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# *The Regifters* Cast

Loras Henshaw	Al Price
Bridget Henshaw	Susan Casber
Tom Mulligan	Scott Nielsen
Mary Mulligan	Robin Stoner
Mrs. Cunningham	Barb Merrill Wagner
Jeff Cunningham	Scott McMaster
Lauren Cunningham	Nicole Titus
Kurt Weiss	Bryan Beyer
Katie Weiss	Alexis Beyer
Soloist	Ruby Terrell

Time: Present day on Christmas Eve

## **ACT 1**

Scene 1	Henshaw living room
Scene 2	Mulligan living room
Scene 3	Cunningham living room
Scene 4	Henshaw living room
Scene 5	Mulligan living room
Scene 6	Cunningham living room
Scene 7	Henshaw living room

## **ACT 2**

Scene 1	Mulligan living room - later that evening
Scene 2	Cunningham living room
Scene 3	Weiss living room

There will be a 15 minute intermission between Acts.

# Production Team

Director	Michael Porche
Assistant Director	Michael Garrison
Producer	Tara Porche
Stage Manager	Jim Harris
Stage Crew	Nathan Arentsen, Troy DeStigter, Cassandra Lacina-Griffin & Danielle McKinney
Set Construction	Michael Porche & Greg Moon
Set Painting	Bryan Beyer, Michael Garrison, Michael Porche, Tara Porche, & Nicole Titus
Lights & Sound Technician	Doug Moon
House Managers	Cheryl Clark & Beth Feilmeier
Marketing	Joel Anderson, Doug Arterburn, Lynn Arterburn, Sharon Dallmann, Adam Haselhuhn, Elizabeth Kirk, Doug Moon, Nicole Titus & Barb Wagner
Logo Design	Rebekah Tuttle

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## Cast Biographies



**Alexis Beyer** (Katie Weiss) made her ACT debut last season in *Adam's Eve* followed by a role in *Francine's Will*. Prior to that she worked backstage for Tallgrass Theatre and appeared in *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* at the Des Moines Playhouse. Alexis enjoys practicing makeup artistry, cooking, binge watching Netflix, and playing computer games. She and her husband Bryan are expecting their first child in January. Alexis is a teller at Polk County Schools Employee Credit Union.



**Bryan Beyer** (Kurt Weiss) is excited to be making his ACT debut on stage. He designed the window card set pieces for *Deathtrap* and assisted in the light booth for *Francine's Will*. Bryan also does marketing design for Tallgrass Theater. He enjoys hunting, fishing, Netflix, and sleep which will soon be nonexistent due to the birth of their first child in January. Bryan is the Art and Marketing Director for Weeks and Leo.



**Susan Casber** (Bridget Henshaw) was last seen on the ACT stage as Grace Moss (*Adam's Eve*). Other ACT shows include roles as one of the Geminae twins (*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*), Bon Bon (*Death by Chocolate*), and Louise (*Play On* and *Sing On*). Susan is a retired school nurse from Des Moines Public Schools. Currently, she is working as a substitute school nurse for DMPS and as a Standardized Patient for Des Moines University. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, and attending theater shows. Susan would like to thank her husband, Scott, for his support and Michael Porche for allowing her to share the stage again with her sister, Barb Merrill Wagner. Enjoy the show!



**Scott McMaster** (Jeff Cunningham) is making his ACT debut but he is certainly no stranger to the world of theater. He has appeared in numerous production in the St. Louis area including *Becky's New Car*, *True West*, *Outlying Islands*, *Wait Until Dark*, and *Bent*. He is an avid film and television watcher and former sign language interpreter. Scott is a vendor. "Thanks for supporting

local theater."



**Scott Nielsen** (Tom Mulligan) returns to the ACT stage after a four year hiatus. Before leaving, he performed in *Hankerin Hillbillies*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *I Remember Mama*. He has directed ACT's *The Long Red Herring* and Octoboer's production of *Deathtrap*. While in Nebraska, he performed at the Lofte Community Theatre in *Annie*, *The Sunshine Boys*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and

*Wrong Window*. Scott works for Allstate and enjoys being involved in theater and watching Husker football and volleyball. Go Big Red!!



**Al Price** (Loras Henshaw) has been involved with ACT since its very early days. He has been in many shows, directed, served on the board, and even did some murder mysteries. Some of Al's favorite shows have been *Oklahoma*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Our Town* (two times), *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Clue the Musical*, and *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*. As a retiree, he enjoys reading and

golfing. Al's wife, Jan, his three children, and his five grandchildren have all appeared on the ACT stage. He would like to thank Jan for all her support.



**Robin Stoner** (Mary Mulligan) is appearing in her first production outside of Newton Community Theatre. She has appeared in *Exit the Body* and *Miracle on 34th Street* as well as NCT's fall production, *Ham Buns and Potato Salad*. Robin enjoys reading, theater, and rescuing cats. She is employed with The Vernon Company in Newton in customer service. Robin and her husband Garry have

four sons and eight grandchildren.



**Nicole Titus** (Lauren Cunningham) has been quite busy this past year enjoying the world of acting. She made her ACT debut a year ago appearing in *Uh-Oh, Here Comes Christmas* followed by *Adam's Eve* and *Francine's Will*. This fall she performed in Newton Community Theatre's *Ham Buns and Potato Salad*. She enjoys painting, drawing, and reading. Her mom and grandma are her biggest fans!

Nicole is a graphic design manager.



**Barb Merrill Wagner** (Mrs. Cunningham) last appeared on our stage in *Death by Chocolate*. She has directed nine ACT shows – the most recent being last season's *Francine's Will*. In total, Barb has directed and/or performed in approximately 165 shows in the area since 1976. She is excited to be on stage again, especially with her sister, Susan Casber. Barb serves on the ACT Board of Directors and, during the day, she is administrative assistant to the Director of Financial Aid at DMACC Ankeny. Residing in Des Moines with her husband, Don, she loves to spend time with her family/friends and especially her mom, Doris Merrill ("love you more").



**Michael Porche** (Director) is directing his first of two shows this season. The other show, *The Trouble With Cats*, will close the 2015-2016 season. He has appeared in numerous shows at ACT with his most recent appearance being in October's *Deathtrap* as Porter Milgrim. He is the proud husband of Tara and equally proud father of Matthew who is a high school senior. Mike is a strong supporter of organ and tissue donation awareness. He is self-employed as the owner of *Geaux Meaux*.



**Michael Garrison** (Assistant Director) is excited to take on the new challenge of Assistant Director in hopes of directing an ACT production in the future. He has appeared in ACT's *Adam's Eve*, *Come Blow Your Horn*, *Sherlock's Last Case* and *The Big Five Oh!* He has also appeared in *Sunset Boulevard* (Des Moines Playhouse), *Marriage Can be Murder* (The Winterset Stage) and *Les Miserables* and *Ham Buns and Potato Salad* (Newton Community Theatre). Michael enjoys karaoke and movies. He works for Redbox.



**Tara Porche** (Producer) debuted at ACT playing opposite her acclaimed husband, Michael, in *Come Blow Your Horn*. This is Tara's first production working behind the scenes. She is in awe of watching the show come together from a script to a production. Working with Michael was an excellent benefit too! Tara enjoys reading and taking their puppy, Bella, for walks. The family volunteers with the Iowa Donor Network. Tara and Michael are the proud parents of Matthew, an incredibly smart senior at ACHS.

## Spotlight on Volunteers



Our volunteers are the heart and life of ACT. We could not survive without them. During this show, ACT would like to thank Sharon Dallmann for her contributions to ACT.



Sharon was named as one of ACT's 2015 Outstanding Volunteers of the Year. Although she has been volunteering for just a few short years, Sharon has contributed numerous hours to helping ACT. Last season, Sharon spent a lot of her volunteer time in the car. She took on the task of delivering all our show posters to Ankeny businesses. Over the winter, she reached out to numerous businesses that weren't on our list and has increased our list of participants. She delivers to approximately seventy businesses and continues to work to increase that number. She has worked serving concessions and ushering at numerous shows. Sharon is always happy to lend a hand whenever asked and is always looking for ways to get people to attend our shows and support ACT. Thank you, Sharon, for your support!

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