

Heritage  
Players

# MURDER ON THE MENU

BY BILL HAND



**FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
MARCH 8 & 9, 2024**

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 10, 2024**

**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
Emily Schueller**

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR  
Jay Schueller**

**COSTUME DESIGN  
JoLynn Howard**

**STAGE MANAGER  
Anthony Olson**

**BACKSTAGE MANAGER  
Rosalie Ascherman**

**TECH ASSISTANT  
Gavin Schueller**

**SOUND DESIGNER  
Ryan Palmer**

**PRODUCTION MANAGER  
Becky Schueller**



Murder on the Menu is presented  
by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service.

# MEET THE CAST



## **KEITH BREDESON, ARTEMUS WARD**

This is Keith's seventh production with the Heritage Players Community Theater. He has done several other shows with other performance groups in the region. His favorite role was Dr. Einstein in "Arsenic and Old Lace".



## **ALEXANDER FINCH, BERNIE JONES**

This is Alexander's first play with Heritage Players Community Theatre. He is very excited to be back in theater, while he works at Caribou Coffee and serves in the Army National Guard. He has been part of other productions at East Central High School and St Cloud State University, such as 'Far Away', 'Brigadoon', 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers', 'All Shook Up!' and more. .



## **SUEZETTE BENNETT, EILEEN MORROW**

This is Sue's first play since high school. She has been a registered nurse in outpatient surgery for 25 years. She enjoys landscape painting and crafting. She and her husband, of 37 years, have resided in Pine County for 18 years. They both enjoy their two dogs and two cats.



## **SARAH ODENDAHL, JEANNIE DELL**

Sarah is making her return to Heritage Players after more than a decade away, which included earning her Bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts from Concordia College in Moorhead. Sarah is a 2009 PCHS graduate who came back to town and currently inspires the next generation through her work as Extension educator for Pine County 4-H Youth Development. When she isn't on stage, Sarah's hobbies include being a single mom to a toddler and wishing she got more sleep. She would like to extend a special thanks to the Schueller Family for all the free babysitting during rehearsals.

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## **ROB SPAHR, REGINALD WARD**

Rob has made his way to the bright lights and big city of Pine, seeking fame and fortune on the stage (because he has yet to find it as a substitute teacher!) His role in *The Addams Family* wowed at least one audience member, Rosalie (his lovely and gracious wife), and he performed adequately enough for the Heritage Players to allow him to return. In decades past, he performed in several college productions, including *The Inspector General* and *The Night of January 16th*. His day job is pastor at First Presbyterian Pine City. He enjoys running, coaching cross country, reading, hanging out with students, and watching *Star Trek*.



## **ALEXANDRIA GOSEN, ALEXIS WARD**

Alexandria (Allie) was most recently in *Adams Family the Musical*, as a dead person; *Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940s*, as a dead person and others, and she looks forward to playing a character who begins the show as a not-dead-person. She works as an English teacher at PCHS and works as a barista. In her free time she enjoys reading, and working on original music.



## **BECKAJO BREDESON, DR. BULLFINGER**

This is BeckaJo's seventh show with PCHP. She was also a part of *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, *Joseph*, *Mama Mia*, *Shrek* and *Once Upon a Mattress*. Her favorite past part was that of Miss Prism in *The Importance Of Being Earnest*. BeckaJo has enjoyed being involved in theater since she was 5. She is enjoying this show as she gets to live to be in Act 2!



## **CASSANDRA OLSON, MAJOR**

Cassandra is a busy mom, business owner, and Pine County HHS manager who loves theatre! She has been involved with the Heritage Players since 2016 in different capacities and is always excited to get on stage and share music and fun with our community. Cassandra would like to thank Nick, Evan and Hazel, family and friends for embracing her weirdness and the fantastic Production Team, cast, crew and all volunteers.

# MEET THE PRODUCTION TEAM



## **EMILY SCHUELLER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**

Emily is so grateful to return to the stage this season in a brand new way. Her first year in directing has led to some amazing shows in Rush City, such as Clue & Fire Exit. She would like to thank Becky Schueller, and Rachel Bigelow for teaching her the basics and beyond when it comes to directing. She could not have taken on this project without them in her corner.



## **JAY SCHUELLER, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

While he has been doing theater since high school, this is year #19 with the Heritage Players. Although he mostly builds the scenery, he also does lighting and sound. Even though he prefers to stay behind the scenes, he still strives to create a fun and memorable experience, not only for the audience, but for the cast and crew of productions he's been a part of.



## **ANTHONY OLSON, STAGE MANAGER**

Anthony graduated from Pine City and moved to Arizona, where he lived for seven years. He has since returned to Pine City with his lovely wife. He is no stranger to theater, his most recent excursion being Backstage Stage Manager during The Addams Family. He enjoys spending time outdoors with his family and actively engaging in community activities in his leisure time.



## **ROSALIE ASCHEMAN, STAGE MANAGER**

This is Rosalie's second show stage managing with the Heritage Players, her first one being The Addams Family in the summer of 2023. Rosalie is a preschool teacher at Children of Joy Preschool in Pine City, and when she's not there or at play practice, she can be found reading, playing video games, and hanging out with her pups. Rosalie would like to thank her husband Joseph for supporting her and all her creative endeavors.

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## **JOLYNN HOWARD, COSTUMER**

JoLynn has been costuming for the Heritage Players for as long as any of us can remember! No matter the show, she never fails to create the perfect look for each character. When not busy running her own small business (JoLynn's Sewing Service), she finds time to spend with her now retired husband Dennis visiting her three sons and grandchildren.

## **RYAN PALMER, SOUND TECHNICIAN**

Ryan enjoys his place among PCHP, and it shows, since this is his 6th show with them. This production is certainly a far cry from the 30+ channels that occur during a musical production, but the intimacy of a small venue production presents its own challenges and Ryan looks forward to bringing a great show sound wise. Ryan would like to thank his wife Holly for supporting his time with the shows, as well as Jay and Becky for their invite to be part of something local and awesome!



## **GAVIN SCHUELLER, TECH ASSISTANT**

Gavin is PTCC student in the Construction Technology Program and is putting those skills to use as the tech assistant for this show. He has been on the stage and behind the scenes for Heritage Players since his first musical at age 12 in "The Music Man". In the last 6 years he has grown a little taller and maybe a little wiser (but still makes his mom write his bio).



## **BECKY SCHUELLER, PRODUCTION MANAGER**

Becky begins year #19 as a member of the Heritage Players team, producing over 25 productions in that time. She stays busy as the Executive Director for the Pine City Chamber planning community events as well as directing the high school theater program with 3 shows annually. In her free time she enjoys game nights with family and friends, hanging out on the deck with her best buddy Rudy, and vacationing with her husband and grown-up kids.



# HERITAGE PLAYERS NEWS!



**This summer we are excited to produce one of the classics... "Hello Dolly" will take the stage at the Pine City High School Auditorium on July 18 - 21, 2024. Directed by Rachel Bigelow. Book by Michael Stewart Music & Lyrics by Jerry Herman**

*Hello, Dolly! is the story of Mrs. Dolly Levi's efforts to marry Horace Vandergelder, the well-known half-a-millionaire, and send his money circulating among the people like rainwater the way her late husband, Ephraim Levi, taught her. Along the way she also succeeds in matching up the young and beautiful Widow Molloy with Vandergelder's head clerk, Cornelius Hackl; Cornelius' assistant, Barnaby Tucker, with Mrs. Molloy's assistant, Minnie Fay; and the struggling artist, Ambrose Kemper, with Mr. Vandergelder's weeping niece, Ermengarde.*

## **Audition Dates:**

**Sunday, May 5th or Tuesday, May 7th**

More information regarding auditions will be posted to our website in April

Did you graduate from a school in our area?  
*Pine City, Rush City, North Branch, Mora, Cambridge/Isanti, Hinckley/Finalyson, Braham or East Central?*



Applications deadline:  
Annually on April 1st

## **Scholarship Opportunity**



Current high school seniors as well as college students are eligible. Please review eligibility guidelines and view the application online at:

**[www.PineCityHeritagePlayers.com](http://www.PineCityHeritagePlayers.com)**

# SPECIAL THANKS!

Tring something new with a “show on the road” requires a lot of extra hands. As a volunteer organization we are incredibly grateful to those that help to make our shows possible and give of their time and talents to make them a great experience for cast, crew & the audiences. Thank you to the team at the Braham Event Center for working through all of the little details, your partnership was invaluable. Thank you to the Pine City High School & First Presbyterian Church for providing us with rehearsal space.

## Thank you to the build crew:

Jay Schueller, Dennis Howard, Gavin Schueller, Curt Wagner, Diane Honary-Satriano, Emily Schueller, JoAnn Gray, Ceal Regnier, Sue Bennett, Rachel Bigelow, Jon Bigelow, Sarah Odendahl, Isaiah Odendahl, Anthony Olson, BeckaJo Bredeson, Keith Bredeson, Dawn Carpenter, Alex Finch, Rob Spahr, Ryan Palmer & Becky Schueller

## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH US?

We have a text messaging app that allows us to send a group message whenever we have a volunteer opportunity. If you would be interested in helping with a future show, a variety of skills are needed. Building, painting, costume team, prop shopping, ushers, box office, hanging posters, making meals for potluck, etc.

**Send a Text Message to this number: 81010**  
**With this message in the text: @pchpcrew**



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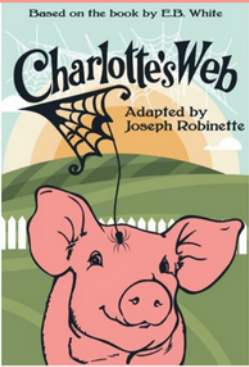
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