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The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

by Barbara Robinson



**The joyful holiday classic
coming December 13, 14 and 15**

by Stefanie Marsh

When the unruly Herdman kids show up at church and take over the lead roles in the Christmas pageant, it seems destined to be a disaster. Since they had never heard the Christmas story before, their unique interpretation turns everything upside down, creating chaos and plenty of laughs. Brought to life by a talented cast of adults and young performers, this heartwarming tale is full of holiday spirit. You'll leave with a smile, a full heart, and maybe even a tear in your eye. *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* is a delightful holiday experience for all ages!

The Cast

Alexandra (Alex) Bradford – Mrs. Clausing
Russell Carbone – Charlie Bradley
Bayleigh Devolve – Juanita
Ryan Devolve – Reverend Hopkins
Cecilia Hamilton – Maxine
Charlotte Hamilton – Beverly
Josephine Hamilton – Alice
Jeremy Hardin – Bob Bradley
Lyra Hardin – Shirley
Rebecca Hardin – Mrs. Slocum
Norah Heinemeyer – Ralph Herdman
Lee Kennedy – Mrs. Armstrong
Moirra Leavitt-Carlson – Gladys Herdman
Aurora Light – Doris
Hannah Long – Beth Bradley
Sharon Long – Grace Bradley
Gage Marbury – David
Justus Marbury – Ollie Herdman
Olivia Marbury – Leroy Herdman
Samantha Marbury – Mrs. McCarthy
Laura Mckenna – Imogene Herdman
Susan Mckenna – Mrs. Johnson
Helen Rautenberg – Mrs. Clark
Anna Reese – Claude Herdman
Maria Reese – Hobie
Peter Reese – Elmer Hopkins
Robert Tuttle – Fire Fighter

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Auditions for our Spring production



by Carol Bense

Jonathan Flower and Paul Stewart, co-directors, are inviting you to audition for The Village Players Spring Production, *Escanaba In Da Moonlight*, written by Jeff Daniels. Open auditions will be held Sunday, January 12 at 2:00 and Monday, January 13 at 6:30 at The Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro.

The directors have provided a brief synopsis of the play. When the Soady clan reunites for the opening day of deer season at the family's Upper Peninsula camp, thirty-five-year-old Reuben Soady brings with him the infamous reputation of being the oldest Soady in the history of the Soadys never to have bagged a buck. In a hunting story to best all hunting stories, *Escanaba In Da Moonlight* spins a hilarious tale of humor, horror, and heart as Reuben goes to any and all lengths to remove himself from the wrong end of the family record book. "*Escanaba In Da Moonlight* is a tall tale inspired by a larger than life corner of America...Daniels gives his audience plenty to laugh at plus a little something to think about." - Oakland Press

The directors are looking for folks to fill the following roles:

(Age ranges are approximately and more about spirit than chronological age)

Albert Soady – Early 60's (Grumpy Patriarch of the Soady family)

Reuben Soady – Mid-Thirties (Vulnerable guy)

Remnar Soady – Mid- Thirties (Not too bright, fun loving, barfly kind of guy)

Jimmer Negamane – Ageless (Kind, Caring, crazy due to previous alien abduction)

Ranger Tom – Early 40's (Represents law enforcement but overwhelmed by circumstance)

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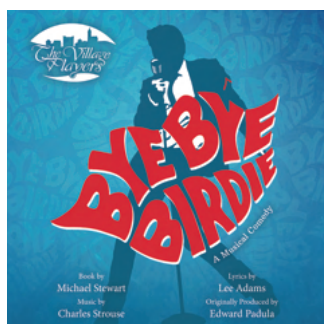
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Performances are Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14 at 7:30; Sunday, December 15 at 2:00, at the Village Players Theater. Tickets \$10, online at village-players.com (credit card fee applied) and at the door.

A big thank you to our generous show sponsors Bruce and Kris Gurall.

“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

www.concordtheatricals.com



If you missed Bye Bye Birdie, you missed (among many other wonderful things) a tap dance number that everyone loved. Here are a few photos of the production.

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Wolf Moon Dance Soady (Female, Cameo) – Thirties (Native American, loving, mysterious)

Production dates are April 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 2025 and rehearsals will be held as follows:

Initial Read-Through: Monday, January 28 @ 6:30pm

Regular Punctual Rehearsals: Sundays 2- 5, Wednesdays 6:30-9pm. Please note, depending on production progress, a third day may be added and rehearsals will be held every night during the final week before production.

We hope you will consider auditioning for this production. We love to see new faces and encourage you to come and give it a try.



The Cast



AJ O'Neil (Birdie)
Vivienne Dauphinais (Kim)



Olivia Lee (Rosie), Kristen Sturtevant (Mrs Peterson) Liam Frager (Albert)



All the girls adore Conrad Birdie



Tap Dancers led by Liam Frager and Natasha Kharitinov with Olivia Etchings, Cecilia Hamilton, Madeline Maimone, Sydney Rohrbacher



Rosie forgives Albert



Kim and family: David Morrison
Brittany Frager, Russell Carbone



All American Boy

Calendar Girls Next Summer

by Carol Bense

Director Rosemary Lounsbury has posted audition information for *Calendar Girls* which you can access on our website, village-players.com. If you have questions which are not addressed on the website, you can contact the director at VPCalendarGirls@gmail.com



VP Bits

Matthew Lounsbury, son of **Rosemary and Scott** got married on October 4 to Jaimie Fairchild. Jaimie's dad majored in Musical Theater in college!

News from Your Board of Directors

by Rosemary Lounsbury

In an effort to keep the membership up to date on what's going on "behind the scenes," we will report in *The Prompter* what has been discussed at recent meetings of the Board.

All members are invited to attend any board meeting. If you would like to speak, please let Paul Stewart know so that he can add you to the agenda. Due to some conflicts, a few of our meeting dates have changed, so this is the new list of upcoming meetings:

Monday, Dec. 2 at 7:00 PM at the theater
Monday January 6 at 7:00 PM at the theater

Our biggest news is to introduce you to our new slate of board members, who will be starting in January:

President: Paul Stewart
Vice President: Kathleen Hill
Treasurer: Stefanie Marsh
Secretary: Rosemary Lounsbury
Past President: Matt Johnson
At Large: Dawn Alie, Christian Boudman, David Morrison, Bob Rautenberg

Please remember per our bylaws in order to be eligible to vote at our annual meeting in November, and to serve on the board of directors, you need to have become a member no later than March 31 of the coming year. This was a bit of an issue this year, so perhaps set yourself a reminder to do this soon! Folks who join after September first of the current year will have membership until December 31st of the coming year. So if you join now, you will be a member for all of 2025.

Please Contribute to the Village Players Annual Appeal

by Stefanie Marsh

As the year comes to a close, we invite you to support the Village Players's annual appeal. This is a crucial time when we raise the funds needed to sustain our theater for the year ahead.

We're thrilled to have welcomed many new members to our community this year, and we're proud to be a creative home for all who share a passion for amateur theater. Can you help us preserve our beautiful historic building and ensure the Village Players stage remains vibrant with great performances?

Donors in 2024 will be listed in our 2025 season program. Please support us as a

Producer \$5000 +
Director \$2500 to \$4999
Actor \$1000 to \$2499
Manager \$500 to \$999
Patron \$250 to \$499
Friend \$25 to \$249

You can send us your check made out to The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 or donate with a credit card online at village-players.com.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Name (as you would like it to appear in our program)

Check here if you do NOT want your name listed _____
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Amount _____ Check # _____

The Village Players is a 501(c)3 charitable organization; your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Mork family will be celebrating the life of Willie Mork on Saturday February 22, 2025 at 1:00 pm at the Village Players Theater.

Invitations with details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

CONTACT US...

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2024 Village Players Board

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Vice President -	Kathleen Hill	603-520-1372
Secretary -	Rosemary Lounsbury	603-569-2599
Treasurer -	Stefanie Marsh	603-569-6382
Past President -	Matt Johnson	781-437-7007
Members at Large		
	Dawn Alie (2yrs)	603-767-0379
	Jeannie LeGrow (2yrs)	603-366-6529
	Mandy Ferriman (1yr)	603-986-6178
	Carol Light (1yr)	603-393-4277

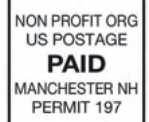
Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening of each month. All dues-paying members are also welcome to attend. Be sure your membership is current to receive your newsletter and notice of special events. Contact info@village-players.com or call 603-569-9656 if you are unsure of your membership status.

Newsletter Committee

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2025 Dues

It's time to renew (or begin) your membership to The Village Players for 2025. Dues are \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families. A family includes 2 adults and all children under 18 living in the same household.

You can pay with a credit card on the website, www.village-players.com, or send your check to:

The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.
Be sure to include your name, address and email with your check.

Remember, dues must be paid before April 1, 2025 in order to vote in the Annual Meeting in the fall of 2025