

THE OPERA HOUSE PLAYERS PRESENT

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BY PETER
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AND THOSE WHO
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Dinner Theatre at the Volga City Opera House

- SEPT 30, OCT 1, 7 & 8 -

Dinner at 6:00 PM, Show at 7:30 PM

- OCT 2, 6 & 9 -

 Dinner at 12:30 PM, Show at 2 PM

About the Opera House Players

For over 55 years the OHP has been bringing entertainment to the stage in Elkader! In the fall, with the support of many people from all over northeast Iowa and southwest Wisconsin, the Opera House Players have presented such blockbusters as *Singin' In The Rain*, *Fiddler On The Roof*, *Disney's Mary Poppins*, *Oliver!*, *Peter Pan*, *Annie*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Music Man*.

In the spring, the productions usually involve a somewhat smaller cast and crew, but are never short on entertainment! Our summer "black box" theater features an on stage production with a more "edgy" theme. The group also schedules a special holiday musical or play every other season, alternating that with A Classic Christmas Fantasy, a showcase of area talent.

The Opera House Players sponsor summer theater events for area children to give them a taste of theater. We also provide educational events for area schools whenever possible.

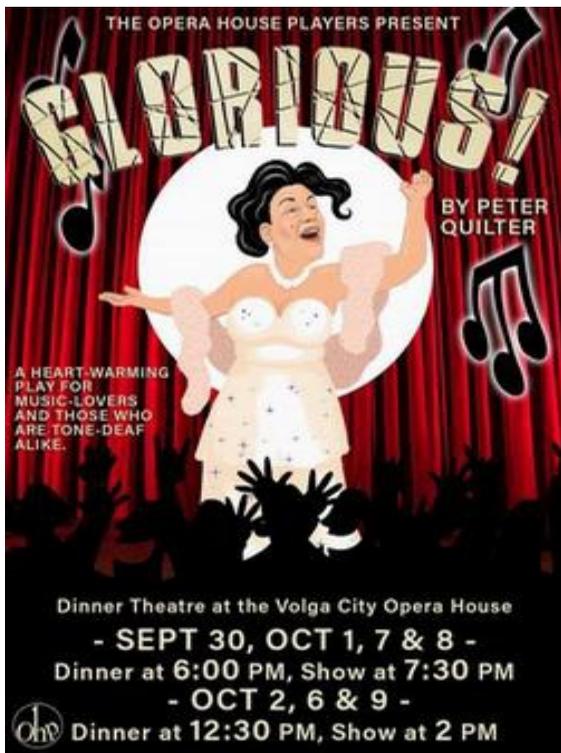
The improvements to this marvelous structure continue by financial donations from the OHP, other businesses and supporters, but also by the numerous OHP volunteers that spend countless hours making it happen.

The Opera House Players installed a hearing loop for the Main Floor Seating, helped create new dressing rooms, built a removable pit cover, added new stage curtains, updated to a new lighting system with several new fixtures and capabilities added yearly, and are upgrading the back stage area as well as technical aspects of theater, sound, & rigging to make the building even more valuable to the community.

All of this would not be possible without the support of the City of Elkader who maintains this wonderful facility and who worked hand in hand with the volunteers to make it happen. Our grateful thanks also goes to you, our patrons, members, and audience members for supporting theater in this area.

Volunteers are the cornerstone of any community theater group and the Opera House Players are lucky to have some of the best. Whether you have a theater background or not, this is a place for you to get involved. People from all walks of life participate, forming new friendships, learning new skills, and gaining self-confidence. What kinds of opportunities are available? Acting, directing, set construction, orchestra, publicity, props, costumes, make-up, ushering... and much more!

Be sure to look for announcements on our future productions as well as other events occurring in the Opera House. If you would like more information about our group or theater, visit our website at www.operahouseplayers.com.



MEET THE CAST

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Licensed by Arrangement with
 Samuel French
 250 West 57th Street
 6th Floor
 New York, NY 10107

Co-Director..... Craig Strutt
 Co-Director..... Tom Chandler
 Assistant Director..... Cary Kann
 Producer..... Kay Moser

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The Elkader Opera House has an induction loop system thanks to an upgrade of the sound equipment by the Opera House Players. With the activation of the T-coil by your audiologist and instruction on its use, you can receive the maximum benefit from your hearing aid. The internal tonal correction of your hearing aid will bring the sounds you hear directly to you without the use of an additional receiver or headset. Two portable units are available for your use as well. Please request the use of a unit when you place your ticket order. This loop system is available for main floor seating only, so if you want to maximize your hearing experience, please request main floor seating when purchasing your tickets.

Cosme McMoon - David Beck - David has been active with the Opera House Players since Spring 2002, when he accompanied at the piano in *Stardust*. This led to a role in the 100th anniversary production of *The Governor's Son* in November 2003. Since then David has been cast in such memorable roles as Donkey in *Shrek the Musical* (2015), Roger DeBris in *The Producers* (2019), Fagin in *Oliver!* (2012) and Elwood P Dowd in *Harvey* (2016). David fills his spare time with researching local history, genealogy, photography, piano.. He is involved with the Garnavillo Historical Society, the Clayton County Genealogical Society and the Elkader Historical Society and the Motor Mill Foundation. David attends Community Bible Church in Strawberry Point.

Florence Foster Jenkins - Mary Beth Specht - Mary Beth is overjoyed to be part of the "Glorious" cast. A comical yet touching story about a woman with so much passion, enthusiasm, joy and love for Music and the Arts. Living with Florence these past few months as her character develops has been an adventure of delight. Mary Beth has loved every opportunity to perform with multiple Community Theaters including, Allamakee Players, La Crosse Community Theater, New Minowa, Prairie Du Chien Community Theater and the Mama Moon Theater Company of which she is a co-founder. Between shows Mary Beth spends her time golfing, hiking, biking and traveling to spend time with her precious grandchildren. Mary Beth's future plans include additional roles in upcoming shows and a final act which includes a permanent move to Loveland, Colorado.

St.Clair - Jerry O'Brien - Jerry lives on a farm near Volga with his wife, Deanna. He has retired from teaching Industrial Tech. and Vocational Agriculture at Central School in Elkader. He has a daughter, 4 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren who live in Aplington. Jerry, who has performed in 18 OHP productions was last seen in *The Producers* (2019). A memorable role was the village idiot in *The Baker's Wife* (2007). He says it was the easiest role he has ever played, and many people say it fit him perfectly.

Maria - Margaret Yackel-Juleen - This is Margaret's 3rd time on the OHP stage following *Mary Poppins* (2018). Back in Minnesota where she originally hails from she played Sister Berthe in "The Sound of Music" and Miss Gay Wellington in "You Can't Take it With You" with several different community theatre companies. As a busy pastor of four amazing E.L.C.A. churches in the area that team up and call themselves, One in Faith, wife to Mark, mother to three wonderful grown children (Andrew – and spouse, Angel, Elizabeth – and spouse, Alex and Eli and spouse, Rachel) and a grandmother to Maggie, Simon and Alayna. Margaret is thoroughly enjoying the backstage and onstage fun of this production, getting to know this terrific cast and feeling their love and support as well as dusting off her college Spanish lessons!

Dorothy - Lori Frailey - Lori was last seen with the Opera House Players as Alice in *Fruitcakes* (2019). She enjoyed the experience so much she decided to try again! She has recently changed vocations and after nearly 28 years in accounting has joined the Prairie du Chien School District as a music teacher. Music is her first love and she has been actively involved in many musical activities over the years including playing for school concerts, musicals, solo & ensembles and area churches and events. She enjoys her role as Worship Leader at a church in Prairie du Chien and as Grandma to her dear grandchildren.. She is currently trying her hand at directing for the Prairie du Chien High School. Be on the lookout for the upcoming musical "Lighting Thief" the first week-end in November.

Mrs. Verrinder-Gedge - Donna Anderson - Donna is no stranger to the stage. From the first time she tapped across the stage at the age of two it became a passion. She performed with her father in shows for the Navy and continued her love of the theater throughout high school and college. She first appeared on the Opera House stage during *The Sound of Music* (1978). Since then she has acted in, directed, or has done choreography for over 50 productions with the OHP. Past roles include the wicked Widow Corney in *Oliver!* (2012), the fun loving Gladys in *Copacabana* (2013), Ava & Mawtilda in *Love Thy Neighbor* (2014) and let's not forget the ever busy Mrs. Brill in *Mary Poppins* (2018). She lives with her husband, Mike, on a farm near Elkader. Their wonderful children, Matt, Darcy, son-in-law Jeff and beautiful granddaughters DeAnna and Danielle live in Minnesota.

Co-Director - Craig Strutt - Craig, has acted in or directed 58 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 *The Wizard of Oz* (2004), *Music Man* (2009) and *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (2014). He was last seen on stage in *It Runs In The Family* (2019). Craig is spending more and more time working with the technical end of these theater productions in lighting and sound. Craig lives in McGregor with his wife, Terri, the "Ticket Queen". Craig is a chiropractor in McGregor.

Co-Director - Tom Chandler - 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 and plays. Retired from the instrumental music program at Central, Tom now devotes his time to vintage cars, grandchildren, and OHP productions (not necessarily in that order). 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.

Assistant Director - Cary Kann - Cary has been involved in countless OHP productions both onstage and as a set/prop designer utilizing his talents in the visual arts. He last appeared in *4 Weddings and an Elvis* (2021). He won a 2017 ICTA award for his portrayal of Larry in *South of Hope* (2018). Cary lives in Prairie du Chien with his wife, Jonelle. He has three grown children: two beautiful daughters who both continue to enjoy performing on stage and an extremely handsome son who looks just like him.

Producer - Kay Moser – Kay has been involved with the OHP since 1973. She has appeared on stage a few times, but is most often found producing, stage managing, and helping the cast and crews in any way she can is where she is most comfortable. She enjoys life with her husband, Jay. Spending time with her son Benjamin, wife Jenna, their sons, Kallum and Ronan along with son Jonathon, wife Cheri, their children, Mariah, Taryn, Trace and Gretel makes her life complete.

Special thanks to the **Rural Heritage Museum** and **Elkader Floral** for their invaluable help in presenting this production.

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The Cast

Florence Foster Jenkins..... Mary Beth Specht
Cosme McMoon. David Beck
St. Clair. Jerry O'Brien
Maria. Margaret Yackel-Juleen
Dorothy. Lori Frailey
Mrs. Verrinder-Gedge..... Donna Anderson

The Scenes

The action of the play takes place in New York - 1944

Act I

Scene 1 Florence's apartment at the Hotel Seymour

Scene 2 The Melotone recording studio, 54th Street

Act II

Scene 1 Ballroom of the Ritz Carlton Hotel

Scene 2 Funerary gardens outside a church

Scene 3 The stage of Carnegie Hall

Scene 4 The stage of Carnegie Hall

THE CREWS

SET CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN & PROPS

Tom Chandler
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Kay Moser
David Beck

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LIGHTING & SOUND

Craig Strutt

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Mary Beth Specht

Barb Chandler

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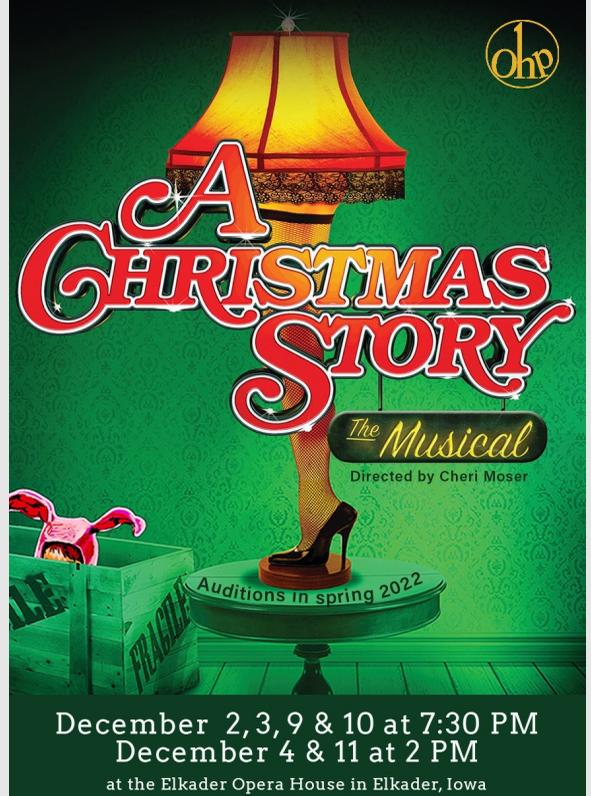
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