

MURDER IN THE *Magnolias*

Cast of Characters

Colonel Rance Chickenwing.....Tim Lewis
Amanda Chickenwing.....Jana Bennett-Adams
Jezabel.....Cassydi Hicks
Voodoo Woman.....Cathy Richard
Pete Bogg.....Brent Hargrove
Thornbird Chickenwing III.....Weston Sellars
Bubba Kamrowski.....Justin Spraggs
Lorraine Carruthers.....Alex Goodman
Lawyer Possum.....John Patrick Redden
Princess Lotta Kargo.....Nancy E. Parks
Sheriff Billy Jerk.....Barry Heath
Blanche Du Blank.....Ann Heath

Production Crew

Directors.....Kelli Cates, Kyler Danowski
Stage Manager.....Omega Lewis
Asst. Stage Manager.....Ethan Hart
Light Design.....Weston Sellars, Kyler Danowski
Lighting Operator.....Carter Parks
Sound Design.....Kelli Cates
Sound Operator.....Katelin Danowski
Set Design.....Kyler Danowski, Kelli Cates
Set Construction.....Barry Heath
David Newsom, Natalie Heath
Set Artists.....Brian Parks, Ronn Moyers
Costuming.....Nancy Parks, Cast
Props.....Omega Lewis, Brian Parks

Special Thanks

Brian Parks
Ronn Moyers
Leslie Hamilton
Omega Lewis
Jones Photography
WYMC Radio
Natalie Heath
Ethan Hart

Setting

Main sitting room of Belle Acres,
a once gracious mansion in the Ole South

Prologue:
Midnight

Act I:
Scene 1 - One week later. Day
Scene 2 - That evening.

Act II:
The following day.

Act III:
Scene 1 - Later.
Scene 2 - Early evening.

Intermission

There will be a 15 minute intermission period following Act 1. The audience will vote on the killer following Act 2, where another 5 minute intermission will take place. The correct guessed patron will receive two free tickets to our production of Disney's Aladdin Kids, June 17-19, 2016.

From the Directors

From the moment we sat down for our first read-through, I have been positively ecstatic about this show. As a first-time director, I had no idea what to expect, and this journey has been amazing. I want to thank Kyler Danowski for sharing this experience with me and teaching me about the world of directing, set building, sound design, light design, the works. This guy knows his stuff! I would like to give a major shout-out and thanks to one of the best stage managers there is - Omega Lewis. I would also like to thank a tremendous cast. They gave up their evenings to come to these rehearsals, their dedication is remarkable. This group has everything from fresh faces to seasoned veterans, and they have transformed into some of the funniest characters you can imagine! I have learned through this experience that behind every good Director there is a whole league of incredible people who provide time, talent and skill, and I would like to recognize those people as well - Omega Lewis, Katelin Danowski, Carter Parks, Ronnie Moyers, Barry and Ann Heath, Brian and Nancy Parks. It takes a village to put on a show, doesn't it? So sit back, eat dessert, and prepare for a delightful Southern-fried murder mystery that will keep you guessing until the very end.

-Kelli Cates

Tim Kelly's *Murder in the Magnolias* combines comedy and murder like no other. Take a Voodoo Woman, a four hundred pound sheriff, a southern poet with multiple personalities, an old worn-out movie star, plus many, many other interesting characters, and this southern spoof will keep you on the edge of your seat. This show has truly been an experience. With a cast of twelve adults, you never know what to expect when you begin to direct your first all adult cast. This particular group of people have bonded and learned to love one another over the past two and a half months we've spent on this masterpiece. To Nancy, Jana, Alex, and Brent, our four newcomers, I am SO proud of this major accomplishment that each of you will present to crowds. To our veteran actors, it was truly a great experience getting to know each of you (and your distinct personalities) better than I had known before. Kelli, my sidekick (or partner in crime, whichever you'd prefer), thank you for tackling this with me. Through graduation, the preparation of children's theatre camps, among many other things, this show wouldn't have been doable without you by my side. Cassydi and Omega, I truly appreciate your efforts of stepping into roles that needed to be filled halfway through the production process - you are AMAZING. To the crew that you don't see on the stage, I thank you for being so helpful and willingly doing whatever we requested of you. Sit back, eat a piece of cake (or two), and enjoy *Murder in the Magnolias*.

-Kyler Danowski

Meet the Cast



Tim Lewis Colonel Rance Chickenwing

Tim has been a Purchase Players veteran for seven years, and most recently performed in *Mama Won't Fly* in 2015. Tim enjoys deer hunting, cooking, building models, and survival training. He is retired after six years in the Marine Corps, twelve years in the Kentucky National Guard, and twelve years at Kenlake Foods in Murray. Although he is legally blind, this does not slow him down as he continues to perform and do what he loves.



Jana Bennett-Adams Amanda Chickenwing

Jana is a fresh face to our stage. She serves on the Mayfield City Counsel, while also being involved with the Graves County Republican Party, Child Advocacy Program, and middle school mentoring. When not involved with community activities, she enjoys reading and remodeling her house. Jana is the mother of Alex Goodman, who plays Lorraine Carruthers.



Cassydi Hicks Jezabel

Cassydi is eighteen years old and a 2016 graduate of Mayfield High School. She was last seen on stage in *Suessical*, playing Mayzie la Bird. She enjoys being a counselor for the Children's Theatre Camp.



Cathy Richard Voodoo Woman

Cathy is a thirty-year veteran of the Purchase Players, and a teacher at Northside Baptist Christian School. She enjoys collecting carousels, bowling, and church activities. Cathy is happily married to her husband, Joe, with a wonderful son, Robby.



Brent Hargrove Pete Bogg

Brent is a fresh face to the stage here at Purchase Players. He enjoys UK basketball, St. Louis Cardinals baseball, being a husband to Jnanda, and being a dad to Taylor (who has performed in several productions).



Weston Sellars Thornbird Chickenwing III

is a student at Murray State University. Weston has been involved with Purchase Players for five years, and most recently played Dr. Sanderson in Purchase Players' production of *Harvey* in 2015. He enjoys reading, acting, and watching movies. Weston enjoys participating in the Murray State Sci-Fi Club and College Democrats of Kentucky, where he is the local chapter treasurer.

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Justin Spraggs Bubba Kamrowski

Justin has been in several of Purchase Players' productions dating back to 2003. Some of his works include *And Then There Were None*, *Beyond the Glorious Garden*, *Medium Rare*, *A Christmas Story*, *The Nerd*, and *Mama Won't Fly*. Justin is excited to reprise his role as Bubba Kamrowski, previously playing this role in Purchase Players' production of *Murder in the Magnolias* in 2003.



Alex Goodman Lorraine Carruthers

Alex is a pharmacy technician and a student at Murray State University. She enjoys golf, church, serving on the Mayfield Lions Club, and the Graves County Republican Party. She has enjoyed this new experience of acting alongside her mother, Jana, and cousin, Brent.



John Patrick Redden Lawyer Possum

is twenty-two years old and a student at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. He has been involved with forty-three plays since he started acting in 2004. While he loves acting, Patrick also thoroughly enjoys writing plays. When not doing either of these, Patrick likes spending time with his friends and family. Patrick serves as the Backstage/Costumes and Props Chair on the Purchase Players Board of Directors.



Nancy E. Parks Princess Lotta Kargo

Nancy is an educator at Northside Baptist Christian School. She has volunteered for three years with Purchase Players, but this is her first time to make an appearance on stage. She enjoys sewing, drawing, painting, and singing. She is forever grateful for her son, Carter, and husband, Brian, who consistently inspire her. Nancy serves on the Purchase Players Board of Directors as the Community Outreach Chair, and is on the Publicity/Marketing committee.



Barry Heath Sheriff Billy Jerk

Barry enjoys golf, guns/hunting, and woodworking. He has been involved with Purchase Players for four years, and was last seen on stage in Purchase Players' production of *Mama Won't Fly* in 2015. Barry serves as President and the Facilities/Tech Maintenance Chair on the Purchase Players Board of Directors.



Ann Heath Blanche Du Blank

is a history teacher at Hickman County High School. She enjoys singing, acting, and reading. Ann has been involved with Purchase Players for fourteen years. She is happily married to Barry Heath, her very own Sheriff Billy Jerk. Ann also played Blanche Du Blank in the 2003 production of *Murder in the Magnolias*. She serves as Vice President and the Box Office Chair on the Purchase Players Board of Directors.