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DEARLY DEPARTED



by David Bottrell & Jessie Jones

April 21-23 & 28-30

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theatre7.org

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Written by David Bottrelll & Jessie Jones

Co-Directors: Shawn Becker, Tara Becker

Producer: Emma Roark

Set Design: Scott Magruder

Lighting Designer/Operator: Kate Ciambella,
Steve Trout

House Manager: Cynthia Hinkle

Props: Kathy Zientara, Cheryl Laskowski

Publicity: Emma Roark, David Gilpin,
Cynthia Hinkle

Set Construction: Scott Magruder, Doug Fryman

Set Dressing: Laura Magruder

Artistic Set Painting: Jerry Johnson

Stage Managers: Taner Eiswald, David Gilpin

Stage Crew: Ava McConnell, Brock Wiggins

Programs: Emma Roark

Lobby Display: Emma Roark, Abby Martin



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To have your name added to the registration list, submit payment through Venmo (@DecaturTheatre7) or by check (hand to Theatre 7 member or mail to PO Box 972, Decatur, IL 62525). Payment is due by June 16.

All funds support Theatre 7's building fund.

Setting

*In and around the towns of Lula and Timson,
somewhere below the Mason-Dixon Line.
Present day.*

Scenes

ACT I

SCENE I: BUD & RAYNELLE'S KITCHEN

SCENE II: REESE'S ROOM / MARGUERITE'S KITCHEN

SCENE III: LUCILLE & RAY-BUD'S KITCHEN

SCENE IV: JUNIOR & SUZANNE'S CAR

SCENE V: RAYNELLE'S KITCHEN

SCENE VI: REESE'S CAR

SCENE VII: RAY-BUD'S LIVING ROOM

SCENE VIII: RAY-BUD'S BACK STEPS

SCENE IX: "MIDNIGHT SINNER" RADIO SHOW

— **INTERMISSION: 15 MINUTES** —

ACT II

SCENE I: COMMUNITY ROOM AT DEPEW'S

SCENE II: COMMUNITY ROOM AT DEPEW'S

SCENE III: COMMUNITY ROOM AT DEPEW'S

SCENE IV: COMMUNITY ROOM AT DEPEW'S

SCENE V: COMMUNITY ROOM AT DEPEW'S

SCENE VI: COMMUNITY ROOM AT DEPEW'S

SCENE VII: RAYNELLE'S KITCHEN

SCENE VIII: COMMUNITY ROOM AT DEPEW'S

Meet the Cast

RuthAnn Holmes (Raynelle) RuthAnn has enjoyed her thirteen years with T7! She has served on the board as secretary, been in several roles backstage, & appeared onstage. Some of her favorite shows have been Last Round-Up of the Guacamole Queens, Murder Inn, & Nana's Naughty Knickers. She said, "Love & hugs to Jim for letting me have such fun!"



Daniel Feltes (Ray Bud) Daniel Feltes has been doing local theatre for the past decade, but this is his first play. He and his wife, Katie, have 2 kids, Charlie & Kimmie. He enjoys spending time with them, watching movies, writing, and baseball. He said, "Thanks to my parents, siblings, in-laws, & friends for making my days so enjoyable. Hi Charlie! Hi Kimmie!"



Timber Ziegler (Lucille) Timber is so excited to be onstage yet again! She has previously been in shows with Theatre 7 like Stepping Out & Something Rotten. Outside of theatre, she is a student at Richland and does theatre and dance all over the area!



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Jonah Stauffer (Junior) This will be Jonah's second show with Theatre 7 (his first being Jeff Cunningham in ReGifters). He has also performed with Midsummer Moon and his old high school, with some of his favorite roles being Gaston ("Beauty & the Beast"), William Barfee ("25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"), Charlie Brown ("You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"), and Mr. Green ("Clue"). He is very excited to be part of another T7 production!



Sunset Ziegler (Suzanne) Sunset is so excited to be on stage with Theatre 7 again! (She has now been part of 4 T7 shows in just seven months.) In her free time, she's either working as the choreographer for Warrensburg-Latham High School or working Guest Relations at the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater. She cannot wait for y'all to see this show and laugh until your stomach hurts!



Kathy Zientara (Marguerite) Kathy has been involved with T7 since 1979. She has been seen onstage many times as well as working backstage. Currently, she serves as President of T7's Executive Board. She wants to thank everyone who has come out to support Theatre 7 & live theatre!



Amber Montgomery (Reese) Dearly Departed is Amber's third show with Theatre 7. Outside the theater, you'll see her at work as a pharmacy technician or at home with her husband, Tim, and 6-year-old son, Luke.



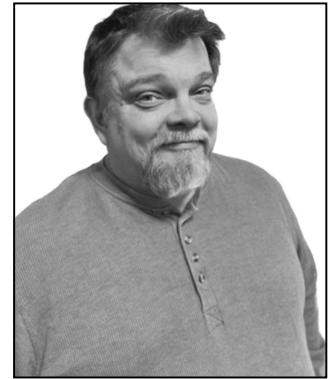
COMING SOON: Murder Mystery & Spooky Fun

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Kat Solano (Delightful) Kat has been performing for years. She graduated from the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts in 2021, majoring in film and television. She toured the U.S. with Jurassic Quest. She's back and excited to be working with Theatre 7 again. She believes with all that she has learned over the years, she'll leave you with a "Delightful" surprise.



Shawn Becker (Rev. Hooker) Shawn has reached the age that his length of time with Theatre 7 can no longer be remembered without an hour of concentration or more. He is the other half of the dynamic duo directing team that brought last season's "NOISES OFF" to life. For this show, he has decided to dust off his acting cap and play the role of Rev. Hooker. He has full confidence that Co-Director and spouse Tara will reel him in when needed. She will remind him that just because he played the role of Ray Bud 22 years earlier (had to think about it), it doesn't mean he knows every nuance this show brings to the table. She will also remind him of the irony of him playing a man of the cloth.



Casey Hedenberg (Juanita) Casey has been performing for audiences since she was 5 years old. Last year she took a leap and was Assistant Director for Theatre 7's Nana's Naughty Knickers. In 2021, she was Belinda/Flavia in "Noises Off." Her previous roles were with Decatur Underground Theater as Mayor Matilda Hyde in All Shook Up and Granny for Into the Woods. She can also be spotted in parades as a member of Heroes of Legend Cosplay Group. Casey is an alumnus of University of Illinois—Urbana and Millikin University. When not performing, she enjoys spoiling her niece and nephew, playing with the family dog, singing, and watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball.



Jamie Tucker (Nadine) Jamie has been doing theatre since high school. She graduated from Millikin University in 2019 as a theatre major. Jamie took a break after graduating to pursue other passions and then COVID hit. She is super excited to be coming back to theatre with this great cast and this hilarious show!



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Cheryl Laskowski (Veda) Cheryl is a 22-year veteran with Theatre 7. Normally, she can be found in a backstage role, such as costuming, props, and set decorating. She has also done lighting and been assistant director. She directed her first performance this last summer for “Murder on the Menu,” a summer dinner theatre. Cheryl recently retired from the City of Decatur after 37+ years. Previous stage credits include: “Epic Proportion”, “The Man Who Came to Dinner”, and the “Last Round-Up of the Guacamole Queens.”



Teddy Hansen (Bud/Norval) Teddy was born in London, UK in 1966. He had been in London for most of his life until 2001 when he moved to Lowestoft in Suffolk. Teddy moved stateside in 2016 to be with his wife, Donna, and he has lived here since. This will be his second stage production in Decatur, after “My Fair Lady.” He looks forward to working with more extraordinary people with awesome talent. He loves movies, books, puzzle games, history, and more. “Not bad for a Cockney lad from London!”



_____ **(Clyde)** No bio or image available. We have deduced the person is an aforementioned cast member. Name is anagram of “HW, Snack, Beer”



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Every season, the cast and crew made up entirely of volunteers produce three mainstage productions as well as several dinner theaters.

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