



HARVEY

by Mary Chase

Directed byDiane Watts

Stage Manager Blair Sanders

Set Design Randy Bampfield Michael Masi Diane Watts Costume Design Jessica Williams

Lighting and Sound DesignMurray Mann

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Harvey

Cast

Maggie Beker	Myrtle Mae Simmons
Carl W. Childers	Judge Omar Gaffney
Danon Dastugue	Mrs. Chauvenet & Betty Chumley
Matthew Ellsworth	Wilson
Meagan Graham	Nurse Kelly
Barbara Macko	Veta Simmons
Michael Masi	Dr. Sanderson
Paul Ryden	Dr. Chumley
Scott Starkweather	Elwood P. Dowd

Production Team

Director	Diane Watts
Stage Manager	Blair Sanders
Stage Crew	Brooke Watts, Tyler Yaphe
Lighting and Sound Design	Murray Mann
Set DesignR	andy Bampfield, Michael Masi, Diane Watts
Costume Design	Jessica Williams

Special Thanks to:

Sets

Michael Masi, Marin Watts, Diane Watts, Jimmy Spearman, Graham Watts, the entire cast and crew!

Other

Lindsey Ryden for the wonderful portrait of Elwood and Harvey!

Vicky Ryden for music playlist selection!



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By becoming a member, you will help ACT1 Theater continue to produce quality theater performances and make capital improvements to enhance the audience experience. We remain an all-volunteer program that offers free participation and is open to anyone regardless of race, creed, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or anything else. Please consider supporting ACT1 Theater and the Arts in Alpharetta! In addition to a possible income tax deduction, you will be entitled to the benefits below based on your membership level.

• Crew Level \$20+

- Quarterly Newsletter
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Actor Level \$50+

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Cast Bios



Maggie Beker (Myrtle Mae Simmons) Maggie is an actor, writer, and comedian. She's trained with The Second City Chicago and Dad's Garage Improv Theatre. She's taken on classical roles such as Orlando in *As You Like It*, and contemporary roles such as Rachel in the Orlando Fringe Festival's production of *You-Haul-It*. Keep up with Maggie on Instagram at @maggie_beker.



Carl W. Childers (Judge Omar Gaffney) Carl is an Atlanta based tv, film, and stage actor. He is also an award winning commercial writer and producer. He is a realtor in the Alpharetta area where he lives with this wife Sherri, two kids named Sofia and Griffin, and their dog named Jett. This is his first performance with ACT1 Theater. He thanks you for supporting your local community theater!



Danon Dastugue (Mrs. Chauvenet & Betty Chumley)
Danon was last seen at ACT1 in *A Higher Place in Heaven*. Atlanta productions include *Quartet* and *Circle Mirror Transformation* at OnStage. Previous productions in Chicago, Los Angeles, and New Orleans include *A Christmas Story*, *Pygmalion*, *Enchanted April*, *Into the Woods*, *Noises Off*, *Red Herring*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *On Golden Pond*.



Matthew Ellsworth (Wilson) Matt is thrilled to be in the cast of *Harvey* with ACT1! Originally a Buckeye raised in Wooster, Ohio in the middle of Amish Country, he has always been attracted to the performing arts. One of his earliest memories was magic shows he performed in his grandma's living room. When he's not rehearsing or working, he enjoys traveling and fitness training. Enjoy the show!



Meagan Graham (Nurse Kelly) Meagan has been a part of the ACT1 community for over 6 years and has been acting since the age of 4. Some of her favorite characters she's gotten to play include Joanna Drayton in *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* and Annie Oakley in *Annie Get Your Gun*. Meagan wants to thank ACT1 for letting her be a part of such a fun and supportive community.



Barbara Macko (Veta Simmons) Barbara is thrilled to be making her ACT1 Theater debut. A retired High School Theatre & Choir Director, she continues to perform at local theatre including, Player's Guild at Sugar Hill, Lionheart, Live Arts, City Springs Theatre and Atlanta Lyric. Barbara lives in Flowery Branch with her biggest fan, her husband, Jeff and their terrier, Sassie.



Michael Masi (Dr. Sanderson) Michael is an Alpharetta native and grew up right here on Academy Street. He graduated from Oglethorpe in 2021 with a degree in Theatre. Some of his performances include Ernst in Cabaret, Ned Weeks in The Normal Heart, The Mute in The Fantasticks, and Son in A Higher Place in Heaven. Michael wants to thank his mom, dad, and Katie for supporting him and his dreams.



Paul Ryden (Dr. Chumley) Paul made his ACT1 Theater debut last year in *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* alongside his wife and most ardent supporter, Vicky. (He's also her biggest fan.) Most of his career has been spent in front of the camera, first as a TV sports reporter and now an actor. This month he's featured on *She Hulk: Attorney at Law* on Disney+ with several more projects to be released soon.



Scott Starkweather (Elwood P. Dowd) Scott is excited to be making his ACT1 Theater debut! He has most recently been seen in productions of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *The Sunshine Boys*, and *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. Scott would like to thank his family for their endless support, and the same to all his wonderful friends - both invisible and otherwise!

Production Team Bios



Diane Watts (Director) Diane Watts makes her directorial debut at ACT1 with *Harvey*. She believes in the power of theater to touch us in a way that leaves us somehow changed. She hopes *Harvey* will inspire us all to make a friend of everyone we meet, find pleasantries in every situation, and love widely without judgement or conditions. A tall order, but as Elwood says: "we must keep on trying."



Blair Sanders (Stage Manager) Blair's excited to be working on her 3rd show at ACT1 Theater. She was last seen as a puppeteer for *Little Shop of Horrors* in June and directed *A Higher Place in Heaven* in March. By day, she's the office manager at XL Softek. By night, she does youth ministry at her church and is your everyday theatre human. She currently serves on the board of Live Arts Theatre.



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ACT1 Theater and the <u>City of Alpharetta</u> formed a partnership in 2017. Working together, we have produced plays and vignettes of William Shakespeare outdoors in <u>Wills Park</u>, a series of songs and scenes for the City's inaugural Summer Concert Series <u>in Brooks Street Park</u>, and plays in the <u>Alpharetta Arts Center</u> intimate Black Box Theater.

We are pleased to continue this partnership during ACT1 Theater's 2022-2023 season and the City of Alpharetta's 2023 Fiscal Year. As a result of this continuing partnership, we are offering these shows.



On a midsummer's night, four young lovers find themselves wrapped in the dream-like arms of an enchanted forest where sprites lurk and fairies rule. While a feuding Fairy King and Queen are at war, their paths are crossed by Bottom, Quince and their friends presenting a play within a play. Chief mischief-maker Puck is on-hand to ensure that the course of true love is anything but smooth, and games of fantasy, love and dreams ensue in Shakespeare's most beguiling comedy.



By the Way, Meet Vera Stark
February 17-26, 2023
Fri/Sat at 8 pm & Sun at 2 PM
City of Alpharetta Arts Center
Black Box Theater

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner Lynn Nottage's fast-paced, sly satire will take you on a seventy-year journey through Vera's life and the cultural climate that originally shaped her and continues today.



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Welcome to this performance of "Harvey!"

APC is proud to host the ACT1 Theater drama ministry and support the arts in our community.

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Thanks again for supporting our ACT1 Theater drama ministry and enjoy the show!

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