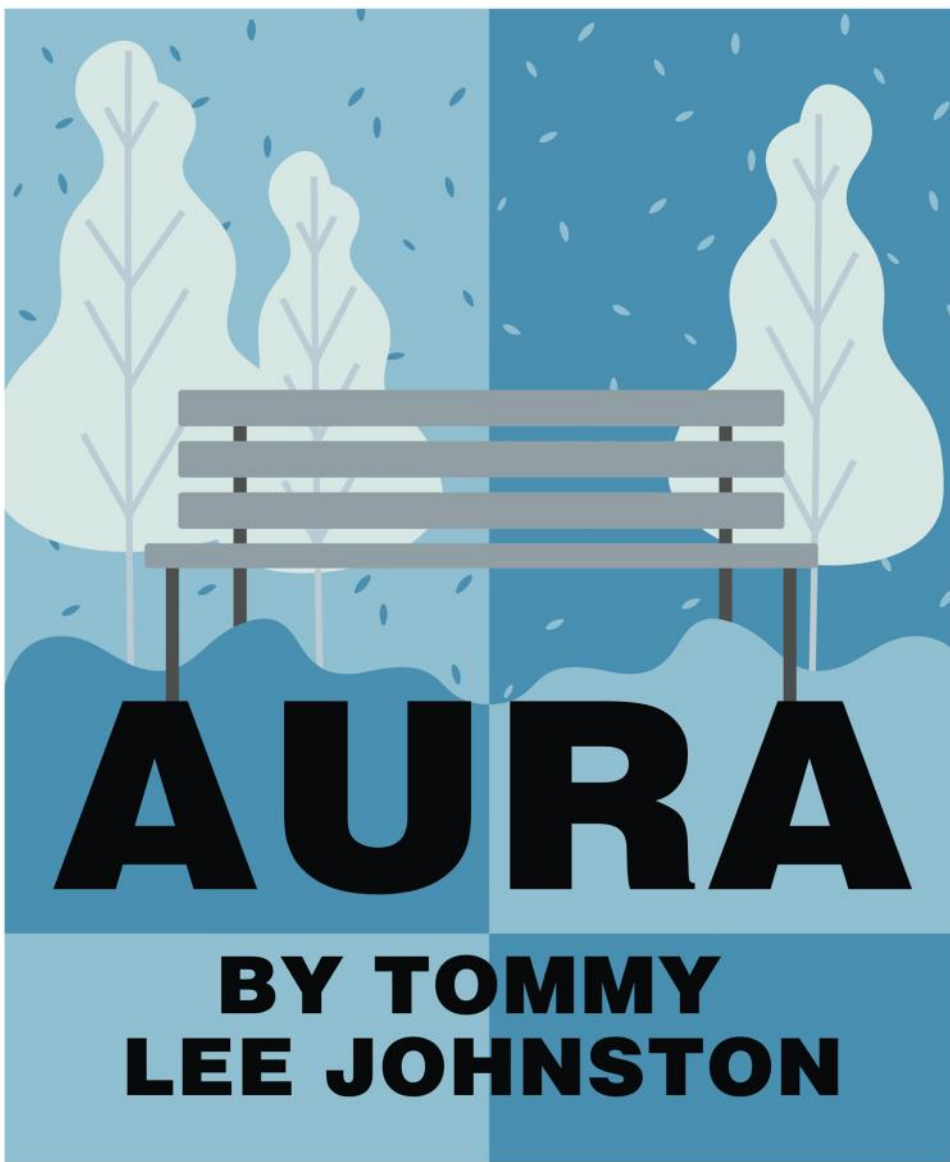


**ANKENY COMMUNITY
THEATRE PRESENTS**



AURA

**BY TOMMY
LEE JOHNSTON**

APRIL 1-10, 2022

Aura
In Order of Appearance

Mike	Josh Sampson
Earl	Al Price
Amanda	Tammy Sposeto
Dr. Emily Wallace	Crystal Winklepleck

Time: Present day

Place: On a bench in a park

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Aura is produced by special arrangement with
The Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois.

Director Memorial from Barb Wagner

This production was directed in memory of three important men in my life that the world lost in October, 2020.

Charles Carnes – October 5 – teacher, mentor, music director, boss, and dear friend

Donald Wagner – October 14 – husband, best friend, soulmate, and best thing that ever happened to me

Mark Tuttle – October 20 – set designer/builder, cast member, and especially dear, dear friend

All of these men are sorely missed in my life and my heart is broken for losing all of them – especially at approximately the same time. I think of them each daily and hope they will always be proud of me and the goals/triumphs in my life moving forward.

Production Team

Director	Barbara Wagner
Assistant Director	Brad Church
Producer	Lisa Gould
Stage Manager	Larry White
Set Designer	Brad Church, Matt Tuttle, Barbara Wagner
Set Painting	Frank Sposeto III
Technical Director	Matt Tuttle
Assistant Technical Director	Lisa Gould
Costumes	Cast and Crew
Props	Cast and Crew
Playbill	Lynn Arterburn
Photographers	Greg Romans, Lisa Wagner
Show Logo	Nicole Titus
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Biographies



Al Price (Earl) has been with ACT since 1982. Some of his favorite appearances are *The Wizard of Oz*, *Greater Tuna*, *Don't Drink the Water*, and *A Christmas Story*. Al lives in Ankeny and has been married to his wife, Jan, for 51 years. They have three children, five grandchildren, and a great grandson. When he is not following his kids and grandkids in their theatrical adventures, he likes golf, reading, and doing yard work. Al thanks his wife and family for their continued support.



Josh Sampson (Mike) has appeared on our stage in *Proof* and in our dinner theater adventure, *Otherwise Engaged*. He has also been on stage at the Des Moines Playhouse and Tallgrass Theatre. Josh resides in Grimes and is married to his wife, Megan, and they have three children and two dogs. He works at Advanced Automation. When he isn't doing theater and working, Josh likes snow skiing, golf, Nintendo Switch, and spending time with his family.



Tammy Sposeto (Amanda) lives in Collins with her husband, Frank. She is employed by Burke Corporation in Nevada and serves on the board of a foundation to renovate and preserve the Camelot Theater there. You may have previously seen her on stages in Newton, Pella, Altoona, and Ankeny's community theatres. As an active member of the performing arts community, she has formerly served on ACT and NCT's boards and currently serves on the Iowa Community Theatre Association board.



Crystal Winklepleck (Dr. Emily Wallace) made her ACT debut in December's production of *Geezers*. She has performed in numerous shows throughout the Omaha area, including *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940's* as Nikki Crandall and in *Return to the Forbidden Planet* as Miranda. Crystal enjoys listening to true crime podcasts, online shopping, and binge watching documentaries. She is a Life Enrichment Coordinator at Edencrest Green Meadows in Johnston. She shares her beautiful life with her husband, Will, and their four sons.



Barb Wagner (Director) is directing her 15th show for ACT. Pre-COVID, she directed *Don't Dress for Dinner*. Her most recent appearance on our stage was this past December as Emily in *Geezers*. Barb has performed in and/or directed approximately 180 shows in the Des Moines area. She just retired from DMACC Ankeny and is enjoying not setting her alarm for the mornings! Barb lives in West Des Moines with her cat, Winnifred. She lost her husband in 2020 due to post-COVID complications. "Thank you to my friends and family for their ongoing support of my 46-year theatre addiction and for always being there for me during the last couple of years especially." Barb's mom, Doris Merrill, will be 100 years old this May and everyone is looking forward to celebrating that milestone! "I love you more, Mom!"



Brad Church (Assistant Director) has many theatre credits to his name, most recently in *Next to Normal* at History Boy Theatre in Jefferson. He last appeared on our stage in August as Edmund in *The Perfect Rendezvous*. Fans may remember him in the ACT productions of *Doubt* as Father Flynn and Petruchio in *Kiss Me Kate*. Brad is excited to be learning the ropes for directing from his friend and former castmate/director, Barb Wagner. He lives in Ankeny and serves on our board. Brad has his Masters in music therapy from Florida State University. He works at Disability Determination Services in Program Integrity. In his "free time", he enjoys craft beer, biking, hiking, and traveling.



Lisa Gould (Producer/Assistant Technical Director) just finished directing *Geezers* for us in December. She has also assistant directed, run lights/sound, and appeared on stage in *Mom's Gift* and *Almost, Maine*. She now serves on the ACT board. Safe to say, there isn't much she hasn't done around here. Lisa and her husband, Troy, live in Johnston and have two children. The whole family keeps her busy with their hectic schedules. Lisa works at Central Bank.

Matt Tuttle (Technical Director) has been involved in over 20 shows at ACT doing lights/sound, designing/building sets, and/or appearing on stage. He works as a computer programmer at a publishing company and enjoys playing piano.

Larry White (Stage Manager) is new to the ACT family and we are glad to welcome him. He has experience working with the Mason City Community Theatre but now lives in Ankeny. Larry loves spending family time and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his first grandchild late April. Hopefully, the baby will wait until this show is over to make its "first appearance".

GODSPELL



MUSIC BY STEPHEN SCHWARTZ
BOOK BY JOHN-MICHAEL TEBELAK

AUDITIONS SET FOR GODSPELL

Saturday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Show Dates: August 5-14, 2022

Director: Michael Hollister

**The director is looking for cast
members ages 17 and up.**

2021 - 2022 ACT Board of Directors

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UPCOMING ACT WORKSHOPS

Directing the Audience

April 16, 1:00-3:00 pm

Registration deadline is April 9

Coaching and Acting with Action

April 30, 1:00-4:00 pm

Registration Deadline is April 23

Workshops will be taught by Michael Hollister.

ACT members - \$15 per class

Non-members - \$20 per class

**For more information on workshop descriptions and
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THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
JOIN US FOR THE NEXT SHOW!

CRY IT OUT



BY MOLLY
SMITH METZLER


JUNE 3-12, 2022

Four months ago, Jessie was a corporate lawyer. Today, she is trying to comfort a screaming newborn. Isolated in a suburb while her commuter husband works long hours, Jessie is desperate to talk to anyone. She meets a fellow new mom and neighbor, Lina, and a fast friendship is born. They meet for coffee during naptime in the spot behind their adjoining yards where their baby monitors get reception. But their intimacy is punctured when a stranger asks if they would include his wife, a new mom who is having “a hard time,” in their coffee klatch. Reluctantly, the duo tries to become a trio with mixed and surprising results.

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2021-2022 SEASON


**A PIECE
OF MY
HEART**



BY SHIRLEY LAURO

OCT 1-10, 2021


GEEZERS



**BY TOMMY
LEE JOHNSTON**

DEC 3-12, 2021


AURA



**BY TOMMY
LEE JOHNSTON**

APR 1-10, 2022


**CRY IT
OUT**



**BY MOLLY
SMITH METZLER**

JUN 3-12, 2022

GODSPELL



**MUSIC BY STEPHEN SCHWARTZ
BOOK BY JOHN-MICHAEL TEBELAK**

AUG 5-14, 2022

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