

A Catered Affair

CAST AND CREW

John Brocato – Tom Hurley

John is delighted to reprise the role of “Tom Hurley” for competition after playing the part in SCT’s original production in 2013. He was named to the Mississippi Theatre Association All-Star cast for his portrayal. John was a veteran Blackfriar as an MSU undergrad before moving to Los Angeles with his band Skeleton Crew (on iTunes!), and he continues to write, record and perform both as a solo act and as a member of The Persians (on iTunes!) and The Tuffskinz. During the day, John teaches technical communication in the Bagley College of Engineering. He; his wife, Kay; and their kids – Bailey, Vinny and Sicily – don’t wait until the scary feelings pass – they open up their eyes and soak in the view! (Love you guys so much!)



Madeline Golden – Aggie Hurley

Madeline is thrilled to have the chance to play the role of “Aggie” once more, after playing the part in SCT’s original production in 2013. Even though she delights in comedic roles, Madeline has definitely enjoyed delving into the heart and soul of “Agnes Hurley.” And there's no place she'd rather be than onstage with her talented SCT family. “What a joy it is to work with these people! When you bare it all, so to speak, and pour all emotions into creating a character, the ultimate exhilaration is having that and more returned by a fellow actor.” Madeline is also happy to add John to her long list of SCT husbands (thank you, Papa Bear). Madeline thanks Pattye for casting her in this amazing role. “I hope you all fall in love with this show and this music as much as I have. And to my *Catered* family – ‘finish up, or we’ll be late. Tie your shoe. And be happy.’” In January, Madeline won her third Best Actress Award at the Mississippi Theatre Association. In addition to those awards, Madeline has won numerous supporting, ensemble and All-Star acting awards at the state and regional level.



Thomas La Foe – Ralph Halloran

Thomas has been involved in many SCT productions as director, technician and performer and is glad to be onstage once again. His most recent stage experiences were playing “Lenny Ganz” in *Rumors*, “George (a.k.a. Flower)” in *Don’t Dress for Dinner*, and “Georg Nowack” in *She Loves Me*. Thomas is pleased to bring the role of “Ralph” to life and to again be paired with his paramour from *She Loves Me*, Cindy. Thomas’ competition experience includes performing at MTA in 2013; assistant directing for the MTA Best Production and SETC entry *Eleemosynary* in 2010; and serving as technical director for 2009’s *Catfish Moon*, which took SCT all the way to AACTFest ‘09.



Kris Lee – Winston

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 will graduate with his MFA in playwriting from Spalding University this spring. In 2009, Kris was named Best Director at the Mississippi Theatre Association Festival for *Catfish Moon*. The show went on to win Best Production at SETC and represent Mississippi and the southeastern region at AACTFest.



Terry Reese McDowell – The Bridal Consultant

Terry is happy to again be competing with her SCT family, after winning Best Supporting Actress at the Mississippi Theatre Association Festival in 2011 for her role as “Dinah” in *Dixie Swim Club*, a show which also won MTA Best Production and was named runner-up at SETC. Terry has been actively involved with SCT since 1984 when she was cast in her first production, *Close Ties*, and since that time she has been involved with countless productions onstage, backstage and as director. She has also served in several officer roles including president and on the Board of Directors.



Cindy Ruff – Janey Hurley

Cindy is happy to be back onstage and returning to SETC as a member of the *A Catered Affair* family, having previously competed at the regional festival with *Dixie Swim Club* and as props mistress for the SETC Best production of *Catfish Moon*. She is also thrilled to be sharing the experience with her real-life love and husband, Paul, her former onstage sweetheart Thomas, her Dixie sisters Madeline, Terry, Marianne and Debbie, and the entire cast and crew. As always she thanks Daniel, Craig, and Reagan for their love and patience, and for giving up their first day with Mickey and Minnie so she could live out this dream with ...



Paul Ruff – Mr. Halloran and Sam

...who is no stranger to SCT or to competition productions. In 2008 Paul advanced to SETC with the MTA Best Production *Smoke on the Mountain* and in 2009 he won MTA Best Actor for his role in *Catfish Moon*, which advanced to SETC and AACTFest. Last season Paul starred in *The Odd Couple*, and again shared the stage with his wife, Cindy, Heather, Kris and Thomas in *Don't Dress for Dinner*. He also directed *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Like Cindy, Paul thanks the kids but feels like they still owe him for providing for them and all. Most of all, he wants his wife to know that he considers himself extremely blessed to have a best friend as talented, gorgeous and fun as she is. "I love you, babe!"



Marianne Ulmer – Mrs. Halloran and Betty

Marianne is glad to be back onstage with old and new friends. For almost 30 years she has enjoyed "playing" with SCT. She is especially happy to return to SETC with her *Dixie* sisters, Madeline, Terry, Cindy and Debbie. In previous competition productions Marianne has been recognized with acting awards for best supporting actress, ensemble and All-Star cast. In addition to her work on stage, Marianne has worked backstage, as a director and served on the SCT Board of Directors. She offers thanks to all of the people behind the scenes for their hard work, thanks to her friends on and offstage for their support and encouragement, and, as always, thanks to "Allen for listening!"



Callie West – The Sergeant and Alice

Callie is thrilled to be a part of her second Starkville Community Theatre production. After taking a three year hiatus from acting, Callie returned to the stage at the Playhouse on Main as "Shelby" in 2014's production of *Steel Magnolias*. She followed that performance by playing the role of "real life bride" to her own "Jackson Latcherie," Wilson West, who is a part of the stage crew for *A Catered Affair*. Callie was named to the Mississippi Theatre Association's All-Star Cast for her roles as "the sergeant" and "Alice" in *A Catered Affair*.



Pattye Archer – Director

Pattye is honored to return to SETC with her second award-winning Starkville Community Theatre production, having directed the 2008 Mississippi Theatre Association Best Production, *Smoke on the Mountain*, which was named runner-up that year at SETC. Pattye has been a volunteer with SCT for 15 years and has worked in most backstage capacities including scenic designer, stage manager, props, as well as assistant director and director. Pattye has directed the theatre's main fundraiser, a summer musical revue, 12 of its 16 years. She has also served on the Board of Directors, as vice president and president, and has chaired the publicity committee for, well close to forever.



Dr. Bruce Lesley – Musical Director

Primarily known for his choral work, Bruce is happy to be returning to SETC after performing onstage with Paul and Madeline in 2007 in *Smoke on the Mountain* (for which he won Best Supporting Actor at MTA). Bruce is Associate Professor Emeritus of Music and Director Emeritus of Choral Activities from Mississippi State University.



Isa Stratton-Beaulieu – Assistant Director / Stage Manager

Isa has been involved with SCT for six years. She has appeared on stage in five summer musical revues, and has done quite a bit of work on sets, worked backstage & helped costuming. Isa is making a return appearance as assistant director, after surviving her first AD experience this past season with *Don't Dress for Dinner*. Isa has been involved in the arts all of her life and has enjoyed every second 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.



Debbie Dunaway – Assistant Stage Manager

Debbie is celebrating her 25th season with SCT, and is very happy to returning to SETC. The “captain” of SCT’s *Dixie Swim Club*, Debbie and her castmates won best production honors at the 2011 Mississippi Theatre Festival before advancing to SETC where their show was named runner-up. In addition to *Dixie*, some of her favorite productions have included *Company*, *Nunsense*, *Grace & Glorie*, *Marriage to an Older Woman*, and *A ... My Name Will Always Be Alice*. Like so many of our talented actors, Debbie also has worked backstage and served as an officer. She is the current vice president for membership. When not on stage, Debbie can be found working at MSU in the Office of the President in their new offices in Lee Hall or hanging out with her biggest fan and husband, Greg, at various Arts & Sciences events or at home still feathering the empty nest.



Heather Box – Lighting Operator

Heather, an SCT veteran, is excited to be back on stage once again. Having been given opportunities to play many roles here, including directing her first show this season, *The Odd Couple*, she has thoroughly enjoyed becoming a cook/waitress/actress/model/mistress/prostitute and/ or pig sty attendant for your entertainment in this production. Recently, Heather was the assistant director of SCT's 2013 MTA award-winning production of *Dinner with Friends* and was a member of the amazing tech team for Columbus' 2014 Tennessee Williams Tribute production, *Kingdom of Earth*, which won best overall technical excellence at MTA last year. She gives big hugs and kisses to her biological family, friends and her new "relation" for being patient, understanding and allowing her to be a part of the SCT family.



Jansen Fair – Hair & Makeup

Jansen has been fascinated with hair since he was young. He grew up watching his grandfather cut hair at his shop, Southern Barber Shop in Columbus, and decided to follow in his footsteps. He became involved with Starkville Community Theatre in 2003 when a director asked him to consult on a very specific hairstyle. He has been playing with big kids at the Playhouse on Main ever since. Jansen is happy to be returning to SETC after working with two previous productions, *Smoke on the Mountain* and *Dixie Swim Club*.



Vinny Brocato – Stage Crew

Vinny is awesome in general. He holds a green belt in Tae Kwon Do, plays all manner of percussion, is an accomplished poker player, and has rocked people's faces off as “Danny Zuko” in *Grease* and in Starkville High School’s production of *Spamalot*. He made his SCT debut several summers ago in *SCT: Unplugged* (his first grown-up drumming gig and his first SCT show.) Vinny is happy to be hanging with SCT again and excited to be a part of the stage crew for *A Catered Affair*.



Wilson West – Stage Crew

While we cannot say for certain that Wilson is happy to be a part of the stage crew for *A Catered Affair*, we can say that he is doing it for one reason - and one reason only - he is a newlywed and the love of his life is a member of the cast. But the cast and rest of the crew give him big props for stepping up and getting his hands dirty. We are grateful for his help! And Wilson, our unsolicited advice to you is ... “Don’t ever stop saying you love her!”

