

# PLAYBILL

THE ART CENTRE THEATRE

## SOUTHERN FRIED FUNERAL

Directed by Debra Hayworth



You are cordially  
invited to see the  
*Celebration  
of Life*

of Dewey Frye

Friday-Sunday  
April 5-14



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April 5-14, 2024  
The Art Centre Theatre, Plano, TX  
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# SYNOPSIS

They only see each other for weddings and funerals.  
In this case, it's the latter.

Southern family. Anybody who knows them, however, would you tell you different. With a snake-in-the-grass brother, two sisters who can't help but rip each other's hair out, alongside a sudden widowed wife left to pick up the pieces, the Fries are in for a funeral of lifetime. No pun intended.

# CAST

Dorothy.....Rachel McGuire  
Harlene.....Callie Payne  
Sammy Jo.....Grace Stephens  
Piranio  
Beecham.....Tomer Braff  
Dewey Jr.....Jaquailyn Martin  
Uncle Dub.....Bo Benny  
Atticus.....Guy Chandler  
Ozella Meeks.....Yancys De la O  
Martha Ann.....Elisabeth  
Hassenboehler  
Fairy June.....John Castro  
Benny Charles.....JohnK WrightV

# CREW

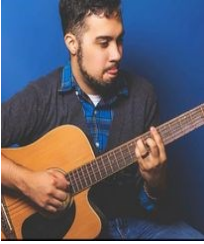
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# WHO'S WHO



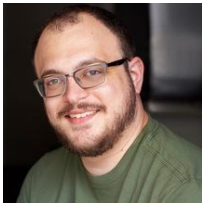
Guy Chandler is extremely excited to be back around for the new year of shows with ACT. Coming back from some time off, last year he was in a few other ACT shows, Cabaret (Cliff Bradshaw) and in our very own Villains Burlesque. He is looking forward to the new challenge the new show brings!



Debra Hayworth (Director) is excited to direct another show here at ACT. Her last directed show was the SpongeBob Musical. Her favorite on stage roles include Zazzalil (Firebringer), Annie Knowby (Evil Dead), Kitty Bennet (Pride & Prejudice), and Lorraine (All Shook Up). She wants to thank her AMAZING cast for stepping up and putting on an incredible show. She also wants to thank her incredible fiancé for always supporting me in all my crazy adventures. She hopes you enjoy the FUNeral!



This is Yancys De La O's ACT debut and her return to acting since 2018! She was previously seen on the University of Texas at Arlington's main stage, receiving a theatre degree in 2017. She would like to thank her family and her boyfriend Mario for their support.



Tomer Braff is a veteran in the Arts Center Theater, performing in several productions ranging from the raunchy Rocky Horror Picture Show to the family friendly Spongebob: The Musical. He is excited to be part of this production, and he's especially excited about eating on stage!



John Castro is pleased to be part of this amazing cast. This is his 6th production with Art Center Theatre. Past plays included "Rope," "The Elephant Man," "Cabaret," "The Bad Seed," "Clue," and Blithe Spirit." A big thanks to our director, Debra Hayworth to having the courage and touch of craziness to cast me in the role of Fairy June.

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  - Self Awareness
  - Acting Techniques
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  - Dance Techniques
  - And Many More



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Bo Benny is somewhat happy to be a part of this talented cast. You may have seen him starring in productions such as *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Johnathan Brewster), *Rumors* (Lenny Ganz), and *Puffs* (Oliver Rivers) to name a few. Box2 has also directed *Carrie the Musical*, *Evil Dead*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *House of Yes*, and most recently, *The Elephant Man*.



Callie Payne has been acting for over 13 years and is super excited to be a part of her first show at The Art Centre Theatre! She encourages you to laugh as loud as you want and to enjoy the show!



Rachel McGuire is a licensed professional counselor who gets to be a kid at ACT. She has loved her roles as Scarlet/Yvette in *Clue*, Mrs. Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice*, M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias* and Martha in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*. She would like to thank her loving family for their support, this hilarious and easygoing cast for bringing this together, and Debra Hayworth, our inspiring and incredible director. We couldn't have done this without you my friend!



Jaquailyn Martin, also known as "JQ," is excited to be playing the role of Dewey J in *Southern Fried Funeral*. This marks his return to the stage after 3 years, and he is grateful for those who supported him throughout his journey. He would like to extend special thanks to his parents, who love and encourage Jaquailyn to pursue his dreams. Additionally, he wants to thank Debra Hayworth for having faith in him and his castmates, and for all the hard work she endured to put this show together.

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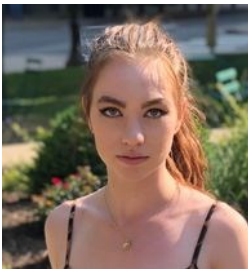
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JohnK Wright V is a Math Teacher and Retired Army Engineer Major. This is only the third play he has performed in and first play in 12 years. He previously played Georg Bamberger in Peter Shaffer's Farce, Black Comedy in 2011 and Navy CMDR. Walter Stone in Aaron Sorkin's A Few Good Men in 2012.

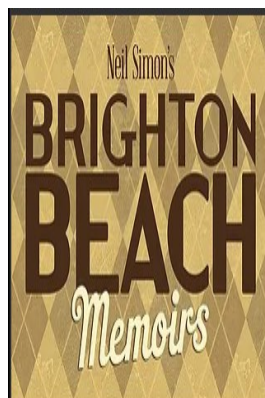
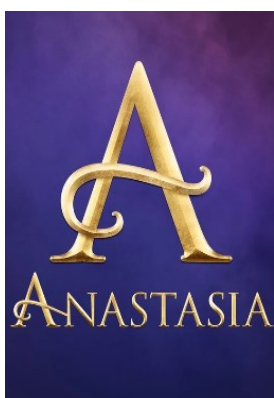
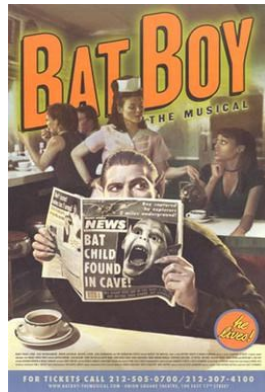
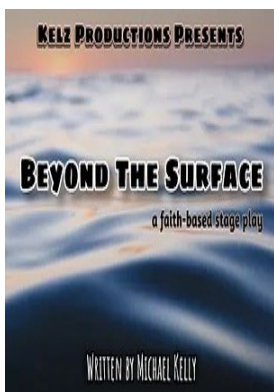
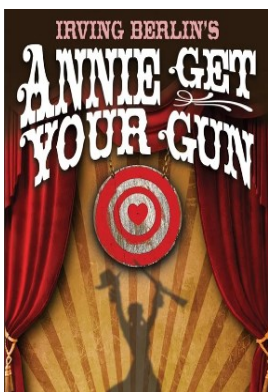
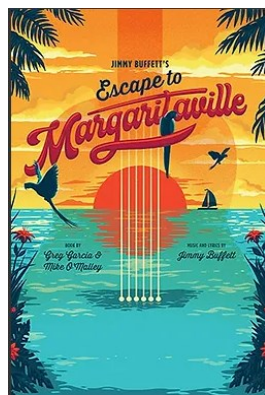
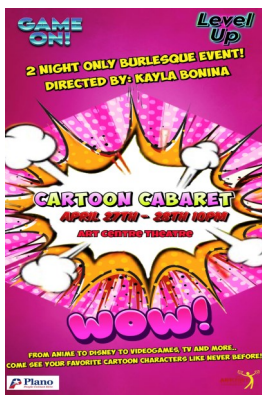


Elisabeth Hassenboehler (Martha Ann) has been rambling around ACT since 2016 acting, dancing, singing, and directing. She is proud to work beside this wonderful cast. Enjoy!



Grace Stephens Piranio (Sammy Jo Frye-Lafette) is delighted to be making her debut with Art Centre Theatre after a hiatus in performing. After years of training with Dallas Children's Theater and pursuing a theatre degree at Flagler College, some of her favorite credits include the shows Silence, The Tempest, Screenplay, and Night of the Living Dead. Her onscreen credits include the short film Rest Stop and playing Kate Moss in the Johnny Depp episode of The Price of Fame .

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# Down Home Recipes

## SAUSAGE ROLLS

1 PACKAGE OF ECKRICH SMOK-Y ORIGINAL BREAKFAST SMOKED SAUSAGE LINKS  
1 CAN OF CRESCENT ROLLS  
2 CHEESE SLICES ( CHEDDAR, SWISS, AMERICAN, ETC)

LAY OUT THE CRESCENT ROLL TRIANGLES  
CUT EACH SLICE OF CHEESE INTO 4 EQUAL PARTS  
PLACE ¼ SLICE OF CHEESE ON EACH CRESCENT ROLL  
PLACE ONE SAUSAGE LINK ON THE ROLL, ON TOP OF THE CHEESE  
ROLL EACH SECTION AND PLACE ON A COOKING SHEET  
BAKE AT 375F FOR 10-12 MINUTES  
MAKES 8 SAUSAGE ROLLS

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## Portuguese Soupa

Chuck roast, tomato sauce to cover, cumin, fresh mint leaves, onion, garlic.  
Let cook in Dutch oven or crockpot until falling apart. Serve with crusty  
crunchy bread and dill pickles.

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## Fairy June's Famous Drop Biscuits

2 cups of Bisquick  
2/3 cups of Milk  
1tbs Vegetable Oil

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Mix all ingredients in bowl until soft dough  
forms. Using a 3 tbs ice cream scoop drop dough onto cookie sheet lined  
with parchment paper. Bake for 11 to 13 minutes.

Recipe is from the back of the Original Bisquick Pancake and Baking Mix  
box. What makes it famous is because Fairy June uses an ice cream scoop  
to “drop” the biscuits.

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