

Starkville Community Theatre presents

# Unnecessary FARCE

by Paul Slade Smith

September 9-12 and 14-18, 2010

The Playhouse on Main

Video camera

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Room 317

SWEET

The Big

MAC

MAYOR

*You're a cop.*

Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.



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Directed by Thomas La Foe

## *The Cast*

In order of appearance

Eric Sheridan ..... Kris Lee  
Billie Dwyer ..... Heather Box  
Karen Brown ..... Abigail Voller  
Mayor Meekly ..... Gabe Smith  
Agent Frank ..... Paul Ruff  
Todd ..... Christopher Walrath  
Mary Meekly ..... MJ Etua

## *Place & Time*

### **The Place**

Two adjoining hotel rooms in a big town or small city  
somewhere in America.

### **Time**

**Act I:** Today

**Act II:** One hour and 37 minutes later.

*There will be a 10-minute intermission between acts.*

## *Production Team*

Director.....	Thomas La Foe
Assistant Director & Stage Manager .....	Matt Crane
Set Design .....	Thomas La Foe
Properties .....	Cast & Crew
Costumes .....	Sue Snow, Sue Helms, and Amanda Clay Powers
Light and Sound .....	Patrick McFadyen
Poster Design .....	Pattye Archer
Box Office .....	Bob Anderson, Edwin Ellis, and Marsha Williams
Opening Night Party .....	Cindy Ruff and the Social Committee

## *Set Construction*

Heather Box, Matt Crane, MJ Etua,  
Thomas La Foe, Kris Lee, Paul Ruff,  
Craig Ruff, Daniel Ruff, Reagan Ruff, Gabe Smith,  
Lyle Tate, Abigail Voller, and Christopher Walrath

## *Special Thanks*

Peyton Passons  
Comfort Suites  
Old Venice Pizza Company  
Shep's Cleaners  
Shipley Doughnuts

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[www.sct-online.org](http://www.sct-online.org)

# About the Cast

## HEATHER BOX

“OH MY GOD!” Heather, loving a good farce, is ecstatic to be a member of this talented cast, crew and production. She is a veteran of SCT, having been a part of *Laura; Not Now, Darling; Terror by Gaslight*; and *Communicating Doors*. Heather has also worked in productions with the BLY Arts and the Webster Players in Eupora. Heather works (a lot!) as a 911 dispatcher and an investigator for the MS Department of Human Services, so she really cherishes these times she gets to play on stage. She thanks her wonderful family – Shane, Mitchell, and Tucker – for their support and patience (and for her costume); her cast members for making her laugh; and, of course, Thomas and Matt for allowing her this "hard" but "fulfilling" opportunity.

## MJ ETUA

You may have seen MJ on the SCT stage in the annual summer musical revues and in the productions *Not Now, Darling; Postmortem; Inspecting Carol*; and *Deathtrap*. She has also directed season productions and the award-winning MTA production “Art.” MJ currently serves as the creative director of Project P.L.A.Y., SCT's summer children's theatre. In another life, MJ teaches theatre arts, French, and oral communication at Louisville High School. She is a member of the Mississippi Theatre Association. To family Etua: “Akeva!”

## KRIS LEE

Kris Lee is an award-winning member of the Dramatists Guild of America and the Society for Stage Directors and Choreographers. Currently on faculty through EMCC, he plans on moving to the Big Apple in the coming summer to complete his MFA.



## Don't Miss the Fun!

The 2010-2011 season of Fourth Fridays continues September 24th with Plays! Come join us! The fun begins at 7:30 p.m.

# About the Cast

## **PAUL RUFF**

Paul Ruff has been involved with Starkville Community Theatre for nearly 20 years. As he is getting rather old, he can't really remember how many plays and summer musicals he's been in, but he was last seen as "Bob" (the sarcastic homosexual caveman cook) in *Ug, the Caveman Musical*. Paul has truly enjoyed working with the cast and crew of *Unnecessary Farce* and will remember this experience for at least a couple of months. He always enjoys opportunities to carry a gun and undress onstage, so this production has been extra special. Paul thanks his fellow castmates for all the laughs and confusion, and he thanks Thomas and Matt for their attempts to control things. Special thanks go out to his children (Daniel, Craig, and Reagan) for letting him go play with the grown-ups every night and, most of all, to his wife, Cindy. "You are my favorite amusement. I love you, babe!!!"

## **GABE SMITH**

Counting two backstage gigs, a directing job, and five Mississippi Theatre Association Festival submissions, *Unnecessary Farce*, according to his own (likely shoddy) calculations, marks Gabe's twenty-first production with Starkville Community Theatre in the space of eight years. That's a lot. But it doesn't feel like a lot to him. As ever, Gabe thanks his real family for its unflagging support, and he also thanks his theatre family for always welcoming him back to the SCT playground with open arms and a corner spot in the sandbox. Any resemblance to real mayors, living or dead, is purely coincidental.

## **Additional Fourth Fridays Dates:**

- October 22nd - Poetry
- January 28th - Flash Fiction
- February 25th - Short Stories
- March 25th - Plays
- April 22nd - Poetry

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## **ABIGAIL VOLLER**

While this is Abigail's fourth production with SCT – having previously performed in *A...My Name Will Always be Alice*; *The Power of One*; and *The A, B, C's of Broadway – Unnecessary Farce* is the first play in which she's acted since high school's *Beverly Hillbillies* (a really long time ago!). She's thankful for such a great director, assistant director, and fellow cast members who have helped her along with this production and for making it such a fun and hilarious experience (“Oh my goodness, the laughing streaks that were hard to shake--Starfish!”), and she thanks her parents for their continued support of her theatre life. Abigail is a lecturer of composition at MSU.

## **CHRISTOPHER WALRATH**

“I almost died for a laugh. What do I have to do to please you?”

## **Please Join Us ...**

Attending a meeting is a great way to meet people and get involved. Join us the first Monday of every month and find out more about what is going on in YOUR community theatre!  
Meetings are held at 6 p.m. right here, at the Playhouse on Main.



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Highway 12 &  
South Jackson Street  
Starkville, MS 39759

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### **Hours of Operation:**

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

### ***Same -Day Service:***

Tuesday-Friday; in by 8:00 a.m. - out by 4:00 p.m.



# Volunteers Needed!



Starkville Community Theatre was built by volunteers, and it continues to grow and thrive today because of our wonderful volunteers and very loyal patrons. There are so many ways to get involved, in addition to attending shows regularly. Please take a moment to complete the volunteer form found in your program this evening. You can return the completed form to the glass bowl on the cabinet in front of the stairs in the lobby. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing more of you at the Playhouse on Main.

## STARKVILLE COMMUNITY THEATRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### 2010 - 2013

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# STRANGE SNOW

October 28-31, and November 2-6, 2010



Music by William Finn,  
Book by Rachel Sheinkin

Directed by Paul Ruff

February 10-13 and 15-19, 2011

By Lucinda McDermott  
Directed by Mary-Kay Belant

# Feeding on Mulberry Leaves



April 7-10, and 12-16, 2011