The Summít Playhouse

The following program is from our 2013-2014 season. For information on our current production, and on other shows we have presented, please visit our web site at

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Coming This Summer From Kaleiooscope

July 25 — August 10



Based on Disney's *Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam*, Disney's *Camp Rock: The Musical* opens with Mitchie and her friends arriving at Camp Rock, ready to spend another summer jamming out and having the time of their lives. But the new, flashy Camp Star across the lake now threatens Camp Rock's very existence. To keep

the doors open, Mitchie steps up, rallies her fellow Camp Rockers, and gets them into top shape for the ultimate showdown! This is a great ensemble show with many featured roles for both males and females of varying ages and is sure to be a lot of fun!

This summer we'll be offering a second opportunity specifically geared for younger performers. In addition to our main stage production, we are so excited to announce our workshop production of Sleeping Beauty KIDS! This



opportunity is open to performers ages 5-13. These workshops will run for three hours a day with two performances at the end of the week.

Auditions: June 21 On-line signups start May 15

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The Summit Playhouse presents its Three Hundred and Ninth Production

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Set Design Kevern Cameron

Set Construction Roy Pancirov Stage Manager Truc-Lan Vu Sheila Rees **Set Decor**

Costume Design

Risha Walden

Producer Truc-Lan Vu

Director Stephen Catron

April 25 & 26 at 8:00pm May 1, 2, 3, 9 & 10 at 8:00pm May 4 at 2:00pm

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Cast

(in order of appearence)

Myrtle Mae Simmons	Jackie Jacobi
Veta Louise Simmons	Stacey Petricha
Elwood P. Dowd	Chip Prestera
Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet	Nerida Miller
Ruth Kelly, R.N.	Kendall Green
Duane Wilson	Eric Friedman
Lyman Sanderson, M.D.	Jon Beeler
William R. Chumley, M.D	Arnold Buchiane
Betty Chumley	Kathy Mierisch
Judge Omar Gaffney	Frank Guerrasio
E. J. Lofgren	Steve Nitka
E. J. Lofgren (May 3d performance)	. Kevern Cameron

Setting

A town in the Mid-West. Scenes alternate between the library of the old Dowd family mansion and the reception room of Chumley's Sanitorium.

There will be one fifteen minute intermission. Refreshments will be available downstairs in the lounge.

The benefit is for Planned Parenthood.

As a courtesy to the other patrons, please



Turn off your cell phone



No photography or recording

Production Staff

Director	Stephen Catron
Producer	Truc-Lan Vu
Stage Manager	Truc-Lan Vu
	Petra Krugel
Set Design	Kevern Cameron
Set Construction	Roy Pancirov
Assisted byKever	rn Cameron, Stephen Catron
	& Jon Beeler
Set Decor	Risha Walden
Set Painting Tina Whit	e, Terry Meier, Leslie Carson,
Lyle Brehm	n, Hank Barré, Darshan Arora,
Kathy Mierisch, Lu	ike Petricha, Stacey Petricha,
	Scott Yellen & Truc-Lan Vu
Costumes	Sheila Rees
Assisted by May Cha	an, Ann Lowe & Petra Krugel
Properties	Truc-Lan Vu
Assisted by	Joanne Wilson
Lighting & Sound	Wendy Roome
Assisted by	Casey Jin
Harvey & Elwood Portrait	
House Manager	Theresa Turner
Publicity	Petra Krugel & Sally Ponzio
Poster & Graphics	Ed Walter
Playbill	Wendy Roome
Tickets	Ann Lowe
Photography	Sam Nissen

Acknowledgments

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Who's Who

Jon Beeler (Lyman Sanderson, M.D.) has appeared in numerous stage productions including *Sylvia, Dinner with Friends, Barefoot in the Park, Private Wars,* and *I Never Sang for My Father,* as well as Television and Film productions such as *Poison Passions* and *Riff.*

Arnold Buchiane (William R. Chumley. M.D.) is a past president of The Playhouse and has appeared in many productions at The Playhouse over several decades. Some of his favorites have been C. S. Lewis in *Shadowlands*, Actor #1 *The Dining Room*, Frank in *Over The River and Through The Woods*, and the three roles in *Sylvia*. He has been nominated several times for Perry Awards, for *The Late Christopher Bean, Sylvia, Last Licks* and *The Heiress*. This summer he will be directing two one acts for Chatham Players 20th Anniversary production of Jersey Voices.

Eric Friedman (Duane Wilson) has resided throughout several regions of Pennsylvania until his recent relocation from Pittsburgh, PA to northern New Jersey. For the first time, he is gracing the Summit Playhouse stage. He has played an eclectic, somewhat diverse group of characters ranging from Private Radar O'Reilly in *M*A*S*H* to Anthony Marston in *Ten Little Indians* and Stanley Jerome in *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. Eric has also appeared in several one act plays performed at the Lebanon, PA Community Theater and he has appeared in the Wilmington Theater Company's production of *Death of a Salesman*. To this day, Eric's favorite theatrical experience occurred in 2009 when he played Sgt. Carlino in a Hershey Playhouse production of *Wait Until Dark*. While he has no friends and family here in New Jersey to come and see the show, Eric is very thankful to be offered this gift to perform with so many gifted actors.

Kendall Green (Ruth Kelly, R.N.) is excited to be making her debut (on *this* side of the stage) at Summit Playhouse! Kendall previously stage managed *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* and assisted with *The Game's Afoot*. A special thanks is in order for her super supportive family and friends – thank you!! (Mom and John, you made fabulous line readers.) And, of course, the amazing cast and crew for all of their talent and hard work. Kendall has been in a number of shows over the years on both the East coast and the West coast, while living in LA, including: *Boys' Life* (Karen), *Pizza Man* (Alice), *Dormed* (Tiffany/Jill), and *Striking 12* (space invading girl). She has also been in her fair share of student films, thesis projects, directors' scenes, you name it! Not to mention all of that super exciting extra work and audience work.

Frank Guerrasio (Judge Omar Gaffney) is a Brooklyn native and resident. Frank is thrilled to make his Summit Playhouse debut, especially opposite his best friend and frequent co-star, Stacey. Favorite New Jersey roles: Professor Van Helsing (*Dracula*), Grandpa Vanderhof (*You Can't Take It With You*), Herr Schultz (*Cabaret*), and Bottom (*Bottom's Dream*). Favorite Brooklyn roles: Owen Turner (*Light Up the Sky*), Professor Einstein (*Arsenic and Old Lace*), Emory (*Boys in the Band*), Hysterium (*A Funny Thing...*) and in Monticello Summer Stock, Virgil (*Bus Stop*). Marilyn, since *Harvey* is your favorite, this one's for YOU! "Curtain up! Light the lights!"

Jackie Jacobi (Myrtle Mae Simmons) is honored to be back on Summit's stage for her second production this season, after appearing in *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* (Lala). Other recent credits include Chester's *Steel Magnolias* (Annelle) and Grex Group's off-off B'way production of Eugene O'Neill's *Thirst* (The Dancer). Other favorite NYC credits: *Hamlet* (Ophelia), *Sweeney Todd* (Johanna), *Urinetown* (Hope), and *Godspell* ("By My Side") among many others. By day, Jackie works as an English instructor and writer. She holds degrees from NYU and The New School (MFA-fiction). As always, love and gratitude to family, friends, and her husband, Adam.

Kathy Mierisch (Betty Chumley) is delighted to be making her first appearance at Summit Playhouse. She has recently performed at Chester Theater Group in *Elephant Man*. Previous credits include: *The Crucible* (Rebecca Nurse), *Inherit the Wind* (Mrs. Brady), *Oliver*! (Mrs. Sowerberry), *You Can't Take It With You* (Mrs. Kirby), *Is He Dead*? (Madame Bathilde), *Into The Woods* (Jack's Mom), *Music Man* (Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn), *Play On*! (Phyllis Montague), *The Odd Couple* (Vera), *Nunsense* (Sister Mary Leo), and *Mame* (Mrs. Doris Upson). Thank you to my husband, family and friends for their support and Steve for this opportunity. Break a leg cast and crew!

Nerida Miller (Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet) is delighted to be appearing for the first time at The Summit Playhouse. She is new to NJ, having lived in Singapore for three and a half years, where she was involved in costumes for school plays at The Australian International School. She has lived in many places, including California where she played Penny O'Shea in *A Million Dollar Baby* (Sunol Repertoire Theatre Sunol), in Surrey UK where she was a chorus member in *Hickory Dickory Dock, Cinderella* and *Robinson Crusoe* (Pyrford Little Theatre Surrey UK) and a native born Australian she was in *Dimboola* (Spectrum, Merimbula, Australia).

Steven Nitka (E. J. Lofgren) is into his fourth decade trodding the boards in northern New Jersey and is happy to be finally making an appearance at The Summit Playhouse. And he is thrilled to be working with Steve, Stacey

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and Chip again. Previous roles include Herr Schultz in Cabaret at Chatham, The Actor in *The Actor's Nightmare* in Chester and everything from a worm to a king at the Growing Stage in Netcong. He thanks his long suffering wife for again letting him out to play. He has to go, the meter's running.

Stacey Petricha (Veta Louise Simmons) is pleased to be back on the Summit stage for the third time. Previously, she played Mrs. Smith in *Meet Me In St. Louis* and most recently, Daria Chase in *The Game's Afoot*. (She is happy to be mostly upright in this production.) Other recent NJ credits include: Meg in *Leading Ladies* with Stony Hill Players, Eulalie in *Music Man*, Anne in Marcus is *Walking*, Titania in *Bottoms Dream* with The Strollers of Maplewood, and Kost in *Cabaret* at Chatham Playhouse. She extends her thanks to friends and family for always supporting her efforts.

Chip Prestera (Elwood P. Dowd) having nearly gotten away with murder in *The Game's Afoot*, is delighted to be back for his second Summit production, and glad to be performing alongside his best friend, Harvey. In the last two years, Chip has appeared in eleven Chatham Players productions including *Sherlock Holmes, Christmas Cards, Angels In America, Jersey Voices (2), The Fantasticks* (Perry nomination), *The Taming of the Shrew* (Perry nom.), *A Christmas Carol, The 39 Steps, Cabaret* and *Grapes of Wrath*. Chip was also in Hexagon Players *Oliver!* (Fagin), *Wizard of Oz* (Scarecrow) and *Annie* (Perry nom). Love and many thanks to his lovely wife and awesome children.

STAFF

Stephen Catron (Director) has been busy of late. In addition to directing *Harvey* for the Summit Playhouse, he recently directed *The Elephant Man* for Chester Theatre. He will be directing two one acts for Chatham Theatre's Jersey Voices this summer, and *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* for The Barn Theater in September. Come November Steve is scheduled to direct *Almost Maine* for Circle Playhouse and *End Days* for Chester Theatre in March. He would like to thank all of the audience members who come out to Summit for this and Summit's other productions for their support. And Special Thanks to the volunteers behind the scenes and out of the spotlight who devote their time and energy to making the productions so wonderful to be a part of.

Truc-Lan Vu (Producer, Stage Manager, Props Head) is thrilled to be working alongside a great cast and production team on *Harvey*. She has been spotted behind the piano at various Playhouse events, multiple roles in *Shrek*, and before that she worked on props and played in the pit in last year's *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Truc-Lan can also be found directing the musical and talent show at Lincoln-Hubbard Elementary School in Summit. Many thanks to Steve for his great ideas and set building, Petra for her continued support, Sheila for stepping in and handling costumes, and the Playhouse board for their support and help. To the fun and talented cast - break a leg!

Kevern Cameron (Set Design) recently retired and is enjoying making theatre in whatever ways. His skills are a little rusty but he's glad Steve has found reason to employ them. He studied theatre both as an undergraduate and graduate student, including set design and acting. After working in professional theatre and dance, he found himself in television, eventually retiring from that in order to return to his first love, theatre, as a teacher. Now he gets to do it just for the fun of it. The best part of Harvey has been working with Steve and Roy. Thanks, guys! And thank you, Summit.

Petra Krugel (Assistant Stage Manager) is thrilled to at last work on a production of *Harvey*. A big thank you to Truc-Lan who has taken on the enormous task of making this happen. A big thanks also to an amazing cast and team of *Harvey* for making the process easy and fun. Petra's previous experience with Summit Playhouse includes co-producing, stage managing, costume design, props and assisting on set construction and décor.

Sheila Rees (Costume Designer) is very happy to be working with the wonderful company at Summit Playhouse for the first time. Her last venture as a costumer was *The Music Man* for The Strollers in Maplewood. Thanks to Stacey, Petra, Ann and May who helped smooth the way.

Wendy Roome (Lighting & Sound) has appeared in a number of minor roles over the last twenty years, although it will take a sharp eye to spot her in the cast pictures downstairs in the lounge. Off-stage, she has designed sound and/or lighting for many of our recent shows, and she is the Playhouse's Technical Director, Webmaster and Performance Photographer. Off-off-stage, she lives in Berkeley Heights with her wife, where they are owned by several cats.

Risha Walden (Set Decor) is marking the third production for which she has volunteered to lead set décor at the Summit Playhouse. She is an Interior Designer living and working in Summit and is thrilled to bring her

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ideas to the stage for the set. Risha has grown up on stage and studied technical theater at university. She also has performed both in amateur and professional theater as well as on television. She is excited about the Summit Playhouse and loves being part of this community theater.

In Memorium

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of one of our talented, loyal members. Liz VanDeusen passed away on March 5 at age 75 from leukemia. Her family requested that donations be made payable to the Summit Playhouse in her name and sent to the Playhouse, Attn. Treasurer, 10 New England Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. For those contributing, please note your return address so the family and the Playhouse may thank you for your generosity. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



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