

PURCHASE PLAYERS PRESENTS



LOOKING FOR RHETT BUTLER

**WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY
DON JOHNSON of Mayfield, KY**

**COMMUNITY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
9TH & WATER ST
MAYFIELD KY 42066
August 7, 8 & 9 and August 14, 15 & 16
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CAST OF CHARACTERS

CLYDE JONES.....HAROLD LEATH
 ERMA JONES.....MISTY LEE
 PRUDENCE PHILLIPSAMY HICKS
 SAUL PHILLIPS.....JACOB HEIN
 CECELIA PERKINS.....ANN WATSON
 HARRIETT STOVALL.....MELISSA PEARSON
 JOE CASTIGLIANO.....JIM ROUSH
 HENRY HARRISON..... CHARLES WALKER
 LOUISE HARRISON.....LAURA NEWSOM
 SAM HILL.....JOEY ALLEN
 FRANKIE DANIELS.....JOHN SCARBROUGH
 KATHERINE BLANCHARD.....CATHY STEDDUM
 CONSTANCE RILEY.....DONNA GREAM
 CHERYL WILLIAMS.....CASSYDI HICKS
 MAGGIE MARRS
 BRIANNA GIBBONS

VERY SPECIAL THANKS

Jim Moore
Mayfield High School
Emil Samson
First Church of the Nazarene
Joyce McClain

From the director:

I am enormously indebted to the Purchase Players for their confidence in my writing and for the many hours of hard work they so graciously donate to the theatre so that mere words on a page may find life on the stage. I hope the actors and all those behind the curtain find *Looking for Rhett Butler* worthy of their efforts; and to all members of the audience—who have graced us with your presence—I extend my sincere gratitude. Without your support, writing plays would be an empty endeavor and theatre would make no sense whatsoever.

Don Johnson

PRODUCTION STAFF

DIRECTOR.....DON JOHNSON
 LIGHTS.....VANESSA LAWSON
 SOUND.....BILL PINNER
 SET DESIGN/BUILD..... DONNA GREAM
 JACOB HEIN & ANN WATSON
 SCENIC ARTIST.....MELISSA PEARSON
 STAGE CREW.....MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER



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THE PLAYERS



Katherine Blanchard— Katherine, a retired school teacher, is organized and intelligent. She is a charter member and current president of the Munfordville Women’s League. Katherine was born in Munfordville where her grandfather was an early settler. Although they drive her to frustration and an occasional fit of anger, she enjoys being in charge of the diverse group of women who comprise the League. Katherine’s husband, Steven Blanchard, has a very busy law practice and has no time to share in her stormy rule over the MWL. Steven does not appear in the play.

Cecelia Perkins—Secretary/Treasurer of the MWL. In her mid-thirties, Cecelia is not married. She’s unpretentiously attractive and wears an unflattering pair of eye glasses. She has a penchant for exactness and orderliness and a love of Shakespeare. In most social situations she is shy and reserved, but takes an active part in MWL meetings.

Constance Riley—A charter member of the MWL. Twice she has failed to win the race for club president. Nevertheless, she serves faithfully in all club programs and considers the club fortunate to still have her as a member. She is outspoken and contentious, character traits she enjoys to the fullest. Constance faithfully attends the Beulah Land Holiness Church. Constance is a widow. She was married for twenty years to Hiram Riley, a moderately successful farmer, who does not appear in the play.

Harriett Stovall— She is Sergeant-at-Arms of the MWL. Although her authority is limited, she enjoys the office. She’s a widow and a member of the Beulah Land Holiness Church.

Erma Jones—Wife of ex-mayor, **Clyde Jones**, and a member of the MWL. A good wife and housekeeper, Erma enjoyed being wife of the mayor of Munfordville. She thinks membership in the MWL places her on the upper rung of the social ladder. Running on the “good old boy” ticket, Clyde was twice elected mayor of Munfordville, but on his bid for a third term, he was beaten by an “outsider” from Chicago named Charley Clark.

Louise Harrison—Wife of **Henry Harrison**, is a charter member of the MWL. Louise met Henry at the University of Louisville when they were both students. After graduation they married. Henry worked for five years at the Courier-Journal, while Louise, after abandoning thoughts of law school, worked as a secretary in the law offices of Jones, Pickering and Sloan. Henry worked for papers in various cities in Kentucky before finally landing in Munfordville where he became owner and editor of The Munfordville Bugle. Henry struggles to make his life “important”, and believes that at some point in his youth he took the wrong fork in the road.

Sam Hill—Sam is a bachelor. His father made him quit high school after the tenth grade to work with him on their farm. His parents are both deceased. He’s shy around strangers and will endure heavy kidding only from his best friends. He works at odd jobs and enjoys hanging out in Henry Harrison’s office at the newspaper.

Frankie Daniels—A bachelor, Frankie is a recent graduate from Western Kentucky University. He teaches English at Munfordville High School. Frankie is intelligent and professional, but a little naïve and the target of jokes from some of the older citizens of Munfordville. He’s working hard (witnessed by his plans to run for Mayor of Munfordville) to fit into Munfordville’s older & somewhat clannish society.

Charley Clark (A featured “player” who does not appear on stage).

A Yankee and the Mayor of Munfordville, Charley (mid-fifties) is an “outsider” who has been wholeheartedly embraced by the community, particularly the women, and largely on the strength of his winsome personality, good looks (due mostly to his manner of dress and matinee-idol moustache) and a propensity to throw money about like confetti on a parade route.

Saul Phillips - the Right Reverend Saul Phillips is the charismatic pastor of the Beulah Land Holiness church. He studied theater in college, had lead roles in several productions and thought seriously of acting as a career. Nevertheless, he answered the “call”, went to a theological seminary and studied for the ministry. He’s in his mid to late thirties and not married. For five years he served as pastor of a church in Lexington, where he lived with his parents. His father, who died two years ago, was a retired preacher. Saul answered the “call” to serve the Holiness Church in Munfordville two months ago.

Prudence Phillips for two years a widow, she reluctantly moved to Munfordville from Lexington two months ago with her son, Saul. Prior to his retirement, her late husband was pastor of a large church in Lexington where he and Prudence both grew up and went to high school. Prudence is a child of an established and wealthy family from Lexington.

Ray Santini, alias Joe Castigliano—A stranger in Munfordville looking for Rhett Butler.