NUNCRACKERS

By Dan Goggin

Directed by Denise Baker



December 1st - 30th

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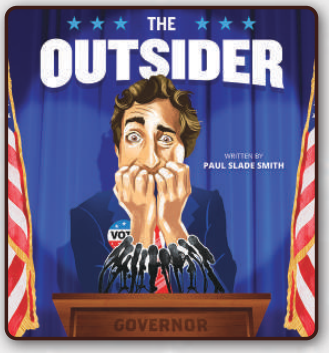
Directed by Ryon Lane

Show dates

Feb 9th - 25th

Auditions

Dec. 4th & 5th, 6:30-9 PM



The Outsider

by Paul Slade Smith

Directed by Greg Franklin

Show dates

March 6th - 31st

Auditions

Jan. 2nd & 3rd, 5:30-7:30 PM

Featured Artist

TONI O'MALLEY

This is my Christmas Trunk Show. It has followed me around the world as my family moved but always returned to Grants Pass where I was born; as were my mother and her mother. I had a great-grandmother who quilted in her little house on "G" Street. Mom and grandma taught me to sew. I finally started quilting in the late 1980s in Norway; always by hand as great-grandma did.

I love Christmas and its decorations. As my collection continues to grow, my husband has been heard to say he lives in a padded cell. He also encourages me to buy more fabric as he considers it to be cheap therapy and it keeps me out of trouble.

I belonged to a quilt club in Muscat, Oman when we loved there in the late 1990s and again in the early 2000s. I belong to the Hugo Ladies Club here and have for 20+ years.

It is my pleasure and privilege to share my treasures with you.
This brings together two of my passions: theater and fiber art.

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Crew

Artistic Director & Choreographer	**Denise Baker**
Music Director	**Vickie Prose**
Pianist	**Melynda Schrader**
Stage Manager	**Jeff Baker**
Assistant Stage Manager	**Monica McFadden**
Set Design	**Denise Baker**
Set Construction	**Dave Grosvenor, Paul Jaleski, Tom Miller, Jeff Baker, Denise Baker**
Set Painting	**Leonora Rodgers, Denise Baker, Monica McFadden**
Scenic Decorator	**Denise Baker**
Props Master	**Annie Fichera**
Props Assistants	**Madeleine Fichera, Izzy Fichera, Mary Smith, Monica McFadden**
Light Designer	**Clyde Highbarger**
Light Board Operator	**Griffin Lasky**
Follow Spot Operator	**Brodie Donaldson**
Sound Designer	**Alex Morgenstern**
Costume Design	**Ruth Sears**
Videography	**Greg Franklin, Jonas Stewart**
Video Operators	**Zach Dodge, Stephy Dodge, Julian Eubanks, Cassandra Maxwell, Zane Allen, Jay Duran**
Stage Crew	**Paul Jaleski, Riley Jetmore, Ronnie Nusbaum**
Photography	**Lori Mitchell**
Poster Design	**Jonas Stewart**
Playbill Design	**Jaren Hobson**
Poster Printing	**Karen Zimmer at the Bear Hotel**
Executive Administrator	**Niki Richards**
Production Coordinator	**Lisa Miller**
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A Note from the Director



I did not grow up Catholic but converted to Catholicism in my early 20's. Since then I have heard many catholic school stories and have worked with several Nuns and Priests while volunteering in the church. That is where I met Sister Irene. Sister Irene showed me what it meant to be a Nun and a part of the religious life. She was dedicated, faithful, and always led by example as I thought a Nun should. What I didn't expect was her wonderful sense of humor, her intelligence, mischievousness, and gentle spirit. It was then I realized that the women I saw everyday in their dark clothing and black veils, like Sister Irene, were very special. Their devotion to God and their vocation was undeniable yet they were real people with their own set of hopes, dreams, fears, and aspirations.

In directing Nuncrackers my goal was to celebrate all those in religious life, to show not only their devotion but their humanness as well. I wanted to create the comedy of Nuncrackers by taking these intelligent dedicated people and put them in very unusual circumstances. Then we could all sit back and watch what happens! I would like to thank Vicki Prose for her musical direction, Jeff Baker and Monica McFadden for all their expert assistance, my very talented cast, the technical staff, and Barnstormers Theatre for all of their support. I would also like to thank Sister Irene for showing me that I too could be a woman of faith no matter what my vocation.

DENISE BAKER - *DIRECTOR*

Musical Numbers

1. Christmas Time is Nunsense Time, The Company
2. Nutcracker/Joy to the World, Jane & Louise
3. Secret Santa, Amnesia and the audience
4. Santa's Little Teapot, Louise, Maria, Jane, Billy
5. Twelve Days Prior to Christmas, Sister Mary Annette (Sister Robert Anne), with Sister Amnesia, Sister Hubert
6. The Christmas Box, Father Virgil
7. Santa Ain't Coming to Our House, Sister Amnesia, with Sister Hubert, Father Virgil, Sister Robert Anne
8. A Carnival Christmas, Reverend Mother
9. The Nutcracker Ballet, Sister Mary Melody

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

10. Three Hundred Sixty-four Days, Reverend Mother, Sister Hubert, Sister Amnesia, Sister Robert Anne
11. Jesus Was Born in Brooklyn, Sister Robert Anne and Company
12. In the Convent, Reverend Mother, Sister Hubert, Sister Amnesia, Sister Robert Anne, Father Virgil
13. The Three Kings, Sister Hubert, Sister Robert Anne, Sister Amnesia
14. All I Want for Christmas, Sister Robert Anne
15. Christmas Sing Along, company and audience
16. Gloria, Reverend Mother, Sister Hubert, Sister Amnesia, Sister Robert Anne, Father Virgil
17. We Should Build a Brand New School, Reverend Mother, Sister Hubert, Sister Amnesia, Sister Robert Anne, Father Virgil
18. It's Better to Give, Sister Hubert with Reverend Mother, Sister Amnesia, Sister Robert Anne, Father Virgil
19. Christmas time is Nunsense Time reprise, company

Scene & Setting

TIME
December, 1998

PLACE
WCON-TV, the cable station built by the Little Sisters of Hoboken in the convent basement

Thank You's

Partake Shop & Lounge for the wine for opening night

Cakes by Staci for the beautiful cast cake

Newman United Methodist Church for the use of Friendship Hall for rehearsal space

Toni O'Malley for gathering the beautiful fiber art for the art walls

Jim and Mary Smith for crafting special props

Doug Walker for creating the beautiful star on the set

Grants Pass Staples for a generous discount on printing of signs used in the production

Harry & David for donation of several fruitcakes for concessions

Lynn Dutra for creating and donating graphic designs used in the production

Paul Jaleski for creating the Creche

Randall Theater for the loan of Sr. Mary Annette and costumes

Jaren Hobson for playbill design

Molly Means for lending costumes

Mike Stapley for the use of his keyboard during rehearsals

Miller Paint for the generous discount on set paint

Cast



ALISSA BARRY
Sister Mary Paul "Amnesia"

Alissa Barry is thrilled to be performing with Barnstormers Theatre for the first time! She most recently appeared as Bella Rose in **Desperate Measures** at Collaborative Theatre Project. Other roles include Mrs. Phelps the Librarian (and a mom, big kid, and salsa dancer!) in **Matilda the Musical** with One Eleven Theatre, Donna in **Mamma Mia!** with Rogue Music Theatre, and various characters in One Eleven's **Shrek**. She participates in local music groups 3 Rivers Chorale, and the decades cover band Sound Stage Revue.



JANEEN MCGINNIS
Sister Mary Robert Anne

Janeen McGinnis is excited to be back at Barnstormers. You may have seen her previously as Sarah Brown in **Guys and Dolls**, Annabel Glick in **Lucky Stiff**, Brooke/Vicki in **Noises Off**, Fanny Brice in **Funny Girl**, Gingy in **Shrek the Musical**, Sylvia in **Sylvia**, Scuttle in **Little Mermaid**, and Elizabeth in **Young Frankenstein**, and more. Janeen is also involved in several bands including the "Lady & the Tramp Duo", and is a graduate of Southern Oregon University where she teaches Costume Fundamentals.



KRISTIN RYERSON
Sister Mary Hubert

In her Barnstomers debut, Kristin Ryerson is also making her return to singing after a 12-year hiatus from vocal performances. The opportunity to play the vocally rich role of Hubert has been a fun and exciting departure from her customary operatic repertoire. Kristin has loved being a part of this dynamic cast and production team and hopes the performance tonight boosts everyone Holiday spirits while reminding everyone of the beauty of giving to others.



LINDA B. JOHNSON
Sister Mary Regina, Mother Superior

Linda has most recently performed in two Murder Mystery Theater productions, also played Mrs. Pearce in **My Fair Lady** in Longview, WA. She also played Sister Mary Regina in **Nunsense 2**, the Witch of the West in **Wizard of Oz**, Aunt Martha in **Arsenic and Old Lace**, at Victor Valley College in Victorville, CA.



LYNN DUTRA
Sister Mary Leo

Lynn recently moved away from the Rogue Valley, but is excited to be helping friends from afar. With a degree in Theatre Arts from University of Oregon, Lynn is an actor, director, stage manager, and graphic designer. Find them on Instagram ***@Lynndhop***, or check out their partner's site ***www.ErinMonksCodes.com*** for custom web design work.



BRUCE ALLEN
Father Virgil

Bruce Allen has performed in many productions in the community for the past several years. Some memorable rolls include Sherlock Holmes, Groucho Marx, Woody Allen, and Willy Wonka. Bruce would like to thank the community for supporting local theater, and wishes all a very happy holiday season and new year!



MELYNDA SCHRADER
Sister Mary Melody

Melynda Schrader is a native of Grants Pass, OR where she has accompanied choirs, soloists, and ensembles for decades. She was the accompanist for Grants Pass School District 7 from 1997- 2002. Her position gave her the opportunity to co-direct some of Grants Pass High School's annual Cabaret shows, travel and perform with Sounds Unlimited to several jazz festivals and accompany the Melodairs on their Eastern European tour where they performed in places such as Prague, Budapest, Oberndorf bei Salzburg and Vienna. After a stint in Arizona in 2009, where she taught and coordinated numerous projects, she returned to Grants Pass in 2016 to be closer to her 6 children, 12.5 grandchildren, parents and siblings. **Nuncrackers** is her first performance with Barnstormers Theater.



MICHELE SPOHN
Sister Mary Beat(trice)

Michele is so excited to be a supporting part of this sassy production! She's a nun once again which is getting to be a ***habit***. So she can't wait to shake her moneymakers… and a few other things!!!

Cast



VEIRA KAUNZNETSOV-DOLE
Jane

Wait, what are we doing again? Oh right, bios. My name is Veira and I have been in several different productions at Barnstormers. I go to North Middle School where I do after school theater club, and during school I do band and choir (GO BAND!). Anyway I hope you have a great time and enjoy the show.



NAOMI SAUTTER
Louise

This is Naomi's first performance with Barnstormers. Naomi is in theatre club, orchestra and choir. Her other role has been Alice in **Matilda the Musical**. She joined theatre because it allows her to immerse herself in the live action of writing, which is her true passion.



KAI CARMIENCKE
Billy

Kai is 11 years old and loves theater. He saw the Nutcracker at the age of six and decided he wanted to "do that." He has been performing in ballet for almost six years, and began acting and singing more in the last year, including Barnstormer's **A Christmas Story** and One Eleven's **Wizard of Oz** summer camp. If asked why he enjoys theater, he says his brain just works that way.



FRANKIE ESCANDON
Maria

Frankie is a sixth grader at Excel Christian School. She loves being a part of the theater community. She appreciates everyone along her way that helps her become a better actress and a better person. Happy Holidays and Enjoy the show!! :)

Production Team



DENISE BAKER *(Artistic Director & Choreographer)*

Denise is a director, actor and choreographer with a BFA in Theatre Arts and Dance. Originally from Minneapolis, she has directed, choreographed, and performed for theatre, film, television, commercials, music videos, dance productions, voice overs and more. In the six years since moving to Grants Pass, Denise served as the Executive Director of Barnstormers, and is a member of the Barnstormers Artistic Committee, and a former member of the RMT board of directors. In Grants Pass she has directed **The Dixie Swim Club**, **Quilters**, **Becky's New Car** and **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** for Barnstormers, **Here I Stand**, **The Prodigals**, and **Hatter's Daughter** for Clarion Theatre, **Mamma Mia!** for RMT, and choreographed **Beauty and the Beast** for One Eleven Theatre.



VICKY PROSE *(Music Director)*

Since studying music at USC life has brought many opportunities. From choral directing to musical productions each has had its own unique reward. It brings me joy working through the early struggles of learning parts and ending up with an awe-striking performance. While music has been a major part of my life other interests include gardening, upholstery work, hunting and serving in my church. My husband of 36 years and two children have been my greatest cheerleaders encouraging me to use my talents as the doors open. With over 50 years invested in our community I count it a privilege to be a part of bringing smiles to our Southern Oregon family.



JEFF BAKER *(Stage Manager)*

In thirty years of managing a variety of live stage productions, Jeff appreciates the opportunity to be behind the scenes for another show from the **Nunsense Collection**. Having a strong cast and talented design team makes it easy work. He hopes you appreciate the many hours it takes to manage a musical like **Nuncrackers**, and especially hopes it adds a little more cheer to your Christmas Holiday!



MONICA McFADDEN *(Assistant Stage Manager)*

Monica was last at Barnstormers as the Stage Manager for **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**. She enjoys the challenges of working behind the scenes to make the magic happen, and to have the opportunity to learn from such a talented production team and cast. She wishes everyone Peace on Earth, Good Will and Cheer in this holiday season and challenging time in history.



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