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Written by:

Christopher Durang

Directed by:

Denise Fitzsimmons

Produced by:

Patricia Glatzel & Kristin Hoose

Starring:

Shawn Brown

Glenn Couture

Karen Kochies

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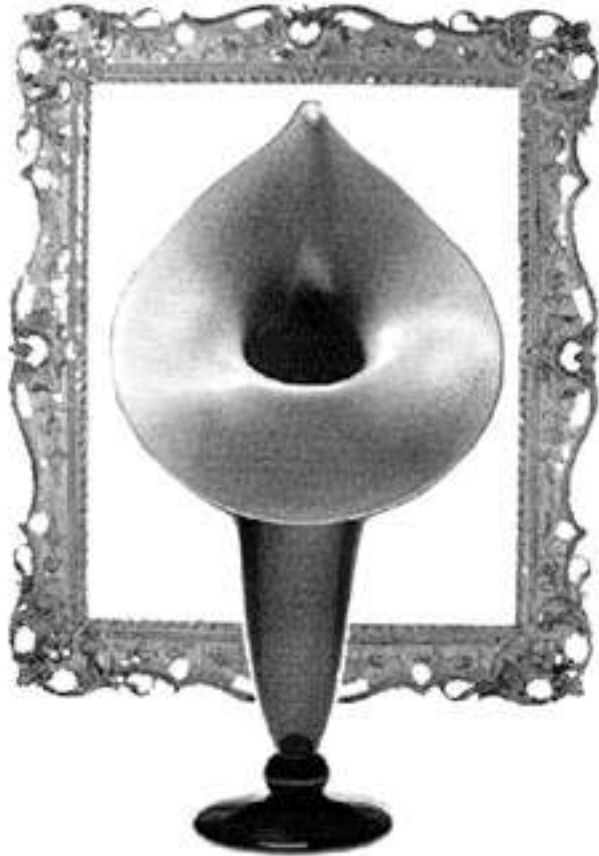
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July 2005

Dear Friends of the Theatre,

The 2005 season is in full swing now as the board begins preparing for 2006!

Our season continues with *Beyond Therapy*, an award winning adult comedy by Christopher Durang. Some of you may remember seeing the original in NY with our friend and supporter Jack Gilpin. We continue to provide something for everyone at TBTA with a well-rounded season of Musicals, Children's Theatre, Drama and Comedy. It is my challenge as President and Artistic Director to bring this to you season after season. I hope you agree that we are doing a wonderful job. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please feel free to write to me at the theatre.

If this is your first visit to TBTA, I hope you will take some time to look around and admire the beautiful space you are in. The amount of volunteer hours needed to maintain our buildings and our programming is astounding. TBTA survives without any help from the Town of Brookfield. We rely solely on our members, advertisers and patrons. This beautifully refurbished building, new gallery space, and all of our programs exist thanks to a small group of people who believe that the arts make a difference in the life of a community and it's children.

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Director's Notes

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Denise Fitzsimmons, *Director*

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and we will never forget you.*

Biographies

SHAWN BROWN (STUART) performed in *Jesus Christ Superstar* in 2002 as an apostle, a leper, and a mob member. In 2005 Shawn was Juan the Muleteer in *Man of La Mancha*. Shawn is looking forward to his third appearance on the TBTA stage and his first non-musical as Dr. Stuart Framingham. He would like to thank his son Ian for being such a huge supporter and inspiration.

GLENN R. COUTURE (BOB) is a resident of Ansonia and has been involved in the performing arts for many years in the capacity of director, actor and crew. He is the co-founder of the Bradley Theatre in Putnam, CT, has performed with the Norwalk comedy players, Sherman Players, Thomaston Opera House, and currently serves as the vice president of the Board of Directors of Theatreworks New Milford. Glenn is very excited to be working in Brookfield with such a great group of talented people. His favorite roles include Roland Maule in *Present Laughter*, Sheriden Whiteside in *The Man Who Came To Dinner*, The Sheriff in *Batboy*, Rudolpho in *A View From The Bridge*, and as a Physics teacher at Norwalk High School. He would like to thank his wife Dionne, his family and friends for their continued support and especially all of the people that made this show a great success.

DENISE FITZSIMMONS (DIRECTOR) is thrilled to direct *Beyond Therapy* after last year's successful comedy, *The Food Chain*. Last seen on stage in *Man of La Mancha*, Denise has also appeared in TBTA's *Jacques Brel...*, *Century of Song*, *Nonsense II*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *An Inspector Calls*, *A Grand Night For Singing*, and *Quilters*. Other favorite performances include *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Promises, Promises*, *Pippin*, *Into The Woods*, and *Anything Goes*. In her other life, Denise is a Spanish teacher at Danbury High School. Denise would like to thank her TBTA family for their support and love. Denise especially thanks her family (Bridget too!) without whom she could not get "beyond therapy."

PATRICIA McALLISTER GLATZEL (CO-PRODUCER) is excited to be co-producing *Beyond Therapy*. In the few years Patricia has been a part of the TBTA family, she has been involved in many aspects of theatre life. Patricia was an ensemble member of both *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Man of La Mancha*; has worked on lighting for several shows, and is on the Board of Directors here at TBTA as the PR Coordinator. She thanks Denise for being a wonderful director and Kristin for making first-time producing not so painful! Hugs to her husband Alan for all his love and support.

KAREN KOCHIES (PRUDENCE) was seen previously as Rachel in the Clockwork Repertory Theater's production of *Perfect Wedding* and is making her first appearance here at TBTA. Excited to be on board, she would like to thank Denise for having faith in new talent and for her patient guidance and direction. Karen is grateful to be working with such a dedicated and supportive cast. She also sends appreciation to the crew who keep everything running smoothly. Karen thanks

Biographies, cont'd.

family and friends for their support and encouragement and her husband Bill for being that "Someone To Watch Over Me."

KRISTIN HOOSE (CO-PRODUCER) is honored to be producing such a talented cast and crew. She produced *The Food Chain* last year and couldn't wait to do it again! Kristin has acted/sung in *Cinderella Goes Disco*, *Little Red and the Hoods*, *Jacques Brel...*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *The Actor's Nightmare*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Music Man*, and *Guys and Dolls*. She would like to give a big round of applause to *Beyond Therapy's* terrific cast and crew. As always, Kristin thanks her family for their love and support.

ALICE McMAHON (CHARLOTTE) has appeared in *As It Is In Heaven*, *Not Waving, Hay Fever*, *Three Viewings*, *Wonderful World*, *Later Life*, *Talking Heads* (Square One Theatre). Regional Theatre: *To Grandmother's House We Go*, *The Actor's Nightmare*, *Baby with the Bath Water* (Polka Dot Playhouse), *And Miss Reardon Drinks A Little*, *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof* (Katonah Community), *Deathtrap*, *Light Up The Sky*, *Barefoot In The Park*, *Invitation To A March*, *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*, *The Odd Couple* (female version), *The Gingerbread Lady*, *Blithe Spirit* (Brookfield Theater for the Arts), *Come Back*, *Little Sheba* (Pound Ridge Players). Film: *Reckless*, *Man On A Swing*.

MEGAN O'LENA (ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR) is so thankful for the opportunity to asst. direct *Beyond Therapy*. She was last seen on the TBTA stage in her award winning performance of *Little Red* in *Little Red and the Hoods*. She can often be seen working backstage in various capacities. Megan is very excited to be working with Denise again and loves being her "right hand Mary." Megz would like to thank her friends and family for all their support.

TODD SANTA MARIA (ANDREW) is thrilled to be making his debut with the Brookfield Theatre for the Arts. Favorite credits include: *Equus*, *Bent*, *Rocky Horror Show*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Little Me*, *Corpus Christi*, *Chicago*, and *A Chorus Line*. From 1997-2000, he was a cast member with Walt Disney World Entertainment in Lake Buena Vista, FL. "Special thanks to the cast, crew, Denise, my family and friends. TY—I'm glad your Celine Dion period is over. It's so great to see you back on stage."

TODD YOCHER (BRUCE) is honored to be making his TBTA debut and thrilled to be working with such a welcoming, fun and talented group. Previous roles include Roth Gardiner in *Visiting Mr. Green*, Daniel Kaffee in *A Few Good Men*, Richard Loeb in *Never The Sinner*, Louis Ironson in *Angels In America*, Jeff in *The Sum of Us*, Max in *Bent*, Bartholomew in *Corpus Christi*, Jonathan in *Shmulnik's Waltz*, Paul in *Moon Over Buffalo*, Terry/Stewart in *Confusions*, Bill/Fluff in *All In The Timing*, Ken in *Rumors*, and Barry in *The Boys Next Door*. Before facing the reality that he really had no right to be singing (you'll see), he also appeared in some musicals. "Special thanks to Denise (a true FG) and the cast & crew for making this experience so rewarding. For Alan, who never ceases to make me smile—inside and out."