

The
Pyramid Players

PRESENTS



Steal Magnolias

Robert Harling

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Magnolias

PLACE: Chinquapin, Louisiana

ACT I: Scene 1: April

Scene 2: December

ACT II: Scene 1: June, 18 months later

Scene 2: November

PRODUCTION STAFF

Directors - Adam Jenkins & Travis Stern

Set Design - Michael Compton

**Set Crew - Allan Kimball, Darrell Compton, Jan Compton,
Michael Compton, Bhavesh Patel, Seth Kohlhaas,
Josh Payne, Emily Kimmel, Natalie Lewis,
Pam Kimball, Karen King, Tony Darnell, Adam Jenkins,
Travis Stern**

Lighting - Michael Compton, Allan Kimball

Sound - Michael Compton

Advisor - Allan Kimball

Special Thanks - Kay Smith, Melanie Smith, Amanda Stern

Extra Special Thanks - Allan Kimball and the Comptons (for everything!)

***Originally produced by the W.P.A. Theatre, New York City, 1987.
(Kyle Renick, Artistic Director)**

BIOS OF CAST:

Adam Jenkins (Co-Director) - While Adam has been involved with The Pyramid Players for four years, he is proud to be sharing his first *directing* experience with his best friend, Travis. Among numerous productions with Pyramid Players, DuQuoin High School, and McKendree College, where he will be a sophomore next fall, Adam's favorite roles include Perchik in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, Benedick in MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, Rapunzel's Prince in INTO THE WOODS, and Jesus in GODSPELL. Adam will be seen later this summer as Jim in BIG RIVER.

Allan Kimball (Co-Technical Director) - Allan is the co-director and co-founder of the Pyramid Players, for which he has directed or designed over 45 productions since 1977. As a teacher at DuQuoin High School, Allan directs the plays and musicals, and coaches the award-winning speech and drama team. Most recently, his production of the play OF MICE AND MEN placed third at the IHSA State Drama Competition in Decatur. Pyramid Players' audiences may remember Allan in his one and only appearance on stage in LI'L ABNER.

Travis Stern (Co-Director) - After sharing the stage with Adam several times, both at DuQuoin High School and with the Pyramid Players, Travis is excited to be directing his first show with his "partner in crime." At DHS, Travis portrayed Curley in OF MICE AND MEN, Willy Loman in DEATH OF A SALESMAN, John the Baptist/Judas in GODSPELL, and Brian in THE SHADOWBOX, for which he was named to the All-State Cast in Drama. He was seen as Elwood P. Dowd in last summer's HARVEY and will be seen as Tom Sawyer in BIG RIVER.

Starina Johnson (Shelby Eatenton) - Starina, an incoming senior at Benton Consolidated High School, was selected to the IHSA's "All State Cast in both Group Interpretation and Drama last year. On stage, she has made a habit of portraying screaming kitchen wenches in three BCHS productions: two *Christmas Madrigal Feasts* and ONCE UPON A MATTRESS. Most recently, she portrayed the Baroness in THE SOUND OF MUSIC, Elaine in ARSENIC AND OLD LACE, and Sleeping Beauty in INTO THE WOODS.

Pam Kimball (M'Lynn Eatenton) - An English teacher at Benton High School, Pam coaches the highly successful speech and drama team and was named the Egyptian Forensics League "Coach of the Year" twice in her tenure at BCHS. She has been a member of Pyramid Players for 16 seasons and has directed the children's productions for the past six. Her favorite Pyramid Players' roles include Miss Hannigan in ANNIE and Carrie Snow in CAROUSEL for which she received "Best Actress" Awards in 1987 and 1992.

Emily Kimmel (Ouiser Boudreaux) - Emily will be a sophomore at Smith College in Massachusetts, where she has been involved in two stage productions. During her eleven years with Pyramid Players, as well as her involvement at Benton High School, she has played such roles as Winnefred in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS, Little Red Riding Hood in INTO THE WOODS, and Yente, the Matchmaker in the Illinois All-State production of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. She will be seen later this summer as Mary Jane Wilkes in BIG RIVER.

Karen King (Truvy Jones) - A music teacher and graphic artist, Karen has been involved with Pyramid Players for eighteen years starting as a member of the orchestra for CINDERELLA. Among her stage credits are Aldonza in MAN OF LA MANCHA, AIN'T MISBEHAVIN', and the Widow Convey in OLIVER!, for which she won Best Actress in 1993. Ironically, Karen won the Big Hair award for her portrayal of Cinderella's Stepmother in last summer's INTO THE WOODS.

Natalie Lewis (Annelle Dupuy) - Natalie has been with the Pyramid Players for six years portraying Grown-up Wendy in PETER PAN, Dr. Finsdale in LI'L ABNER, Clara in THE BOYS NEXT DOOR, and Little Red Riding Hood's Granny in INTO THE WOODS. Most recently, at Benton High School, Natalie played Maria in THE SOUND OF MUSIC and Abby in ARSENIC AND OLD LACE. She will attend the University of Missouri at Columbia in the fall.

Tracy Prosser (Clairee Belcher) - Tracy lives in Carbondale and works for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. A "techie" at heart, Tracy makes a rare appearance in front of the curtain for this show. She's also appeared earlier this year in the Paradise Alley Players' production of I TAKE THIS MAN. Her most stunning work, however, has been backstage and in the booth for the Stage Company (WAIT UNTIL DARK, THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER, TRIBUTE) and for the Winston-Salem (North Carolina) Little Theatre (BIG RIVER, TM NOT RAPPAPORT, A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM, THE MUSIC MAN, THE LITTLE FOXES, THE DINING ROOM.)

Michael Compton (Set Designer/Co-Technical Director) - Michael is an incoming freshman at Illinois State University. He has been with the Pyramid Players for seven years, both on stage and backstage. Michael's favorite roles were Evil Eye Fleagle in LI'L ABNER and The Mysterious Man in INTO THE WOODS, and he was the set designer for many area high school and Pyramid Players productions. For the past two years, he was chosen for the set crew of the All-State productions of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF and MAN OF LA MANCHA. Michael will be seen as the Duke in BIG RIVER.