

PLAYBILL

The Shawnee Playhouse

MAMMA MIA

LIFE'S A BANQUET!

Book by: **Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee**

Music and Lyrics by: **Jerry Herman**

June 16th to July 9th, 2023

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Shawnee Institute Artistic Division
The Shawnee Playhouse and WORTHINGTON PLAYERS
The artistic arm of The Shawnee Institute was formed in
December of 1999 as a 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission
statement is to provide diverse, quality artistic programs to the residents of the historic
village of Shawnee; its neighbors and visitors. As a not-for-profit organization, the Institute
has flourished in its endeavors creating original programs here at Shawnee.

PLAYHOUSE STAFF

Executive Producers.....Ginny & Charlie Kirkwood
Executive Director.....Midge McClosky
Group Sales.....Tansy Baird
Box Office.....Alicia Witcraft, Barb Dickinson, Sam Cameron, Cyndi Valcukas
Media Manager.....Robert McClosky

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....David Arzberger
Co-Director.....Sarah McCarroll
Choreographer.....David Arzberger
Dance Captains.....Bri Rosa, Michael Guerriere
Costumer.....David Arzberger
Assistant Costumer.....Barb
Stage Manager.....Kaylee Holland
Music Director.....Todd G. Deen
Set Construction.....Kristen Smith, Cris, Carl McDannell
.....Eric Uhler, Grant Wagner, Cat King
Scenic Artist.....Marissa Rachjaibun
Company Photographer.....Kenneth Card
Light Design.....Sarah McCarroll, Midge McClosky, Grant Wagner
Sound Design.....Midge McClosky, Grant Wagner
Tech Operators.....Gaetano Stone, Chris Nyarko
Dresser.....Julianna Mosser, Donna White



SPECIAL THANKS: Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, Kristen Long, Billy McClosky, Spa Shawnee, Jack Francis, Della Baird, Carlos Valentin, Kathy Mosser, Pocono Print & Design, Danielle Salerno Stone, Naomi Naughton, Curtiss Burton, and Catharina Litjens

CAST

in order of appearance

Young Patrick.....	Finn Naughton
Agnes Gooch.....	Johanna Gelbs
Vera Charles.....	Sarah McCarroll
Mame Dennis.....	Midge McClosky
Ralph Devine/Messenger.....	Jules Gindraux
Bishop/Gregor/Mr.Upson/Uncle Jeff.....	Bill Stockbridge
M. Lindsay Woolsey.....	David Arzberger
.....	Patrick Turner
Ito.....	Elijah Vazquez
Doorman/Junior Babcock.....	Michael Guerriere
Elevator Girl.....	Isabella Cameron
Madame Branislawski.....	Bri Rosa
Beauregard Jackson Pickett Burnside.....	Ryan Cook
.....	Rob Howell
Cousin Fan/Gloria Upson.....	Rachel McDaniel
Cousin Sam.....	Laurel Cameron
Sally Cato/Mrs. Upson.....	Lori Flanagan
Mother Burnside.....	Sally Hendee
Older Patrick.....	Joey Ambrosia
Pegeen Ryan.....	Arwen Cameron
.....	Cordelia D'Orsi
Peter Dennis.....	Daniel Stone

Musical Numbers

Act One

OVERTURE.....	Orchestra
ST. BRIDGET.....	Agnes & Young Patrick
IT'S TODAY	Mame, Vera, & Chorus
ITS TODAY - REPRISE	Mame, Young Patrick, & Chorus
OPEN A NEW WINDOW	Mame, Young Patrick, & Chorus
THE MOON SONG.....	Vera, Mame, & Girls
MY BEST GIRL.....	Young Patrick & Mame
WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS.....	Mame, Agnes, Ito, & Young Patrick
WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS - REPRISE.....	Mame, Agns, Ito, Young Patrick, & Beau
MAME/FINALE ACT I.....	Beau, Mother Burnside, & Chorus

Act Two

ENTR'ACTE.....	Orchestra
MY BEST GIRL - REPRISE.....	Older Patrick
BOSOM BUDDIES.....	Mame & Vera
BOSOM BUDDIES - REPRISE	Mame & Vera
GOOCH'S SONG	Agnes
THAT'S HOW YOUNG I FEEL.....	Mame & Chorus
IF HE WALKED INTO MY LIFE.....	Mame
IT'S TODAY - REPRISE 2.....	Mame, Vera & Chorus
MY BEST GIRL - REPRISE 2.....	Older Patrick
FINALE ACT II.....	Mame

Setting: The action takes place in Mame's Beekman Place Apartment and various locales in which she becomes involved during a period from 1928 to 1946

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Finn Naughton (YOUNG PATRICK)- Finn previously performed at The Shawnee Playhouse in A Christmas Carol, as Oliver in Oliver Jr!, Michael in Elf, Theo in Pippin, and Tiny Tim in Tiny Tim's Christmas Carol. He also appeared as Pugsley in The Addams Family Young@Part, and as Jojo in Seussical Jr; both for Rebel Stages.



Johanna Gelbs (AGNES GOOCH)- Is a rising senior at Bloomsburg University studying Theatre Arts with an emphasis in performance. She feels so thankful to get to tell Gooch's story alongside some of her favorite people! Some of her favorite credits include Ivy in John Proctor is the Villain, Johanna in Six Characters in Search of an Author, and Ermengarde in Hello, Dolly! This show is for her dad and all those who live life fully and unapologetically... "I lived!"



Sarah McCarroll (VERA CHARLES/CO-DIRECTOR)- is having a blast playing fabulous women on the Shawnee Playhouse stage. Some of her favorites include Dolly Levi in Hello, Dolly (Broadway World Regional Award), Jeanette in The Full Monty, and Vivian in Church Basement Ladies - A Second Helping (NEPTA Award). Thanks to this amazing cast and crew, my bosom buddy, and the David Arzberger experience.



Midge McClosky (MAME DENNIS)- is honored to take the stage in this iconic role. She is humbled by the enormous talent of the creative team and those she is working with both onstage and behind the scenes. Midge has been the Shawnee Playhouse Executive Director for the last 18 years. She is an award winning actress and director, receiving accolades from OOBIE, NEPTA and Philadelphia Broadway World. "Life IS a banquet! LIVE!!!"

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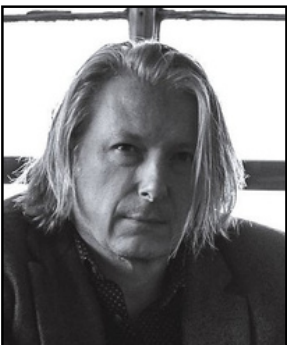
Jules Gindraux (RAPLH DEVINE/MESSENGER)- is an adult-actor and baritone-bass singer who was raised in Pennsylvania. He enjoys delving into bringing every character he is given to life onstage and bringing a smile to everyone's faces. Always willing to lend a helping hand where one is needed, he has both performed and interned at the Shawnee Playhouse. You may have seen him perform in the last year in Gypsy, Singin' in the Rain, Dracula, and Christmas Carol.



Bill Stockbridge (BISHOP/GREGOR/MR.UPSON)- Bill is super excited to be performing at the Shawnee Playhouse in his second summer season! A resident of PA and Shawnee area, it's great to be onstage with this amazing cast and welcoming community! And to Greg, thank you for your support and encouragement.



David Arzberger (M. LINDSEY WOOLSEY)- originally from Queens, NYC, has been performing, choreographing, and teaching for 23 years. He is delighted to make his directorial debut with this phenomenally talented cast and crew. He was last seen as a choreographer and customer for The Shawnee Playhouse's summer productions of The Full Monty and Hello Dolly.



Patrick Turner (M. LINDSEY WOOLSEY)- Favorite roles from the Shawnee Playhouse stage include Charlie in Da, Mr. Lockhart in The Seafarer, and John Proctor in The Crucible. He was seen most recently last summer as Harold Nichols in The Full Monty. In addition to several commercials and independent films, Patrick is a songwriter and musician whose solo album Ghosts and several singles are available on all popular streaming platforms. He thanks his incredible wife for her constant love and support.

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Elijah Vazquez (ITO)- Elijah is currently twenty-two and was born in New York City. Educated at Pocono Mountain West High School and graduated with an Associate Degree in Theatre from Northampton Community College. Other shows include Grease, Junk, and Cinderella. He is currently teaching theatre at several different schools in the Allentown school district to underserved communities. He has also been in several student films, including one he wrote and directed called "The Big Day".



Michael Guerriere (DOORMAN/JUNIOR BABCOCK/ENSEMBLE)- is thrilled to return for yet another summer at the Shawnee Playhouse. You may remember him from recent productions including A Christmas Carol (Fred/Businessman), Singin' in the Rain (Cosmo Brown), and Hello, Dolly! (Ambrose Kemper). Huge shoutout for my family and friends who have supported me from the beginning and a huge thank you to the Kirkwoods, Midge, David, and the Shawnee Playhouse for making this summer so wonderful!



Isabella Cameron (ELEVATOR BOY/ENSEMBLE)- is thrilled to be a part of Mame! She has recently be seen as a featured dancer in "A Christmas Carol", Junie B. Jones in "Junie B. Jones Jr.", and ensemble in "Frozen Jr." Isabella would like to thank all of her directors, cast, and crew for putting on this amazing show. She would also like to thank her family, for always supporting her. Enjoy the show!



Bri Rosa (MADAME BRANISLOWSKI/ENSEMBLE)- is the co-dance captain. This is her second production at Shawnee! She is a senior graduating from Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts as a dance major. Some of her previous performances include Christmas at the Castle (Rebel Stages), Singing in the Rain (Shawnee), and Little Shop of Horrors (LVCHA). She would like to thank her friends and family for always being supportive and the cast and crew for putting together an incredible show!

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Ryan Cook (BEAUREGARD JACKSON PICKETT BURNSIDE)- is happy once again to be on the Shawnee stage with such wonderful friends. Shawnee patrons may remember him as Judas in JCS, Sam in Mamma Mia or Jerry in The Full Monty. He has also directed Oklahoma, Christmas of Swing, Guys and Dolls, The Full Monty and will be directing Joseph... Dreamcoat this summer. Love to his girls Lindsey & Peyton as well as to Sarah, Midge, Kristen, Joey and Todd. This and all shows are dedicated to his family. Miss you Daddy.



Rachel (COUSIN FAN/GLORIA UPSON)- is excited to appear in Mame. This is her third performance on stage and has also appeared in A Long Day's, Journey Into Night, and Calendar Girls. She is grateful for her husband, friends, and family for their unending love, encouragement, and support and is honored to work with such a talented, creative, and hilarious cast.



Laurel Cameron (COUSIN SAM/ENSEMBLE)- is thrilled to be a part of another spectacular production at the Shawnee Playhouse. Some of her favorite roles include Shepard/Chef in Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Wardrobe Mistress/Ensemble in Signin' in the Rain, Baby Bear/Duloc Dancer in Shrek the Musical, and Elsa's Powers in Disney's Frozen Jr. Laurel would like to thank Miss Midge and David for this wonderful opportunity. She would also like to thank her five sisters, her one brother, and her amazing mom and dad for always supporting her. Enjoy the show everyone!



Sally Hendee (Mother Burnside)- has been acting in community theater since 2012. She has performed in over eleven productions since her first production, "Arsenic and Old Lace". Sally is thrilled to be back at Shawnee, recently as Cora in "Calendar Girls" and now a part of this magnificent production.

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Joseph Ambrosia (OLDER PATRICK)- has been seen on Cabaret, Theme Park, Casino, Cruise Ship, and Theatre stages across the country, but no stage as constructive, supportive, and welcoming as his home boards here, at SPH. Joseph helped found Fusia & In2YouArts Center's for the Arts, where he is a devoted full-time educator/program director/creator, his is a A multi-time NEPTA Award winner, directs theater and dance, as well as holds a private studio instructing both Voice and Movement at Fusia & In2YouArts. Endless gratitude to his unwavering tribe, my steadfast Mother, and Midge - another forever Mom, always. @josephambrosia Jamie Baker Management - NYC.



Arwen Cameron (PEGEEN RYAN/ENSEMBLE)- is thrilled to be performing in this hilarious production at the Shawnee Playhouse! She will be attending Molloy University in the fall to pursue a BFA in Musical theatre with the Cap 21 Conservatory. Previous credits include Babette in “Beauty and the Beast”, Morticia Addams/Ensemble in “The Addams Family”, and Ensemble/Dance Captain in “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder”. She would like to thank her mom and dad for believing in her throughout this busy year, her siblings, and a huge thank you to David, Midge, Sarah, and Todd for putting on such a magical production! Enjoy the show!



Cordelia D'Orsi (PEGEEN RYAN/ENSEMBLE)- after her first year majoring in theatre at Dean College, Cordelia is excited to be performing, directing, and choreographing for the Shawnee Playhouse. Previous credits include assistant directing Pippin, as well as performing in Singing In the Rain, Annie, Matilda, Fantasticks, and Pippin. "Thank you to my wonderful parents, family, and friends who have supported me so strongly! To David and the whole team, what an incredible opportunity to work with these artists! I hope everyone enjoys the show and never loses their want of adventure in life!



Daniel Stone (PETER DENNIS/UNDERSTUDY YOUNG PATRICK)- is 8 years old and this is his second performance at Shawnee Playhouse. Daniel will also be performing in another summer show here at the playhouse, Little Mermaid Jr. He is so excited and grateful for this amazing opportunity and would like to thank Miss Midge for her continuous encouragement and support. He loves being a part of the Playhouse family! Enjoy the show!

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Kaylee Holland (STAGE MANAGER)- was in Shrek Jr, Mamma Mia as ensemble, The Secret Garden as Martha, and Les Misérables as Eponine all at Bangor High School. This is her first show as stage manager!



Marissa Rachjaibun (SCENIC ARTIST)- has gotten great joy by not only performing on the Shawnee Stage but also contributing behind the scenes. She is heavily involved in the set production of Stroudsburg Highschool's yearly musical production and is excited to bring her talents to enhance the artistry in local community theater.



Todd G. Dean (MUSIC DIRECTOR)- Musical Director/Pianist/Keyboardist. Northeastern PA Theatrical Award (NEPTA) winner for Best Musical Director 2018 and nominated for Best Musical Director 2019. Broadway World Award Philadelphia Region winner 2021 for Hello Dolly and nominated for Singing In The Rain 2022 at Shawnee Playhouse.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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to
Jul 28, 7:00 PM**



**Jul 21, 8:00 PM
to
Aug 13, 2:00 PM**



**Jul 28, 7:00 PM
to
Aug 12, 7:00 PM**



**Aug 18, 6:00 PM
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Aug 20, 6:00 PM**

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