OPERA HOUSE PLAYERS

ELKADER OPERA HOUSE



6 2021-2022 SEASON

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.

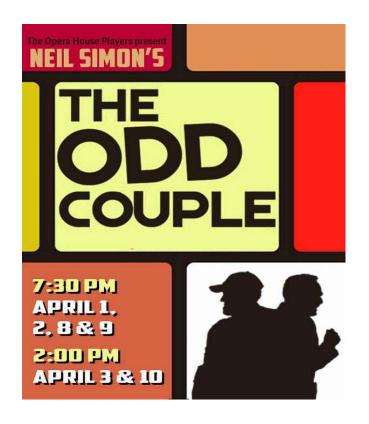
The improvements to this marvelous structure continue by financial donations from the OHP, other businesses and supporters, but also by the numerous OHP volunteers that spend countless hours making it happen.

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.



The Odd Couple

by Neil Simon

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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.

MEET THE CAST

Oscar Madison - 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.

Felix Ungar - 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 played the part of Felix 41 years ago in the Guttenberg Community Theater Group. Then, a moustache had to be drawn on his upper lip to make him appear older. Now, his hair has to be dyed to give him a younger appearance. David fills his spare time with researching local history, genealogy, photography, piano and collecting cuckoo clocks. He is involved with the Garnavillo Historical Society, the Clayton County Genealogical Society, the Elkader Historical Society and the Motor Mill Foundation.

Roy - Andrew Wilson - Since moving back to his home town in 2015 with wife Sonney and their kids, Andrew has had the opportunity to not only enjoy the time to watch theater but pursue an ambitious goal to become a part of the cast. This is Andrew's second performance with OHP. He was last on stage in *It Runs In The Family* (2019) as Sir Willoughby Drake. Andrew will be joined on stage with his wife, Sonney. They currently live with their two teenagers in Garnavillo Iowa.

Speed - Jay Moser - Jay has been involved with the OHP since 1973, he is one of our "light" guys and has also appeared in over 20 productions. Jay was last seen as an Elvis impersonator in *Four Weddings and an Elvis* (2021) which became the longest running rehearsal schedule in OHP History! Some of his previous favorites were *Noises Off* (2007), *Death by Chocolate* (2011), and *The Murder Room* (2003). Retired as the pharmacist/owner of Elkader's Moser Family Pharmacy, he is spending time with his wife, Kay, son Benjamin, Jenna, grandsons Kallum (4) and Ronan(2); son Jonathon, Cheri and grandchildren Mariah (13), Taryn (12), Trace (10) and Gretel (8) as well as his OHP family of friends!

Vinnie - Mark Yackel-Juleen - Mark originally hails from Minnesota, moving to Elkader 7 years ago from southwestern Minnesota. He was drawn into theater by his family "Watching my family shine on stage inspired me," says Mark. In Minnesota, Mark played numerous roles with the Fulda Community Players and the Prairie Arts Continuum. His first role with the Opera House Players was as Grandpa Joe in *Willy Wonka the Musical* (2016) and he has been in several shows since, most recently *4 Weddings and an Elvis* (2021). He is excited to be back on stage with a wonderful cast in a classic Neil Simon play. Mark is a Lutheran pastor and serves as Director for Small Town and Rural Ministry at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, doing research, resource development, and teaching rural ministry courses.

Murray - Kevin Lau - Kevin has been off the stage since the 2014 production of *Love Thy Neighbor*. He's amazed it's been that long already! He had performed in four musicals starting with *Annie Warbucks* (2006) and lastly with *The Music Man* (2009). He has thought about the plays as they came along but when looking at the part of Murray it seemed like a good fit for a comeback to the stage. Kevin lives in Elkader and is a long time insurance agent for the area. He is married to Kim who teaches at North Fayette Valley school district. Their children, Adam and Grace and their significant others live out of state. Kevin is excited to be a part of this fun play.

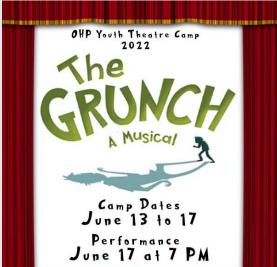
Gwendolyn Pigeon - Sonney Wilson - Sonney has been a volunteer usher several times for Elkader Opera House. This will be her first time on stage and following in her husband's foot-steps in "trying new things". Sonney and her husband enjoy watching theater and can now add enjoy acting. They love traveling, sightseeing, antiquing and visiting their first granddaughter often who lives in Nebraska. Sonney, her husband Andrew and four children had moved to Garnavillo Iowa in 2015 from Arizona.

Cecily Pigeon - 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's also an active member of the Mamma Moon theater company. She lives with her husband, Mike, on a farm near Elkader. Their wonderful children, Matt, daughter-in-law Heather, Darcy, son-in-law Jeff and beautiful granddaughters DeAnna and Danielle live in Minnesota.

Director - Jon Banse - Jon resides south of Strawberry Point, near Backbone State Park with Marge, his wife. They have one child, Jonathan, who is working on a Master's in Public History from George Mason University. Jon has been actively involved with the Opera House players (OHP) since 1995 when he had multiple roles in *Singing in the Rain*. Since 1995, Jon has had major roles, minor roles, directed, help with sets, helped back stage, and almost everything in between. Jon has enjoyed working with a delightful cast and crew. He hopes you Enjoy the Show!

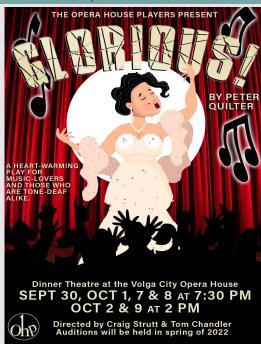
Producer - Kay Moser – Kay has been involved with the OHP since 1973. She has appeared on stage a few times, but is most often found producing, stage managing, and helping the cast and crews in any way she can is where she is most comfortable. She enjoys life with her husband, Jay. Spending time with 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.

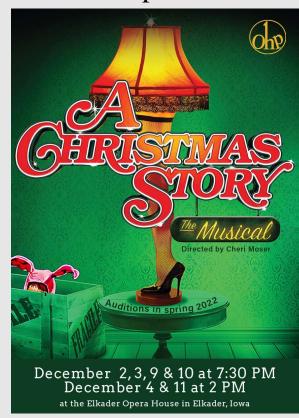
Upcoming events at the Elkader Opera House



Registration is now open!

Registration forms can be found at www.operahouseplayers.com. This camp is for students entering grades 2nd-8th. Rehearsals are from 9am-3:30pm daily and noon-7pm on Friday. The cost is \$50 per student which includes a t-shirt





Be sure to check out our websites for more information on upcoming events. www.OperaHousePlayers.com www.ElkaderOperaHouse.com

We maintain an email list to keep you informed of events, and occasional special offers just for our email members.

Email us at list@operahouseplayers.com

The Cast

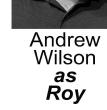








David Beck as Felix Ungar







Jay Moser as Speed





Kevin Sonney Wilson Lau as as Gwendolyn Murray Pigeon



Donna Anderson as Ceciley Pigeon

The Scenes

An apartment on River Side Drive, New York City

ACT I

A hot summer night

- short intermission -

ACT II

Scene 1: Two weeks later at about 11pm Scene 2: A few days later at about 8pm

- short intermission -

ACT III

The next evening at about 7:30pm

THE CREWS

SET CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN & PROPS

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Jon Banse

Marge Banse

Del Reimer

Kay Moser

Jay Moser

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