
The Crew

Sound Technician.....Dylan Robinson
Sound Board Operator.....Nick Basta
Production Manager.....Cyndi Hedtke
Choreographer.....Samantha Barstad
Props Assistants.....Dennis Howard, Sandi Sparling
Costume Assistants.....Mary Jo Mettler
Set Construction Crew.....Harvey Lindstrom, David Mettler,
Dennis Howard, Shaun Howard, Chris Howard, Jeremy (Chris's Roommate - who
may never volunteer to help again!), Jerry Basta, Bill Wawersich, Allen Hedtke,
Theo Hedtke, Tim Schmutzer, as well as the entire cast and crew of the show!

Becky Schueller.....Director

'She Loves Me' marks the fifth PCHP production for Becky. Previous directing credits include: 'Nuncrackers', 'Lend Me a Tenor', 'State Fair' and 'Quilters'. When not enjoying working with whatever the current production may be, Becky is employed by the Chamber of Commerce. She is also actively involved in the Pine Dragons PTO, Pine Center for the Arts, and Evergreen Community Church. But her favorite place to be involved is at home with her two amazing kids - Emily and Gavin - who are following in their parents footsteps and worked very hard on painting the set this time around!

A Note from the Director...

This production has been another memorable one for me...I have always enjoyed my directing experiences, but this time I've had the pleasure of working with a lot of new talent that is just starting to blossom. I've pushed pretty hard over the last few weeks to bring the best out in each of these talented performers. I hope that our audiences will appreciate all of the hard work that these talented individuals have done for this show!

I also continue to be amazed at the number of people who come out to get involved in these shows. At our set construction day on February 6th, we had 25 people in and out of the auditorium getting the set ready to go. Many of our actors have put in some daytime hours to help get the final touches done this week - and that is on top of a very demanding week of rehearsals. Whether they are on stage, back stage or just a willing volunteer, we are grateful for your involvement in this production. This is what makes community theater such an exciting and fun place to be. The next time around, I hope you will consider joining in the fun!

Now a word to my crew...Joni - you have been an amazing addition to this show. I will forever be grateful for you stepping in with absolutely no idea what to expect! JoLynn - as always, a fantastic job on the costumes, you are a talented woman that I am always thankful to have on my team. Jay - what can I say...you have never failed me in creating a set that is not only "functional, but also pleasing to the eye", but more than that, I can always count on you for honest opinions and advice. Jodi - oh, how lucky I am to have you as our stage manager - its been a pleasure working with you!

And finally, a word to this amazing cast...you have come so far in the last few weeks and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you! I've pushed and pushed for the last several rehearsals and I know that all the work that we've put into this show is going to be truly amazing! Thank you all for joining in this crazy thing we call community theater, it's been a true pleasure directing this show!

The Pine City Heritage Players Present

She Loves Me

Book By Joe Masteroff,

Lyrics By Sheldon Harnick,

Music by Jerry Bock

**Friday & Saturday,
February 12, 13, 19 & 20
at 7:30 PM
Sunday, February 14
at 2:00 PM**

**Directed By Becky Schueller
Music Direction By Joni Nelson
Technical Direction By Jay Schueller**

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The Cast



Theran Hedtke.....Georg Nowack

This is Theran's second production with the Heritage Players, having first appeared as the loveable butler in 'Lend Me a Tenor'. He was also the stage manager for 'Nuncrackers'. Prior to his time with the Heritage Players, he was also involved in two high school productions before graduating. People always ask him why he does drama, and he says he can only quote Shakespeare, "To woo the women...that is why I do drama."



Dawn Barstad-Carpenter.....Amalia Balash

Now starring in her third production with PCHP, Dawn claims she is still "having a blast!" Previous credits include 'All Because of Agatha' and 'Quilters' Dawn lives in Pine City with husband Bill and children Samantha, Brandon, Jacob & Victoria and would like to thank them for their unfailing love, support and indulgence in her yearly addiction!



Jay Schueller.....Steven Kodaly

After his last memorable role playing Tito in the PCHP production of 'Lend Me a Tenor', Jay was excited to return to the stage. As always, he truly thrives on doing double duty as the Technical Director and as an actor. When not getting involved in PCHP productions, Jay also does freelance theater work in the Twin Cities along with painting in the Pine City area. He also enjoys spending time with his two wonderful kids - Emily & Gavin - especially when they assist with set construction days!

Sandi Sparling.....Illona Ritter

That's Sandi with an 'i' not a 'y'; Why? Because sandy is what you get at the beach!! Always there with a clever line, Sandi is enjoying the opportunity to play a role that doesn't involve being in the kitchen as a chef or maid. Previous Heritage Players credits include 'All Because of Agatha', 'Café Murder', and 'The Committee'. She wishes to thank all of her friends and family who have supported her and her many adventures!



The Musicians

Katie Nelson, Keyboard

Katie is enjoying the change of being in the orchestra instead of onstage. This is the third play she's helped within the orchestra, but the first on piano. She has been on stage for numerous other plays including PCHS recent 'Little Shop of Horrors'. Katie is a senior and is anxiously awaiting the next chapter of her interesting Dramatic Musical Comedy of a life. She would love to thank everyone in the cast for their hard work and putting up with her going to most of the rehearsals and being a tinge distracting :) Great job everyone! This was a blast! Katie would also like to point out that being under the direction of her beloved mommy was a lot of fun. Especially when she messed up and Katie could make fun of her. Love you Mommy!

Paul Tatting, Saxophone

Paul Jeffrey Tatting has degrees in Geography and Urban Studies and works as a mechanical drafter. He has retired from the US Army after 3 years of Infantry Reserves and 17 years in Minnesota's Army National Guard band. The highlight of his military career included trips to Italy and Sweden. Paul continues to play saxophone in the Cambridge Community Band and Cambridge Lutheran's worship band.

A special thanks goes to Paul for all his extra work in preparing the music for this production. We truly appreciate you going the extra step to be able to participate in the orchestra!

Mike Defenbaugh, Trumpet

Originally from Pine City, Mike graduated from PCHS in 2003 and went on to study music at UW River Falls. Upon graduating in 2009 with a broad area music degree, he hopes to find something in the Cities that deals with event programming or artist management. He now resides in Hinckley with his beautiful girlfriend. He enjoys serving on the volunteer fire department, training and playing with his new black lab, spending his summer weekends at his cabin on Mille Lacs, and occasionally taking in many different events in the Twin Cities.

Josh Palmer, Percussion

Josh is a junior at Pine City High School. He has performed in every play at PCHS since first appearing in 'Anything Goes' in 2007, including 'A Christmas Carol', 'Little Shop of Horrors', and the one-act competitions. He has played percussion since the fourth grade and basically loves it and his awesomeness! He sends thank you's to his friends, family, and his girlfriend!

The Heritage Players would like to give a special thank you to the following businesses and individuals: Discover Serendipity for handling our advance ticket sales; West Rock Vinyl & Graphics for assisting with the parfumerie sign; Totino Grace High School for the lighting equipment; Final Stages and Evergreen Community Church for use of sound equipment; Pine City Schools for being a gracious host in allowing use of their facility for our performance and a very special thank you to the custodial staff here - we always appreciate your work!!

The Musicians

Joni Nelson, Music Director

Joni has been in two PCHP productions, 'State Fair' and 'Quilters'. She has also been involved in Giant Step Theater in Braham, most recently as music director and the Old Lady in Snow White. This is her first experience directing an orchestra and she can not thank the incredible musicians enough for their patience. "They are a talented group, they are incredible and this has been a great experience." Joni is married 20 years to Bryan and they run Big Rock Trucking together. She also gives piano and voice lessons (check out Pine Center for the Arts, yeah) and does music ministry at a couple of churches. "My awesome husband puts up with my crazy schedule because he knows I need music in my life. We have 3 kids Elias-7, Jaci-11, and Katie-17, who I am incredibly proud of and will miss more than I can tell when she graduates this year."

Diane Vander Venter, Piano

'She Loves Me' is the latest in a series o PCHP productions that Diane has participated in. Past credits include 'Quilters', '42nd Street', and 'Once Upon a Mattress'. She even found time to be on stage during the production of 'Oklahoma'. At any rate, if I could make a living at playing piano, it would be my job of choice! But alas, it shan't be so. Thus I shall use my God-given talent wherever He opens the door! Thank you, Lord, for the open doors! When not playing piano, Diane also enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, who truly are God-given blessings.

Sara Helseth, Violin

Experience: Playing violin for over 30 years
Previous Heritage Productions: Fiddler on the Roof, and Nuncrackers
Facts: Wife to Brady, Mama to Isabelle & Stella and crazy Goldendoodle named Lola LuLu Valentine. Owned and operated *The Red Poppy* for 8 years...missing many of my faithful customers! Now work for *MINPACK* of Pine City as their Marketing Communications Manager... loving this new career!
Favorite Past-times: Family, Friends, Fitness, Gardening & Decorating
Favorite Music: All kinds with the exception of Rap and R&B
Favorite Quote: "Live Well, Laugh Often, and Love Much!"

Sonda Jacobson, Flute

Sonda graduated from University of MN, Morris in 1987 with a major in music performance, emphasis in piano and flute. During her college career she was the principal flute for the Concert Band, played "keys" in the Jazz Band, and accompanied numerous recitals and concerts. She has been the pianist for several theater productions including "Not The Count of Monte Cristo", "Godspell" and "Pirates of Penzance". Currently Sonda works for Wells Fargo and also enjoys leading music at the Covenant Church in Harris, and accompanying musical groups at the North Branch schools. A recent musical highlight was last year when she helped organize a Community Hymn Sing in North Branch which was led by a 50 voice choir and 25 piece orchestra. Married to Brad and they live in Harris with their four children - Zach, Branda, Riley and Tennie.

The Cast



Jasper Thomas.....Ladislav Sipos

Jasper's first production with the Heritage Players was the 2009 production of "All Because Of Agatha" and after putting his sweat AND BLOOD into that show, he is back for more! Jasper would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and dedication to the show! Jasper is already looking forward to future shows to come!



Mike Schmitz.....Mr. Maraczek

Mike is delighted to add 'She Loves Me' to his incredibly short list of theater credits! He lives east of Beroun and his hobby is raising rare goats. He'd like to thank God for the luck, Adam for doing this play with him, and the audience for attending. Enjoy!



Ben White.....Arpad Lazlo

Ben White is a current senior at Pine City High School. This is his first Heritage Players production. His previous acting experience include 'Anything Goes', 'A Christmas Carol', and 'Little Shop of Horrors' - all productions for PCHS. Ben enjoys running, hunting, reading, writing, and being in the arts. We are very excited to have Ben in his first (of many - we hope!) community theater productions. He had been a fantastic addition to the cast! Way to go, Ben!!

Adam Martin.....Viktor, The Waiter

Adam has been in many plays and musicals, but this will be his first with the Heritage Players. Past roles include: Charles Dickens in 'A Christmas Carol', the Big Bad Wolf in 'The Big Bad Musical', and most recently the voice of the man eating plant Audrey II in 'Little Shop of Horrors'. He finds time to play piano and trumpet, enjoys golfing and playing football, basketball and baseball. He would like to thank his parents for their constant support, his grandma for driving him everywhere he needs to go and especially his dad for doing this play with him.

Kristen Waxberg.....Customer

Although she recently appeared in the summer production of 'The Committee', the Heritage Players are very excited to welcome Kristen to the main stage! Not only has she been a great addition to the cast, she's also handy to have around whenever Sandi (with an i) gets just a little too sassy! But seriously... Kristen, and husband Rick, are owners of Cabin Coffees' and parents to Alixe, an adorable third-grade at PCE. Kristen is also a volunteer with the Pine Dragons PTO.

The Cast

Katy Tester.....Customer

Currently a resident of Braham, Katy has her roots right her in Pine City where she graduated from PCHS in 1999. She is currently employed by Ingebrand Funeral Homes in Braham and Mora as a licensed funeral director. Her hobbies include reading, motorcycling and watching movies. ‘She Loves Me’ is her second production with the Heritage Players after having first appeared in the summer production of ‘Café Murder’.

Sandra Wawersich.....Customer

Sandra is making her debut on stage for the first time, although she is no stranger to the theater! She has been working behind the scenes with set construction for both high school and Heritage productions, as well as serving as the stage manager for shows including the PCHP production of ‘All Because of Agatha’. She would like to thank Jay and Becky for the opportunity to be involved in the community theater productions...this will be fun!!

Brianna Engh.....Customer

Bri is a senior at Pine City High School. She has been in a few high school productions, but this will be her first with the Heritage Players. She enjoys reading Jane Austen books and Jane Austen and Seth Graham Smith books. She also loves Star Wars, South Park and Zombies. Elizabeth Bennet is her hero and role model.

And her last minute news for all...she wishes she was from New Zealand!

Jasmine Dyksman.....Customer/Caroler

Jasmine, better known to the cast and crew as Jazz, is also making her PCHP stage debut with this production. Jazz has been a great addition to the show, always willing to step in for a missing actor or being added to the café scene just a few weeks ago. She wishes to thank Sandra W. for getting her involved and Becky for letting her be in the show. (Seriously... how can you say no to that smile!) She also wants to thank her mom, Trent and Sandra’s mom for bringing her to rehearsals.

Amanda Hurles.....Customer/Caroler

Another new face for the PCHP stage, Mandi is having a great time on stage! Although it’s hard to keep a straight face when you are playing opposite Jay! When not busy working at Community Living Options, Mandi enjoys going out to sing karaoke!

Thad Hedtke.....Keller/Caroler

Thad made his first appearance as one of the children in ‘Nuncrackers’ just five short years ago. He enjoys spending his time playing football, basketball and golf. He wants his mom to know that she is his idol - as she has helped him out through thick and thin. He has also found that he enjoys dragon fighting with his director. Enjoy the show!

The Cast

Dennis HowardCustomer

Dennis is no stranger to the Heritage Players stage. In fact, the theater has become a family affair for the Howard family. Dennis enjoys his onstage work, but also enjoys working on the technical side of the show as well along with his wife JoLynn who serves as the costume designer for PCHP.

Samantha Barstad.....Customer

This is Sami's debut performance with Heritage Players. She has been enrolled in dance for 14 years and loves to perform, teach and choreograph. She lives in Pine City with her family and is a senior this year, attending full-time PSEO at Pine Technical College. She wishes to thank the whole cast and crew for making her feel so welcome.

I would like to send a special thanks to Sam for her work in helping to choreograph this show. It isn't often that someone signs on for doing choreography and two weeks into rehearsal the director says "so, how do you feel about being on-stage...". I truly appreciate the job you've done on this show!

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JoLynn Howard, Costume Designer

JoLynn has been the faithful costume designer for the Heritage Players for so long, that we don't even ask how long it's been. (She did celebrate a milestone birthday during this year's production, so we know it's been awhile!) JoLynn and Dennis have been huge supporters for the Heritage Players over the years and we continue to be thankful for their participation. This fall she sent the last son off to college and has been enjoying the "empty nest". She stays busy with her full-time sewing business and her involvement with the Heritage Players and the Pine Center for the Arts.

Jodi Hodgson, Stage Manager

Jodi originally joined the Pine City Heritage Players last season in the role of Agatha Forbes in the comedy titled, 'All Because of Agatha'. Before leaving the professional world to stay home with her new baby boy, Jodi taught fine arts to preschool children for various theaters and Montessori schools. She holds a B.A. in Theater from the University of Alaska.

We are truly excited to have Jodi join in this production on the crew side. She brings with her a wealth of experience and we look forward to her continued work with the Heritage Players.

Tonight's performance will include a short 10 minute intermission.

The Pine Dragons PTO will be selling concessions in the hallway outside the Auditorium and we encourage you to support their efforts for Pine City Kids!