

GOD'S • FAVORITE



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STARKVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER  
Greensboro Center



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# **GOD'S FAVORITE**

*by Neil Simon*

*Directed by Katherine Conroy*

## **Cast**

*(In order of appearance)*

<i>Joe Benjamin</i>	<i>Jimmy Richardson</i>
<i>Ben Benjamin*</i>	<i>Andy Erickson</i>
<i>Sarah Benjamin*</i>	<i>Jana Barron</i>
<i>Rose Benjamin</i>	<i>Betty Frnka</i>
<i>David Benjamin</i>	<i>Lawrence Stewart</i>
<i>Mady</i>	<i>Linda Davis</i>
<i>Morris</i>	<i>Robert Wolverton</i>
<i>Sidney Lipton</i>	<i>Ross Williams</i>

*\*According to Simon, the twins Sarah and Ben Benjamin have an IQ of 160--between them!*

## **The Scene**

*The action takes place in the Benjamin mansion on the North Shore of Long Island.*

## **Act One**

*Scene One: Midnight.*

*Scene Two: Two weeks later.*

## **Act Two**

*The Holocaust after.*

## MEET THE CAST

**Jimmy Richardson** (Joe Benjamin). Although this is Jimmy's first production with SCT, he is a great fan of the performing arts. Jimmy is a Staff Development Officer with the MS Cooperative Extension Service. His interests include playing the guitar, officiating at high school games, and conducting personality inventories. Married to Robbie Richardson, he is the father of two delightful teenagers, Adelli and Ryan.

**Andy Erickson** (Ben Benjamin). A junior at Starkville High School, Andy is appearing in his third Starkville Community Theatre play. He is a percussionist in the Starkville High School Band.

**Jana Barron** (Sarah Benjamin). Although this is Jana's first performance in a SCT play, she has been an active member of the Thespian Drama Club in high school and the Blackfriars at MSU. A sophomore public relations major, she enjoys acting and being around people. She has a brother, Jason, and a sister, Jennifer.

**Betty Frnka** (Rose Benjamin). A veteran SCT performer, Betty has been involved with the theatre since its beginning. She has acted in six plays but has had major parts in Plaza Suite, Bell, Book, and Candle, and Forty Carats. She has worked on publicity and backstage for many previous productions.

**Lawrence Stewart** (David Benjamin). A 20-year resident of Starkville, Lawrence is aware of the various cultural and social opportunities our town offers. He is pleased to participate in his first production with SCT. A junior at MSU, Lawrence is working toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. He is an active member of the MSU band.

**Linda Davis** (Mady). Linda has not been on the stage since she sang the lead in "the Student Prince" as a member of Blackfriars during her college days. Married to Muse Davis, they have three children, Eliska, Muse III, and Will. She is a kindergarten teacher at Sudduth Elementary.

**Robert E. Wolverton** (Morris). A founding member of SCT, Bob has served (twice) as President, Vice President, and Board of Director member. This is his twelfth on-stage performance; he directed Critic's Choice. A Professor of Classics in the Foreign Languages Department, he and his wife Peggy are the very proud grandparents of three.

**Ross H. Williams** (Sidney Lipton). An attendance officer/counselor for the youth court, Ross is also involved in various cultural, civic and religious organizations. He is ctively associated with SCT, as an actor and behind-the-scenes. He has appeared in The Philadelphia Story, Harvey, and Witness for the Prosecution.

## **BACKSTAGE**

**Director:** Katherine Conroy

**Assistant Director:** Robert Wolverton

**Set Construction:** Vernon Ammon, Edwin Ellis, Ross Williams,  
Katherine Conroy, Jon Conroy, Jim Conroy

**Set Decoration and Dress:** Charleen Carroll

**Lights/Sound:** Edwin Ellis, Bob Anderson, Ann Elizabeth Ellis,  
John Thomas Ellis, David Boatwright

**Publicity:** Betty Frnka

**Props:** Pat Kelly, Barbara Bouchillon, Fay Kirk, Cheryl Andrews

**Costumes:** Karen Moore, Kristy Moore, Charleen Carroll

**Make Up:** Jami Conroy, Dixie Camp, Madeline Golden

**Poster & Program Design:** Mary F. Dillard, Katherine Conroy

**A-Frame Photos:** Jami Conroy

**Program:** Shay McDonnall

**Tickets:** Jean Snyder, Katherine Stooksbury, Nell Crowe, Terry  
McDowell, Howard Schickedanz

**House:** Bob Fritzius, Students of Armstrong Middle School

**First Night Party:** Charleen Carroll

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

What a great experience to see a group of people, many strangers to each other before December 1, brought together to play a family and becoming as close as a family. It has been a memorable two months ("neat" is the word)! This cast has been so congenial and pleasant to work with. Each member of the production staff has worked hard and been so cooperative. Everyone has worked overtime to make this play an enjoyable production for you, the audience. I can't thank them enough for making this chapter in my life terrific!

SCT would like to thank the taxpayers and all the people who were involved with renewing "The Old Middle School" into the "Greensboro Center." This facility is already being used by many groups in Starkville besides SCT.

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