

Ankeny Community Theatre

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THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

by Barbara Robinson - in cooperation with Samuel French Inc.

DEC. 18 7:30 P.M.

DEC. 19 2:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

1987

at

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DIRECTED BY
SUZANNE HOWARD

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Act I Scene 1: The Bradley House. A Month Before
The Pageant.

Act I Scene 2: The Bradley House. Later The Same
Day.

Act I Scene 3: Sunday School Class. The Following
Sunday.

INTERMISSION

Act II Scene 1: Pageant Practice. The Following
Wednesday.

Act II Scene 2: Pageant Practice. Later Wednesday.

Act II Scene 3: The Pageant. The Next Sunday.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....Suzanne Howard
Producer.....Karen Swift
Stage Manager.....Heather Miller
Shift Crew....Heather Miller, Andy Cummings
Mark Milner, Dave Ashby
Set.....Bill Shay, Frank Weibel, Karen Swift
Rod Swagger, Randy Ratcliff, Erik Eriksen
Andy Cummings, Mark Milner, LaRon Cordes
Properties.....LaRon Cordes, Laura Benjamin
Lights.....John Cocking, AHS Crew
Sound.....John Arbuckle
Costumes.....Karen Swift
Make-up.....Pat Loder
Tickets.....Karen Swift
Box Office.....Randy Ratcliff
Programs.....Karen Swift, Eleanor Bauer
Posters.....Eleanor Bauer
Publicity.....Suzanne Howard, Karen Swift

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Ankeny Churches - Costumes and properties
Heavenly Bells, Methodist Church Bell Choir
Parents of the children for their assistance

CAST NOTES

Larry Pieart (Father) This is Larry's first ACT performance. Larry is a Senior Technical Consultant at Communications Data Services. He is on the Board of Directors at The Drama Workshop and has appeared in "All My Sons." "Lion in Winter." "Shadow Box." "Good Doctor" and "The Hollow Crown" as well as doing light design for several shows at the Drama Workshop.

Pat Pieart (Mother) Pat is the wife of Larry. They have three children, Steffani, Erik and Karl who are in this show. Pat was a theater major at Grandview College and has had various acting experiences. She also has done costuming for Drama Workshop productions.

Cindy Green (Beth) Cindy is in ninth grade at AHS. She was in the ACT production of "New Clothes of the Empress" and participates in swing choir and chorus.

Jason Welch (Charlie) Jason was a shepherd in the last performance of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." He also played the trumpet and acted in "New Clothes for the Empress." Jason is in the seventh grade and likes to work with computers.

Luis Mashke (Ralph) Luis is a fifth grade student at S.E. Elementary. He plays the saxophone.

Amy Stites (Imogene) Amy plays the clarinet and likes to write short stories. She is in sixth grade at S.E. Elementary. Two years ago Amy played Maxine in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Erik West (Leroy) Erik has had acting lessons at Des Moines Community Playhouse. He performed in "New Clothes for the Empress" and he likes to collect baseball cards.

Carlos Mashek (Claude) Carlos is a fifth grader at S.E. Elementary. He likes to swim and plays the drums in band.

Travis Pate (Ollie) This is a first time acting experience for Travis. He is in fourth grade at S.E. Elementary.

Stephanie Niehaus (Gladys) The spunky Gladys is portrayed by another newcomer to the ACT stage. Her brother, Paul, is a shepherd, and Stephanie is a third grader at S.E. Elementary.

Teresa Loder (Alice) Teresa debuts in her first ACT show as the prim and proper Alice. Teresa likes to sing and is a sixth grader at S.E. Elementary.

Jeanne Ginger (Mrs. Armstrong) Jeanne is one of our veteran ACT performers. Jeanne has played in "Inherit the Wind," "Guys and Dolls," "Ten Little Indians," and "New Clothes for the Empress."

Cheri Paton (Mrs. Slocum) Cheri's role as Vera Slocum is her first for ACT. Cheri is the mother of three daughters, two (Andrea and Leah) are in this play.

Pat Loder (Mrs. Clark) Patty has acted before for ACT. She has performed in "Guys and Dolls," "Ten Little Indians," and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Melissa Harbert (Mrs. Clausing) Melissa has acted in commercials for IMT Insurance and Plywood Minnesota. She is in eighth grade and likes art.

Sarah Markert (Mrs. McCarthy) Sarah joins our group of debut performers. Sarah enjoys school and plays the flute and piccolo. She is a seventh grader.

Lisa Streffler (Maxine) Lisa is learning conversational German and plays the clarinet and oboe. She is a seventh grader.

Corey Milner (Elmer Hopkins) Corey is in fourth grade. plays the piano and sings.

Jason Metton (Hobie) Jason is a fifth grader. He plays the saxophone and enjoys all sports.

Mark Thompson (David) Mark plays the trumpet in band and is a fifth grade student.

Kristen Jensen (Beverly) Kristen is a seventh grader. who has been in Jr. High plays. and likes sports, especially softball. Kristen plays a clarinet in the band.

Kari Pleart (Shirley) This is Kari's debut to the ACT stage. She takes dancing and acrobatics at Becky's in Des Moines.

Andrea Paton (Juanita) Andrea is seven years old and a second grader at Terrace. She has taken dance instruction for four years and really likes tumbling.

Leah Paton (Doris) Leah is eleven years old and is a sixth grader at Terrace. She, like her sister. has taken many years of dance. Leah also like to play softball.

Erik Eriksen (Rev. Hopkins) Our most familiar ACT face and actor. Erik has appeared in numerous ACT shows. including "The Sound of Music." "Oklahoma." "Guys and Dolls." "Inherit the Wind." and "The Odd Couple" to name many. Erik also played this

same role, Rev. Hopkins. two years ago in the first production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Heather Miller (Stage Manager) Heather attends AHS and is very involved with chorus, swing choir, and playing percussion in the band. Heather was in the last "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" and ACT's "Guys and Dolls." She also acted and worked backstage in high school productions.

Karen Swift (Producer) Karen has been actively involved with ACT the past two years. In addition to roles in "Oklahoma" and "Guys and Dolls." she has directed two ACT shows and performed with ACT II. ACT's performing music group. Karen will also serve as ACT Board President next year.

Suzanne Howard (Director) This is Suzanne's first role as a director. She has performed in various ACT productions. Daughters Bronwyn and Caitlin are in this production. Suzanne is a special education teacher for Ankeny Community Schools.



• ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE •

The Ankeny Community Theatre is a nonprofit organization created to promote the development of theatre for the Ankeny community and surrounding area. We strongly urge you to not only patronize and support community theatre, but also to participate. There are many ways you can become a part of this organization. Audition announcements for all productions are posted in The Press Citizen and The Datebook. If you would like to act, direct, produce, or be involved with one of our production crews, we welcome your involvement.

Memberships in the Ankeny Community Theatre are \$10.00. Members receive discount ticket prices, are eligible to vote at our Annual Meeting and serve on our Board of Directors. We welcome the opportunity to have more people get involved. Ankeny has a tremendous amount of talented people. We would like to tap your talents - participate!

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