

# PROGRAM

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY THEATRE  
MADISON, WEST VIRGINIA

# SISTER ACT

MUSIC BY

ALAN MENKEN

LYRICS BY

GLENN SLATER

BOOK BY

CHERI STEINKELLNER  
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ADDITIONAL BOOK MATERIALS  
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THE MADISON CIVIC CENTER

OCT. 26 & NOV. 2 AT 7:00 PM

OCT. 27 & NOV. 3 AT 3:00 PM



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PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Based on the Touchstone Motion Picture “Sister Act”

Set Design  
**CATHY GRAY GREEN**

Lighting Design  
**DUCKY ADAMS**

Stage Manager  
**ELISABETH GREEN**

Head of Construction  
**KEITH STEPHENS**

Sound Design  
**DUCKY ADAMS**

Costume Design  
**CATHY GRAY GREEN**  
**BRITTANY WHITT**

Music and Vocal Direction by  
**ROBIN BUNCH BAILEY**

Choreographed by  
**CANDANCE MAYNARD & SARAH BROWN &**  
**SARAH DOTSON & BRITTANY WHITT**

Directed by  
**ROBIN BUNCH BAILEY**

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# Cast

Deloris Van Cartier ~~~~~ Chelsea Price  
Mother Superior ~~~~~ Rachael Stephens  
Sister Mary Robert ~~~~~ Faith Cooper  
Sister Mary Patrick ~~~~~ Abby Randolph  
Sister Mary Lazarus ~~~~~ Paula Price  
Monsignor O'Hara ~~~~~ Jackson Davis  
Eddie Souther ~~~~~ DJ Conley  
Curtis Jackson ~~~~~ Jacob Green  
TJ/Fantasy Dancer ~~~~~ Jason Sheppard  
Joey/Homeless Chorus ~~~~~ Geoffrey Saunders  
Sister Mary Martin-de-Tours/Pablo/Homeless Chorus/Fantasy Dancer ~~ Brittany Whitt  
Sister Mary Theresa/Hooker ~~~~~ Janet Farmer  
Michelle/Sister Mary Constance/Fantasy Dancer ~~~~~ Brooke Phillips  
Tina/Sister Mary Jane/Homeless Chorus/Fantasy Dancer ~~~~~ Sarah Dotson  
Ernie/Bartender/Fantasy Dancer ~~~~~ James Roark  
Pope Paul VI/Bar Patron/Cop ~~~~~ Terry Harless  
Sister Mary Amaryllis ~~~~~ Amy Brown  
Sister Mary Brook of Jordan/Fantasy Dancer ~~~~~ Sarah Brown  
Sister Mary Judith Anne/Bar Patron ~~~~~ Anne Davis  
Sister Mary Ann-Margaret/Hooker ~~~~~ Marilyn Grubbs  
Sister Mary Grace/Bar Patron/Homeless Chorus/Fantasy Dancer ~~ Amelia Halley  
Sister Mary Ignatius/Newscaster/Homeless Chorus ~~~~~ Elizabeth James  
Sister Mary Mary/Bar Waitress/Homeless Chorus/Fantasy Dancer/Hooker ~~ Eva Warner  
Cab Driver/Bar Patron/Fantasy Dancer ~~~~~ Willow Roark  
Altar Boy/Bar Patron/Lawyer ~~~~~ Tyson Fair  
Cop/Polli Grip (Drag Queen)/Fantasy Dancer ~~~~~ Kevin Bailey  
Altar Girl/Bar Patron ~~~~~ Jane Ellen Warner

# Story Synopsis

When disco diva, Deloris Van Cartier, witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in the one place the cops are sure she won't be found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior. Using her unique disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community but, in doing so, blows her cover. Soon, the gang is giving chase, only to find them up against Deloris and the power of her newly found sisterhood.



## Act One

Take me to Heaven (Nightclub) .....	Deloris, Tina, Michelle
Fabulous, Baby! .....	Deloris, Tina, Michelle
The Perfect Place .....	Nuns
Here Within These Walls .....	Mother Superior, Deloris
It's Good to Be a Nun .....	Nuns, Deloris
When I Find My Baby .....	Curtis, Joey, TJ, Pablo
I Could Be That Guy .....	Eddie, Homeless Chorus
Raise Your Voice .....	Deloris, Nuns
Take Me to Heaven .....	Deloris, Nuns



## Intermission



## Act Two

Sunday Morning Fever .....	Deloris, Monsignor, Nuns, Eddie, Mother Superior
Lady in the Long Black Dress .....	Joey, TJ, Pablo
I Haven't Got a Prayer .....	Mother Superior
Bless Our Show .....	Deloris, Nuns
The Life I Never Led .....	Mary Robert
Fabulous, Baby (Reprise) .....	Eddie, Deloris, Nuns, Ensemble
Sister Act .....	Deloris
When I Find My Baby (Reprise) .....	Curtis
The Life I Never Led (Reprise) .....	Mary Robert
Sister Act (Reprise) .....	Deloris, Mother Superior
Spread the Love Around .....	Company
Raise Your Voice .....	Company

# Crew



## **ROBIN BUNCH BAILEY**

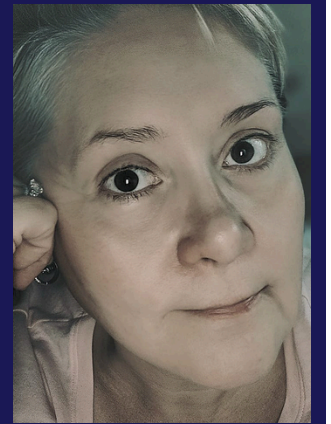
***DIRECTOR | MUSIC DIRECTOR***

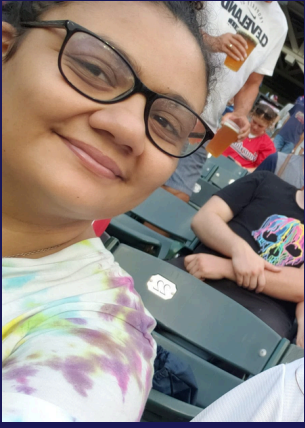
A native of Madison, Robin holds a Bachelor of Music Education from WV Wesleyan College and a Masters in Music/Theatre with an emphasis in Conducting from Marshall University. Robin is the Band & Theatre Director at Chapmanville Regional High School. Proud to be a founder of STAGE, she still serves as Musical Director for their productions. Robin has worked with various music theatrical companies as Musical Director

for over 70 musicals: Theatre WV, Huntington Outdoor Theater, Huntington's Musical Arts Guild, Marshall University, Charleston Light Opera Guild, Charleston Players, Appalachian Community Theatre, The Aracoma Story, Huntington Community Players, Boone Co. 4-H Summer Stage, Logan High School, Chapmanville High School, and S.T.A.G.E. No stranger to the on-stage experience, some of Robin's favorite roles include: Vacey Hatfield (*Deadly Divide*), Princess Aracoma, Mrs. Paroo (*Music Man*), Nikki (*Sweet Charity*), Millie (*7 Brides*), Snoopy (*Charlie Brown*), Lilly St. Regis (*Annie*), Grandma Bertha (*Pippin*), Madame Dubonnet (*The Boyfriend*), Duchess (*the Gondoliers*), Katisha (*The Mikado*), Annelle (*Steel Magnolias*), and Little Mermaid (*Disenchanted*). An avid 4-Her all her life, Robin served as the 4-H Agent for the WVU Boone County Extension Service for 8 years, a member of the Southern WV Community Band, and directs the adult choir at the Madison United Methodist Church. Robin lives on Rock Creek with hubby Kevin and Zaon, along with their beloved 4 cats and 2 dogs.. Star Trek, Lord of the Rings, and solitaire are her diversions. She hopes you enjoy our first musical with ACT. God is Good!

## **CATHY GRAY GREEN** ***SET DESIGN | COSTUME DESIGN***

Cathy Gray Green, Maker and Visual Artist of Madison WV, is the wife of Jacob Green. She is the proud mother of Cadee and Zachary Green. Cathy began crafting in childhood along side the women in her family and completed a BFA from WVU in Visual Arts 1997. She has fabricated set pieces, backdrops, puppets and props since high school. As an adult, her daughter's love of music and performance brought Cathy back to youth and community theater in Southern WV. For years now, she has tried to lend her creativity to anyone who asked. Cathy hopes that her work excites and inspires others to share their talents with those around them.





## ELISABETH GREEN

### *STAGE MANAGER*

Elisabeth Green is a Scott High School graduate who resides in Foster with her husband, Josh, and their upcoming baby girl. She has worked and performed with Boone County's S.T.A.G.E. program since 2017. She recently acted as the stage manager for *The Wizard of Oz*. This is her first show with ACT and hopes to continue to do more.

## DUCKY ADAMS

### *SOUND AND LIGHTING DESIGN*



Ducky Adams is a 29 year old from Chapmanville, WV. He graduated from Chapmanville Regional High School in 2013, and from Marshall University in 2019 with degrees in Applied Mathematics and Secondary Education. This December he will be graduating from Marshall University with a M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction. He is currently teaching Algebra 1 at CRHS, and is the Assistant Band Director to Robin Bunch Bailey at CRHS. He is also a member of the Southern West Virginia Community Band located here in Boone County. His previous shows include *Into the Woods*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Ring of Fire*, *Always, Patsy Cline*, *The Aracoma Story*, *Spongebob the Musical*, *Wizard of Oz*, all of which he was in a mixture of positions, mostly Sound/Lighting Engineer, Stage Manager, or Technical Director. He has previously worked with ACT where he Co-Directed *Steel Magnolias* with Robin Bunch Bailey.



## CANDACE MAYNARD

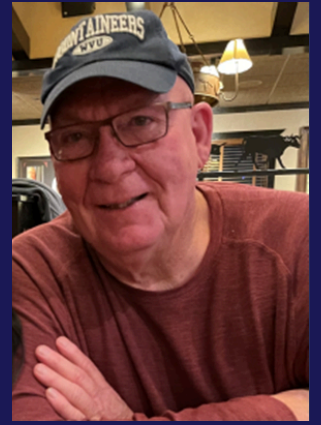
### *CHOREOGRAPHER*

Candace Maynard is from Chapmanville, WV, and currently attends Marshall University. She has worked as a choreographer for multiple different theatre companies across the area. Some of her credits include STAGE's *Matilda* (2022), CRHS' *Little Shop of Horrors* (2022), and assistant choreographer for Southern Coalition for the Arts' *Cats* (2019). You may have seen her on stage recently in The Paramount Player's

*Matilda* as "Matilda", or as "Columbia" in Southern Coalition's *The Rocky Horror Show*. You can find her @candace\_mae on Instagram. She hopes you enjoy the show!

## **KEITH STEPHENS** *HEAD OF CONSTRUCTION*

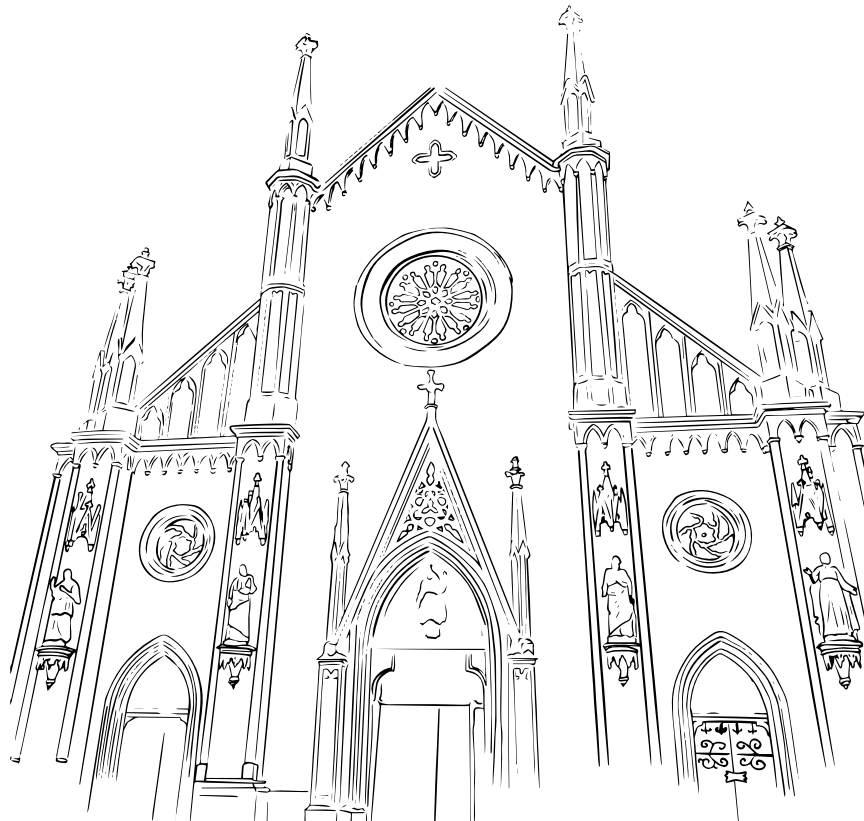
Keith is always willing to gather up his tools and show up to help with building set pieces. He has been volunteering time for many years and enjoys teaching how to build. Keith resides in Julian with his wife, Rachael. They both enjoy spending time helping to make ACT productions a success.



## **Stage Hands**

**JOSHUA GREEN**  
**KAYLEE OWSLEY**  
**TANGIE PRIDEMORE**

**GAVIN WEBB**  
**NICK TOMPKINS**





# Cast

## KEVIN BAILEY

*POLLI GRIP (DRAG QUEEN) | COP | FANTASY DANCER*

Sister Act marks Kevin's return to the ACT stage. Stage credits include *Carnival*, *Seasons of Love*, and the Devil in a church play. Kevin is the manager at Tri State Gun & Pawn in Madison where he is the "BowMaster" to many patrons. He attends Madison United Methodist Church where he sings in the choir and is the chairman of the PPRC committee. Kevin also washes a lot of dishes after dinners and events. When not busy, he enjoys hunting and archery. You can also find Kevin volunteering at ACT and STAGE shows, and Boone County 4H, where he teaches shooting sports. Kevin resides on Rock Creek with Robin and Zaon, along with their beloved 4 cats and 2 dogs.



## AMY BROWN

*SISTER MARY AMARYLLIS*



BIO

Amy Brown was born in Columbus, OH but has been a resident of Boone County for more than 40 years. Amy has taught at Madison Middle School for many years in the library before leaving to go to Bible Center School in Charleston where she currently teaches English Language Arts for grades 6-8. Amy also designs jewelry for her small business, Pigtales 2 Pearls. Amy is returning to the stage after years of supporting her daughter, Abby, and assisting S.T.A.G.E. and A.C.T. behind the scenes. She participated in theater in high school, while at Marshall University in the early 90's, acted in one performance with A.C.T., and traveled and sang with a gospel quartet for 15 years. Amy is excited to participate in the arts again with such a fantastic group of talented performers, and may decide to make it a "habit."

## SARAH BROWN

*SISTER MARY BROOK OF JORDAN |  
FANTASY DANCER || CHOREOGRAPHER*

Sarah Lanisha Brown is a lifelong West Virginian with a wide range of performance experience. From church plays, show choir, teaching Zumba, and a former pageant competitor earning the title of Mrs. West Virginia International in 2012, Sarah brings her love of performance and community to Appalachian Community Theater's production of Sister Act. In addition to her performance hobbies, she is a wife of 19 years to Ryan with two children, Brook (17) and Luke (12). She is the Director of Institutional Research at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College and is currently a fourth year Ph.D. student at Purdue University majoring in Educational Studies with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration.





## **DJ CONLEY**

***EDDIE SOUTHER***

DJ is happy to be back at his home away from home, the stage. He is the son of Sabrina and Jimmy Conley of Chapmanville, and has one sister, Faith. He is a registered nurse, a 2020 graduate of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, and a 2022 graduate of West Virginia University, where he received his BSN. He is currently enrolled in Chamberlain University's Family Nurse Practitioner program and is set to graduate in March. He currently serves

as a Behavioral Health RN at Coalfield Health Center. He has been acting since he was 8 years old and has been in over 30 productions on stage in the local and regional area. Some of his favorite roles include Augustus Gloop in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and a cast member in *Ring of Fire*, all with TAS Inc., Marryin' Sam in *Li'l Abner* with CRHS Theatre, Paul Bratter in Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park* with Appalachian Community Theatre, Dwayne Rhodes in *9 to 5* and Dr. Scott in *The Rocky Horror Show*, all with Southern Coalition for the ARTS, the latter of which he was runner up for a BroadwayWorld Award for Best Featured Performer. He serves as co-founder of the theatre program at Chapmanville Intermediate School Little Tigers Theatre. Directing credits include: *School House Rock Live Jr.*, *Seussical Jr.*, *Madagascar Jr.*, and *Winnie the Pooh KIDS* all with Little Tiger Theatre. He also assistant musical directed *Footloose* and musically directed *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* both with The ARTS. He is a Chapmanville native, and graduated from CRHS in 2017. He is a member of West Logan Church and serves on the Worship Team. He thanks you for supporting the talented arts here in Southern West Virginia.

## **FAITH COOPER**

***SISTER MARY ROBERT***



Faith is a graduate of Scott High School. Currently, she is a teacher at Bible Center Preschool. She attended Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College and obtained her AAS degree in Early Childhood Education and Development. Faith is an alumni of the Boone County STAGE Program. Faith's most known roles are Lily St. Regis (*Annie*), Wendy (*Peter Pan*), and Audrey (*Little Shop of Horrors*). She also played the role Skittles (*L.A. Valentine*). After school hours, Faith does photography, piano, singing, crafts, and she works part time at Hallmark!



## **ANNE DAVIS**

***SISTER MARY JUDITH ANN | BAR PATRON***

Anne Davis is a graduate of South Charleston High School where she was very active in the marching band. After graduating from Marshall University, she started her teaching career in Catholic schools. Anne's character name is in honor of her first and most beloved principal, Sr. Judith Ann Teufel, CSJ.

## **JACKSON DAVIS**

***MONSIGNOR O'HARA***

Jackson Davis was born and raised in Tornado, WV and went to high school in South Charleston. He went to college at Urbana University on a bowling scholarship and obtained a degree in Criminal Justice. Jackson is currently employed with the WV Treasury. Jackson now resides in South Charleston with his Fiancé and fellow Thespian, Liz James. Jackson enjoys playing board games and cooking. "...I am very excited to play the role of Monsignor, it is such a dynamic role, I hope to make the audience laugh and enjoy the performance."



## **SARAH DOTSON**

***TINA | SISTER MARY JANE | HOMELESS CHORUS |  
FANTASY DANCER || CHOREOGRAPHER***



Sarah grew up in Madison, WV and graduated from Scott High School. Her senior year, she played Frenchy in the Boone County STAGE production of Grease. Sister Act will be her debut with ACT. Sarah graduated from West Virginia University with a Doctor of Pharmacy and works as a hospital pharmacist with a special interest in infectious diseases. She currently lives in West Madison with her boyfriend Troy, her children Aaliyah, Mia, Archer, Evie, and her parents Mike and Sonya.

## **TYSON FAIR**

***ALTAR BOY | POOL PLAYER | LAWYER***



Tyson is the son of Travis and Holla Fair. They reside at Foster where Tyson is a 5th grade elementary student. Tyson has a strong passion for acting and music. He is an active member at New Vision Baptist Church. Tyson has performed in two S.T.A.G.E. productions, *Matilda* and *Wizard of Oz*. He is looking forward to his first ACT debut and sharing the stage with his Gran and Auntie.



## **JANET FARMER**

***SISTER MARY THERESA | HOOKER***

Janet is a native of Charleston WV, who relocated to West Madison in 2015, much to her family's chagrin. President of her high school Thespian Society Chapter, Janet passed her love of the stage to her two daughters, both of whom worked primarily with the Charleston Youth Arts Company (CYAC). Upon moving to Madison, Janet was recruited by her friend and choir director Robin Bunch Bailey to audition for the Aracoma Story's production of

*Hairspray*. She was then cast in several Appalachian Community Theater productions. *Sister Act* marks Janet's return to the stage following a cervical laminectomy in 2023. She relearned to walk, to move her hands, and to eat dessert first in that year. Janet has tackled the roles of Prudy in *Hairspray* (TAS); Ozella the church lady in ACT's productions of *Southern Fried Funeral* (2018) and *Southern Fried Nuptials* (2019), and the Cook in *Clue* (2021); Petunia, one of the City Cousins in Madison Baptist Church's *A Boone County Christmas Cruise* (2018) and *A Country Christmas* (2020); and Leslie, an autistic young adult in *A Christmas to Remember* (2022). Janet is retired from the County Clerk's Office, and lives in West Madison with her husband Victor and three dogs (Lucy, Alejandro, and Beulah Rose).



## JACOB GREEN

*CURTIS JACKSON*



Jacob lives with his wife, Cathy, and his two kids, Cadee Mae and Zachary in Madison, WV. He works as Superintendent of the West Virginia Schools of Diversion and Transition under the West Virginia Department and West Virginia Board of Education. Jacob has studied at both Marshall and West Virginia Universities, earning a Bachelors and a Masters degree in education. This is his 26th year as a professional educator. Jacob began acting in high school as part of the Oak Glen High School Little Theatre program in New Cumberland, WV. Locally, he has taken on roles as Mr. Cocker in the Boone County STAGE production of *Back to the 80's*, Addy in the Appalachian Community Theatre's productions of *Southern Fried Funeral* and *Southern Fried Nuptials*, and was a member of The Aracoma Story, Inc.'s ensemble cast of *Ring of Fire* and reprised his role as Addy in their production of *Southern Fried Funeral*. Most recently, he appeared as E.G. in ACT's *L.A. Valentine*. Jacob has also worked crew for The Aracoma Story, Inc.'s *Always...Patsy Cline* and *The Marvelous Wonderettes*. In his spare time, he likes to read, strum his guitar, and most importantly, spend time with his family.



## MARILYN GRUBBS

*SISTER MARY ANN-MARGRET | HOOKER*

Marilyn graduated from Marsh Fork High School where she was a member of the marching band, a majorette, and glee club member. Marilyn is a proud member of the Madison United Methodist Church where she is a member the Chancel Choir under the direction of Robin Bunch-Bailey. She is a resident of Danville, WV, where she resides with her husband George and two dogs, Stella and Beau. Marilyn volunteers with BARC. The Grubbs family have supported

the arts in Boone County since their daughter Mackenzie, played viola from Madison Grade School to Scott High and in the WV Youth Orchestra and was active in STAGE. Mrs. Grubbs looks forward to dancing and singing in her first play.

## AMELIA HALLEY

*SISTER MARY GRACE | HOMELESS CHORUS | BAR PATRON | FANTASY DANCER*

Born and raised in Foster, WV, Amelia lives with her parents Allen and Tami Halley, and sister Tatum. Amelia is a graduate of Scott High School and six-year alumna of Boone County Stage with productions of *Mary Poppins*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Willy Wonka*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Cinderella*, *Grease*, etc. Currently, she is a part-time substitute teacher in Boone County. This is her first return to the stage since graduating high school! I want to thank my family and friends for encouraging me to audition!





## TERRY HARLESS

***POPE PAUL VI | BAR PATRON | COP***

Terry is a lifelong resident of Madison, WV, and is a CPA, recently retired as the CFO of the WV Department of Education. His wife, Debbie is a life-long educator who is also retired. He and Debbie have a son, Christopher, and a granddaughter, Raelynn. While “wanting to believe he is retired” he has found himself more active in church and community than ever. A relative newcomer to theatre, he has performed in, *Cricket County Christmas Charity*, *Virgil’s*

*First Christmas*, *Barefoot in the Park*, and an upcoming play, *The Heart of Christmas*. Terry is also the treasurer for the Appalachian Community Theatre.

## ELIZABETH JAMES

***SISTER MARY IGNATIUS | NEWSCASTER | HOMELESS CHORUS***



Liz grew up in Olcott, WV. and attended Mountain State Christian School in Culloden where she participated in the yearly murder mystery shows including Café Murder and Murder at the Pie Auction. She graduated from WVSU with degrees in Criminal Justice and Psychology. Liz currently works with the Social Security Administration in Charleston, WV. She resides in South Charleston with her fiance Jackson and their two cats, Bones and Eddie. Liz enjoys being a Dungeon Master for a community Dungeons and Dragons Adventure League at The Board Room in South Charleston, she also participates in special games on the side for different events. “...I have loved the movie *The Sister Act* since I was a young child and am so thrilled to be able to bring it to life in our own way!”

## BROOKE PHILLIPS

***MICHELLE | SISTER MARY CONSTANCE | FANTASY DANCER***



Brooke is a Scott High School and WVU alumnus, where she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Criminology. She is now pursuing her Masters in Clinical Psychology through the University of Phoenix, all the while working her full-time job as a Wildlife Educator for the WVDNR. Brooke’s most notable roles include Belle (*Beauty and the Beast*), Stepsister Joy (*Cinderella*), Mrs. Banks (*Mary Poppins*), Mrs. White (*Clue*),

Shelby (*Steel Magnolias*), Corie Bratter (*Barefoot in the Park*), and Ms. Norbury (*Mean Girls*). Since graduating college, Brooke has volunteered for STAGE in Boone County as their costume and prop designer. She is also an avid volunteer for Boone County 4-H as the Camp Program Director. In the rare chance she has free time, Brooke loves to read, cosplay, play Dungeons & Dragons, and travel around our beautiful state.

## **CHELSEA PRICE**

### ***DELORIS VAN CARTIER***



Chelsea is a 37 year old Boone County native. She is a 2005 graduate of Scott High School, a 2011 graduate of West Virginia State University where she received her B.S. in Education with a concentration in Vocal Music, and a 2017 graduate of Salem University where she gained her M.A. in Educational Leadership. Chelsea just completed her 12th year working for Boone County Schools where she also served as the Artistic Director of the STAGE program for 12 seasons. Chelsea has had the pleasure of working on and off the stage for several years, this is her 4th appearance with ACT. "...It is such an honor to bring this classic from the screen to the stage."



## **PAULA PRICE**

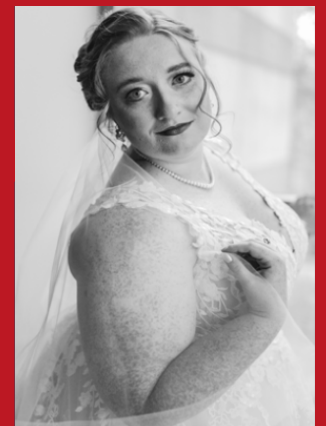
### ***SISTER MARY LAZARUS***

Paula was born and raised at Foster WV. She is a graduate of Scott High School where she was a four year member of the drama club. Paula has always had a love of theatre and has shared that love with her children and grandchildren as well. Paula is an active member of New Vision Missionary Baptist Church and is a member of the choir. She has participated in two previous ACT productions a long time back, always assisting with STAGE

productions in different ways, from props to costumes to making an occasional batch of hot dog chili. She is very excited about this show.

## **ABBY RANDOLPH**

### ***SISTER MARY PATRICK***



Abby is a 7 year veteran of ACT, a 10 year veteran of S.T.A.G.E, and has lived the majority of her life performing. She is a graduate of West Virginia State University with a BFA in Music with an emphasis in Vocal Music. Abby currently works as the Executive Administrative Assistant at Bible Center School. Some of her most notable past roles with ACT include Sammy Jo in the *Southern Fried* duo, Scarlet in *Clue*, and M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias*. Abby is excited to get back on stage after 2 years of dedicating her time being the Assistant Director (*Mean Girls*) and Director (*The Wizard of Oz*) for shows with Boone County S.T.A.G.E. In her spare time, Abby serves as the Assistant Band Director for Scott High School, Vice President for ACT, and loves exploring this beautiful state. Abby now resides in Sissonville, WV with her husband, Matt.



## **JAMES ROARK**

***ERNIE | BARTENDER | FANTASY DANCER***

James is from Logan, WV and is 42 yrs old. He enjoys fishing, camping, and doing plays. James has been in a lot of productions, including *Aracoma Story* in the 90s and this year's productions of *Deadly Divide*, *Mamie*, *Elf*. This is James' first production with A.C.T and excited to do more with them.

## **WILLOW ROARK**

***CAB DRIVER | BAR PATRON | FANTASY DANCER***

Willow is 35 years old and lives in Logan, West Virginia. Willow loves being creative and gardening. Willow attends Madison United Methodist Church with a loving church family. "...I am so happy to be a part of the cast for *Sister Act* and to be branching out in creative ways." In his free time, Willow loves to fish, cook, and paint.



## **GEOFFREY SAUNDERS**

***JOEY | HOMELESS CHORUS***



Geoffrey Saunders resides in Chapmanville, WV with Robin, his wife of 25 years. He has two sons, Dakota and Luke. He is an educator of 20+ years. He currently teaches Physical Education at Holden Central Elementary School. He has served as Pastor of two churches, First Baptist Church of Danville and Bethel Baptist Church in South Charleston. This is his third Appalachian Community Theater show. His previous roles were Judd Cain in *L.A.*

*Valentine* and Harry "Telephone Man" Pepper in *Barefoot in the Park*. He has also portrayed Jonathan Harker in *Dracula*, Perry Cline in *Deadly Divide*, the Store Manager in *Elf*, and Atticus "Attie" Van Leer in *Southern Fried Nuptials* (The Aracoma Story, Inc.); Horace Gilmer in *To Kill a Mockingbird* and Wes Warnicker in *Footloose* (Southern Coalition for the Arts); Juror #8 in *12 Angry Men* and Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web* (Appalachian Players Guild); and Warren in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (Southern WV Community and Technical College). He enjoys running, playing tennis, performing in shows, reading, and watching movies.



## **JASON SHEPPHARD**

***TJ | FANTASY DANCER***

Jason is very excited to be in this production of *Sister Act!* This will be his 3rd ever musical. Jason is a senior at CRHS. Whenever he's not on the stage, you'll find him playing trumpet or singing in the choir. Jason would like to thank his mom for supporting him.



## **RACHAEL STEPHENS**

***MOTHER SUPERIOR***

Rachael is veteran performer who began her love for theatre in 1988. She has performed with multiple companies and currently serves as President of Appalachian Community Theatre. Some of her favorite roles include *Footloose* (Ethel McCormick/Principal Clark), *Steel Magnolias* (Clairee), *Cinderella* (Queen Constantine), *Wizard of Oz* (Aunt Em), *Southern Fried Funeral/Nuptials* (Dorothy), *The Aracoma Story* (Dreamteller), *Annie* (Ms.

Pugh), to name only a few. Rachael is thankful for the opportunity to play the role of Mother Superior and hopes everyone enjoys ACT's first musical show.

## **EVA WARNER**

***SISTER MARY MARY | BAR WAITRESS | HOOKER |  
FANTASY DANCER | HOMELESS CHORUS***

Eva is a long-time resident of Madison WV where she lives with her family, husband, DJ, and children Kevin, Ryan, and Jane. She has been an educator for 23 years, and is currently a Title I teacher at Ramage Elementary. She loves everything literacy and enjoys helping those of all ages find a love for reading. In her spare time, you can find her cheering on her kids in whatever sport or hobby they chose to pursue. When not on a ballfield or in a gym Eva and her family loves supporting their community through their work with the Madison United Methodist Church or the Danville Area Lions Club. *Sister Act* will be Eva's third show with A.C.T. She portrayed the roles of Yvette in *Chue* and Friday in *L.A. Valentine*.





## **JANE ELLEN WARNER**

***ALTAR GIRL | BAR PATRON***

Jane is the daughter of D.J. and Eva Warner of Madison. She attends Madison Middle School and is in the 8th grade. When not acting, Jane enjoys cheerleading, gymnastics, volleyball, and soccer. Jane also participates in the Madison Middle School Chorus. She has been in four productions with STAGE. She made her debut playing Nana and a Lost Boy in *Peter Pan*, crewed for *Little Shop of Horrors*, an ensemble character in *Matilda*, and *The*

*Wizard of Oz*. This is her first production on the stage with ACT. She also jumps in to assist at whatever level needed for each production of STAGE and ACT.

## **BRITTANY WHITT**

***SISTER MARY MARTIN-DE-TOURS | PABLO | FANTASY  
DANCER | HOMELESS CHORUS || CHOREOGRAPHER***



Brittany has worked with numerous theatre companies in the state including The Aracoma Story Inc., Boone County S.T.A.G.E., Appalachian Community Theatre, and Mountain Roots Community Theatre. Notable past roles include Lucy in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, Alice Bienenke in *The Addams Family Musical*, Magenta in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and Ouiser in *Steel Magnolias*. Her favorite role she has played is Nurse Ratched in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. She also worked as Gold Side Stage Manager for four years at her alma mater, The University of Montevallo, during the College Night season. She made her directing debut in February 2023 with A.C.T.'s production of *Barefoot in the Park*. When she is not on stage she can be found sewing and cosplaying. Brittany lives in Madison, with her dogs, Garrett and Bear.

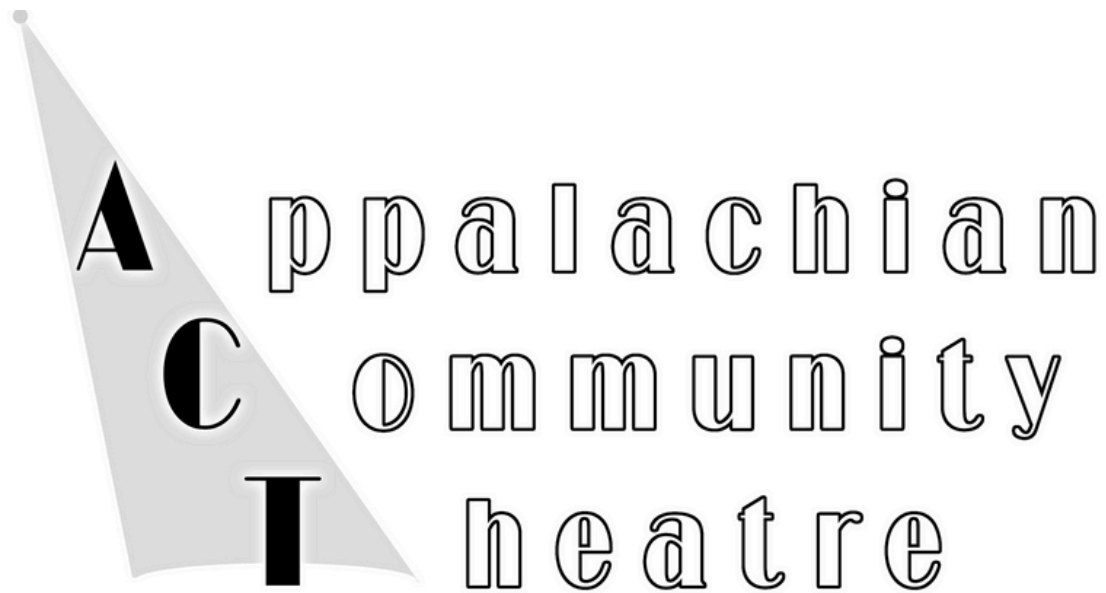
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