

The Opera House Players Present...

A YEAR IN THE DEATH OF EDDIE JESTER

BY T. GREGORY ARGALL



Licensed by arrangement with Samuel French Inc.
45 West 25th St, New York, NY 10010
All authorized performance materials provided by Samuel French
www.samuel french.com

Director. Joeann Tesar
Producer. Kay Moser

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers.
Flash Photography and any Recording Strictly Prohibited.



The Elkader Opera House has an induction loop system thanks to an upgrade of the sound equipment by the Opera House Players. With the activation of the T-coil by your audiologist and instruction on its use, you can receive the maximum benefit from your hearing aid. The internal tonal correction of your hearing aid will bring the sounds you hear directly to you without the use of an additional receiver or headset. Two portable units are available for your use as well. Please request the use of a unit when you place your ticket order. This loop system is available for main floor seating only, so if you want to maximize your hearing experience, please request main floor seating when purchasing your tickets.

MEET THE CAST



Eddie -Cameron Berges - This is Cameron's second OHP performance. He had the honor of portraying Bert in last year's production of *Mary Poppins*, a performance that landed him the Best Actor in a Musical award for 2018 from the Iowa Community Theatre Association. Hailing from Waukon, Cameron cherishes time spent with his wife Sara, daughters Emma & Jocelyn, and son Gavin. An active member of the Allamakee Community Players, he revels in the slapstick humor and wild antics of their annual fall comedy productions. When he's not basking in familial bliss or rehearsing for the stage, Cameron plies his trade as Network Administrator for Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar.

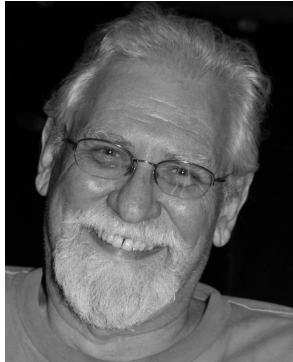


Susan - Mary Beth Specht - Mary Beth has been immersed in community theater since her first show with the OHP in 2013. She has been enriched by the joy associated with each theater experience meeting wonderful creative and talented new friends. She was thrilled to be cast in this production of *A Year in the Death of Eddie Jester* as she is a huge fan of Tom Argall's plays. When not memorizing lines or rehearsing, Mary Beth savors visits with her precious granddaughters and children, golfing, biking, and skiing. Mary Beth hopes you will enjoy getting to know "Susan" as much as she did exploring her strength and vulnerability.



Jennifer - Cheri Moser – Cheri has been involved in over 30 OHP shows in the past 27 years. Cheri has directed, choreographed, played in the pit or been on stage since she was in 3rd grade, playing the role of “Molly” in *Annie* (1992). She was recently nominated for the Iowa Community Theatre Association’s ‘Best Director of a Musical’ award for her direction of OHP’s *Mary Poppins*

(2018). She is very much looking forward to directing her next show this fall, *The Producers!* Cheri is thrilled to get to play another of Tom Argall's characters after being a part of the 2013 World Premiere cast of *The Accidental Hit-Man Blues*. Cheri works at the Trinity Cluster Church office in Monona and is also a co-owner of Grumpsters Cabins, a beautiful getaway in McGregor. She lives in McGregor with her husband, Jonathon, and four kids: Mariah (11), Taryn (9), Trace (8) and Gretel (5).



Max - Cary Kann - Cary has been involved in countless OHP productions both onstage and as a set/prop designer utilizing his talents in the visual arts. He appeared in the black box debut production, *South of Hope* as Larry Foster – he not only earned a nomination as Best Actor for that performance but also won that title for 2017 as awarded by the Iowa Community Theatre Association.



Dr. Jimmy - Jay Moser - Jay has been involved with the OHP since 1973, he is one of our “light” guys and has also appeared in over 20 productions. Recently retired as the pharmacist/owner of Elkader's Moser Family Pharmacy he is looking forward to spending time with his wife, Kay and the rest of his family including the OHP!

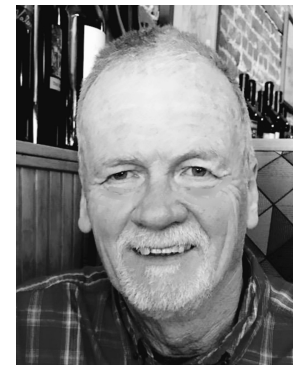


Nurse Jayne - Vickie Larson - Vickie has immensely enjoyed her first production with the Opera House Players with this show. She recently appeared in the Mama Moon production of "The Dixie Swim Club" last January and will return to that role this August at the Volga Opera House. Having participated in many shows with the Allamakee Community Players (both as performer including "Oliver," "The Music Man," and "Guys and Dolls." and as director

including "Peter Pan," "Beauty and the Beast," and "Fiddler on the Roof"), she regularly participates in their fall play. Vickie is currently working on "Mamma Mia!" with New Minowa Players (shows in late June). Vickie works for Mosaic in Waukon. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her four grandsons, ages 18 years to 6 months as well as gardening, singing and directing church choirs, playing in bell choir, and reading - helping to keep her occupied and out of trouble.



Nurse Heather - Sonrae Saganitso - Sonrae, the daughter of Sonney and Andrew Wilson, is 18 and has 3 amazing siblings who can drive her crazy, but she loves them. At a very young age her mom told her she could be whatever she wanted to be. She thought she could be the first real superhero in this world. Now she would love to be an actress who stars in Hollywood movies and walks on red carpets. She is happy to have been given the opportunity to act in this amazing play directed by Joann Tesar.



Patient - Jim Specht - Jim is looking forward to yet another upcoming plan of retirement in his educational career with at-risk youth (somehow he keeps coming back). His debut performance on any stage anywhere, in an effort to complete a “bucket list” item, was at OHP in last year's *Almost Maine* playing Phil in "Where It Went." "One and done," he said. He followed that with a role in an Allamakee Community Players' show ("Two and through" he insisted) until he could not resist the charms of his wife and the director (both co-workers as well) so....."It's three, now leave me be!" We shall see. Jim has enjoyed all his performance experiences but he feels "There's a lot more to acting than one would think." Married to Mary Beth, he enjoys his family, the Badgers, and walking their dog, Oscar.



Announcer - Craig Strutt - Craig, has acted in or directed 56 OHP productions since returning to the OHP stage in *Annie* (1992) where he played the role of Oliver Warbucks. He directed such OHP productions as *The Wizard of Oz* (2004), *Music Man* (2009) and *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (2014). He was last seen on stage in *It Runs in the Family* (2019). Craig is spending more and more time working with the technical end of these theater productions in lighting and sound. Craig lives in McGregor with his wife, Terri, the

"Ticket Queen". Craig is a chiropractor in McGregor.



Director - Joeann Tesar - This is the third year of the Opera House Players' Summer Black Box and Joeann's third year as Director of this theatre-in-the-round format. Recently nominated by the Iowa Community Theatre Association for Lead Actress in the Opera House Players show "A Comedy of Tenors," she has spent many happy years on the Opera House stage as well as with other community theatre groups including the Allamakee Community Players, New Minowa Players, and her own group, Mama Moon Theatre

Company. This is second T. Gregory Argall play she has directed (the first was "South of Hope") and enjoys bringing the wonderful stories of this talented playwright to life.



Producer - Kay Moser – has been involved with the OHP since 1973. Having appeared onstage in many productions, she is most often found producing, directing, and generally helping out in all areas of any show. Her valuable experience is crucial to every OHP show. She enjoys life with her husband, Jay, their sons, Jonathon, (a nominee for Best Actor for his performance in *South of Hope*) Benjamin, and their amazing wives and beautiful children.

THE CREWS

SET CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN & PROPS

Tom Chandler
Cheri Moser

Jonathon Moser
Kay Moser

Joeann Tesar
Trace Moser

LIGHTING & SOUND

Bob Hankey

Marla Reimer
Craig Strutt

Del Reimer

TICKETS

Terri Strutt

Clayton Drug

COSTUMES & MAKEUP

Joeann Tesar

Mary Beth Specht

PROGRAMS & PUBLICITY

Craig Strutt
Marla Reimer

Terri Strutt

Cheri Moser
Kay Moser

Thanks to all who helped make this show possible after the program went to press

The Cast

Eddie. Cameron Berges
Susan. Mary Beth Specht
Jennifer.. . . . Cheri Moser
Max. Cary Kann
Dr. Jimmy. Jay Moser
Nurse Jayne. Vickie Larson
Nurse Heather. Sonrae Saganitso
Patient. Jim Specht
Announcer Craig Strutt

Upcoming events at the Elkader Opera House

Buddy and Beyond
Johnny Rogers

June 13, 2019 - 7:00pm

The Return

A Tribute to the Beatles

June 21, 2019 - 7:30pm

Keystone Chorus

November 2, 2019 - 7pm

The Music of John Denver

by Layne Yost

November 15, 2019 - 7:30pm

Country Rewind

Swearingen and Kelli

November 23, 2019

The Opera House Players

Holiday Show

Fruitcakes

by Julian Wiles

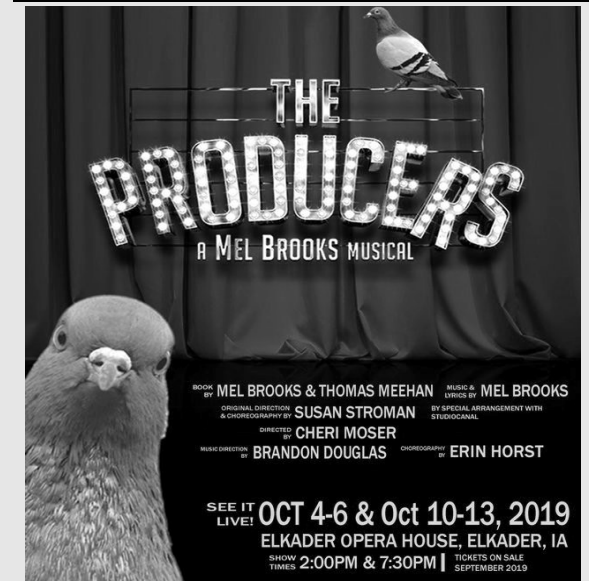
Dec 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 2019

Matinees Dec 8 & 15

WE ARE MONSTERS

A Children's Musical Camp

Friday July 12th at 7pm



Oct 4, 5, 11, 12, 2019 - 7:30pm
Matinees Thu Oct 10,
Sun. Oct 6 & 13 - 2pm

Be sure to check out our websites for more information on upcoming events.

www.OperaHousePlayers.com

www.ElkaderOperaHouse.com

We maintain an email list to keep you informed of events

Email us at list@operahouseplayers.com

2018-2019 Supporting Members

Actor's Circle (\$25-\$49)

Bev Ager
Janann Bachtell
Dennis & Mary Beck
Don & Anita Blaker
Barbara K. Boies
Stewart & Marlys Boysen
William & Tonia Breuer
James Brust
Luann Butikofer
Keith & Linda Campbell
La Rae Carolan
Mike & Joanne Carroll
Steve & Janet Christianson
Roland & Marguerite Clinton
Bruce & Ellen Collins
Mrs. Jack Dittmer
Janine DuCharme
Marvin & Julie Duff
Rosalie Fabert
Patti Fettkether
John & Betty Fischer
Linda Gardner & Anne Shelton
Timothy Gilkes
Robert & Donna Gilkes
Oswald & Carol Goettler
Thomas M. & Joan D. Good
Ruth Grau
Jean Marie Hall
Magdalena Hayford

La Vonne & Daniel Helle
Madonna Hosch
Lu Ann & John Hunt
Thomas & Marquerite Hunzinger
Joyce Hyde
Todd & Katherine Ann Ihde
Glenn & Laura Janssen
Ron & Georgi Kaiser
Thomas & Agnes Kenney
Louis & Angel Keppler
Sara & Corey Koehn
Gerry & Sandy Kramer
Verna Kuehl
Maxine Kuehl
Fred & Lynn Lange
Harry & Dorene Larson
Dorothy Lucas
Shirley Marmann
Bill McHugh
Stanley & Sharlene Milewsky
Harry & Linda Miller
Gerald & Lorraine Miller
Joan Moore
Carl & Laura Moser
Christina Mueller
Ronald & Joanne Nagel
Justine Nesvik
Richard & Mary Newbern
Jeanne & Donald Niosi

Lillian Nold
David & Julie Olson
Donald Ott Memorial
Larry Popenhagen
LeAnn Popenhagen
Floyd & Janice Possehl
Larry & Jennifer Reed
James & Jeanice Reimer
Gerald & Arlene Reimer
Bill & Annette Reimer
Linda Roberts
Connie Ruhser
James & Janice Scherbring
Alan & Janann Seabrooke
Sonja Sersland
Wendy & Barry Shea
Kenneth Sidey
Kenneth & Linda Staff
Eric & Tricia Staff
Nick & Jan Stavroplus
Robyn & Dorothy Tangeman
Joyce Thurn
Paul Ulbrich
Ed & Dianne Uriell
Karla Vogel & Bob Myers
Jennifer Wachuta
Kenneth & Twyla Walz
Mick Weiss
Morris & Sandy Weller
Mary Wildman

Edmund & Barbara Ruff
Lowell & Joyce Siegele
Leon Skubinna

James & Trina Springsteen
Alice Staples
Sue Stott
Randy & Kathy Waterman

Choreographer's Circle (\$100-\$249)

Francis(Gus) & LaVonne Augustson
Joel & Karen Bankes
Martha & Stephen Bartenhagen
Joan E. Barton
Kevin Baumler
Mike Johnson & Jaydeane Berns
Harry & Elle Blobaum
Tom & Barbara Chandler
Dennis & Lorna Christeleit
Herb Collins
Terri Connell
Lois Cordes
Barb Duwe-Peterson
Tim & Diane Fisk
Becky Fritz
Jim & Jill Fuhrman
John & Susan Gnagy
Bob Griffith
Robert & Susanne Hankey
Don & Mary Harstad
Thomas & Diann Hayes
Nancy K. Henricksen
Dick & Mary Jensen
David & Leigh Ann Judge

Don & Marilyn Kamaus
Thelma Keehner
Jim & Laurie Klosterboer
Lanny & Linda Kuehl
Russell & Juanita Loven
Patricia Martin
In Honor of Mary Ellen Hoefler
Steven & Ann McCorkindale
Bobbi Mohning
Charles & Sydney Morine
John & Erika Moyna
Dr. Jim & Sue Osterhaus
Fran Passmore
Joan Wangen & Romuald
Piorkowski
Jenna Pollock
Mike & Shelly Rider
David & Joy Roslien
Lynn Schreck
Jim & Margaret Schultz
Dr. Andy & M.J. Smith
Larry & Margaret Stone
Roger & Rosemary Thomas
Clyde & Sandy Thompson
Roger & Carol Wettleson

Playwright's Circle (\$50-\$99)

Charles & Jan Beall
Dennis & Mary Beck
Victoria Breitbach
Jerry & Kelly Carpenter
Jerry and Joanne Cummings
Kurt & NiCole Dennler
Doug Farley
Bona Dean Feller
Pat & Arlys Fitzgerald
Chris Foley
Paul & Cindy Francis
John & Anne Franta
Guy & Emily Ghan
David & Ann Gibney
Don & Lee Gordon
Larry & Jean Gritton
Rick & Roberta Hass
Erhart Hehr
Randy & Sue Henning
Jeffrey & Carolyn Hoffmann
Dr. Charles & Winnie Holmes
Tony & Suzanne Huebsch
Gary & Betty Jackson

Joleen & Jim Jansen
Trudy Johnson
James & Mary Keehner
Kevin & Kim Lau
Kenneth & Penni Leonard
Barbara Martin
Tom & Sally McGreal
Diane & David McKenzie & Family
Patrick & Donna McLane
Donna Menken
David & Melanie Mergen
Gene & Barb Milewsky
Bob & Susie Moran
David & Maylo Moser
Tom & Sheila Neuhaus
Maury & Letty Oehler
Brad & Deb Orvis
Ann Ott
Bill & Dorothy Peterson
Robert & Bonnie Pruett
Ken & Alice Reimer
Mark & Pam Reinig
Rich & Barb Roepke

Designer's Circle (\$250-\$499)

John & Dawn Cunningham
Florence Gifford
Robert & Theresa Hauber
Karen Schroeder
Linda Witter
Ken & Fran Zichal

Director's Circle (\$500-\$749)

**Tim Burrack & Gail Moorman Behrens
Janette Hansel
Roger & Jody Helmrichs
Rev Nils Hernandez
Carl Wessel Memorial**

Producer's Circle (\$750-999)

Bob & Becky Glesne

Angel's Circle (\$1000+)

**John & Med Bickel
Dr. Michele & Steve Dikkers
Keith & Kathy Garms
Craig & LeAnn Watson
Pastors Margaret & Mark Yackel-Juleen**

OUR 2018-2019 PATRONS

ACTOR'S CIRCLE (\$25-\$49)

Bodley Equipment & Repair - Postville
Briezy Acre Rental Resort - Monona
Corby's Tire & Muffler, Inc. - Elkader
Esser's Shoe & Clothing - Guttenberg
Everett's Service - Betty Marmann -
Elkader

Medical Associates Clinic - Elkader
N. Joseph Stender, D.D.S. - Elkader
Nading's Service & Sporting - Strawberry
Point
Rivals, Inc. Custom Gear - Strawberry Point
Safariland Taxidermy - Dan Beck - Elkader

PLAYWRIGHT'S CIRCLE (\$50-\$99)

Casino Queen Marquette - Marquette
Citizen's State Bank - Strawberry Point
Elkader Tax and Bookkeeping - Elkader
Grau Logs & Lumber - Elkader
Mink Creek Lodge - Wadena
The Copper Frog - Elkader

CHOREOGRAPHER'S CIRCLE (\$100-\$249)

Barn on the Bluff B & B - Elkader
Elkader Jail House Inn - Elkader
Norplex Micarta - Postville

DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE (\$500-\$749)

Builder's First Source - Elkader