



Purchase Players
Community Performing Arts Center

Did Someone Say

MURDER?

2014 Dinner Theatre



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June 5-7, 2014



Community Performing Arts Center
302 West Water Street, Mayfield, KY
Box Office: (270) 251-9035
Tickets available at purchaseplayers.com



Cast Biographies

Analiece Brooks (*Waitress*) – Analiece Brooks is 14 years old and a sophomore at Mayfield High School. She was last seen on stage in “The Little Mermaid Jr.” playing the role of Adella. This is her second production with Purchase Players. Her hobbies include dance, soccer, and band.

Kelli Cates (*Mrs. Mithington*) – Kelli Cates is 29 years old. She is a new face to Purchase Players, first performing in the Dessert Cabaret in April. She enjoys singing and songwriting in her free time. Her husband, Chris Cates, is the minister at Macedonia church of Christ in Mayfield. She is excited about her debut in a non-musical production at Purchase Players.

Kyler Danowski (*Cook*) – Kyler Danowski is 16 years old and a junior at Mayfield High School. He is no stranger at Purchase Players. You can find him almost anywhere doing anything for every performance. When not acting, Kyler enjoys graphic design, photography, and landscaping. He has recently performed in “The Little Mermaid Jr.” as King Triton, “South Pacific” as Luther Billis, and “The Curious Savage” as Titus Savage. He also had the privilege of receiving “Best Actor in a Non-Musical” at the 2014 Pearl of the Purchase Players Awards Show. Kyler is also a director for the Children’s Theatre Camp and serves as a junior board member on the Board of Directors.

Donna Gream (*Mrs. Cabbage*) – Donna Gream is 49 years old (I’m too young to be this old!) and a veteran of Purchase Players. She has been involved with Purchase Players several years, dating back to 1980! Since then she has taken on numerous roles, some of those being Dolly Levi in “Hello Dolly”, Sister Robert Anne in the “Nunsense” series, as well as Rona Lisa Peretti in “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”. Donna also received the award for “Best Actress in a Musical” for her role as Rona Lisa Peretti. Her favorite hobbies include being a social butterfly, singing, and watching her Green Bay Packers. She currently serves as the President on the Board of Directors.

Adam Heath (*Rathbone*) – Adam Heath is 24 years old and is currently a graphic Designer. When not acting, he enjoys singing and playing the piano. He recently served as an assistant director for the 2014 Dessert Cabaret. He has previously performed in the Dessert Cabaret, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”, and the “Rocky Horror Picture Show”. His favorite characters that he’s portrayed are Leaf Coneybear in “Spelling Bee” and Rocky in “Rocky Horror Picture Show”.

Ann Heath (*Mrs. Salt*) – Ann Heath is a history teacher at Hickman County High School. She is currently on the Board of Directors and serves as a director for the summer teen show. She recently received “Best Director” at the 2014 Pearl of the Purchase Players Awards Show. She has previously performed in “Nunsensations”, “Medium Rare”, “Steel Magnolias”, “Noises Off”, “Meet Me in St. Louis”, and “The Naked Creek Witch”. Her favorite roles are Sister Amnesia in “Nunsensations” and Annelle in “Steel Magnolias”. When not acting, Ann enjoys reading and singing. Her husband, Barry Heath, is involved with set design and construction at Purchase Players.

Patrick Redden (*Busboy*) – Patrick Redden is 20 years old and is currently attending West Kentucky Community and Technical College. He enjoys playwriting, swimming, and participating on the forensics team at WKCTC. He also enjoys assistant stage managing and being a counselor in the Children’s Theatre Camp. He was last seen on stage last summer in Purchase Players’ production of “The Curious Savage”. His favorite roles in the past few years have been the Witch in “Hansel and Gretel and The Creepy Woods” and Hannibal in “The Curious Savage”.

Cathy Richard (*Mrs. Elsinore*) – Cathy Richard is a 27-year veteran of Purchase Players. She has enjoyed playing Mammy Yokum in “Lil Abner” and Bloody Mary in “South Pacific”. When not acting, Cathy enjoys her career as a professor, as well as photography. She is also a director for the Children’s Theatre Camp. Cathy would like to take this time to thank her husband, Joe, and her son, Robby, for all of their support.

Ashton Saxon (*Mary*) – Ashton Saxon is 17 years old and a senior at Graves County High School. She enjoys singing, baking, and participating in Forensics Speech and Drama Team. She has performed in “Southern Fried Murder”, “Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”, and “The Little Mermaid Jr.” to name a few. Her favorite roles that she has portrayed are Ariel in “Disney Spectacular”, Marty in “Grease”, and Stump in “Southern Fried Murder”. Ashton was also a sound operator for “A Christmas Story” in 2012.

Weston Sellars (*Manager*) – Weston Sellars is 19 years old. He has enjoyed being a part of the 2014 Dessert Cabaret, “The Curious Savage”, and “South Pacific” to name a few. Weston also won “Best Supporting Actor in a Non-Musical” for his role as Samuel Savage. He also enjoys working in the tech booth and being a counselor for the Children’s Theatre Camp.

Justin Spraggs (*Mr. Elsinore*) – Justin Spraggs is 31 years old and is a regular face at Purchase Players. He has enjoyed performing in “Medium Rare”, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”, “And Then There Were None”, and “Murder in the Magnolia”.

Makayla Stock (*Flower Girl*) – Makayla Stock is 16 years old and is currently homeschooled. She enjoyed playing the role of Mary in “Here Comes the Miracle”. Makayala enjoys singing, painting, and playing the violin.

Bailey Story (*Mr. Mithington*) - Bailey Story is 17 years old and is a senior at Marshall County High School. He enjoys playing football, racing mountain and dirt bikes, and reading. He last performed in “Once Upon a Mattress”. His favorite role is Sir Luce/Knight #2 in “Once Upon a Mattress”.

Elizabeth Travis (*Hostess*) – Elizabeth Travis is 19 years old and is a sophomore at Murray State University. She enjoyed portraying Ado Annie in “Oklahoma!” and Mrs. Piddles in “The Unusual Suspects”. Other shows include “Beauty and The Beast”, “Annie”, and “The Curious Savage” to name a few. She enjoys creative writing, reading and traveling. She also assistant directed the 2012 Children’s Theatre Camp and “Saving Grace”.

Gregory Willett (*Joe*) – Gregory Willett is 17 years old and a senior at Graves County High School. He has performed in numerous shows over the years, those being “Alice in Wonderland”, “Fairytale Courtroom”, “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe”, “Beauty and the Beast”, “The Little Mermaid Jr.”, and the 2014 Dessert Cabaret. He enjoyed portraying Chef Louis in “The Little Mermaid Jr.”, Peter in “The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe”, as well as the Scarecrow in “Fairytale Courtroom”. When not acting, Gregory enjoys playing the piano and drawing.

Justus Wright (*Waiter*) – Justus Wright is 24 years old and is a student at Murray State University, where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Theatre. He has previously performed in the 2014 Dessert Cabaret, “12 Angry Men”, and “Meet Me in St. Louis” to name a few. He enjoyed playing the role of Dr. William Chumley “Harvey” (MSU), Fritz/Mouse King “The Nutcracker” (MSU), and the director/performer in the 2014 Dessert Cabaret. He enjoys every aspect of theatre, as well as playing the piano as a hobby.

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Cast of Characters

Joe.....Gregory Willett
 Mary.....Ashton Saxon
 Hostess.....Elizabeth Travis
 Waiter.....Justus Wright
 Waitress.....Analiece Brooks
 Mr. Elsinore.....Justin Spraggs
 Mrs. Elsinore.....Cathy Richard
 Mrs. Salt.....Ann Heath
 Mrs. Cabbage.....Donna Gream
 Flower Girl.....Mykayla Stock
 Busboy..... Patrick Redden
 Mr. Mithington.....Bailey Story
 Mrs. Mithington.....Kelli Cates
 Manager.....Weston Sellars
 Rathbone.....Adam Heath
 Cook.....Kyler Danowski

Time & Place

Now. The Red Rum Café,
 ritzy, beautiful, and the site of a murder.

Director's Notes

It is always such a delight to be involved in shows at Purchase Players. There is so much talent and creativity in this theater community to lean on and draw from, and every show I have ever directed has been a fun, crazy, collaborative undertaking. This one is no different. We hope you enjoy our little murder mystery this evening. The cast and crew have worked hard to amuse and entertain you, and are pleased to bring you this absurd intrigue. So please, sit back and enjoy. Tonight it's just murder. With dinner. Get the picture?

-Pamela Wright



Production Crew

Director

Pamela Wright



Producer

Cheryl Hartig

Stage Manager

Chaney Willett

Sound Technician

Madison Morgan

Light Technician

Raymond Burnett

Assistants to the Director

**Donna Gream, Justus Wright,
 Chaney Willett**

Set Construction

**Tommy Jones, Barry Heath,
 Kyler Danowski**

Set Décor

**Ronnie Moyers, Donna Gream,
 Kyler Danowski, Kelli Cates,
 Raymond Burnett**

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 for providing "stage food"*

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 for supplying costume needs*

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 for providing set décor*

