

Village
Playhouse
of Wauwatosa

The Actor's Nightmare

by Christopher Durang

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Cast

George Spelvin ----- Ryan H. Nelson
Meg ----- Jessie Barr
Sarah Siddons ----- Elizabeth Havican
Dame Ellen Terry ----- Jamee Lenzen
Henry Irving ----- Mike Crowley

Staff

Producer ----- Bob Kafka, Elizabeth Havican
Director ----- Tom Zuehlke
Stage Manager ----- Lynn Ruhl
Costume Designer / Assistant Stage Manager ----- Pam Ebeling

Original music written and performed by melaniejane

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Meet Our Cast

Jessie Barr (Meg) -- Jessie has been involved in local theater productions since 2008. Her VPW debut was in the 2010 VPW Annual Playwright's Festival, where she played the awkward but charming Archangel Alice in *Eve and Adam*, and Claudia in the *The Conductor*. As a member of Stage Left Players, Jessie has played many exciting roles, a particular favorite being the feet of the corpse of God. She is excited to be part of this production!

Mike Crowley (Henry Irving) -- Mike is excited to be working with the Village Playhouse, where he has been involved in numerous productions including several stints as an actor and director in the Annual Wisconsin Playwright's Festival. Mike has performed in over 50 productions with a wide variety of groups in Michigan and Wisconsin. When not appearing on stage, Mike is a real estate attorney and landlord. He is a 29 year veteran of the Milwaukee Polar bear swim and a devoted Devil worshipper (the New Jersey Devils hockey team). Mike would like to thank Tom and the cast for a fun show!!

Elizabeth Havican (Sarah Siddons) -- Elizabeth is excited to return to the AACTFest stage, having played Desdemona in the VPW's festival production of *In Juliet's Garden* two years ago. She was most recently seen as socialite turned actress Kendall Adams in *Stage Door* at the Sunset Playhouse. While Elizabeth has worked with many theaters throughout the greater Milwaukee area, the Village Playhouse is one of her favorites. In addition to being on stage, she is also active behind the scenes with the VPW as Vice President of the Board and is co-producing the upcoming spring mainstage show, *The 39 Steps*. Elizabeth lives in West Allis, with her husband Patrick and their two cats, Deadly and The Doctor.

Meet Our Cast (cont.)

Jamee Lenzen (Dame Ellen Terry) -- Jamee is thrilled to be making her debut performance with The Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa for *The Actor's Nightmare*. She was most recently seen at Waukesha Civic in *Candy Cane Tales and Holiday Carols*. She has performed in several shows at the Lake Country Playhouse, Sunset Playhouse and Waukesha Civic. Her favorite roles are Susan Paige in *Stage Door*, Ensemble in *Miss Saigon*, Lady Anne in *Camelot* and Roz in *Moon Over Buffalo*. She is currently a Domestic Engineer and lives in Bay View with her fiancé Tracy and her 3 beautiful girls, Samantha, Paige and Lexi. She would like to thank Tom for giving her this opportunity and Elizabeth for thinking of her!! She also sends huge thanks to the love of her life for being so supportive of her and her hobby!!!!

Ryan H. Nelson (George Spelvin) -- Ry-Guy is a Milwaukee native, a founding member of the Milwaukee Entertainment Group and Urban Anthropology Theatre Company, and has been a part of such groups as silent-film-style sketch troupe The M.U.T.E.S., The Warped Cast, & R.G. Productions. He has also been involved in films, plays, and musicals such as *Sherlock Holmes: Hound Of The Baskervilles*, *The Gospel According To Gary*, *6 Degrees Of Separation*, *Dearly Departed*, *Supervillain Rehab*, *March To Kosciuszko*, and *Speakeasy Of Murder*, at such venues as the Miramar, Racine Theatre Guild, Sunset Playhouse, the 48-Hour Film Festival, and much more. His main claim to fame over the last 11 years has been as a voice-actor with R5 Central, Virtual Hollywood, the Voice-Acting Alliance, Pendant Audio Productions, and FET's DigiDubs, as well as writing and creating original audio projects of his own. He's a singer, and is currently looking for a new band to rock out with.

