

STARKVILLE VISITOR & CONVENTION COUNCIL AND
STARKVILLE COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENT

A Christmas CABARET

Pattye Archer & Brad Moreland, Directors
Haley Harper, Musical Director

DECEMBER 10-14, 2013

7:30 P.M.



Featuring
Isa Stratton Beaulieu
Michele Crescenzo
M. J. Etua
Madeline Golden
Guy Hargrove
Sara Powell Harper
Brian Hawkins
Madalyn Ivy
Thomas La Foe
Kris Lee
Ruth Marcec
Terry McDowell
Trusten Moore
Brad Moreland
Pat Register
Janis Ross
Anna Shaw
Erica Smith



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The Cast

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** SCT Debut*

The Setting

Uncle Guy's cozy apartment
and outside and around the apartment building.

The show is performed without an intermission.

The Production Team

Directors	Pattye Archer & Brad Moreland
Musical Director	Haley Harper
Stage Manager	Alison Stamps
Stage Crew	KaDeen Ross
Set Design	Anthony Daniel & Pattye Archer
Set Construction.....	Marty Haug
Set Decoration.....	Brian Hawkins, Isa Statton Beaulieu, Haley Harper, Ruth Marcec, Brad Moreland, Erica Smith & the cast
Lighting Design	Cameron McDonald
Sound Design.....	Brad Moreland
Lighting Operator	Cameron McDonald & Tess Graham
Sound Operator	Brad Moreland
Poster Design	Pattye Archer
Lobby Decoration	Brian Hawkins
Photography	Matt Motes
House Manager Coordinators	Barry & Grace Ward
Box Office	Edwin Ellis, Cam McMillen & Marsha Williams

About Our Set

Our set was built for SCT's production of *A Catered Affair*. The cast and crew of *A Christmas Cabaret* modified the set for this production. Our thanks to the countless volunteers, led by Marty Haug, who built the set originally. The wonderful decorations were designed by Brian Hawkins and Brad Moreland. A special thank you to Brian, Brad, Isa, Erica, Ruth, Haley and everyone who helped decorate.

The Songs

We Need a Little Christmas	full company
It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas	full company
A Christmas Tree Angel	the ladies
Little Drummer Boy	Brad
12 Days of Christmas	audience and full company
The Christmas Waltz	Thomas
Silver Bells	Ruth
Snow	Brian, Kris, Madeline & Janis
A Marshmallow World	Brian
Sleigh Ride	the ladies
Let It Snow	full company
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree	Terry
Calypso Christmas	the men
Toyland	Michele, Ruth, Anna and Sara Powell
I'll Be Home for Christmas	Trusten
Merry Christmas Darling	Madeline
The Restroom Door Said Gentlemen	the men
Santa Baby	the ladies
The Christmas Song	Sarah Powell
Alfie The Christmas Tree	Brad
It's in Every One of Us	Brad & full company
Go Tell it On the Mountain	M. J. & full company
O Holy Night	Guy
Christmas Carols.....	You & the full company

The Songs

The First Noel

Hark the Herald

Silent Night

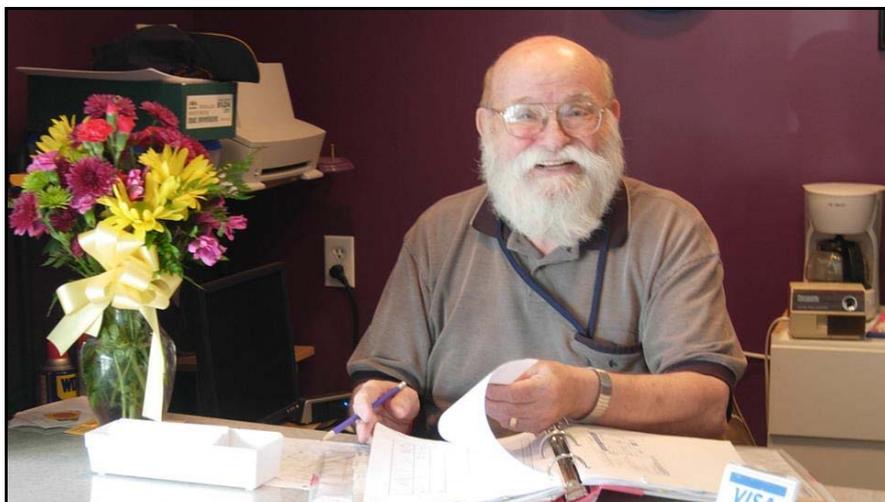
Joy to the World

The Christmas Can Can full company

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas Kris

White Christmas full company

Put a Little Love in Your Heart full company



*This production is dedicated to the memory of our loving friend
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Dr. Bob Anderson.

December 4, 1930 - November 14, 2013

About the Cast

Isa Stratton-Beaulieu

A Christmas Cabaret is Isa's 4th production on stage with SCT, and she has done quite a bit of set work on a number of SCT shows. She's been involved in the arts all of her life and has enjoyed every second being with her SCT family. As always, a huge thanks goes to Brian, her husband, for accepting her absences in the home to enjoy her many loves (obsessions) with the arts. Also a huge thanks goes to SCT's cast, crew and patrons alike for making SCT possible.

Michele Crescenzo

Michele was last seen at SCT in *A Catered Affair*. She teaches in MSU's English department and lives in the pastoral paradise of Ezra Pond with one husband and two Dobermans. Michele wishes happy holidays to this terrific cast and crew and reiterates that it's not fair if you're Jewish.

M. J. Etua

M. J. is very excited about *A Christmas Cabaret* this year because it combines four of her favorite things: singing, Christmas, music, SCT musicals and singing Christmas music with SCT singers. (O.K., so that's five.) M. J. hopes you have as much fun seeing this show as the company has had getting it ready for you. "Have a blessed holiday season surrounded with peace and love. Joyeux Noël and Mba Mba Kristmas to my family!"

Madeline Golden

Madeline's most recent appearance on the SCT stage was as "Aggie Hurley" in *A Catered Affair*. When not here at SCT, Madeline occupies a desk in the Office of Agricultural Communications at MSU or is happy at home with her cats: Thumper, Wally, Max and Moogene. She is thankful to share this most wonderful time of the year with you, her SCT family. "Merry Christmas!"

Guy Hargrove

This is Guy's fifth appearance with SCT. Previous appearances include *Critic's Choice* and *Lend me a Tenor* in addition to being musical director for *Little Mary Sunshine*. Guy has truly enjoyed working with all of the young people and with Pattye but especially with Haley, a fine pianist and teacher. "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone!"

Sara Powell Harper

Although not new to theatre, this is Sara Powell's first SCT production. She played a chorus girl in the musical *Anything Goes* during her senior year at Starkville High. Sara Powell is a freshman at MSU and is in the

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MSU choir. She is also a member of the First Baptist Church choir. She is so excited to be a part of this show and has had so much fun meeting everyone!

Brian Hawkins

Brian is one of those perennially busy people who loves Christmas and loves sharing that love through music in *A Christmas Cabaret* – his 25th appearance at the Playhouse on Main. Brian's favorite roles include "Smudge" in *Forever Plaid* and *Plaid Tidings* and "Phil" in *Inspecting Carol*. Brian works as a shift leader and trainer with Buffalo Wild Wings in Starkville and as public relations and outreach coordinator for the United Way of North Central Mississippi. He wishes cast, crew, friends and family – especially YOU – a most blessed Christmas.

Madalyn Rose Ivy

A Christmas Cabaret is Madalyn's debut at SCT. A Meridian, MS, native, Madalyn shared the stage with the cast of Meridian Little Theatre, McCain Theater and Meridian Community College Dimensions. Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year to her and meaningful because Jesus Christ the Messiah was born! "It is an honor to share this special time of year with the cast and audience here at SCT!"

Thomas La Foe

Thomas has been involved in many SCT productions as director, technician and performer and is glad to be onstage once again. Most recently he directed *Par for the Corpse*, set lights for *A Catered Affair* and last performed as "Georg Nowack" in *She Loves Me*. Thomas works for MSU Libraries as an instructional technology specialist.

Kris Lee

Kris is an award-winning member of the Dramatists Guild of America and the Society for Stage Directors and Choreographers. A published writer, he is also a past Pushcart nominee and has recently begun his work on an MFA in playwriting through Spalding University.

Ruth Marcec

"A Happy Holidays from Dr. Ruth!" While Dr. Ruth's most important work in the salamander reproductive lab never rests - even during the holidays - her salamanders have been put "in the mood" with lots of Christmas music and holiday cheer while she prepared for this production. Hopefully there will be many salamander babies just after the new year... Ruth sends a huge thanks to everyone who had a hand in

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pulling this show together, particularly Haley who has been extra-patient!

Terry Reese McDowell

Terry wishes to dedicate this performance to her mother, Gloria (deceased), and to her two older sisters, Cecilia and Carol. MANY years ago, at their mother's urging, the three Reese sisters were going to sing a trio of "What Child is This?" at midnight mass, standing in front of the congregation. After weeks of practice, at the last second, Terry went into a full-blown panic attack. No sound was coming out of her mouth. Carol was also unable to sing from giggling, and Cecilia sang a solo that night. The sisters still laugh about it! "Merry Christmas everyone, and cheers to all the memories that make us laugh! Hope you enjoy the show!"

Trusten Moore

Trusten is excited to be making his debut at SCT. Trusten is highly active in community theatre in north Mississippi where he performs, serves as vocal director and director. He was last seen in Panola Playhouse's premier production of *Les Miserables*. Other favorite roles include "Seymour" in *Little Shop of Horrors*, "Bob Wallace" in *White Christmas* and "Sky Masterson" in *Guys & Dolls*. "Christmas is my favorite time of the year. What better way to celebrate than with a company full of Christmas cheer? Merry Christmas!"

Brad Moreland

Brad has been an active singer, actor and crew member with Starkville Community Theatre since 2009. Most recently onstage in *SCT: Unplugged*, Brad also serves SCT as historian. He wishes each of you a merry Christmas!

Janis Ross

Janis is so excited be back on the SCT stage for *A Christmas Cabaret!* You may have recently seen her in SCT's *Voices in the Night*, her fifth summer musical revue. She has also been in several productions at MSU, where she is one semester away from graduating with dual concentrations in theatre and journalism. Janis thanks God, her friends and family for their support and also those people in her life who constantly push her to do her best. When not doing something theatre-related (on or off stage), Janis loves to write fiction, ballroom dance and teach her children's church class at Tribe Judah Ministries in Starkville. "Merry Christmas, everyone!"

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Erica Smith

A Christmas Cabaret is Erica's first production with SCT. Originally from Brookhaven, MS, she now lives in Starkville and works in Athletic Academics at MSU. She has participated in various church and school performances throughout the years and is excited to be a part of such a great cast. Christmas is such a beautiful time of the year, and Erica is so glad she can share it with you. She sends a special thank-you to her family and friends for supporting her!

Anna Shaw

A Christmas Cabaret is Anna's first production on the SCT stage, but it's definitely not the first time she has ever performed. She is heavily involved in Starkville High School's theatre and choral departments. Former shows include *Footloose*, *Anything Goes*, *The Insanity of Mary Girard* and *Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp*. Anna gives a huge shout-out to her parents, who support her in her dreams to become a Broadway star.

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About the Musical Director

Haley Harper

A Christmas Cabaret is Haley's fifth production at SCT. Her previous piano-playing roles started back in 2010 with *Ug: the Caveman Musical* and continued earlier this year with *The Fantasticks*, *Voices in the Night* and *A Catered Affair*. This is Haley's second time being musical director, and she thanks her "partner," Pattye, for always trusting in her and being supportive of her 100% of the time. Haley also thanks the entire cast for being so patient and eager to work and learn through all of the long rehearsals and late nights. Haley feels so blessed to have worked with this cast – many for the first time. This is also her sister Sara Powell's first production with SCT! Haley's thanks go to her family and boyfriend for being supportive and patient with her busy schedule and sleep-deprived attitude. "I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year's. We all hope that this musical puts you in the holiday spirit! Merry Christmas!"



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From the Director

It's the most wonderful time of the year. But, it is also the most stressful time of the year. There are parties and shopping and baking and card signing, not to mention work and raising a family and everything else that goes along with everyday life. But despite that, you made time to join us tonight and for that we thank you.

We have had a wonderful, and also stressful, time putting this show together for you. Many of us have come straight from *A Catered Affair* and therefore had no break. But even on the evenings when we felt too tired to go on, the music lifted us and re-energized us. I mean, who doesn't like Christmas music, right?

One of the things I am most pleased about with this show is the number of new faces you will see on stage tonight. We have five performers making their SCT debut. We have one long-time performer, Guy Hargrove, returning to the stage for the first time in many years. And we have everything in between. I would like to thank these wonderful singers for lending their voices to *A Christmas Cabaret* and for putting up with a crazy, fast-paced and hectic rehearsal schedule. If anyone can do this show, you can!

I also want to thank my partners in this production, Brad and Haley! We did it! And a huge thanks to Alison, KaDeen, Cameron and Tess for lending their time and talents as well.

On behalf of the cast and crew, we would like to dedicate this production to the memory of our dear friend, Bob Anderson. He is greatly missed.

Our hope tonight is that you have fun, and that you leave in the holiday spirit. If that happens, we will consider *A Christmas Cabaret* a success. And so I'm offering this simple phrase, to kids from 1 to 92, all though it's been said many times, many ways, Merry Christmas to you. Well, on second thought - Merry Christmas. Happy Holidays. Happy Hanukkah. And Merry Kwanza too. Enjoy!

Pattye

Mississippi Theatre Association Festival Show

Starkville Community Theatre will present *Collected Stories* by Donald Margulies, for the 2014 Mississippi Theatre Association competition play. Directed by Christopher Walrath, the play features Madeline Monson and Mary-Kay Belant. The 2014 MTA Festival will be held January 16-19 in Vicksburg. The cast will present a local performance prior to competing in Vicksburg, watch your email, Facebook and Twitter for more information.

Fourth Fridays Spring 2014 Schedule

Join us for Fourth Fridays this Spring. Fourth Fridays is an open forum for area playwrights and other writers who want to have their works read and discussed at SCT. The events are open to the public and happen at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month.

- January 24 – Poetry
- February 28 – Short Fiction
- March 28 – Plays
- April 25 – Poetry (April is Poetry Month)

Volunteers needed for Play Selection Committee

SCT is looking for volunteers for the Play Selection Committee. One of the most active committees at SCT, Play Selection is made up of nine members who each serve a three year term. Members read a wide selection of plays and, ultimately, select the final four which are presented during the April general meeting. Any SCT patron may volunteer for the committee. If you would like to serve, please contact Thomas La Foe, Vice President for Play Selection, at tlafoe@gmail.com, by Wednesday, December 18.

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Our 2013-2014 Season

By Neil Simon

September 12-15



Book by Harvey Fierstein
Music and Lyrics by John Bucchino

October 31-November 3
And November 5-9, 2013

By Robert Harling

February 13-16
and 18-22, 2014



By Marc Camoletti, Adapted
by Robin Hawdon

April 24-27 and
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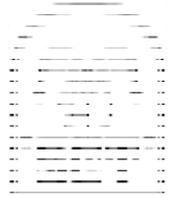
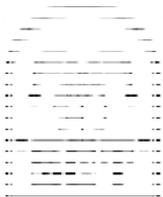
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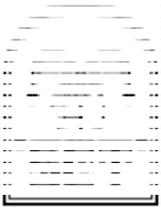
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