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CAST

PSEUDOLUS	Kevin Moylan
SENEX	Chris Schmitt
HYSSTERIUM	Michael Celularo
DOMINA	Tracy Martino
HERO	Ian Flannery
PHILIA	Amanda Lanza
MILES GLORIOSUS	Stephen Murray
MARCUS LYCUS	Jeremy Darling
ERRONIUS	Al Dano
PROTEANS	John Bausch, Rob Fossey, Ryan Hebert
COURTESANS	Jessica Couture, Rosie Joubert, Olivia Lyerly, Kathleen Moylan, Stephanie Murin

PRODUCTION TEAM

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR	Dave Ludt
MUSIC DIRECTOR	John Leslie
CHOREOGRAPHER.....	Jacob Sewell
COSTUMES	Donna Reidy
STAGE MANAGER	Doug Beller
SETS/LIGHTS	Dave Ludt
BOX OFFICE.....	Karen Josbacher

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ORCHESTRA

KEYBOARD/CONDUCTOR.....	John Leslie
DRUMS	Phil Koziara
TRUMPET	Erik Gladwin
REEDS	Matt Kim, Dave Daquil (5/19)
CELLO	Courtney Rubio, Bronwyn Pappas-Byers (5/20, 5/21), Jerry Maday (5/27)

PROGRAM NOTES

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum was the first Broadway musical for which Stephen Sondheim wrote both the music and lyrics. It opened on Broadway on May 8, 1962 and won six Tony Awards (including the one for "Best Musical") in 1963.

The musical was inspired by the farces of Roman playwright Titus Maccius Plautus (254-184 BC), who wrote more than 130 plays - all based on traditions established by the Greek playwrights of the 4th and 5th century BC.

These traditions included adhering to the unities of time, place, and action, as well as using stock characters, contrived situations, trickery, disguises, wordplay, frenetic chases, bawdy jokes, slapstick, and (of course) concluding with a happy ending.

The title of the musical was derived from early 20th century American vaudeville comedians, who would often begin a monologue with the words, "A funny thing happened on the way to the theater. . ."

- Dave Ludt

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

<i>Comedy Tonight</i>	PSEUDOLUS, ENSEMBLE
<i>Love I Hear</i>	HERO
<i>Free</i>	PSEUDULOUS, HERO
<i>The House of Marcus Lycus</i>	LYCUS
<i>Lovely</i>	PHILIA, HERO
<i>Pretty Little Picture</i>	PSEUDOLUS, PHILIA, HERO
<i>Everybody Ought to Have a Maid</i>	SENEX, PSEUDOLUS
Encore 1	SENEX, PSEUDOLUS, HYSTERIUM
Encore 2	SENEX, PSEUDOLUS, HYSTERIUM, LYCUS
<i>I'm Calm</i>	HYSTERIUM
<i>Impossible</i>	SENEX, HERO
<i>Bring Me My Bride</i>	MILES GLORIOSUS, ENSEMBLE

~ There will be a 15-minute Intermission between Acts ~

ACT TWO

<i>That Dirty Old Man</i>	DOMINA
<i>That'll Show Him</i>	PHILIA
<i>Lovely Reprise</i>	PSEUDOLUS, HYSTERIUM
<i>Funeral Sequence</i>	MILES GLORIOSUS, ENSEMBLE
<i>Comedy Tonight Reprise</i>	ENSEMBLE

BIOGRAPHIES Cast (Alphabetically)



JOHN BAUSCH (Protean) has performed over 2 dozen shows with Calliope since first here as Fezziwig in “A Christmas Carol” (Dec.2001). It’s hard to keep track with so many favorite roles: Scrooge (“The Musical”), Father Virgil (“Nuncrackers”), Teddy (“Arsenic”), and Hucklebee (“The Fantasticks”). All great fun. Thank you Dave, John, and so many other good and talented friends. His most recent role was Patsy in “Spamalot” last December. John performs with several other stage/choir groups, and has worked “day jobs” as an engineer, professor and merchant seaman. Dr./Cmdr.Bausch currently teaches Electronics & Control Engineering to Cadets at Mass Maritime.



MICHAEL CELULARO (Hysterium) is a Project Manager for IT Global Operation at Dell. He is excited to be making his debut with Calliope Productions. Some favorite roles include Monsieur Thenadier in “Les Miserables”, Aldolpho in “The Drowsy Chaperone”, Prince Hebert in “Spamalot”, Andrew Thibault in “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels”, Wilbur Turnblad in “Hairspray” (DASH nomination for Best Supporting Actor in a Musical) and Vanya in “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike”. Live theater is back!



JESS COUTURE (Courtesan) is excited to be joining the cast of Forum and getting back to performing again. Some of Jess' favorite past roles include Beth ("Little Women"), Jan ("Grease"), Lilly St. Regis ("Annie"), Hildy ("On the Town"), Erma Latour ("Anything Goes"), Rusty ("Footloose"), Audrey ("Little Shop"), Martha Dunnstock ("Heathers"), Little Red ("Into the Woods") and Logainne Swartz and Grubenierre ("The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"). Thanks to the cast for their wonderful teamwork for this process. It has been a joy to finally work with Jacob as a choreographer and not a scene partner.



AL DANO (Erronius) is happy to be back in his seventh production with Calliope Productions after two years away. It's a great theater company with a fun, talented cast. A big thanks to Dave for choosing him and letting him get creative with his character of Erronius. Retired now from his day job, Al plans to fulfill his time with theater, voice acting, photography, and music.



JEREMY DARLING (Marcus Lycus) is making his theatrical debut and he is greatly appreciative and humbled by the opportunity to engage with this wonderful cast and crew. His other performance experience involves Karaoke competitions and he can often be found at Electric Haze and the MB Lounge channeling his inner Stevie Nicks.



IAN FLANNERY (Hero) is excited to be performing in his first show since Covid started, as well as his first production here at Calliope stage.



ROB FOSSEY (Protean) has truly enjoyed working alongside the very talented cast and crew on "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum!" Prior to this production, he most recently performed in "Spamalot." When he isn't on stage, Rob usually has his nose in a book, is pursuing some form of creative outlet, or is hanging out with friends and family. He wants to thank his wife Tobey and their three beautiful children for all their love and support; especially his daughter Abby for keeping his love of theater alive through all of her performances at Calliope. His daughter Abby for keeping his love of theatre alive through all of her performances at Calliope.



RYAN HEBERT (Protean) is pleased to be back on the Calliope stage where his love for theater began. Ryan has worked with Calliope several times over the years in various roles and has loved them all. Ryan would like to thank his family, friends, Wife Katie and children for all the support. He would also like to thank all the cast, crew and Production team for making this long amazing and funny show possible.



ROSIE JOUBERT (Courtesan) is a Central Mass based performer, and choreographer. Previous performance credits include "Shrek The Musical," "Cabaret," and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," choreography projects include "Lucky Stiff," "Chicago," "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," and "Cabaret" with Bancroft School in Worcester. Rosie is a preschool teacher in North Oxford, and instructs dance at Anissa's Dance Academy. She is grateful for the opportunity to make her Calliope debut.



AMANDA LANZA (Philia) is thrilled to be making her Calliope debut in Forum! In 2020, she graduated from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, but hasn't been able to be in any productions due to the pandemic. Some of her favorite past roles include: Fiona in "Brigadoon," Lipschitz in "Chicago," and Shelley in "Hairspray." She would like to thank her family and friends for their support as well as Dave, John, and the entire company for making this a truly lovely experience!



OLIVIA LYERLY (Courtesan) is thrilled to be a part of "A Funny Thing That Happened on the Way to the Forum!" She was last seen on the Calliope stage as Cogsworth in "Beauty and the Beast" in Summer 2021. She would like to thank everyone who welcomed her as a last-minute addition to the cast!



TRACY MARTINO (Domina) is "thrilled to bits" to be performing at Calliope Productions with this stellar cast, crew, musicians, and production team! In real life, she is an elementary music teacher in Shrewsbury. Favorite roles have been Lucy in "The Telephone" and Gertrude McFuzz in "Seussical the Musical." She is so happy to be sharing the stage with her favorite scene partner and husband of 10 months, Steve Murray.



KATHLEEN MOYLAN (Courtesan) is thrilled to be back at Calliope after a brief hiatus of 33 years. In the 1989 production "An Inspector Calls," she met Kevin Moylan, and they've been married for 30 years. Kate is a retired history teacher, a travel professional, and mom to Abby and CJ. She is so grateful that community theater is back!



KEVIN MOYLAN (Pseudolus) is beyond happy to be back on stage at Calliope Productions. Past favorite roles include Russ in "Clybourne Park," (WCLOC) Happy in "Death of Salesman" (Calliope), and The Gentleman Caller in "The Glass Menagerie" (Calliope). Kevin is also ecstatic to be performing once again with his beautiful wife, Kathleen, who he met while rehearsing for "An Inspector Calls" at Calliope thirty-three years ago. In addition, a huge thanks to Dave Ludt for the opportunity to work at Calliope once again. Finally, love to Abby and C. J.



STEPHANIE MURIN (Courtesan) is thrilled and honored to be making her Calliope Productions debut! Before taking a hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic, she trained in various dance genres for 17 years and was involved in acting for 8 years. Past credits include "On the Town" with Vanilla Box Productions (Ivy Smith) and "Sing! Sing! Sing! A Tribute to the USO Shows of WWII" with Enter Stage Left Theater (Eleanor Powell, dance ensemble). Stephanie would like to thank her family and friends for their never-ending support, love, and encouragement. She would also like to thank David, Jacob, and John for the opportunity to be a part of the "Forum" family.



STEPHEN MURRAY (Miles Gloriosus) is a composer, lyricist, playwright, and music educator from Worcester. He has 37 musicals and plays available through Eldridge Publishing, Pioneer Drama Service, Big Dog Publishing, and Freelance Press. His shows "Making Scents" and "Mother Goose, Inc." have been performed on the Calliope stage. Earlier this year, his musical "Nellie" (with playwright Robby Steltz) was given a staged reading at Calliope. His newest show, "Totally Awesome!" will premiere at Calliope in August as part of the new Musical Theatre Development Workshop. As a performer, he has been seen recently at WCLOC in "Comedy of Tenors," "Drowsy Chaperone,"

and "Chess," at Vokes in "Chicago," and with the Concord Players in "The Producers." He is the music director at Saint Paul Diocesan Jr/Sr High School in Worcester. Steve is particularly happy to

perform in this show alongside his wife, Tracy. Steve and Tracy appeared together in the Calliope production of The Telephone.



CHRIS SCHMITT (Senex) from Westborough, is making his Calliope debut with this show. He has made five appearances at Theater III in Acton: "Beyond Therapy," "Titanic: The Musical," "Fiddler on the Roof," "The Addams Family" and "My Fair Lady". Plus, "Twelve Angry Jurors" at The Cannon Theater. Prior to "Beyond Therapy, his only "Grownup" theater experience was in Westborough Players Club's production of "I love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!" in 2014. Currently, Chris is an Automotive Sales Consultant, Father, Husband and Rabid Golfer. Chris has been married to his wife, Anne, for 33 years. They have two daughters: Mary, a Graduate School Coordinator at Lesley University; and Christine, a 2020 Graduate from Boston College. Both girls are very involved in the performing arts, which is what drove Chris back out on stage, he says.

Production Team



DAVE LUDT (Producer and Director) is a co-founder of Calliope Productions, as well as its president and artistic director. Since Calliope's founding in 1982, he has produced, and/or directed, performed in, run lights and sound, and designed & built sets for more than 275 Calliope shows. He is grateful for the support of Calliope's Board and the patience and understanding of his significant other, Lynne Swenson.

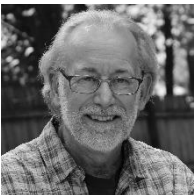


JOHN LESLIE (Music Director) hopes that you find as much joy watching "A Funny Thing That Happened on the Way to the Forum" as he has had working on the show with Dave, Jacob and the talented cast and crew. Apart from church music work and "the theater," John is "retired" and his days are as full as ever with music.



JACOB SEWELL (Choreography) is thrilled to be back as choreographer at Calliope Theater! He was born and raised in Bedford, TX where he started dancing at the age of 15. After graduating from Oklahoma City University with a degree in Dance Performance he worked as a dancer/aerialist for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines where he traveled the world performing. Jacob has appeared at WCLOC in "Chicago", "Chess" and as Robert in "The Drowsy Chaperone". In addition, he was in "Chicago" at the Stadium Theater in Rhode Island as well as Bobby in "Cabaret" and Chip in "On The Town" and Marcellus in "The Music Man" with Vanilla Box Productions. Jacob

works as a director and choreographer at SkyRise Theater in Westborough. He would like to thank Calliope Theater for this opportunity and experience and can't wait to be back for more!



DOUG BELLER (Stage Manager) has had many roles in Calliope's productions. With over 40 shows under his belt, he's run the lights and sound board, been a lawyer, an undertaker (twice!), a trolley conductor, a mayor, and a dead guy. He has been part of the ensemble many times, and the stage manager for quite a few shows ranging from farces to musicals. He's grateful for his family because they tolerate all of this theatre madness!

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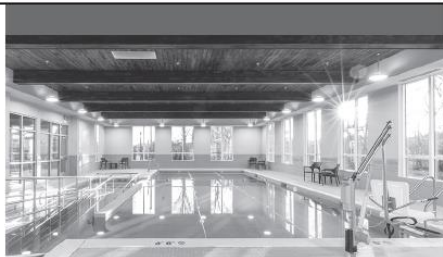
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Celebrating 40 Years

The Roman Catholic mission chapel of *Our Lady of the Assumption* known as St. Mary's celebrated its first mass on September 6, 1926. The chapel served the community for 26 years.



Figure 1 Our Lady of the Assumption Chapel

It was then canonically erected as a parish on September 3, 1952 when Bishop John J. Wright (who later became Cardinal Wright) personally gave the new congregation its present name. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester, Most Reverend John J. Wright, had been so impressed with the picturesque hills of Bond Hill to the northwest and Randall's Ledge to the south, that he renamed the newly created parish '*St. Mary of the Hills.*' By 1982 the fifth pastor, Reverend Paul J. Tougas ascertained that the church edifice was inadequate for the parish which had grown to 1500 members. The Parish Council sought vigorously to obtain a site for their new church and they broke ground on the 13-acre tract of land at Barlin Acres off Cross Street on April 6, 1991.



Figure 2 St. Mary of the Hills Chapel

The building at 150 Main Street was then sold to the Liberty Assembly of God Church and in 1999 they too needed larger facilities for their congregation, selling the building to Calliope Productions which had been founded in February 1982 by David Ludt, Kathy Ludt, and John Leslie- three veteran community theatre performers in the Worcester County (MA) area. Early productions were performed in the First Parish Church of Northborough. In the spring of 1999, Calliope Productions received a grant from the George S. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation to purchase the property at 150 Main Street in Boylston, Massachusetts. After some initial improvements, many theatrical productions have been performed throughout the years. In 2007 a major addition was begun and it was completed by 2009 in time for the Valentine's Day weekend production of the musical revue *Love is in the Air.*

We offer our gratitude and congratulations to Calliope staff and performers as they celebrate 40 years of theatrical productions with an expanded repertoire of 8 shows in 2022.



Figure 3 Calliope Theatre
150 Main Street, Boylston, Massachusetts
Photograph courtesy of Vicky Triolo

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Celebrating 40 Years

- 1982** Starting Here/Starting Now; Jacques Brel is Alive and Well; Amahl and the Night Visitors
1983 The Mousetrap; Marry Me a Little; Wolf's Clothing; Starting Here/Starting Now; The Fantasticks; Amahl and the Night Visitors
1984 A Calliope Cabaret; Post Mortem; Jacques Brel is Alive and Well; Lunch Hour; Side By Side By Sondheim
1985 The Unexpected Guest; Two, Knock, Knock
1986 Ten Little Indians; Perfectly Frank; Run For Your Wife; She Loves Me
1987 The Burning Man; Jerome Kern Goes to Hollywood; Key for Two; The Goodbye People
1988 The Runner Stumbles; To Whom It May Concern; Cole; A Bed Full of Foreigners; To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday
1989 An Inspector Calls; Taking My Turns; To Whom It May Concern; Sing for Your Supper; Our Town; A Holiday Yuletide Cabaret
1990 The Business of Murder; Stepping Out; Cheek to Cheek; Off the Hook; Romance/Romance
1991 Night Watch; Song and Dance; Closer Than Ever; You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown; Death of a Salesman; Rhythms of Life; A Child's Christmas in Wales
1992 Beyond Reasonable Doubt; To Whom It May Concern; Fascinating Rhythms; Snoopy; It Runs in the Family; Scrooge
1993 The Glass Menagerie; Deathtrap; Jerome Kern Goes to Hollywood; Godspell; Run for Your Wife; She Loves Me
1994 On Golden Pond; Too Marvelous for Words; Bye Bye Birdie; Pull the Other One; Scrooge
1995 The Whole Truth; Closer than Ever; Rock the Jukebox; Guys and Dolls; No Sex Please, We're British; A Yuletide Holiday Cabaret
1996 Murder by the Book; A Grand Night for Singing; You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown; West Side Story; Don't Dress for Dinner; A Wonderful Life
1997 The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged); Stardust; Snoopy; Oklahoma; Key for Two; A Christmas Carol
1998 Verdict; Jerry's Girls; Alice the Musical; Anything Goes; A Child's Christmas in Wales
1999 To Whom It May Concern; A Grand Night for Singing; Pincocchio; The Music Man; A Fly in the Ointment; A Yuletide Holiday Cabaret
2000 The Thing Called Love; The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged); Almost Like Being in Love; Tom Sawyer; Godspell; The Diary of Anne Frank; Scrooge
2001 Scotland Road; The Long Weekend; Closer Than Ever; You're a Good Man Charlie Brown; Once On This Island; Our Town; A Christmas Carol
2002 The Mousetrap; Touch and Go; Nunsense; Snoopy; Oklahoma; Blithe Spirit; Amahl and the Night Visitors
2003 The Unexpected Guest; Off the Hook; Honk!; The Fantasticks; Anything Goes; I'll Be Back Before Midnight; Scrooge
2004 Arsenic and Old Lace; A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum; Look Who's Talking; Into the Woods; Jr; The Wiz; Deadly Nightcap; Nuncrackers
2005 Let It Be Me; Build Me a Bridge; Pincocchio; FAME!; It Runs in the Family; 1940s Radio Hour
2006 Up and Running; Gerstweh; By George!; You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown; West Side Story; Soder's Web; A Charles Dickens Christmas
2007 Straight and Narrow; Golf; The Musical; Alice the Musical; Guys and Dolls; I Do! I Do!; A Bit Between the Teeth; Bah, Humbug!
2008 Ten Little Indians; Too Marvelous for Words; Snoopy; Fiddler on the Roof; How the Other Half Loves; Hats!
2009 Love is in the Air; The Front Page; Same Time Next Year; Oliver; Willy Wonka Jr; Bye Bye Birdie; Tribulations of the Millionaire; Wait Until Dark; Nuncrackers
2010 Love is in the Air II; Cash on Delivery; The Gin Game; Godspell; Into the Woods Jr; Les Miserables; Robynn McCree; Prescription for Murder; Annie
2011 Making Scents; Shut Your Eyes and Think of England; Beauty and the Beast Jr; Seussical; Crazy for You; Affairs of a French Afternoon; On Golden Pond; Christmas Tidings
2012 The Sunshine Boys; The King and I; Once On This Island Jr; Hello, Dolly; Unnecessary Farce; Scrooge!
2013 Tuesdays with Morrie; The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged); Little Mermaid Jr; SNOOPY; SPAMALOT; Steel Magnolias; Meet Me in St. Louis
2014 The Subject Was Roses; Liberate!; Forget-Me-Not; A Grand Night for Singing; All Play and No Work; Peter Pan Jr; The Wiz; Dial "M" for Murder; Into the Woods
2015 Funny Money; Lucky Stiff; Hugh's Your Daddy; Alice in Wonderland Jr; Oklahoma; Waiting for Godot; She Loves Me
2016 An Inspector Calls; The Taffetas; Lion King Jr; Seussical; Murdered to Death; The 1940's Radio Hour
2017 Greater Tuna; Side By Side By Sondheim; Once On This Island; James and the Giant Peach Jr; Honk!; First Things First; A Taffeta Christmas
2018 A Hollywood Valentine; Our Town; Titanic; Madagascar Jr; Once Upon a Mattress; Recipe for Murder; Mary Poppins
2019 What the World Needs Now; All Bark, No Bite; Absolutely Dead; Wizard of Oz (Young Performers Edition) West Side Story; A Walk in the Woods; Annie
2020 A Tribute to Steve and Eydie; The Lady Vanishes
2021 Beauty and the Beast Jr; Willy Wonka, Jr; Love, Loss, and What I Wore; SPAMALOT
2022 The 2nd Time Around; Night Watch; A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum; Seussical Jr; Bye Bye Birdie; The Last Five Years; Bunkered; Cinderella



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