



# The HCT Connection July 2020

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## ***HCT Board of Directors 2019-20***

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| Austin Aikens     | Mike Avis      |
| Michael Culp      | Brian Everitt  |
| Jim Henke         | Jason Reimink  |
| Debbie Ruth       | Laurie Van Ark |
| Jennie VanderLugt | Jon Wilmot     |

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## **Agnes of God**

Summoned to a convent, Dr. Martha Livingstone, a court-appointed psychiatrist, is charged with assessing the sanity of a novice accused of murdering her newborn. Miriam Ruth, the Mother Superior, determinedly keeps young Agnes from the doctor, further arousing Livingstone's suspicions. Who killed the infant, and who fathered the tiny victim? Livingstone's questions force all three women to re-examine the meaning of faith and the power of love, leading to a dramatic, compelling climax. A hit on Broadway and later on film.

### **Auditions for Agnes of God July 27 & 28 at 6:30pm**

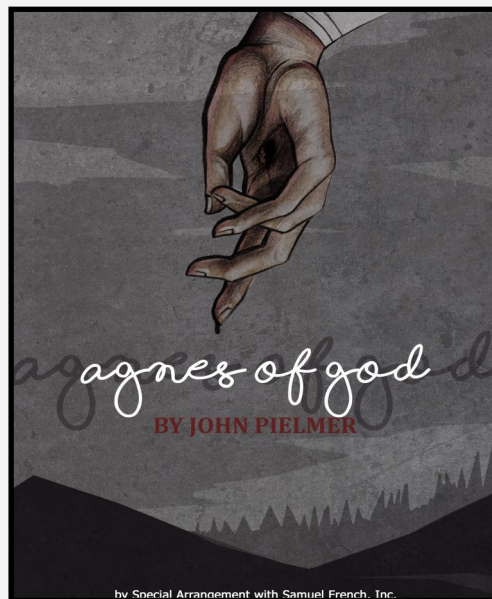
In order to audition, you will need to use Sign Up Genius to reserve your spot. This will limit the number of people in the theatre at one time.

Please use this link or search under TheHollandCommunityTheatre@gmail.com  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CAFA72EA7FC1-auditions>

Once signed up, a week prior to auditions, you will receive a bio sheet and calendar to complete and bring with you. We will also have readings from the script that you can either print and bring or read from your phone/tablet. Auditions will be held with social distancing protocols in place. Each audition time will last 20 minutes so please be on time for your audition

### **Shows October 1-17**

Director: Michael Culp  
 Assisted by: Alisha Kelley  
 Produced by Lynda DeCan



by Special Arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.



Please Join Us for  
The Holland Community Theatre's  
60<sup>th</sup> annual membership meeting

- Saturday, July 25 @ 7:00 pm -



June 30, 2020

Dear HCT Members,

From the comfort of your own home, please join us for a Virtual Meeting! Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 25, at 7:00 pm** for **Holland Community Theatre's 60th Annual Membership Meeting**. Due to the current Pandemic situation, this year we will be meeting virtually via Zoom. Beginning at 7:00 pm, there will be a short meeting followed by the presentation of the 2019-20 Season Awards, as well as Outstanding Volunteer and Volunteer-of-the-Year Awards. There will also be fun prizes awarded during the meeting, so please join us for a great time. Don't forget to RSVP (You will receive information on how to get connected to our Zoom Meeting after you RSVP).

During the meeting, HCT members will be given the chance to approve the slate for the new HCT Board Members. Please check out the bios on the next pages to learn more about the candidates for our new slate as well as the nominees for this year's Season Awards.

Sincerely,

*Debbie*

Deborah Ozga Ruth  
HCT President

**Please RSVP no later than July 13.**

**The best way to respond is by  
following this link to reply online:**

<https://forms.gle/Nb8BrMDh3ykAZ5Ht5>



**Questions? Call 616-396-2021**

## 2020-21 Board of Directors Slate

The following slate of individuals are interested in joining the Board of Directors and will be up for approval at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting. Members 18+ will be asked to approve the following slate during the meeting:



**\*Brian M. Everitt:**

Theatre has been a central part of Brian's life since it first discovered him back at West Ottawa High School. It provided him with a creative outlet for his personal eccentricities, the chance to meet strange and interesting people, and most importantly, a clearer picture of who he was. In the 47 years since Brian first joined Holland Community Theatre, he has worked to give others the same opportunity the theatre has given him. If placed on the board for another term, Brian will continue to work for the inclusion of all who wish to be involved, while working to expand our base into the Latino and African-American communities. Brian also wishes to continue assisting HCT in pursuing the challenge of acquiring a public Performing Arts Center built for the city of Holland and our ever growing artistic community.



**Marilyn Field:**

After her first performance with HCT in 2017 in the musical "Nuncrackers", Marilyn was so thrilled when she was offered the role of Sister Mary Hubert having fun belting out the song "It's Better To Give". Since that time, Marilyn has also performed in the musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" as Rona Lisa Peretti in 2018. Deciding to branch out from her stronghold in musicals, Marilyn auditioned for "It's A Wonderful Life" and was thrilled to play Aunt Tilly. "I love the small town theatre experience and also love the feeling of being one big family. It's amazing to see how much talent the area of Holland has!"

Outside of the theatre world, Marilyn has worked in finance for 32 yrs. Currently, she works full-time as an Office Manager for BMC Bil-Mac in Grandville. In this role, Marilyn wears many hats which include Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, Purchasing, and Human Resources, along with anything else that gets thrown her way. Marilyn has also served as Treasurer for Fennville Baptist Church back in the late 90's for a few years, served as a board member for Robinson Grace Church in Grand Haven for 2 terms of office for a total of 4 years, and have also served as Treasurer for Saugatuck Civic Theatre for 2 years. Needless to say, she has a lot of experience with helping to set a budget for a production and helping organizations stay on track with their spending! Most recently at HCT, Marilyn has been involved in the Membership Committee, as well as working the box office on many performance nights – not to mention recruiting her husband John as a Sound Operator.

*(\* Signifies this individual is running for their 2<sup>nd</sup> three year term.*

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### **Nancy Greiner:**

Is the founder of The Funnybone Foundation, a non-profit arts organization that brings laughter to medical facilities and senior centers across West Michigan. Dressed as a health care clown, Nancy uses humor therapy to uplift children and elders in need. Nancy began her healthcare clown career with the Big Apple Circus Clown Care Unit in 2004 as Dr. Gracie at Boston Children's Hospital. She was a founding member of the Hasbro Children's Hospital Clown Care Team in Providence, Rhode Island in 2005 and worked for Healthy Humor, Inc. at LaRabida Children's Hospital in Chicago. Nancy has appeared on stage with local production companies as well as on film. She has performed in Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam, India, among other cities and orphanages for Tsunami Relief efforts. In addition to her clowning, Nancy speaks Portuguese, is an accomplished costumer, musician, magician, face painting artist and a licensed certified occupational therapy assistant. Nancy is also the West/Central Michigan Community Relations Coordinator for Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse Project, and volunteers at her local church youth group, Life Stream Church of Allendale. You can even find Nancy working with the nonprofit arts company, Vaudeville Chicago, bringing fun and joy to their local children and seniors. Nancy is currently working on writing her first children's picture book and she is a novice milliner. Her hobbies include rowing, baking, needle art, pencil art and spending time with her husband, Edward; fur babies, Perrin and Ziggy, as well as her house chicken, Blanca. Yes, you read correctly... house chicken!



### **Jim Griffin:**

I have been a member of HCT for the last ten years, and has been on the Board for seven of those years (filling in for the end of another board member's term the first year). I served as President of the Board for five of those years. I greatly enjoyed my time working on the Board, and feel that the Board works best when you have a variety of skill sets and personalities on the Board. Having that variety makes our Board even stronger. We, as a theatre, have accomplished a lot of amazing things, including the updating of our lobby, reconstruction of the stage, fundraising and working on the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs grants.

Our theatre is in a much stronger place than it has been in a while. That said, there is still a lot of work to be done! We are still in need of a better storage facility and rehearsal space. Work has started out the desire to spread more of the day to day work down to the different committees and have more people involved in those committees. I feel that I would be able to step back into the Board, and be able to help continue the work that the current Board has been ACTIVELY working on!



### **\*Jason Reimink:**

An active member of Holland Community Theatre for 14 years, Jason has served on the HCT board for the past three. In the time in which he has been involved (with the exception of one year), Jason has participated on-stage or backstage in at least one show every year and is excited to continue to watch and help HCT grow. This past year, Jason has served on the board not only as the Production Department Director, but has also assisted with the Facilities Department. In continuing his second term on the Board of Directors for another three years, Jason would like to help grow the diversity on our HCT stage.

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## 2019-20 Award Nominees

### Best Actor



Michael C. Culp  
Richard Willey  
Out of Order



Russell M. Gallas  
George Pigden  
Out of Order



Ian Foreman  
George Bailey  
It's A Wonderful Life



Michael C. Culp  
Greg  
Sylvia

### Best Actress

Jamie Foreman  
Mary Bailey  
It's A Wonderful Life



Sonnet Quinn  
Sylvia  
Sylvia

### Supporting Actor

Xander Griffin  
Ronnie  
Out of Order



Noah Casterillo  
Clarence  
It's A Wonderful Life

### Supporting Actress



Christine Randall  
Pamela Willey  
Out of Order



Gail Hering  
Ma Bailey  
It's A Wonderful Life



Anna Grace  
Katie  
Sylvia

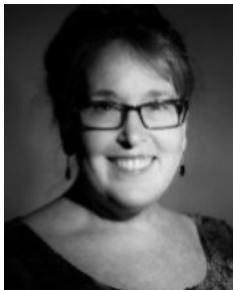
## Bit Part

Brian M Everitt  
The Body  
Out of Order



Beth Coats  
Phyllis  
Sylvia

## Director



Sandy Kirchinger  
Out of Order



Cathy Van Lopik  
It's A Wonderful Life



Brian M Everitt  
Sylvia

## Production



Out of Order



It's A Wonderful Life



Sylvia

## Rising Star—James & The Giant Peach



Kayleigh Dannels  
Aunt Spiker



Lukas Deur  
Earthworm

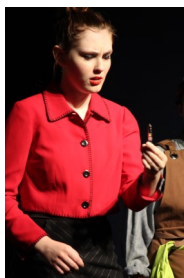


Avianna Mackeller  
Spider

## Rising Star—The Mouse That Roared



Dylan Vander Jagt  
Tourist, Mr. Reiner,  
Will Tatum



Anna Van Niejenhuis  
The President,  
Mrs Bascom



Andrew Wilmot  
Mr Beston, Assistant,  
Announcer

## Argh, Mateys... Rough Seas Ahead!

With sadness, we must announce another cancelation. Our annual "Pillage the Village" event at Dutch Village will not be taking place this year. This event is one of the biggest fundraisers for the theatre, but it is also GREAT fun! To those who have volunteered in the past: tell your friends! We will be



back in 2021, and we want our group to be the biggest, silliest, meanest pirates this side of the Flying Dutchman. We want to bring in huge crowds to celebrate our return, because connecting with our community is another important part of this event. Be watching for special date announcements next year!

## Volunteer Spotlight

### William Hoffmann

How often have you watched a show at HCT and marveled at the sets that turn our humble stage into a whole new world? Bill Hoffmann is an expert at set construction and has spoiled us with his talents for many years. The process of creating sets is done very deeply behind the scenes. It's easy to overlook the hard work that goes into this vital piece of show production. But we need to bring his accomplishment into the spotlight - we'd be incomplete without his amazing work.

Bill also has some directing talents on his HCT resume. Some of our younger actors may recall working with him on Shakespeare productions. Directing and acting Shakespeare is no easy feat! Bill's ability to educate while putting a show together makes him an asset to these classic, meaningful shows.

He is committed to teaching in set construction as well. If you're helping him, he makes sure you know all of the details when it comes to completing a task. He'll break down every process to make sure you're comfortable with what you're doing. This is a great comfort for newcomers! If the idea of building sets is daunting, never fear. Bill's kindness, work ethic, and attention to detail makes him a valuable member of the HCT family. Thanks, Bill!



The set of Deathtrap  
One of Bill's wonderful sets!



## Match the Set to the Show

Arsenic & Old Lace  
Come Blow Your Horn  
Deathtrap  
Move Over Mrs. Markham  
Murder by Misadventure  
Musical Comedy Murders of 1940  
Little Shop of Horrors  
A Funny Thing Happened on the  
Way To the Forum  
The Butler Did It  
The Importance of Being Earnest  
The Lion In Winter  
Wait Until Dark  
Welcome to Mitford  
Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf

We love our little stage! Can you match the sets with the shows???  
*Answers on last page*



# *Dates you don't want to miss!*

July 2020

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		HCT Board Meeting via Zoom				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						Annual Meeting via Zoom
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Auditions— Agnes of God Sign up via SignUp Genius	Auditions— Agnes of God Sign up via SignUp Genius				

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## Match the Set to the Show – Answers

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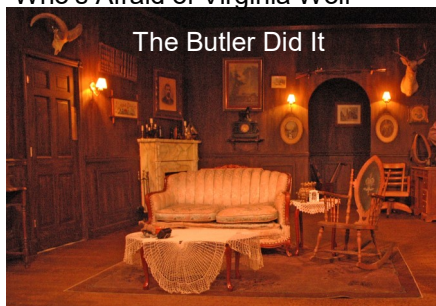
Did you get them all right!?!?



Murder by Misadventure



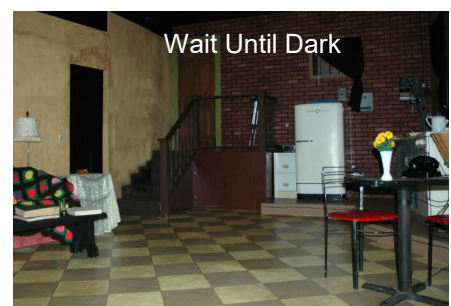
Little Shop of Horrors



The Butler Did It



Welcome to Mitford



Wait Until Dark



The Lion in Winter



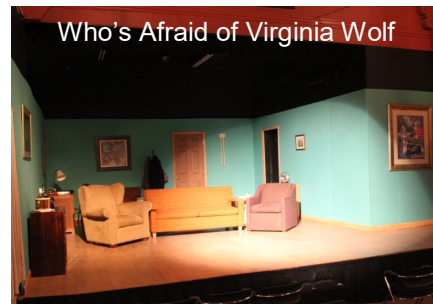
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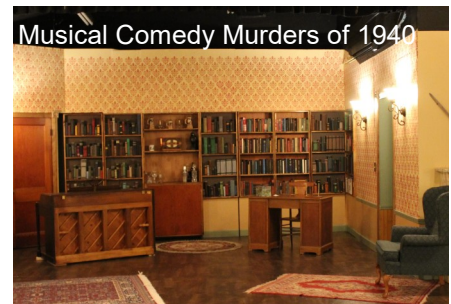
The Importance of Being Earnest



Come Blow Your Home



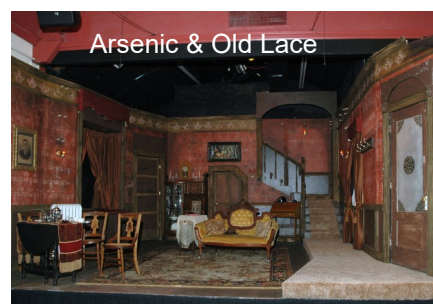
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