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Commissioned and first produced by South Coast Repertory with support from the Elizabeth George Foundation.

**Directed by**  
Pam Duncan

**Costume Design**  
Jessica Williams

**Set Design**  
Randy Bampfield

**Photographer**

**Technical Lead**  
Murray Mann

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## Cast

Henrietta Leavitt.....Bethany Springs  
Margaret Leavitt .....Lauren Tyner  
Peter Shaw. ....Perry McWilliams  
Annie Cannon.....Kate Arthur  
Williamina Fleming .....Danon Dastugue

## Production Team

Director..... Pam Duncan  
Costume Design..... Jessica Williams  
Lighting and Sound Design.....Murray Mann  
Lighting and Sound Assistants..... Ravshan Ibragimor,  
Ben Rudolph, David Kim  
Set Design.....Randy Bampfield

### Special Thanks to:

FCS Innovation Academy, particularly Scott Kent, Connie Michel and Anna Holland



Welcome to ACT1 Theater!

### **Our Mission Statement:**

ACT1 Theater is an all-volunteer outreach of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church that produces high-quality and entertaining theatrical experiences and drama education. ACT1 Theater welcomes people of all backgrounds to an inclusive, loving, supportive and joyful environment in keeping with Christian values. We encourage growth and development as individuals and fellowship among all participants.

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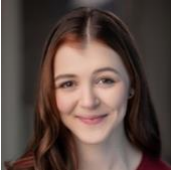
By becoming a member, you will help ACT1 Theater continue to produce quality theater performances and make capital improvements to enhance the audience experience. We remain an all-volunteer program that offers free participation and is open to anyone regardless of race, creed, religion, national origin, 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+
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  - Program acknowledgement throughout the season.
  
- Actor Level \$50+
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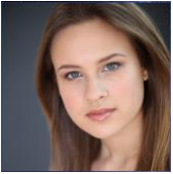
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## Cast Bios



**Bethany Springs** (Henrietta Leavitt): Bethany is thrilled to be stepping on stage again after a three-year hiatus for this production of *Silent Sky*. She is proud to represent a prominent woman in astronomy. This show is about family, fighting for your passion, and the people supporting you along the way. Her other favorite roles have been Percy in *The Spitfire Grill* and Marian in *Sherwood*. Enjoy the show!



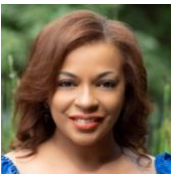
**Lauren Tyner** (Margaret Leavitt): Lauren is thrilled to join the ACT1 family. Favorite past credits include *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Schwartz), *You Can't Take It With You* (Alice), and *The 39 Steps* (Annabella, Pamela, and Margaret). She wants to thank her family for their support and the fantastic cast and crew for making this such a great experience.



**Perry McWilliams** (Peter Shaw): Perry is so excited to be part of another fabulous ACT1 production. He wants to thank his director Pam for this opportunity. He also thanks FCS Innovation Academy for giving this play a place to call home. Perry also thanks the Lord for his grace and mercy. He hopes you will join us next month for Shakespeare in the Park.



**Kate Arthur** (Annie Cannon except March 17 & 18): Kate Arthur is honored to take on the role of someone willing to stand up for what is right. Kate was most recently seen as Miss Shields in ACT1 Theater's production of *A Christmas Story: The Musical* and will be choreographing their upcoming production of *Big Fish*. Other favorite roles include Georgia (*Curtains*), Christine (*Dancing at Lughnasa*), and mom to Jackson and Luke



**Maya Garner** (Annie Cannon, March 17 & 18): A graduate of the University of Georgia, Maya works in corporate Marketing and enjoys sketch comedy, Latin dance, and cosplay in her spare time. She'd like to thank her family and friends for their support, and this wonderful cast and crew for their encouragement and gracious welcome.



**Danon Dastugue** (Williamina Fleming) was last seen in ACT1's *Harvey*. Previous productions in Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, and New Orleans include *Circle Mirror Transformation*, *A Higher Place in Heaven*, *Quartet*, *A Christmas Story*, *Enchanted April*, *Into the Woods*, *Noises Off*, *Red Herring*, *The Original Grease*, *Hank Williams: Lost Highway*, *Steel Magnolias* and *On Golden Pond*.

## Production Team Bios



**Pam Duncan** (Director): Pam has acted in and directed shows all over North Georgia. At ACT1 you might have seen her in *Steel Magnolias*. She directed *Six Degrees of Separation* and *Guess Who's Coming To Dinner*. *Silent Sky* is a labor of love, and dedicated to all the women who came before us to pave the way. Thank you for supporting life theater!



**Jessica Williams** (Costume Designer): Jessica is an Atlanta based Actor and Costume Designer; she has been performing for 20 years and costuming for 10. She resides with her husband and two daughters in Cumming, GA. Her recent costuming credits include *Almost, Maine* (Subtext Dinner Theatre), *Big the Musical* (ACT1), *Much Ado About Nothing* (ACT1), *Little Women* (The Oak Theater), *The Little Mermaid* (SJBA), and *Little Shop of Horrors* (ACT1).



**Murray Mann** (Technical Lead): Murray has been providing technical services for ACT1 for more than 20 years. He has occasionally appeared on stage during that time (including the memorable role of a French man in *Death by Chocolate*) but his real passion is the technical side of theater. He manages, and often runs, the lighting and sound systems for the main stage theater as well as the more portable gear used around town. He has an electrical engineering background but writes software for a living.



**Randy Bampfield** (Set Design): Randy has taken real world building experience and combined that with lots of Googling to teach himself how to build theater sets. Most recently, he designed the sets of ACT1 Theater's *Harvey* and *The Christmas Story, the Musical*.

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## Our Partnership with the City of Alpharetta

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

### *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

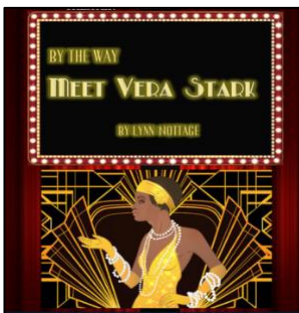
April 14-22, 20223

Fri/Sat at 8 pm

Wills Park, under the pavilion  
behind the Alpharetta Community  
Center



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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Dear ACT1 Patron,

Alpha-Phi Presbyterian Church in downtown Alpharetta is proud to host the ACT1 Theater drama ministry and support the arts in our community.

I invite you to join us for worship at 9:30 or 11 am on Sunday mornings. We are an accepting faith community that strives to meet people where they are, ask honest and challenging questions about God and the world, and grow together as a dynamic and diverse church family.

Check out APC's website, [www.alpharettapres.com](http://www.alpharettapres.com), to learn more about our family of faith and subscribe to our e-newsletter, "The Good News." Whether through worship, music, APC Dayschool, small groups for all ages, service to neighbors in need, book club, Bible study, or mission trips, there are so many ways to build friendships and grow in faith.

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



Alpha-Phi Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 & 11:00 am  
Infant/Toddler Nursery: 9:15am-12:15pm  
Sunday School: 9:30 am

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Rev. Dr. Oliver Wagner  
Senior Pastor

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