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BY NEIL SIMON

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LIGHTING DESIGN  
ERIC WENNLUND

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BRIAN BORGSTEDE

COSTUMER  
MARIAN HOLTZ

ASST. DIRECTOR / STAGE MANAGER  
JAMIE LINSIN

DIRECTOR / SET DESIGNER  
COLLEEN HENEGHAN

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

*We can all agree that the last few years have been some of the toughest we have lived through as a country and a community. Grief and sadness, uncertainty and even fear have been at the forefront. So when I was considering what to direct to open our 76th season, I said it must be a Neil Simon comedy. We need to laugh and we need reminders of good times and how important the people in our life are. Plaza Suite hits all the marks. Then I was lucky enough to get a great crew and have some great talent audition. I was able to cast old friends I haven't worked with in years, newer friends that I get to work with again, and a few brand-new friends I am excited to get to know better - because this show is all about relationships. And one thing these last few years have helped remind me is not to take my family and friends for granted. We all hug each other more, and we tell each other we love them. Does that make us cry some more? Sure. But they are good tears. Caring tears. So, as you watch this production, it is my hope that you are thoroughly engaged and entertained. That you laugh a lot. And get a little reminder, that even if they are not in the best place, how precious your relationships are. I thank this amazing cast and crew, and I thank you for supporting the performing arts, which makes all this possible. Enjoy!*

*Sadly, we lost our Assistant Director/Stage Manager Danny Austin a few weeks ago. Danny, this one's for you. You will be terribly missed, my dear friend.*

*Colleen Heneghan*

In Memoriam

**DANNY AUSTIN**

March 1963 - February 2023

***Danny was the Assistant Director and Stage Manager on several productions since 2010.***



***Those who touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever.***



**THEATRE ETIQUETTE** The show is not over until the actors have taken their curtain call. For your safety, please remain at your seat until they have made their final exit and the auditorium lights have been turned on.

# CAST

## Act 1

Bellhop ..... TOM BROWN  
Karen Nash ..... CARLA BROWN  
Sam Nash ..... JOHN REIDY  
Waiter ..... JAMIE LINSIN  
Jean McCormack ..... DENISE CHAPPELL-NICKELS

15-minute Intermission

## Act 2

Jesse Kiplinger ..... TODD MICALI  
Muriel Tate ..... NANCY LUBOWITZ

## Act 3

Norma Hubley ..... THERESE MELNYKOV  
Roy Hubley ..... PATRICK BRUEGGEN  
Borden Eisler ..... JAMIE LINSIN  
Mimsey Hubley ..... DENISE CHAPPELL-NICKELS



Tom Brown



Carla Brown



John Reidy



Jamie Linsin



Denise Chappell-Nickels



Todd Micali



Nancy Lubowitz



Therese Melnykov



Patrick Brueggen

# PRODUCTION TEAM

Director .....	COLLEEN HENEGHAN
Assistant Director/Stage Manager .....	JAMIE LINSIN
Costumer .....	MARIAN HOLTZ
Lighting Designer .....	ERIC WENNLUND
Sound Designer .....	BRIAN BORGSTEDE
Set Designer .....	COLLEEN HENEGHAN
Props/Asst. Stage Manager .....	TOM BROWN
Set Construction .....	CAST, CREW, FRIENDS & FAMILY
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Brian Paladin and the Florissant Performing Arts Center staff,  
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In Memoriam

## BILLIE TENEAU

July 1925 - February 2023

*Billie was involved with Hawthorne Players  
for over 60 years, as a Board Member,  
Actress, and Director*



## CAST AND CREW

**Brian Borgstede** (Sound Designer) is thrilled to be working with Colleen on *Plaza Suite*. He would like to thank you, the audience, for supporting the arts.

**Carla Brown** (Karen Nash) is thrilled to appear in her second Hawthorne production after appearing in last year's *Picnic*. She is also excited to perform with her husband, Tom, for the first time ever! She has appeared in several Clayton and Chesterfield Community Theatre productions including *The Hollow*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. She would like to thank Colleen for giving her this huge opportunity and her family for their support.

**Tom Brown** (Bellhop) is excited to be back on stage after a 35-year hiatus since high school. He is also happy to share the stage with his wife, Carla (Karen), if only briefly, in the opening scene. Carla is the real thespian in the family, and she inspired Tom to come back to his former love.

**Patrick Brueggen** (Roy Hubley) brings real-life experience to his role as an anxious father-of-the-bride, and he has the bills to prove it! He appeared most recently in Hawthorne's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. He performed in *Our Town* and *The Dining Room* and has been backstage for other Hawthorne productions. He has also been seen in *To Kill a Mockingbird* and as Oscar in *The Odd Couple* for the Alpha Players. He is grateful to Colleen for letting him play with such talented people, and to his wife Darienne for indulging his "bucket list" activity.

**Denise Chappell-Nickels** (Jean McCormack / Mimsey Hubley) is excited to be in her fourth Hawthorne Players production! Previous shows include *Leading Ladies* (Florence), *Rabbit Hole* (Izzy) and *The Fantasticks* (The Mute). Denise would like to thank Colleen, and the cast and crew of *Plaza Suite*. She finds being a part of a Hawthorne Players Pro-

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Outstanding Drama

Trish Nelke  
Direction of a Drama

Jean Heckmann  
Costume Design of a Play

Ellen Klasing  
Lead Actress in a Drama

Hunter Fredrick  
Lead Actor in a Drama

Therese Melnykov  
Lead Actress in a Drama

Cary Steinmetz  
Supporting Actor in a  
Drama

Andee Wolfe  
Supporting Actress  
in a Drama



Best Musical Production

Mark Lull  
Direction

Kimberly Klick  
Choreography

Eric Wennlund  
Lighting Design

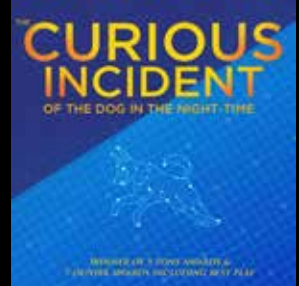
Melissa Felps  
Supporting Actress

Jenna Jarvis  
Cameo/Non-Singing  
Actress

Andrea Reed  
Comedic Actress

Ken Clark  
Cameo/Non-Singing  
Actor

Kaylin Penninger &  
Bradley Fritz  
Duo/Group Performance



Outstanding Drama

Outstanding Large  
Ensemble  
(Comedy or Drama)

Ken Clark  
Direction of a Drama

Ken Clark  
Set Design of a Play

Eric Wennlund  
Lighting Design of a Play

Natalee Damron  
Lead Actress in a Drama

Dan Wolfe  
Lead Actor in a Drama

Jennelle Gilreath Owens  
Lead Actress in a Drama

Jeff Kargus  
Supporting Actor  
in a Drama

Marian Holtz  
Supporting Actress  
in a Drama

PICNIC and CURIOUS INCIDENT are  
nominated for Arts for Life - Theater Mask  
Awards. Winners will be announced April 15. [artsforlife.org](https://artsforlife.org)

CHORUS LINE is nominated for Arts for Life - Best Performance Awards.  
Winners will be announced July 2. [artsforlife.org](https://artsforlife.org)



duction a joy and feels like she's coming home to family. Denise would also like to thank her family, friends, and pets—with a special shoutout to her husband, Scott, who makes her crack up when running lines and always helps build the sets. She is so glad her mom and dad have embraced her inner theatre kid all these years.

**Colleen Heneghan** (Director/Set Designer) A Hawthorne board member, Colleen last directed *The Fantasticks* and *Leading Ladies* for Hawthorne. Some Hawthorne roles have been in *The Dining Room*, *Once Upon a Mattress* (Queen Aggravain), and *Lost in Yonkers* (Bella). Colleen earned a BFA from Millikin and an MS from ISU in theatre. She can also be found portraying "residents" in *Voices of Valhalla/Bellefontaine*. She was nominated for a St Louis Theatre Circle Award as Cait in West End Players Guild's production of *Bloomsday*. She gives huge thanks to Danny and this wonderful cast and crew. Let's laugh!

**Marian Holtz** (Costumer) has costumed shows for several high schools and theatre groups and she is thrilled to work with Colleen Heneghan and the talented cast of *Plaza Suite*. Marian not only finds costumes from local shops but also has made many costumes for shows such as *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *The Boys from Syracuse*, *The Miracle Worker*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and her favorite show ... *Nunsense*. She would like to thank Colleen and Jean Heckmann for their assistance in finding just the right costume pieces for this production.

**Jamie Linsin** (Waiter/Borden Eisler/Asst. Director) is happy to be back on stage for the first time with Hawthorne Players. Previous shows include *All in the Timing* (Swift), *The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later* (Narrator), and *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Jonathan). For his day job (which he has been urged not to quit), he's a psychologist with private practice offices in Creve Coeur and St. Charles. He would like to thank his wife Leslee, family, and friends for their support. He hopes you enjoy the show!

**Nancy Lubowitz** (Muriel Tate) After a 3.5-year forced hiatus, she is glad to be back "home" on stage. Ironically, one of the last two plays in which she performed prior to

## Hawthorne Players - Duckie DeMere Scholarship

Since 1992 Hawthorne Players has presented over \$65,000 in scholarships to high school seniors active in the performing arts. The Scholarships are named in memory of veteran Hawthorne actress and director, Duckie DeMere.

The purpose of these scholarships is to further community arts in general, encourage high school students to become involved in community theatre and increase youth involvement in Hawthorne Players

### 2022 RECIPIENTS



**Lana Anne Berry**  
Pattonville



**Emma Klasing**  
Incarnate Word  
Academy



**Connor Lorino**  
Pattonville



**Meredith Stroud**  
Pattonville

# IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET SEASON TICKETS!



Visit our table in the lobby at intermission.

## PLAZA SUITE



***March 24 - April 2, 2023***

Hilarity abounds in Neil Simon's portrait of three couples successively occupying Suite 719 at the Plaza Hotel.

Directed by Colleen Heneghan

***July 28 - August 6, 2023***

This Tony Award-winning musical spans the life of Celie, an African-American woman living in the American South.

Directed by Nancy Crouse

Music Direction by Jermaine Manor

Choreography by Jamell Jacobs

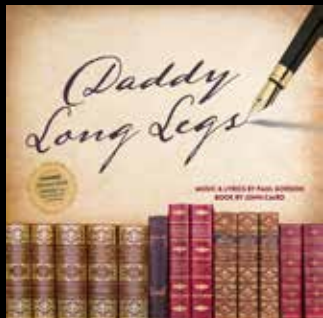


***November 3 - 12, 2023***

A heart-warming musical about a winsome young woman and her mysterious benefactor.

Directed by Ken Clark

Music Direction by Sean Bippen



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her hiatus, was *Plaza Suite* with Act Two Theatre, in the 3rd Act as Norma Hubley. She is glad to see room 719 through a new set of eyes and is thrilled to be sharing the stage with Todd! She dedicates her performance to Kim. IMYED.

**Therese Melnykov** (Norma Hubley) has been treading those proverbial boards pretty steadily for the past 17 years, appearing in over 40 shows, and directing, stage managing, or otherwise crewing over a dozen more. Some of her favorite roles include Princess Puffer in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, Maria Merelli in *Lend Me a Tenor* and the voice of that mean green mother Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors*. She thanks you for coming and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Todd Micali** (Jesse Kiplinger) Making his long awaited return to the Florissant stage, Todd is thrilled to be checking into the *Plaza Suite* with this amazing cast! Celebrating over 25 years of countless performances throughout the St Louis area and looking forward to the next 25. A two-time Arts for Life Best Performance Award winner (*Grease*, *Spamalot*) as well as a two-time AFL Theatre Mask Awards recipient (*The Odd Couple*, *Who's in Bed with the Butler?*), Todd wouldn't be here without the support of his loving family and the love and patience of his cat and BFF, Cary Grant! Long live "Live Theatre," and he thanks you for supporting the arts!

**John Reidy** (Sam Nash) is excited to make his return to the stage with *Plaza Suite*. He has worked with different St. Louis theater groups over the last 38 years. Some of his favorite Hawthorne roles include Chet in *Over the Tavern* and Walter Burns in *The Front Page*, as well as several appearances in *Voices of Valhalla*. He's thrilled to be back with such special, talented performers. By day, John works in the Compliance Department of a locally-based brokerage firm.

**Eric Wennlund** (Light Designer) is an Arts for Life Award recipient, having won for the Hawthorne Players' *The Spitfire Grill*. Eric is happy to be returning to the Florissant Performing Arts Center booth, most recently designing *A Chorus Line* and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

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