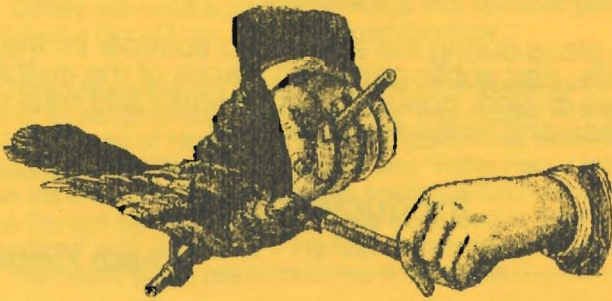


The Pyramid Players

Present

The Diviners



June 25th & 26th, 1999

7:30 P.M.

RLC Theatre

Cast in order of appearance

Basil Bennett.....	Adam Kee (Johnston City)
Dewey Maples.....	Ryan House (Benton)
Buddy Layman.....	Codey Girten (Benton)
Melvin Wilder.....	Nathan Mullen (Benton)
Luella Bennett.....	Josie Riggio (DuQuoin)
Jennie Mae Layman.....	Amanda Stern (DuQuoin)
C. C. Showers.....	Adam Jenkins (DuQuoin)
Ferris Layman.....	Travis Stern (DuQuoin)
Norma Henshaw.....	Rebecca Ellison (Marion)
Goldie Short.....	Natalie Mullen (Benton)
Darlene Henshaw.....	Melanie Smith (DuQuoin)

Scenes

The play takes place during the spring and summer in the 1930's in the homes, fields, and public gathering places of the mythical southern Indiana town of Zion, population 40. A small and rural community with a few houses and farms along the river.

Production Staff

Director.....	Allan Kimball (Benton)
Setting Design.....	Riley Blair (Benton) & Allan Kimball (Benton)
Lighting Design.....	Riley Blair (Benton) & Josh West (Benton)
Lighting Technician.....	Riley Blair (Benton)
Sound Technician.....	Josh West (Benton)
Tickets & Programs.....	Carson Johnson (Carterville)
Box Office.....	Susan Summers (Benton)
Set Construction.....	Riley Blair, Codey Girten, Buddy Elders, Rebecca Ellison, Ryan House, Adam Jenkins, Adam Kee, Allan Kimball, Natalie Mullen, Nathan Mullen, Preston Reed, Josie Riggio, Melanie Smith, Amanda Stern, Travis Stern, Josh West

Special Thanks.....DuQuoin High School, Benton High School, FCAA, Southeastern Illinois College, Rend Lake College, Tracey Brouillette, Derek Buck, Bob Hall, parents of the cast & crew.

Who's Who in the cast & crew

Riley Blair - Riley has been involved in Pyramid Players for three years with roles in "Joseph...", "Fiddler on the Roof", and this summer's production of "Brigadoon." He has also served as stage manager for our children's productions. In addition, he is actively involved in the Speech & Theatre program at Benton High School where he has appeared in "Godspell", "Oklahoma" and as the plant in "Little Shop of Horrors". He worked as a technician for the All-State production of "The Kentucky Cycle" and is currently a production assistant for "Goodbye Sunrise", a movie being filmed in Benton this summer.

Rebecca Ellison - Rebecca teaches at Marion High School and is the speech and theatre director. This summer marks her 20th year as a performer. During her career on the stage she has played such roles as Zaneeta Shin in "The Music Man" and Daisy Mae in "Li'l Abner". She first performed with the Pyramid Players in 1997 as one of the Narrators in "Joseph...". Other Pyramid Players roles include Yente in "Fiddler on the Roof" and as Annie McLaren later this summer in "Brigadoon".

Codey Girtten - Codey Girtten is a member of Actors Equity in New York. His talent won him the incredible opportunity to work professionally at the Fabulous Fox Theatre in St. Louis appearing as Chip in Disney's National Tour of "Beauty and the Beast". Locally, he has performed with the Pyramid Players in several productions over the years including "Peter Pan", "Annie Get Your Gun", "The Music Man", and "Bye Bye Birdie". Codey will once again be on stage this summer playing the title role of Snoopy in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown/Snoopy".

Ryan House - Ryan House is not only at home on the stage, but in the orchestra pit as well. He is an accomplished musician who has played in the orchestra for "Oklahoma" and "Little Shop of Horrors". Ryan has performed with the Pyramid Players in our productions of "The Wizard of Oz" and "Peter Pan". He is also actively involved in his church and performed in several church productions. Ryan is a member of the Benton Speech Team and has appeared in their productions of "Up the Down Staircase" and "Lost at C". He last appeared on the RLC stage in "Seven Brides..." His future plans are to become a musician.

Adam Jenkins - Adam Jenkins has been with the Pyramid Players since 1991 playing such roles as Jim in "Big River", Levi in "Joseph...", Rapunzel's Prince in "Into the Woods", and Biff in last season's "Death of a Salesman". In August Adam will (finally) begin his last year at McKendree College. He hopes to someday teach high school English, speech and/or theatre while directing plays and coaching a forensics team. Adam is actively involved in all the productions at McKendree as well as being the 1999 Pi Kappa Delta National Champion in Prose Reading. Adam received the 1998 ISTA Outstanding College Student Award.

Adam Kee - Adam Kee has performed in over thirty-five productions in and around the area. Some of his more memorable roles include the King in "The King and I", Harold Hill in "The Music Man", Pip in "Great Expectations", and the title role in "Li'l Abner". In addition to his work on the stage, Adam is a one-man speech team competing for Johnston City. This past year he was selected as one of the top twenty performers in The Egyptian Forensic League and advanced to the IHSA state tournament in Gurnee. Adam would like to dedicate this performance to his parents for everything, and to Chance McPherson, a great actor and the best friend anyone could ask for.

Natalie Mullen - Natalie has been involved with Pyramid Players for five years. She has performed in many shows with Benton High School and around the area. Some of her roles include Aunt Eller in "Oklahoma" and Helen Weathers in this year's production of "Lost at C". Natalie is also a member of the BCHS Speech Team where she placed 2nd in Special Occasion Speaking and 3rd in Declamation at the IHSA state speech tournament. She also appeared as Mother Jones in the All-State production of "The Kentucky Cycle." Natalie's brother is also in this production.

Nathan Mullen - Nathan has been in numerous musicals including the Pyramid Players children's productions. Some of his favorite roles include Sitting Bull in "Annie Get Your Gun", and Mr. Macafee in "Bye Bye Birdie". Nathan is actively involved in the Benton High School speech team. He advanced to the IHSA state tournament this past spring in Humorous Duet Acting and Original Comedy. He has been seen in the BCHS productions of "Oklahoma" as Jud and as Mr. Mushnik in "Little Shop of Horrors". He does NOT like being called "Natalie's Brother". He is a person, and has a name.

Josie Riggio - Josie is studying materials engineering at the University of Illinois. She started performing at DuQuoin High School in their productions of "The Grapes of Wrath" and "Into the Woods". She made her Pyramid Players debut in last season's production of "Death of a Salesman". She would like to thank the cast and crew of "The Diviners" for a wonderful show. "You guys are great!"

Melanie Smith - Melanie is a native of DuQuoin and is currently a senior at McKendree College. She is a Psychology major with a minor in theatre and music. She recently appeared as Rosie in McKendree's production of "Bye Bye Birdie" and as Viola in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night". Her Pyramid Players credits include "Death of a Salesman", "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", "Oliver!", "Big River", and "Annie".

Amanda Stern - Amanda is a current Political Science major at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She is from DuQuoin and has performed in numerous DHS productions including "The Miracle Worker", "Arsenic and Old Lace", "The Wizard of Oz", "Charlie Brown", "The Diviners", "The Grapes of Wrath" and "Into the Woods". Her Pyramid Players credits include "Tom Sawyer", "Big River", "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", and last season's "Death of a Salesman".

Travis Stern - Travis is in his 7th year with the Pyramid Players. Among his favorite roles are Tom Sawyer in "Big River", the Rabbi in "Fiddler on the Roof", and Willy Loman in last year's production of "Death of a Salesman". Travis was a member of the DuQuoin speech team. He and his partner Adam Jenkins advanced to the Final round of the IHSA state tournament with their performance of "Road Trip". Travis also held roles in many of DHS' productions including Curly in "Of Mice and Men" and Brian in "The Shadow Box" for which he was selected to the All-State drama cast.

Josh West - Josh got his start performing in small church musicals when he was 6. He started Pyramid Players in 1989 in shows like "Tinseltown", "Hans Christian Anderson", "Peter Pan", and "The Wizard of Oz". At Benton High School he performed in "The Music Man", "The Sound of Music", and "Godspell". Having found his true love behind the scenes, he currently does set, light and sound design for the Pyramid Players and the Rend Lake College Theatre Department.