the Keystone Barbershop Chorus. Brad works for Fitzgerald Inc. in Elkader. He lives in Elkader with his wife, Sandy and their three kids, Jeremy, Josh, and Ashley.

Jeremy Harbaugh - Villager - Jeremy joins us for his second OHP production. Jeremy is a ninth grader at Central Community School. He enjoys singing in the Keystone Barbershop Chorus. He lives in Elkader with his parents, Brad and Sandy Harbaugh, his younger brother, Josh, and his older sister, Ashley.

Marie James - Villager - Marie is the daughter of Terrecia and Donald Shoudy of Hazleton. She is in the 8th grade at the Oelwein Middle School. This is her 2nd performance at the Elkader Opera House following being an orphan in *Annie Warbucks* (2006). She has acted in the *Wizard of Oz* at the Oelwein High School in 2003, has danced in *The Nutcracker* at the Gallagher Bluedorn in 2007 and she has performed in ballet, tap, hip-hop, pointe and jazz for the past 8 years. She also is a member of the Junior National Honor Society, a cheerleader, and active in Girl Scouts.

Nicole Klingman - Villager - Nicole is 13 years old and lives in Elkader, Iowa. This is her first production with the Opera House Players. Two years ago, she was in a children's production of *The Little Mermaid* at the Opera House.

Samantha Knight - Villager - Samantha, daughter of Dr. Lynette Lamp-Knight and Dr. Jonathan Knight, is 9 years old, a 4th grader at Central school in Elkader. She enjoys school, reading, boating, music (piano and violin), gymnastics, ballet, English horse riding, dirt-bike riding, and playing with her sister, Olivia. She is very excited about being in her first Elkader Opera House production!

Keaton Lane - Villager - "Fiddler" is Keaton's fourth Opera House production. He was in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (2007) and also participated in the *The Little Mermaid* and *Camp Creamery - A Star is Born*. He is in the 6th grade at Central of Elkader and is the son of Peggy & Dan Lane.

Melanie Lane - Villager - Melanie is a third grader at Central Community Schools and is the daughter of Dan & Peggy Lane. This is Melanie's fourth time appearing on the Opera House stage and she loves to perform.

Lee Lenth - Russian - Lee was the innkeeper in the 1974 production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Lee's very first OHP role was in *The Farmer's Daughter*, followed by *Oklahoma* (1968). He has been in productions with the Garden City Players of Monona, the Waukon community theater, and the Pass the Hat Players of Manchester. He has been in over thirty OHP productions including *How to Succeed...* (1997), *Man of LaMancha* (1975) and both productions of *Forum* (1972) (1993). Lee helped us enlarge the stage; build the back stage area, orchestra pit, fly space, and workshop areas; renovate the front and side entrances. Lee lives in Littleport with his wife Verna, also a 40-year OHP veteran---she has sewed costumes and painted sets for almost every OHP production since 1968. Lee spends his spare time working with an Amish construction crew, serving on the Motor Mill Foundation, and acting as a Motor Mill tour guide.

Katheryn Opperman - Villager - She enjoys being in the Opera House musicals because of the fun they have both on and off stage and at the cast party! This is her sixth show with the Opera House Players. Katheryn, a third grader at Starmont, lives with her parents Aaron and Jackie, big sister Ellen (the fiddler) and dog, Otis in Strawberry Point. Katheryn is currently taking cello lessons from the orchestra cellist, Leslie Gibbons. She loves drawing, dancing, singing, competing in swim team, staying flexible with gymnastics and socializing.

Charles Reimer - Villager - Charles, a third grader at Central Community, is the son of David and Bobbie Reimer of Elkader. He appeared in *The Little Mermaid* and *A Star is Born*. Charles likes soccer, softball, trapping and bicycling.

Tom Strauss - Villager - This is Tom's 4th OHP production following *The Wizard of Oz* (2004), *Children of Eden* (2002), and *Hello Dolly* (2001). He recently retired after teaching elementary and middle school music for 36 years. The Strauss' back door is a mere 135 feet from the back door of the Opera House, which is greatly appreciated by Tom and his wife Joan, especially after those late night rehearsals!

Tiffany Walter - Villager - This is Tiffany's first OHP production. She's the daughter of Tim and Cindy Walter. Tiffany lives on the family farm south of Luana with her boyfriend, Michael. She currently attends NICC for cosmetology and plans to graduate next winter. She has two younger sisters, Bailey and Tamara. Tiffany enjoys music and hopes for it to be a part of her life for many years to come.

Maureen Wild - Villager - Maureen joins us for her second OHP production following *Something's Afoot* (2007) when she assisted with the construction of sets. She and her husband, Mel, are pastors at Cornerstone Foursquare Church in Prairie du Chien, WI where Maureen directed and starred in several Dessert Theater productions. They live in McGregor, IA where she also works part-time at the McGregor Coffee Roasters. After successfully raising three fine sons, they enjoy books, art, music, travel and walking together in what little spare time they have.

Ron Kaiser - Villager - This is a reunion play for Ron. His first play with the OHP was *Fiddler on the Roof* (1974), where he played the Rabbi. Since then he's been involved in many shows, some favorites are *Six RMS RV* (1975), *Charleys Aunt* (1979) (where he forgot an entrance), *Man of La Mancha* (1975), *The King and I* (1983), *Annie* (1992), *Joseph..* (1999), among others. He directed *Sweet Charity* (1984) (and nearly broke a proverbial leg on that one). He says he has a special talent for forgetting lines, but remembers all the plays have been great fun. Ron's wife, Georgi, (who is a really good singer and always remembers her lines) live on a small farm near Garnavillo where they milk Reg. Jerseys. Milking cows and being in plays, THAT'S CRAZY. They have three children Reid, Kory, and Alicia, and eight grandchildren seven of them live in Colorado Springs. P.S After the applause, Ron suggests you thank the behind the scenes people. "Without them there would be a bunch of naked knuckleheads aimlessly wondering around stage singing out of tune in the dark".

Chuck Lammers - Yussel - Chuck taught at Central High School before retiring a few years ago. He lives in Elkader with his wife, Mary, who is a first grade teacher at Central Elementary. Chuck is no stranger to this stage as he is the current director of the local barbershop chorus and has appeared in about 20 OHP productions. They have two daughters who have blessed them with four grandchildren: three active boys and one busy girl.

Tom Chandler - Director - Tom appeared in his first OHP production in the fall of 1968 and has been involved with the group ever since. Tom's involvement has included playing in and directing pit orchestras, managing the technical aspects of the shows, minor and major roles on stage, as well as directing many of the group's musicals. He is retired from the instrumental music program at Central, and now devotes his time to his sailboat, vintage cars, and renovation of 1903 Historic Opera Houses. He lives in Elkader with his wife, Barb who has managed the OHP costume department and has dressed shows for most of the last four decades.

Kay Moser - Producer - Kay has been involved with the OHP since 1973. She is most often found organizing everything from props to the director. She has been seen on stage during *Man of LaMancha* (1975), *Anything Goes* (1979), and *Chicago* (1991). Kay directed the OHP productions of *Forever Plaid* (1997), *The Governor's Son* (2003) and *It's A Wonderful Life* (2005). In her real life, she is a buyer, bookkeeper, and technology coordinator at Moser Family Pharmacy, and manager of this beautiful Opera House. Kay lives in Elkader with her husband, Jay (Light guy). When not working, Kay enjoys spending time with son, Benjamin and wife, Jenna in Manchester or son, Jonathon, and wife, Cheri, and most recently granddaughter, Mariah, in Davenport.

Joan Strauss - Rehearsal Pianist /Keyboard - Joan, the wife of Villager Tom, has been involved in music education and accompanying in NE Iowa for 35 years, including several other OHP musicals. She currently teaches 42 piano students, accompanies musical events at Central HS, and directs the Peace Bell Choir. The Strausses have two children, Laura and Jon, one son-in-law, Craig, one daughter-in-law, Sara, and 2.75 grandchildren.

Karen Suddendorf - Rehearsal Pianist/Keyboard - Karen is currently teaching instrumental and vocal music in the Turkey Valley School district. This is her 10th year. Her passion is playing the piano. Karen resides in Monona, with her husband Larry and children Brody, Colby and Chelsy

Laurie Klosterboer - Flute - Despite dying a dramatic death in a Ming vase in *Something's Afoot* last spring, Laurie is back, this time in the orchestra pit. In 20 years with the Opera House Players, she has played a variety of characters, in addition to off-stage dog-sitter, seamstress, writer, demolition assistant, and reed player for many musicals. Laurie is in the process of trying out for new roles in the world of work, after teaching in Elkader for 19 years. She is married to the tuba player, and they have two musical, grown children.

Doyce Huebsch - Trombone - Doyce has played trombone with the pit orchestra for a smattering of previous OHP productions ('95, '96, '97, '98 and '05) and always appreciates being invited to join the capable and dedicated folks involved in all

aspects of these endeavors. He retired from a career in the US Army in 1990 and worked building houses at Design Homes in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin for the past eighteen years.

Eric Layden - Trumpet - Eric, a recent graduate of Luther College, is the band director at Clayton Ridge High School in Guttenberg, IA. Though this is his first time performing at the Elkader Opera House, he played piano in the New Minowa Players production of "Pippen" in Decorah, IA this past summer. Eric is currently co-directing the Clayton Ridge High School production of *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Leslie Gibbons - Cello - Leslie is an artist/cellist who moved to beautiful Northeast Iowa in 1985 with her husband Andrew and three children, Carrie, Seth & Christie from their home in Chicago. They settled in Elkport, designing and building their own home, studio and guest cabin. Leslie is mostly heard playing cello in the orchestra pit but has helped paint many sets on stage. They lived in the U.P. of Michigan from 1995-2001 where she played in a trio and also with the Marquette Symphony. Since returning to their own home she has enjoyed being involved again with this talented group of Opera House Players.

Jim Klosterboer - Tuba - Jim got "the fever" for accompanying musicals when, in 1962, he played the piano for the New Hampton High School production of "Showboat". Maybe that's when his fascination with riverboats also began. Now he and wife Laurie (flute) spend as much time as they can on the Mississippi, waiting for the next boat to come 'round the bend.....and waiting for the next OHP production.

Kate Chandler - French Horn - A native of Elkader, Kate has been a longtime member of the Opera House Players. Kate has been seen in many past shows including *Peter Pan* (1989), *Annie* (1992), *Bye Bye Birdie* (1996) and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. (1997) Kate now resides in Elkader as an artist and is excited to be back performing with the OHP.

Vicki Rodenberg - Oboe - Vicki resides in Elkader with her husband, Brian. She works at Fire Farm, Inc. Her family includes son and daughter-in-law Dennis and

Elise (who met while playing in the orchestra for one of the OHP's productions) and son and daughter-in-law Isaac and Kristin. Vicki enjoys spending time with her family, golfing and playing trombone in the Guttenberg German Band. This is her third Opera House Players production with the orchestra.

Richard Palucci - Clarinet - Richard is currently teaching K-6 general music and band at Valley Community schools in Elgin. Richard has performed with all types of music from Jazz to Sacred. He has toured across America with the shows Jesus Christ Superstar and the Wiz along with performing in the house band for Carnival Cruise Lines. Woodwinds are Richard's specialty and Fiddler is the fourth Opera House Players show that he has had the pleasure of working with. Richard and his wife Charlene also operate the Old Jail and Firehouse Guest Suite in McGregor. Come spend a night in jail.

Kathy Davies - Bassoon -Kathy studied bassoon at the University of Northern Iowa while working toward an elementary degree. Her husband was forced to go into the military because of the draft and after a tour of duty overseas, they were transferred back to Great Lakes Naval Base. Kathy started playing again and was part of the Waukegan (Illinois) Symphony for 12 years, the last ten as principal, and the Zion Chamber Orchestra where she was principal bassoon. She was involved with the woodwind quintets of both orchestras and also played with local theater groups when needed. She moved to McGregor where she was instrumental in forming Windspiration, another quintet.

Allen Isen - Percussion - Allen joins us for the first time in the pit, although he has played drums for many years. He played with the Kilties and the Boy Scout Drum & Bugle Corps in Racine. He entered the U.S. Army, graduated from the Army Element of the Naval School of Music and served with the 25th Infantry Division band. He currently plays with a country group and also the Dixie Guys. He was a maintenance supervisor for Hamilton Beach and Dremel. He is retired from Ametek Lamb Electric where he met Judy, his wife of eighteen years. They have a total of eight children, 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and are enjoying their retirement in Lynxville, WI.

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