

The Greene County Fine Arts Council

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Directed by: Joy Robinson

April 21 & 22 at 7:30 p.m.

April 23 at 2 p.m.

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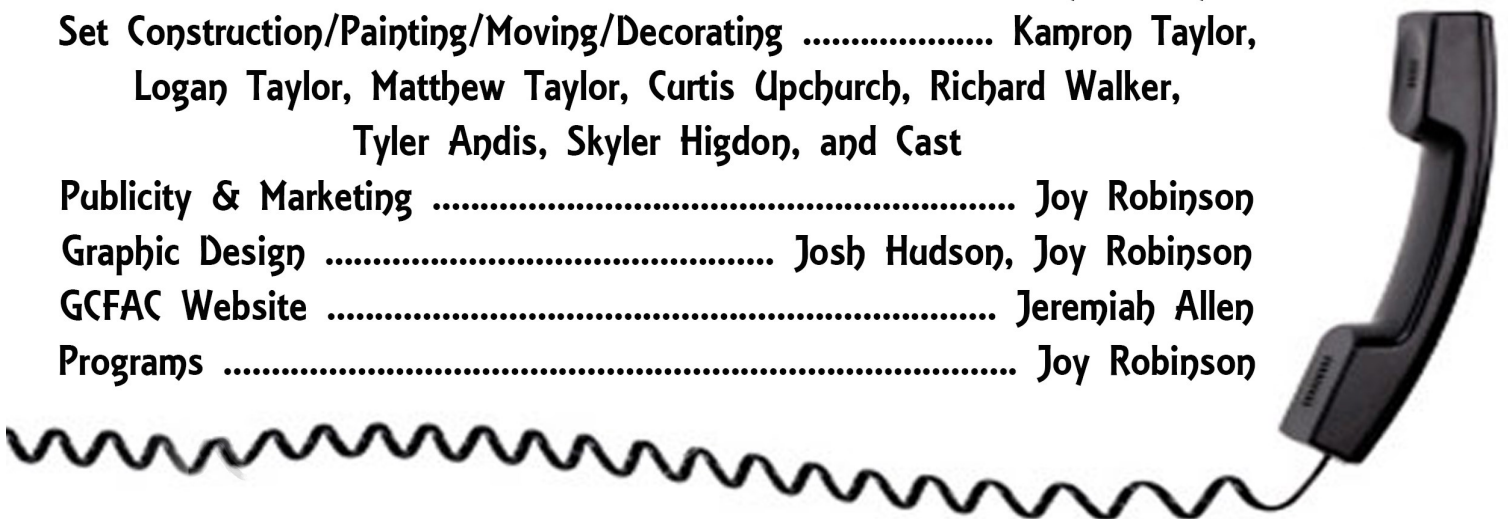
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The Cast

Chris Gorman	Jana Gibbs
Ken Gorman	Ron Spence
Claire Ganz	Ashley Speaks
Lenny Ganz	Aaron Speaks
Cookie Cusack	Suzanne Bushong
Ernie Cusack	Jeremiah Allen
Cassie Cooper	Shani Barnhill
Glenn Cooper	Kamron Taylor
Officer Welch	Stephanie Clark
Officer Pudney	Logan Brown

Production Staff

Director	Joy Robinson
Asst. Director	Crystal Taylor
Stage Manager	Carrie Sims
Stage Crew	Richard Walker, Jenna Boling
Lighting Manager	Kent Straub
Sound Manager	Jim Kjorlaug
Costumes	Crystal Taylor
Set Construction/Painting/Moving/Decorating	Kamron Taylor, Logan Taylor, Matthew Taylor, Curtis Upchurch, Richard Walker, Tyler Andis, Skyler Higdon, and Cast
Publicity & Marketing	Joy Robinson
Graphic Design	Josh Hudson, Joy Robinson
GCFAC Website	Jeremiah Allen
Programs	Joy Robinson





Director's Note

When I stepped onto the Collins stage for the first time back in 1996, the younger version of me had no idea what would come to fruition as a result. The late Mrs. Debbie Stokes knew of my passion for music and performance, and told me about auditions. I sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", which couldn't have been a more fitting beginning for my community theatre career. For her, I will always be thankful. It was, and is, a dream come true to have spent more than twenty years working with some of the most talented and gifted performers in the NEA area.

The Fine Arts Programs in our schools and communities are such a blessing, as they do so much more for our younger generation than fill a class period or serving as an extra-curricular activity. These programs provide our children with a creative outlet that builds character and confidence, and helps them in so many more areas than just art, music, or performing. I hope these types of programs continue to do for the next generation what they have for "kids" like me, and those who have already given their "final curtain calls".

Lastly, I want to thank all of my incredible cast and crew. I had no doubt when I cast each and every one of you that you would deliver an amazing performance. You have given me an amazing experience for my directorial debut, and I will never forget each and every one of you.

Director's Biography

JOY ROBINSON

Joy Robinson, of Paragould, has participated in local theater since 1996. Shows include "Camelot", "It's a Wonderful Life", "Evita", "A Christmas Carol," "Cats", "Lil' Abner", Seussical the Musical", "Young Frankenstein," "Night of the Living Dead," and "The Man Who Came to Dinner," as well as many musical review shows throughout the years. She also assistant directed and designed lighting and set for Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" in 2009. She serves on the board of the Greene County Fine Arts Council, where she handles publicity and marketing.

Joy is a graduate of Crowley's Ridge Academy, Arkansas Northeastern College, and has studied theater, sociology, and history at Arkansas State University. She also serves as the PR/Marketing Chair for the Greene County Tech Band Boosters. Joy works as a photographer for Joy Robinson Photography in Paragould.

Joy has been married to her wife, Ashley, for 5 years. She has a daughter, Catherine Hankins, who is a junior at Greene County Tech High School.



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Cast Biographies



Jana Gibbs (Chris Gorman) - Jana is the current secretary for the Greene County Fine Arts Council, and is very enthusiastic about the Arts and Theater. She is employed as a Technician at Teleflora. She has been in many productions, both cast and crew, including *"The Diary of Anne Frank," "Hometown Hoedown," "Les Miserables," "Collins Opry," "Snow White: Surviving the Looking Glass," "Alice in Wonderland," "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Greater Tuna," "Nunsense," "Night of the Living Dead: A Rock Opera," "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians," "The Music Man," "Collins 90th Anniversary Show," "Guys and Dolls," "A Christmas Story," "The (Almost) Totally True Story of Hansel and Gretel"* and many more. She would like to thank her friends and family for their constant support. (She loves BACON).



Ron Spence (Ken Gorman) - Ron's grandparents had a farm outside of Corning, and he went to high school at Greene County Tech where he graduated as valedictorian. He attended college at Fayetteville, and has a PhD in Chemical Engineering. Ron works for Viskase in Osceola, Arkansas. He has previously worked for Texas Instruments in microelectronics, taught math for Connors State Community College in Muskogee, OK, worked in aerospace in West Virginia, and nanotechnology in Norman, OK. Ron has been married almost 30 years to his wife, Dawn. He has two children, Damian and Renee, who have been in three recent productions. Ron has previously been a part of *"The Music Man," "A Christmas Story," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," Disney's "Beauty and the Beast,"* and *"The (Almost) Totally True Story of Hansel and Gretel"*.



Ashley Speaks (Claire Ganz) - Ashley teaches Special Education at Paragould High School. She has performed with the Collins Theatre and Greene County Fine Arts Council for just over a year. Her first appearance was as Rumpleteazer in *"Cats"*, and more recently as Maggie Cutler in *"The Man Who Came to Dinner"*, and an ancestor in *"The Addams Family: A New Musical"*. Ashley enjoys sharing her talent with the community and her students. She says she owes all of her success to her loving husband, Aaron, and family.



Aaron Speaks (Lenny Ganz) - Aaron has been in multiple plays in high school, but only recently started participating in community theater. His most recent performance was in *"The Man Who Came to Dinner"* as Banjo. Aaron enjoys sharing his passion for theater with his new friends in the Fine Arts community. He would like to thank his loving wife, Ashley, and his family, for all of their continued support.



Suzanne Bushong (Cookie Cusack) - Suzanne has been involved with the GCFAC since 1977 when she made her acting debut in *"Brigadoon"*. Over the years she has been involved in many productions. Some of her favorite roles include Aunt Abby in *"Arsenic and Old Lace,"* Mrs. Mayor in *"Seussical: The Musical,"* Ouiser in *"Steele Magnolias,"* Mother Superior in *"Nunsense"* and Owl in *"The House at Pooh Corner."* Her most recent role was Salt in Disney's *"Beauty and the Beast."* She and her late husband Jimmy have been involved in and supported the Arts in Greene County and surrounding areas for many years. Her children, Jake and Logan, have participated in many shows in the past, as well. Suzanne has been a part of the executive board for the Greene County Fine Arts Council for the past 10 years, and currently serves as President.



Jeremiah Allen (Ernie Cusack) - Jer Allen is quickly becoming a veteran of the GCFAC. Over the past several years he has been involved both on stage as well as behind the scenes. His stage credits include *"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"*, *"The Hobbit"*, *"The Music Man"*, *"Greater Tuna"*, and *"The (Almost) Totally True Story of Hansel and Gretel"*. As a director, he has brought *"The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe"*, *"The Cat In The Hat"*, *"Alice In Wonderland"* and his own original adaptation *"Snow White: Surviving The Looking Glass"* to the stage. Currently, Jer works as an application developer with Gates Corporation in Poplar Bluff and lives here in Paragould with his wife Kylie and their 6 children.



Shani Barnhill (Cassie Cooper) - Shani is a Speech Language Pathologist and Reading Interventionist at Greene County Tech Primary. She is married to Roger Barnhill and they have 3 sons. She teaches children's ministry and drama at Griffin Memorial UMC. Shani has been in numerous plays and musicals over the years with the Greene County Fine Arts Council and The Foundation of Arts. Her most treasured role was the part of Nancy in *"Oliver"*, since she is named after the actress who played in the role in the movie version. She has most recently been in *"Gypsy," "Bye Bye Birdie," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Greater Tuna,"* and *"Brighton Beach Memoirs."* Shani is proud to portray the role of the snobby, jealous, socialite Cassie Cooper and would like to thank Joy Robinson for this opportunity.



Kamron Taylor (Glenn Cooper) - From Paragould, is married to Crystal, and they have three sons -- Matthew, Logan, and Lucas. He serves on the GCFAC and is the set manager. He has been involved in community theater for the last six years. He has co-directed *"Night of the Living Dead: A Rock Opera"*, and directed *"A Christmas Story."* He was assistant director for *"Guys and Dolls"*, *"Young Frankenstein"*, and *"The (Almost) Totally True Story of Hansel and Gretel."* In addition, he has built or has helped to build numerous sets through the years. On-stage, Kamron has been seen as Macavity in *"Cats"*, and the butler in *"The Man Who Came to Dinner."* He believes theater is a great teacher, and that anyone can benefit from being a part of a production in any capacity.



Stephanie Clark (Officer Welch) - Stephanie is a mother of 3, a student at Arkansas State University, and a server at Skinny J's. This is Stephanie's fifth theater performance. She's previously played Florence in *"The Curious Savage,"* Mrs. McCarthy in *"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"*, Shelby in *"Steele Magnolias"*, and the Evil Queen in *"Snow White: Surviving the Looking Glass"*. She loves acting, painting, and spending time with her family.



Logan Brown (Officer Pudney) - Logan has worked in all aspects of theater during his high school career, from lighting and props, to sets and stage managing. He was in the drama club all 4 years of high school, and was president his senior year. He's participated in a total of 8 plays and musicals. Locally, Logan has participated in *"The Almost Totally True Story of Hansel and Gretel"*.

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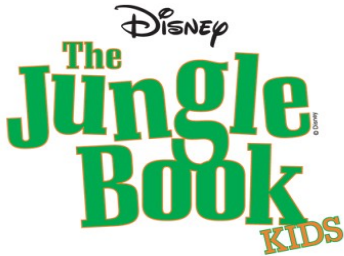


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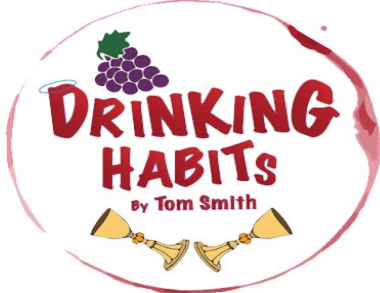
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Summer Musical: Disney's "The Little Mermaid," directed by Krisie Holmes. Audition dates May 5, 6, 7. Performance dates are July 14-17, 2017. Paragould High School.



"Drinking Habits," written by Tom Smith, arrangement provided by Playscripts, directed by Carrie Sims.

Audition dates TBA. Performance dates are Sept. 22-24, 2017

"Miracle on 34th Street," written by Valentine Davies, arrangement by Dramatic Publishing, directed by Jer Allen. Audition dates TBA. Performance dates are Nov. 17-19, 2017



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21st @ 7:30 p.m. - GCFAC presents Neil Simon's "Rumors"

22nd @ 7:30 p.m. - GCFAC presents Neil Simon's "Rumors"

23rd @ 2 p.m. - GCFAC presents Neil Simon's "Rumors"

24th @ 7 p.m. - KASU Bluegrass Monday with David Davis and the Warrior River Boys

29th - Gospel Concert

MAY

5th @ 7 p.m. - Hank Williams Tribute

6th @ 7 p.m. - Hank Williams Tribute

11th - St. Mary's School Play

19th - A Time to Dance, Spring Recital

20th - A Time to Dance, Spring Recital

22nd @ 7 p.m. - Bluegrass Monday with Nothin' Fancy

25th - Elite Performing Arts, Spring Recital

27th - Studio de la Danse, Spring Recital

28th - Studio de la Danse, Spring Recital

JUNE

3rd @ 7:30 p.m. - Chad Garrett & Friends

14th @ 10:30 a.m. - Greene County Regional Library Program

16th @ 7 p.m. - Collins Opry

19th-July 8th - "Be a Clown" summer children's workshop, For more information call 870-573-6454 or 870-335-8971. Forms available at the Collins.

21st @ 10:30 a.m. - Greene County Regional Library Program

26th @ 7 p.m. - KASU Bluegrass Monday with The Michael and Jennifer McClain Band featuring Dan Kelly

28th @ 10:30 a.m. Greene County Regional Library Program