The Summít Playhouse Assocíatíon

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The Summit Playhouse Association presents its Two Hundred Ninety Second Production



Book by Music by Lyrics by Sybille Pearson David Shire Richard Maltby, Jr.

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Musical Director Mary Beth McFall

Choreographer Kelly Mott-Sacks

Producer Joann Scanlon

Director Vicki Tripodo

October 31 at 8:00pm November 1, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15 at 8:00pm Sunday Matinee, November 9 at 2:00pm The matinee is a signed performance

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Cast

Danny	TJ Balady
Lizzie	Kaye Gonzales
Nick	Chris Mortenson
Pam	Cara Heary
Alan	Kevin Gray
Arlene	Lindsey Nazelli
Ensemble	Robert Lanza,
	Gregg Mele,
	Seth Newfeld,
	Mary Weldon,
	Jeslyn Wheeless,
	& Pat Wry

Setting

The Place:

Various places around a college campus

The Time:

Spring through Fall, Twenty-Five years ago

There will be one intermission, during which juice will be served in the lounge downstairs.

The Thursday benefit is for the Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

As a courtesy to the cast and the other patrons, please

Turn off your cell phone



No photography or recording

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Songs

ACT 1

We Start TodayDanny, Liz	zzie, Alan, Arlene, Nick, Pam & the People in the Town
What Could Be Better?	Danny & Lizzie
The Plaza Song	Alan & Arlene
Baby, Baby, BabyNick, Pam,	Alan, Arlene, Danny & Lizzie
I Want It All	Pam, Lizzie & Arlene
At Night She Comes Home to Me	Nick & Danny
Patterns	Arlene
What Could Be Better? (Reprise)	Danny & Lizzie
Fatherhood Blues Danny,	Alan, Nick, Webber & Weiss
Romance	Nick & Pam
I Know I Chose Right	Danny
We Start Today (Reprise)	Ensemble
The Story Goes On	Lizzie

ACT 2

The Ladies Singing Their Song	Lizzie
	& the Women in the Town
Baby, Baby, Baby (Reprise)	Arlene
Romance (Reprise)	Nick & Pam
Easier to Love	Alan
Two People in Love	Danny & Lizzie
With You	Nick & Pam
And What If We Had Loved Like That	Alan & Arlene
We Start Today (Reprise)	Danny, Lizzie, Nick, Pam,
	Alan & Arlene
The Story Goes On (Reprise)	Company

Acknowledgments

The Bickford Theatre The Chatham Community Players

Who's Who



TJ Balady (Danny) is excited to return to the Summit Playhouse where he played Barry in *Is There Life After High School?* His favorite roles include Berger in *Hair*, Jack in *Into the Woods* and Danny Zuko in *Grease*. He would like to thank his friends and family for all their support as well as this extremely funny and talented cast. TJ dedicates his performance to his green-eyed "J"—"This one's for you...!"



Kaye Gonzales (Lizzie) is making her Summit Playhouse debut! Favorite credits include: *Miss Saigon* (Gigi), *Les Miserables* (Eponine), *Joseph...Dreamcoat* (Narrator), *Starting Here, Starting Now* (Woman 1), *The King and I* (Tuptim), *South Pacific* (Bloody Mary), *Once On This Island* (Ti Moune/Asaka), *Pippin* (Leading Player), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Mary Magdalene), and *A Chorus Line* (Connie). Training: American Musical and Dramatic Academy (National Scholarship Award). Special

thanks to the hard work of this amazing cast and crew. Thank you to Kevin who's always been loving, supportive, and understanding of my passion to perform. For Mommy..."Our story goes on."



Kevin Gray (Alan) was last seen on our stage five years ago in the *Crucible* as Rev. Samuel Parris. Kevin was also last seen in *Baby* in 1992 when he won the AVY Best Actor Award for his portrayal of Nick. Kevin's favorite roles include Alfred/Sam — *Romance Romance*, Ken — *Rumors*, Arnold — *The Boys Next Door*, Anatoly — *Chess*, Stine — *City of Angels*, Marvin — *Falsettos*, and Man 2 — *And The World Goes Round*. His producer credits include the NJ premiere of critically ac-

claimed *Five Guys Named Moe*. When he's not acting he's the lead vocalist in the jazz group "78 West." He thanks his family with all his heart for allowing him the time to do what he loves.



Cara Heary (Pam) is pleased to return to the Summit Playhouse after appearing here in *Brooklyn Boy* and *Living Out*. Cara began performing at the age of nine and has worked professionally in theatre, television and film. Favorite roles include Carrie in *Carousel*, Janice in *Italian American Reconciliation*, Maggie in *A Chorus Line*, Muriel in *Ah Wilderness*, Sally in *Snoopy*, and Cinderella in *Into the Woods*. Cara has a BFA in musical theatre from Syracuse University, and is a member of the

Alliance Repertory Theatre. Also mom to two babies of her own! Love to Bob.



Bob Lanza (Ensemble) was last seen in Ridge Light Opera's productions of *September Song* and *Rogers & Hart Cabaret*. Last fall he played Luigi Gaudi in Villager's production of *Lucky Stiff*. Other favorites include *Forum* (Senex), *Merrily We Roll Along* (Franklin Sheppard), *Man* of La Mancha (Anselmo), Cole!, South Pacific, Pirates of Penzance, and *Evita*. Bob sings with Cadence (www.cadencesings.com), a four man contemporary a cappella group entertaining crowds all over the tri-

state area. Much love to Kim for her continuous support of my musical endeavors.



Gregg Mele (Ensemble) is very excited about performing at the Summit Playhouse for the first time. He appeared in many plays when he was a student at Montclair State, including *Oliver, Guys and Dolls, Bye Bye Birdie*, and *No No Nanette*. After that, he went on to earn degrees in Computer Science and Law, and also got married and helped raise two wonderful daughters, Robin and Nancy, to whom his performances are dedicated. This marks a long-awaited return to the theater for

Gregg, but hopefully the start of a series of performances in the future. He thanks the Playhouse for providing this opportunity.



Chris Mortenson (Nick) is thrilled to be making his Summit Playhouse debut with this phenomenal cast doing this beautiful show. Other New Jersey theaters that Chris has worked with include, The Barn Theater and their production of *A Grand Night for Singing* (company); Fourth Wall and their production of *Assasins* (John Hinkley Jr.); and The Chester Theater Group and their productions of *Blood Brothers* (Sammy), *The Norman Conquests* (Norman), *1776* (Samuel Chase),

where, most recently, he had his directorial debut with *Desdemona*, *A Play About a Handkerchief*. When Chris is not involved with theater, he is dedicated to his day job (which has nothing to do with theater), his dog (who knows not what theater is), and his family (who come to see every show he does).



Lindsey Nazelli (Arlene) is thrilled to be in her first production at the Summit Playhouse. A resident of Summit, Lindsey most recently performed in the 65th annual Brayton School Dessert Show, where she was co-choreographer and played the role of Paris Hilton. Lindsey began her professional career at fifteen where she acted in dozens of commercials, voice-overs, Soaps, and theater. In NY she played Lucy in the concert *Dracula* in Lincoln Center, and Goldie in the revival of

Two by Two opposite Bryan Batt. Lindsey played Young Jenny in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Aspects of Love* at the Wintergarden theatre in Toronto & Chicago Lyric Opera House. She also played Betty Schaefer in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *"Sunset Blvd."* starring Diahann Carroll at the Ford Center.



Seth Newfeld (Ensemble) How ironic it is that *Baby*, at the venerable Summit Playhouse, should be the play that lures Seth back to the footlights after appearing day and night for the last thirteen years in the role of a lifetime: Adoring Dad. Heartfelt gratitude to Kelly Mott-Sacks and Vicki Tripodo for this opportunity. Seth has appeared on stages from North Carolina to Anchorage, Theatre Row to SOHO and the East Village. Fave roles include Alan in *Equus* and Malaki Malice in

Duffy and the Devil and Other Folk Tales. MAHA LOVE to Stacy, Abbi and Hana.



Jeslyn Wheeless (Ensemble) is appearing for the fourth time at the Summit Playhouse, having been in *Is There Life After High School?, Fiorello!,* and *You Can't Take It With You.* She also appeared in *Into the Woods* at the Chatham Playhouse, and *Iolanthe* with the Stony Hill Players. Jeslyn sings in the Calvary Chorale and in Larks. A career storyteller and folksinger, she was recently a featured performer at the NJ Storytelling Festival.

Who's Who (continued)



Mary Weldon (Ensemble) is thrilled to be making her Summit Playhouse debut. Other theater credits include *The Children's Hour, Miss Julie*, and *Annie*. Mary has also worked professionally in film and television. She is grateful to be in the company of such a talented group of people.



Pat Wry (Ensemble) is pleased to be making her Summit Playhouse debut. Active in regional theater since 1981, recent roles include Hannah *in Spitfire Grill* (Chatham), Joanne in *Company* (Brook Theater and Villagers), Fraulein Schneider in *Cabaret* (Plays-in-the-Park, Princeton University and Villagers), Berthe in *Pippin* (Circle), Bunny in *Gemini* (Circle—ACT Award winner), Golde in *Fiddler* (PITP), and Rose in *Gypsy* (Villagers). Pat also toured nationally as Yente in *Fiddler*. All thanks

and love to Paul and Liam who make this possible.

STAFF

Vicki Tripodo (Director) is delighted to be working at the Summit Playhouse and back on the community theatre scene. From 1984 to 1998 Vicki was managing director of the Forum Theatre, a regional Equity theatre in Metuchen. Primarily an actress, Vicki has performed all around New Jersey in numerous plays and musicals. Her favorite roles include Fanny in *Funny Girl*, Anna in *The Rink*, Amy in *Company*, Esther in *Two By Two*, and Winnifred in *Once Upon A Mattress*. At present an unemployed Math teacher, Vicki also works at Pyramid Gym in Rahway as an instructor. Vicki wants to thank Paul, her husband, for great patience, and Peter Loewy, from the Forum, who taught her most of what she knows. And especially love to Steph, Jim and Beth whose BABIES have changed her life. *Mom—I love you*.

Mary Beth McFall (Musical Director) recently played an eight-performance run of Maltby and Shire's revue *Starting Here, Starting Now*. Now it's on to *Baby*. WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN THAT?

Kelly Mott-Sacks (Choreographer) is thrilled to be a part of *Baby* and has truly enjoyed working with this very talented cast and directors! Previously, Kelly choreographed *Gypsy* at The Summit Playhouse in 1994. She has been a dance instructor and choreographer for the past twenty years, and has also been a member of Kean Dance Theatre, The William Chaison Modern Dance Theatre and a charter member of The New Jersey Tap Ensemble. She currently teaches at Dance Innovations and at Worth Tryrrell School of Performing Arts. Kelly has been the choreographer at Summit High School since 2001, and was nominated this year for a Papermill Playhouse Rising Star Award for her choreography in *Fiddler On The Roof*. She thanks her loving and beautiful family Paul, Ally, Cooper and Isabelle for their wild enthusiasm and constant support.

Joann Scanlon (Producer) says, "What a delight, working on a musical especially with this bunch, not a diva in the lot." Scanlon has directed sixteen plays for the Playhouse, most recently last spring's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

Carol A. Goodman (Sign Language Interpreter) is a nationally certified interpreter and full-time professor at Kean University where she directs a student sign language performance group, The Kean SIGNatures. She signs regularly for VSA NJ (Very Special Arts of New Jersey). Dr. Goodman has been interpreting for theater performances since 1982 along the east coast.

Betty Kaus (Assistant to the Director) is President of the Playhouse, has been a member since 1950, has directed fifteen plays, has appeared in several, and is on the House and Grounds Committee.

JoAnne Lemenille (Properties) is pleased to be working with Summit Playhouse as Properties Mistress. JoAnne is Properties Mistress for Westfield Community Players, as well as VP of Productions. She has graced WCP's stage in *The Cemetery Club* as Mildred. She has worked on Scenery and Set Design, and designed the set for WCP's recent production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. JoAnne is a retired teacher of music from the Clark School system where she was the vocal, instrumental and music theory teacher. She directed and musically directed the plays for Kumpf School. Special thanks to Joann Scanlon for giving me the chance to rekindle my love for the stage, and thanks to a wonderful cast and fabulous crew.

John Luckstone (Stage Manager), has been a member of the Playhouse for almost twenty-five years, and has played a number of roles on and off stage. Working with such a talented and exuberant cast makes this turn at stage managing a particular delight! He's enjoying *Baby*-sitting!

J. Guerdon Mayfield (Set Design & Construction) reports that after a very busy summer with the production of *Willie Wonka* and the restoration work on the Playhouse, he is happy to start his fourth season and plan how to come up with things that will be new for the Playhouse. He continues to work with the deaf and hearing impaired community and would like anyone who has hearing issues to contact him as how to make our theatre presentations more enjoyable. He is grateful for the support and efforts of the crew.

Rhoda Roper (Set Consultant) has designed over twenty sets for the Playhouse, beginning with Foxfire in 1992 and including last year's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. She has also designed for The Bronx Opera Company, The Bickford Theater, Savory Singers G & S Company and other theaters around the area. Her favorite sets are *Marriage Of Figaro*, *Later Life*, *I Hate Hamlet* and her all time favorite, *The Enchanted April*.

Linn H. Smith (Stage Manager) is starting his 41st season at The Playhouse and this production, as best as he can recall, will be his 55th at the Stage Manager's Desk. Linn has also built sets, been a producer and is a Past President of The Playhouse. He has even appeared on stage, although very briefly, twice for Joann Scanlon. He is currently serving on the Board and says, "my favorite production is always the one I am working on now."

Tina White (Set Decor) is a local talent who is enjoying a return to The Summit Playhouse after her debut last year in *You Can't Take It With You* as set decorator. Tina is currently involved in local theatre within her children's school and church programs. She is a pastel artist and her work has been exhibited in partnership with other artists at the Community Theatre in Morristown, NJ and The visual Art Center of New Jersey

Who's Who (continued)

along with many private collections. Tina is an Ohio transplant who lived and worked in NYC for many years prior to moving to Summit. Her husband, Ed Walter and their two daughters, ages 13 and 10 are her biggest source of support. She would like to thank them for their unending enthusiasm and encouragement of her artistic endeavors.











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Stage Managers	John Luckstone & Linn Smith
Musicians	
	Andrew Roscizewi – Base
	Vincent Livolsi – Drums
Set Design & Construction	J. Guerdon Mayfield
•	.Brent Baab, T. Carter Hagaman,
,	Frank Hawrusik, Ed Johnson,
	Jack O'Neil & Mike Tatlow
Set Consultant	Rhoda Roper
Set Painting	J. Guerdon Mayfield, Betty Kaus
-	& Rhoda Roper
Set Decor	Tina White
	Sally Ponzio
Costumes	Lyn Mackie
Assisted by	Cathy McGregor & Cathy White
Properties	JoAnne Lemenille
Assisted by	Tina Casey, Betty Kaus,
	Peggy Kizzia, Alice Kosowski
	& Sue Smith
Lighting & Sound	Bill Roome
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	& Jan Viehman
Signing	Carol A. Goodman
Assisted by	Meredith Mercandetti
Publicity	Joann Scanlon
Poster & Playbill	Bill Roome
Tickets	
Assisted by Nancy Gurle	ey, Stephanie Fisk & Ann Houpt
Photography	Howard Fischer
Usher Coordinator	Betty Kaus

Remember These Shows?

2007–08: You Can't Take It With You Brooklyn Boy Cat On A Hot Tin Roof

2006–07: The Children's Hour Living Out A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum

2005–06: The Miracle Worker The Lion In Winter The Sisters Rosensweig

2004–05: Fiorello! Inspecting Carol A Delicate Balance

2003–04: The Crucible The Imaginary Invalid Dinner With Friends

2002–03: Moon Over Buffalo Wit Is There Life After High School?

2001–02: Labor Day The Waverly Gallery Black Comedy & The Importance Of Being Earnest

> 2000-01: Bus Stop The Heiress Two By Two

1999–00: Arsenic And Old Lace Brighton Beach Memoirs Enchanted April

1998–99: It's Only A Play Dial M For Murder A Grand Night For Singing

1997–98: A Doll's House Crimes Of The Heart Don't Dress For Dinner

> **1996–97:** Lost In Yonkers Remembrance Gypsy

> > **1995–96:** Beau Jest

Prelude To A Kiss Later Life

1994–95: Light Up The Sky Shadowlands Lettice And Lovage

1993–94: Nunsense Marvin's Room Murder By Misadventure

1992–93: Fox Fire I Hate Hamlet Death Of A Salesman

1991–92: To Grandmother's House We Go Summer And Smoke Lend Me A Tenor

1990–91: Murder In Mind Arms And The Man Side By Side By Sondheim

> 1989–90: Quartermain's Terms Monique The Boys Next Door

> > 1988–89: Children Play On The Dresser

1987–88: The Dining Room Man Of La Mancha Design For Murder

1986–87: Pack Of Lies The Diary Of Anne Frank See How They Run

1985–86: 1940's Radio Hour 84, Charing Cross Road The Silver Whistle

> 1984–85: The Girls In 509 Tribute The Hound Of The Baskervilles

> > **1983–84:** Death Trap Lunch Hour She Loves Me

1982–83: Morning's At Seven Chapter Two Night Watch

1981–82: Tight Spot On Golden Pond A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum

> **1980–81:** Spider's Web The Country Girl Lo And Behold

1979–80: The Deadly Game Twigs Critics Choice

1978–79: Present Laughter The Price Riverwind

1977–78: The Sound Of Murder Outward Bound A Thousand Clowns

1976–77: Finishing Touches The Corn is Green Butterfiles Are Free

1975–76: Suddenly At Home The Right Honourable Gentleman Roar Like A Dove

1974–75: Nude With Violin The Crucible Someone Waiting

1973–74: The School For Wives The Curious Savage Barefoot In The Park

1972–73: Private Lives The Lion In Winter Forty Carets

1971–72: The Chalk Garden The Happy Time Plaza Suite

1970–71: The Show-off Mary Stuart Black Comedy & The Red Peppers

1969–70: Mary, Mary High Ground She Stoops to Conquer

1968–69: Philadelphia, Here I Come! Amphitryon 39 A Shot In The Dark

1967–68: The Circle A Man For All Seasons The Odd Couple

1966–67: The Absence of a Cello The Glass Menagerie Barefoot in Athens

1965–66: Never Too Late The Cherry Orchard The Amorous Prawn

1964–65: Take Her, She's Mine The School for Scandal Speaking of Murder

> **1963–64:** First Love Laura A Majority of One

1962–63: Tea and Sympathy Separate Tables The Gazebo

1961–62: The Pleasure of His Company Point of No Return Rebecca

1960–61: The Teahouse of the August Moon The Taming of the Shrew The Desperate Hours

1918 to 1959: see SummitPlayhouse.org!

Audition Notice

DOUBT

by John Patrick Shanley Directed by Chase Newhart

Production dates: Feb. 20 - Mar. 7

Audition Dates: Tue/Wed, 11/18 & 11/19 8:00 pm at the Playhouse

1 man, 3 women

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Sister Aloysius — 50's-60's

Watchful, reserved, unsentmental, strict Principle & traditional Nun, sense of certainty.

Father Flynn — late 30's

Charming, youthful, working class Northeast, reformer — Second Ecumenical Council.

Sister James — 20's

Bit of sunshine in her heart, but reserved as well, innocent, hopeful, optimistic, loves the children.

Mrs. Muller — 38

On red alert for her son (the only African-American in school), focused, knows Flynn is kid's protector.

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BABY

by Sybille Pearson, Richard Maltby & David Shire directed by Vicki Tripodo

October 31 November 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15

Is there anything more exciting, frightening and utterly transformational than impending parenthood? Baby, a smart, energetic musical with loads of charm and a score of show-stopping numbers, tells the story of three couples spanning three generations as they deal with the painful, rewarding and agonizingly funny consequences of this universal experience. It's the perfect musical for anyone who's ever had a baby... or anyone who's ever been one!

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February 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 March 1, 6, 7

Auditions: November 18 & 19

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THE CONSTANT WIFE

by W. Somerset Maugham directed by Rick Delany

April 24, 25, 30 May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9

W. Somerset Maugham's delightfully witty comedy of manners and mistresses of the very rich in 1920's London, tells the tale of a "modern" marriage. All of Constance Middleton's friends can't wait to tell her of her husband's affair with her best friend — but clever Constance has a few ideas of her own about marriage, infidelity and female independence! When an old admirer shows up at her door, what's sauce for the gander may just turn out to be sauce for the goose.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$50 Adults / \$30 Young Adults (35 & under) SINGLE TICKETS: \$20/\$15 (Doubt & Constant Wife) \$25/\$20 (Baby)