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## ***A Message from the Director***

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Fifty nine years ago in 1966, a delightful new musical hit the Broadway stage starring Mary Martin and Robert Preston. Based on the play, *The Fourposter*, by Dutch writer Jan de Hartog, *I DO, I DO* was a huge success earning Tony nominations and awards.

Fast forward to 2003, when my dear friend, Dan Strickland, our first music director for Main Street, introduced me to the show. He thought it would be a great production for the theatre and it was added to our season that year....starring Tommy McDaniel and Kelli Gilstrap.

*I Do, I Do* takes you on a non stop musical journey with Michael and Agnes through fifty years of marriage from 1895 to 1945. This humorous and heart warming story gives you snapshots as they navigate their lives together.

Now.... here we are another twenty two years later and It gives me great pleasure to once again offer up this musical tribute to marriage.

My heartfelt thank you to the amazing cast and everyone who worked countless hours to make this production possible. It has been my joy to work with you all.

Enjoy,

*Nancy Richardson*





**Book and Lyrics by  
Tom Jones and  
Music by  
Harvey Schmidt**

**Based on  
“The Fourposter”  
by Jan de Hartog**

Director ..... Norma Richardson  
Musical Direction ..... Heather Shepherd  
Orchestration and  
Piano Accompaniment..... John Carter  
Choreographer .....Elise Wright  
Scenic Designer ..... BJ Hughes  
Master Carpenter..... Frank Dansby  
Stage Manager ..... Keith Potter  
Costume Design ..... Norma Richardson  
Lighting Design and Technician.....Nate Barnes  
Sound Design and Technician ..... Scott Welborn  
Production Assistant.....Janice Aiken  
Stagehands .....Maria Gardner, Isaac Melton, Jr.  
Set Construction ..... Frank Dansby, BJ Hughes,  
Dan Jennings, Keith Potter, Bridget Burpee,  
Sue Gilpin, Anthony Seaman, and Bobby Jean Hannon  
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and Marian Sorensen  
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# SETTING

The entire action takes place in the bedroom of Michael and Agnes and follows fifty years of their marriage from 1895-1945.

## Act I

### *15-Minute Intermission*

### **The Players** *(In order of Appearance)*

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Michael ..... Emory Scheoreter

Agnes ..... Heather Shepherd

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## EXIT LAUGHING



New Dates

by Paul Elliott

<b><i>If your original date was:</i></b>	<b><i>Your new date is:</i></b>
Wednesday, April 2, 2025	Wednesday, April 23, 2025
Thursday, April 3, 2025	Thursday, April 24, 2025
Friday, April 4, 2025	Friday, April 25, 2025
Saturday, April 5, 2025	Saturday, April 26, 2025
Sunday, April 6, 2025	Sunday, April 27, 2025
Wednesday, April 9, 2025	Wednesday, April 30, 2025
Thursday, April 10, 2025	Thursday, May 1, 2025
Friday, April 11, 2025	Friday, May 2, 2025
Saturday, April 12, 2025	Saturday, May 3, 2025
Sunday, April 13, 2025	Sunday, May 4, 2025



# The Players



**EMORY SCHROETER (Michael)** is a regular here at MSP. Audiences will remember him as Jack in *Cotton Patch Gospel*, Dillard Nations in *Foxfire*, Hoss in *Hank Williams: Lost Highway*, BJ Gibson in *1940's Radio Hour*, the Radio Technician in *Inherit the Wind* and Roy in *The Odd Couple*, Barnette Lloyd in *Crimes of the Heart*, Cousin Chicken, Mitch, Officer Dugger, Ronald, and Kelvin in *Mama Won't Fly*, Bill Ray in *On Golden Pond* and Harold Bride/Joseph Bell in *Titanic the Musical*. He grew up in Bowling Green, KY and

since 1999, has lived in Griffin, GA and now Jackson, GA. He also enjoys singing with Griffin Choral Arts and playing bass guitar. He is a general dentist and is practicing in Zebulon with Magusiak, Morgan and Brown Dentistry. He is married to Meredith and has two lovely daughters, Anna Leigh and Stuart.



**HEATHER SHEPHERD (Agnes)** recently played the role of Madge Geisel In *Something's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays*. Last season she musically directed and played multiple roles in *Cotton Patch Gospel*. This is her tenth show with Main Street- she sends her love to the whole cast and crew- they have been amazing to work with! Her last show with The Henry Players was *Next to Normal* which earned her a MAT award. She sends a huge thank you and love to BJ, Marian, and Norma for every

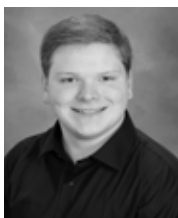
opportunity to be a part of their family here. Greatest love and ultimate shoutout to her husband Paul, their children, and grands.

## Artistic Staff and Crew



**JANICE AIKEN (Production Assistant)** has helped behind the scenes with many MSP productions. Onstage performances include *War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast*, *A Trip to Bountiful*, *Inherit the Wind* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. She was recognized by the GAAA Heart for the Arts as Main Street Player's Most Valuable Volunteer for the 2016-2017 season. Janice serves on our board and has been volunteering for Main Street Players since the fall of 2012. She has been invaluable to our organization and has

worked at the Box Office, sold concessions, ushered, trained others to usher, answered the phones, helped clean the theatre prior to openings, worked set construction, repaired props and is an integral part of our Theater for Young Audiences program.



**NATE BARNES (Lighting Designer/Lighting Technician)** has been the Griffin Spalding County School System's Auditorium manager for the past eleven years. During this time, he has worked in both audio and lighting. Nate has experience in lighting and audio for several theatrical, ballet, and concert organizations. Nate also volunteers on the audio and visual team at Oak Hill Baptist. He is honored to work with MSP again and for the opportunities he has been given.



**JOHN CARTER (Orchestration and Piano Accompaniment)**

is a multi-talented musician, producer and composer known for blending technical expertise with artistic creativity. Praised for his unique ability to connect with people, he fosters an environment where ideas and creativity flourish. His music is emotionally evocative and technically masterful, with an openness to innovation.



**FRANK DANSBY (Master Carpenter)** was Main Street's most valuable volunteer for the 2018-2019 season. He and his wife, Martha, are lifelong supporters of the arts and in particular theatre. They are active members at St. John Lutheran Church. Seven years ago, Frank joined Resident Scenic Designer BJ Hughes backstage at Main Street Players as a volunteer and quickly became a tremendous asset to the production team. Three years ago, he was added as Master Carpenter. Frank has worked on all productions

since December 2017 for Main Street. With his background as an airplane mechanic and owner of a small home repair business (Frank's Fix It Factory) plus his vast knowledge of DIY (do it yourself), he quickly picked up on the construction techniques specific to theatre. With his construction and carpentry skills, he has allowed BJ to expand his vision of what our productions can look like, resulting in even more professional looking sets and scenery. Thank you, Frank, for being part of the Main Street family!!



**BJ HUGHES (Resident Designer)** is enjoying his fourteenth season with Main Street Players. He is even more delighted to be celebrating his 53rd anniversary in professional theatre during which he has worked as an actor, teacher, director, and designer. During his career he has produced, directed, and designed over 150 productions. BJ is originally from New Jersey. After obtaining a degree in theatre, he spent four

years touring America in classical repertory before settling in Atlanta where for the next 30 years he acted, taught and directed at the Alliance Theatre. He extends special thanks to Norma and Marian for inviting him to Griffin and providing a home with this creative theatre company.



**KEITH POTTER (Stage Manager)** appeared as the "out of breath delivery man" in *Barefoot in the Park* and was a musician (guitar) in *Cotton Patch Gospel* last season. This is his third season with MSP, serving as a volunteer in set construction, sound tech, stage management and stagehand work. He has been involved at MSP for the productions of *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, *Tin Woman*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Miracle on South Division Street*, *Leading Ladies* and *Driving Ms. Daisy*. Prior to this, he had been involved in

theater for many years while serving in the US Army in Korea and Germany where he was involved in productions of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Greater Tuna*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Annie*, *Cyrano De Bergerac* and *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. He loves working with the staff and actors at MSP and is blessed to be able to take part in the magic that is The Main Street Players.



**NORMA RICHARDSON (Director/Artistic Director/ Costume Design)** has been involved with theatre for most of her life and has appeared on several Atlanta stages among others. As a director her credits include: *Grace and Glorie*, *Cotton Patch Gospel*, *Miracle on South Division Street*, *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol*, *Another Night Before Christmas*, *Hank Williams: Lost Highway*, *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*, *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, *Honky Tonk Highway*, *Nunset Boulevard*, *Inherit the Wind*, *Titanic, the Musical*, *Tuesdays with Morrie*, *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and*

*Then Some!)* in 2015 and 2019, *Mama Won't Fly*, and *Our Town*. On stage performances include *Foxfire*, *Now and Then*, *The Wild Women of Winedale*, *Fireflies*, *The Lion in Winter*, *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*, *Southern Comforts*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Love Letters*, *The Little Foxes*, *The Guys*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Grace & Glorie* (2 times), and *Same Time Next Year*. Her career in television began with Turner Broadcasting/CNN. After leaving Turner, she was an Executive Vice President with Primerica and General Manager for their corporate television production department for over 20 years. She is a native of Griffin, Georgia and is the Founding Artistic Director of Main Street Players.



**MARIAN SORENSEN (Associate Artistic Director)** began her journey in theatre years ago in a summer stock production of *Man of La Mancha*. She received a minor in Speech and Drama from LaGrange College but most of her theatrical training was with the Alliance Theatre School at the Woodruff Arts Center. While there, she was contracted as a teacher (her other passion) for both their youth and adult programs. She served as the Assistant Director of the School from 1981-1986. Marian has performed and/

or directed on the stages at The Alliance Theatre, Theatrical Outfit, Open City Theatre and Theatre in the Square. For MSP she has directed *Steel Magnolias*, *The Tin Woman*, *Foxfire*, *Now and Then*, *The Lion in Winter*, *The 1940's Radio Hour*, *A Tuna Christmas*, *War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast*, *The Dining Room*, *Driving Miss Daisy* (2011), *Grace and Glorie*, and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. She would like to thank her husband, Neil, for his continued support.



**SCOTT WELBORN (Sound Design and Technician)** is delighted to be back at MSP having just done the spectacular sound design for *The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays*. He has worked with audio and lighting in a variety of theatrical and concert venues over the years and has found himself most comfortable behind the scenes with the technical aspects of the theatre, though there have been a few rare forays on the stage. Scott enjoys lending his talents where they are needed including volunteering on

the Audio/Visual Team at First Baptist Griffin and looks forward to whatever opportunities may come his way moving forward.





**ELISE WRIGHT (Choreographer)** is a Main Street regular. Over the last two seasons she appeared as Gloria in *Grace and Glorie*, Corie Bratter in *Barefoot in the Park*, choreographed the show stopping number in *Leading Ladies*, played Beverly Nowak in *Miracle on South Division Street* and Shelby in *Steel Magnolias*. Previous roles at MSP include Helsa Wensel in *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, Holly Burrell in *Foxfire*, Karol in *Another Night Before Christmas*, and Abby in *Now and Then*. Elise graduated from Lees-McRae College with a theatre arts degree and is currently working on her master's degree in arts administration at the University of Oklahoma. She is also grateful for everyone coming to support the arts!

## Congratulations



Bridget Burpee receives most valuable volunteer for 2025 MSP season at GAAA "Hearts for the Arts," BJ Hughes- Resident Scenic Designer for MSP (l) and Nate Barnes (r) GAAA President officiate.



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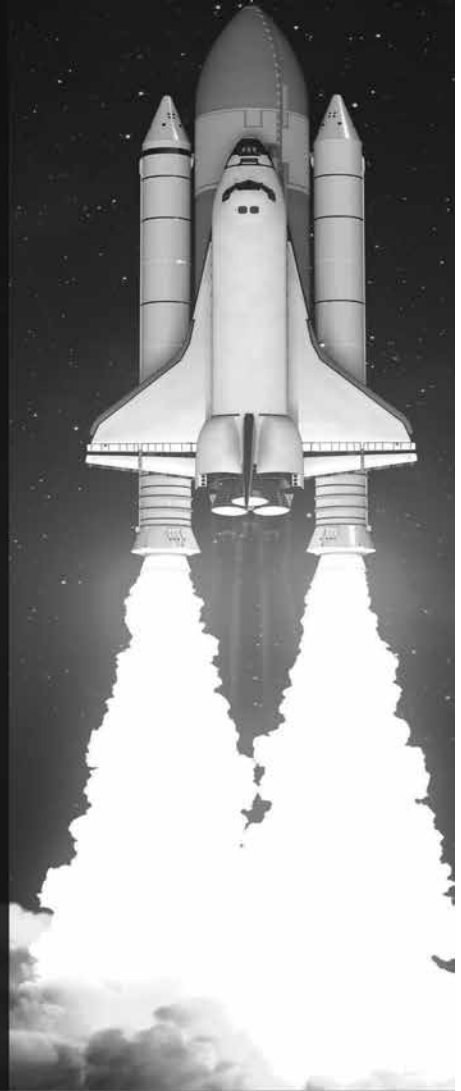
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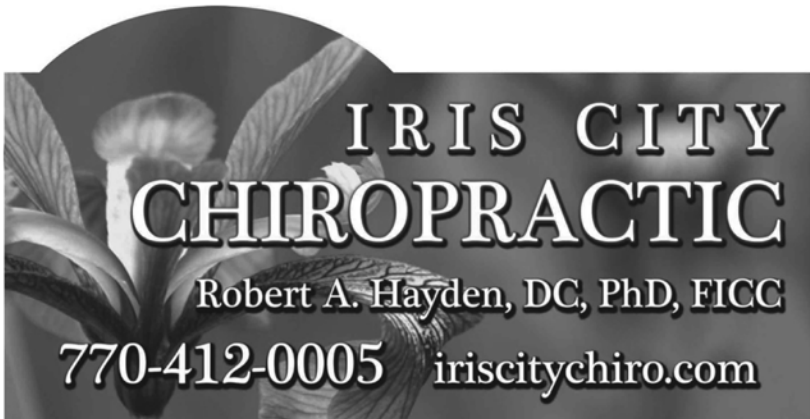
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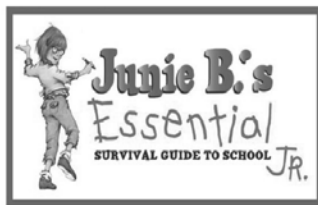
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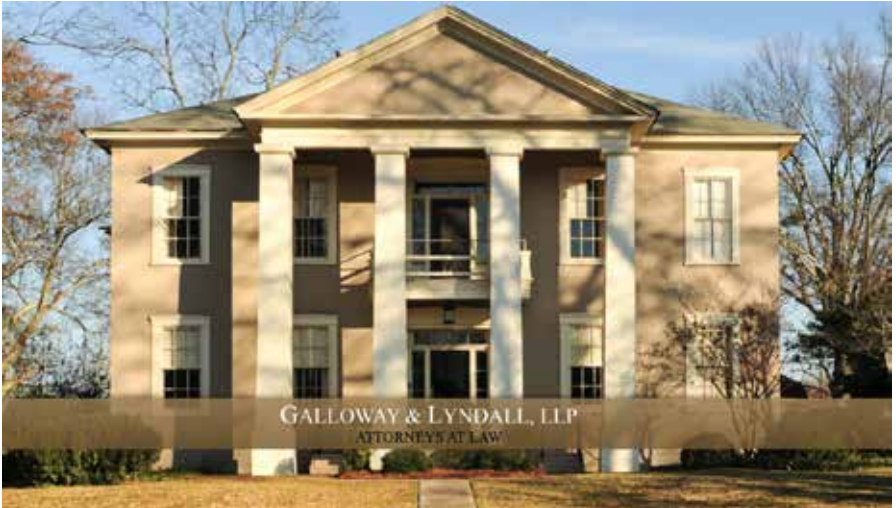
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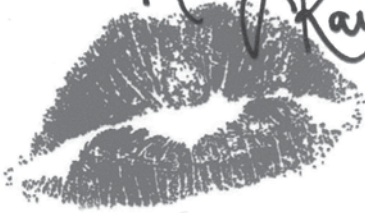
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