

Milford Second Street Players
proudly present

Moonlight and Magnolias

Written by
Ron
Hutchinson



Directed by
Tommye
Staley

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Riverfront Theatre

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CAST

David O. Selznick Bill Chamberlain
Ben Hecht Adam Southard
Penelope Poppengul Kathy Chamberlain
Victor Fleming Joe McCann

PRODUCTION

Director Tommye Staley
Assistant Director Titia Halfen
Producer LeRoy Andrews
Stage Manager Kathy Chamberlain
Assistant Stage Manager Katherine McCann
Set Design Phil Staley
Master Carpenter Chris Annand
Stage Construction Titia Halfen, Jamie Kish,
Joe McCann, Katherine McCann, Adam Southard
Leah Southard, Phil Staley, Tommye Staley
Lighting Design John Moller
Lighting & Sound Technician LeRoy Andrews
Properties Susan Newark
Costumes Lillian Phillips, Cast
Paper Crunching Corynn & Ayden Southard
Publicity & Playbill Steve Twilley
Tickets Valerie Andrews, Tracy Dissinger
Hospitality Maynard & Eleanor Gregory

Time

1939

Location

Selznick's office at Louis B. Mayer's MGM Studio
Hollywood, California

Act I Day One (a long day)
Ten Minute Intermission
Act II Day Three (a *very* long day)
Ten Minute Intermission
Act III Day Five (a *really* long day)

Heartfelt Thanks To...

Michele Kish
Mark & Tracy Dissinger
Eddie Cohee
Keith McKain
Jenn Stutzman

From the Director...

I have often heard other directors say that "this has been a labor of love," but this play truly has been a labor of love for me. The support that I have gotten from the cast, crew, family, friends, board members...just everybody, has been so wonderful.

The set is great, thanks to my husband, Phil and his artistic talent. Thank you Sweetie, for all your encouragement and help. And my daughter, Michele and grandson Jamie...you all are the best.

Now to this cast. They worked through true adversities without one complaint...from having rehearsals in an empty house, to losing a cast member just a couple weeks before opening. What a bunch! They worked so hard learning their lines, their blocking, and developing their characters...and again without a single complaint. Every single one of the cast and crew painted the set, and helped put it together. They have absolutely pulled together, and haven't complained one single time while slapping each other silly! Whatever we have asked of them, they have delivered. They have been so much fun, and I am so proud of them...and if they all decide to go to Hollywood, I'm going with them!

This brings me to Titia...who is listed as assistant director in the playbill. But she is way beyond assistant director. We have really worked as a team on this project. We have truly been co-directors in every sense. She has great insights and instincts. She is ready to be a director in her own right, and I am confident that she will be a super one. So, if you see a play directed by Titia Halfen, you can go see it with every expectation that it will be super good...for it will be.

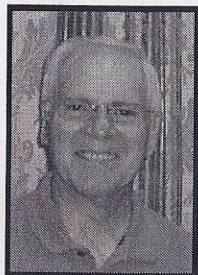
So, group, I thank you all for one of the best theatre experiences that I have ever had. I am so grateful to you all. And like I always say...you go out there and make us all look good!!

Love, gratitude, hugs, and kisses to you all.

Tommye

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Cast



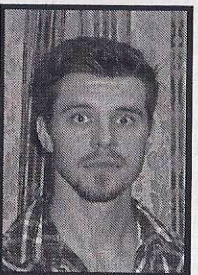
Bill Chamberlain (David O. Selznick) has been doing community theatre for more than 20 years, (*starting at such an early age!*), mostly in his native Pennsylvania. One of the last shows he did there, before moving to Delaware, was *Moonlight and Magnolias*. Here at Riverfront Theatre, Bill has appeared in *Jake's Women*, *Oscar & Felix*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Ordinary People*. He is also currently serving his first term on SSP's Board of Directors. "The most fun part of this show for me," Bill says, "has been the opportunity to recreate the part of David O. Selznick. And the cast and crew have been great." Bill lives in Rehoboth Beach with his wife, Kathy.



Kathy Chamberlain (Penelope Poppengul), a retired college professor, was involved with community theatre in a variety of capacities, mostly behind the scenes and as stage manager before she and Bill moved to Delaware. In Pennsylvania, she appeared in *Harvey* and, here at Riverfront, she recently appeared in *Red vs. the Wolf*. A late replacement in the role of Poppengul, Kathy says the short time to learn lines was a challenge but she credits the support of a great cast and crew. "The best part of this show," Kathy says, "has been to appear on stage with my husband, Bill, for only the second time in over 20 years."



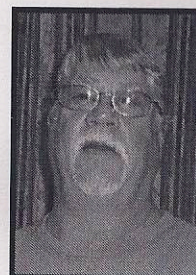
Joe McCann (Victor Fleming) returns for his fifth SSP show after most recently appearing in 2008's *Oscar & Felix*. He has also appeared in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* in Baltimore and *Kid Purple* in Annapolis. "The cast and crew have been loads of fun and truly dedicated to creating a successful show," Joe says. "This is a very funny play and we hope to give audiences a good time." Enjoying retirement from his home in Prime Hook, which he shares with his wife, Katherine, Joe also enjoys tennis, golf, cycling, and bird watching. Joe adds a special thank you to "wife Kate for her constant support and encouragement."



Adam Southard (Ben Hecht) adds his second Second Street show to his theatre credits after having previously appearing in *Babes in Toyland*, as well as four years of high school theatre, and a appearance in the short film, *Pinheads*. "This is the biggest show I have ever done," Adam says, "but it's been great fun working with such talented directors and cast — the most talented group I've ever worked with." Away from the theatre, Adam works in the hospitality industry and in his spare time enjoys the beach, sports, cooking, and playing with his kids, Corynn and Ayden. Adam, his wife, Leah, and their kids live in Dover.

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Crew



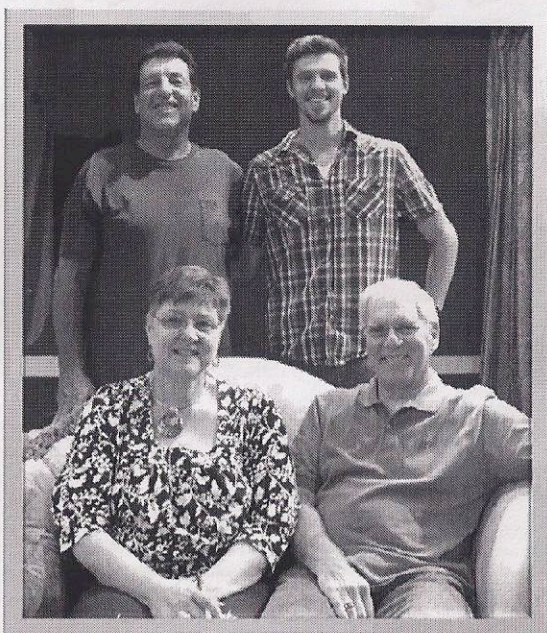
LeRoy Andrews (Producer), an SSP Board member, has directed a long list of Second Street shows including this spring's *Mushuggah-Nuns!*, and previously *Jake's Women*, *Ordinary People*, *Rock 'n' Roll Christmas Revue*, *Over the River and Through the Woods*, and *Wait Until Dark*. His last Riverfront Theatre onstage appearance was in 2005's *The Rainmaker*. For *Moonlight & Magnolias*, LeRoy is also in the booth running the light and sound boards. LeRoy is a psychological counselor with Peoples Place and lives with wife, Valerie, in Houston along with Teddy the dog, Zoe the cat, and Para the parakeet.



Titia Halfen (Assistant Director) has previously assistant-directed such shows as *Dracula*, *Funny Money*, *One Acts III*, *I Do, I Do*, and *Bell, Book, and Candle*. She has also appeared onstage in *Nuncrackers* and has done costumes and props for shows. "It has been great fun working with Tommye and all the cast," Titia says. The cast is so talented and dedicated, they have made my life a breeze." Titia is a registered nurse and lives at Prime Hook Beach with her dog, Dixie.



Tommye Staley (Director) has a long list of theatre credits onstage and in the director's chair. She most recently appeared on the Riverfront stage in *The Homecoming* and most recently directed SSP's *California Suite*. "*Moonlight and Magnolias* truly reflects human nature and the hopes of trials of making a movie. The people involved in the show have all been just great — the best ever." A retired Milford High teacher, Tommye now teaches at Wesley College and enjoys riding her Harley and singing with the group, Rebirth. She reminds everyone that she is living the "country" life now and that she is Georgiana Staley's mother!



The cast and crew of *Moonlight and Magnolias...* Above, seated, are Kathy Chamberlain (Penelope Poppengul) and Bill Chamberlain (David O. Selznick). Standing are Joe McCann (Victor Fleming) and Adam Southard (Ben Hecht). Below, standing behind Bill & Kathy (Poppengul *and* stage manager), are Tommye Staley (director), LeRoy Andrews (producer), Katherine McCann (assistant stage manager), Joe McCann, Adam Southard, and Titia Halfen (assistant director).

