

The Nerd

by Larry Shue

Directed by Ryon Lane

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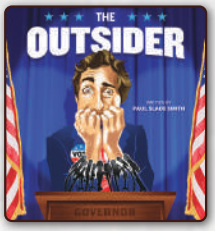
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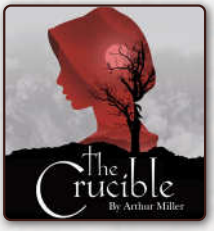
UPCOMING SHOWS & AUDITIONS



The Outsider

by Paul Slade Smith • Directed by Greg Franklin

Show dates
March 15th - 31st



The Crucible

by Arthur Miller • Directed by Tricia Drevets

Show dates
May 3rd - 19th



The 39 Steps

by Patrick Barlow
Directed by Gabrielle Hahn & Shannon Veon-Kase

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Judy Crum watercolor artist

I fell in love with art at a very early age. As a child I was mesmerized watching my grandfather outside in his workshop creating all sorts of inventions. I learned a lot, as I witnessed him in action. He was a one of a kind artist and inventor. As I grew older and life got in the way, in my new journey, I went back to college and got my degree as an elementary educator. Art was always on my horizon and it gave me the opportunity to bring art into my classroom. Being able to put the two together was the perfect pair. As a semi-retired teacher, I still teach children's art and have for 10 years. As an artist and exhibitor, my art is on display at Gallery1 in downtown Grants Pass. It is a wonderful way to promote my creations.

Art is my outlet. It simply soothes my soul. My deep personal connection with all of my work helps me express myself in ways that nothing else can. For me art is the most beautiful form of expression. I love how it connects me to others. I find it to be contagious and very inspirational.

Everyday is a work of art!



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



"It's not the destination, it's the journey" is famously attributed to American philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson. In many ways this quote defines the path of a theater company, a group of people who start on a trip together often as strangers, and whose commitment to presenting an immersive and nuanced performance of a singular story will never have a destination or goal. And yet, that journey often leads to new friendships, to learning more about yourself and the world around you, and even to fall in love with the art of storytelling.

It's been my pleasure to direct this hard working group of actors and crew and observe their journey to the well-executed play you'll enjoy tonight. I feel incredibly fortunate to be supported during our journey by Assistant Director RuRu, whose early belief in my vision for the play inspired me to dig deeper as a director, and our indefatigueable Stage Manager, Robert Pyle, one of the kindest and most selfless people I've ever met. I hope you enjoy the light-hearted silliness of **The Nerd** - it's been a blast to bring it to life for you.

RYON LANE - DIRECTOR

*The Director and Production Team wish to thank Barnstormers Theater for the opportunity to produce **The Nerd**. We would also like to acknowledge the dedicated and tireless work of so many of the theater's volunteers, without whom **The Nerd** would never have been possible, including our amazing set design, contruction and painting crews, our stellar prop master and wardrobe designer, and our fantastic light and sound designers and tech crew. We are also thankful for the support of our friends and loved ones as we've worked to bring this hilarious story to life.*



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CREW

Director ..... **Ryon Lane**

Assistant Director ..... **RuRu**

Stage Manager ..... **Robert Pyle**

Set Design ..... **Christopher Green**

Set Construction ..... **Sharif Abdulrahman, Robert Pyle, Jeremy Pyle, Emery Pyle, Tom Miller, Brian Beef, Stephanie & Zach Dodge, David Hannum, Jerry Lancaster, Tiffany Schechter**

Set Painting ..... **Robert Pyle, Jeremy Pyle, Ryon Lane, Haley Nichols, Leonora Rodgers**

Scenic Decorator ..... **Production Team & Cast**

Props Master ..... **Sharon Giddings**

Lighting Designer ..... **Clyde Highbarger**

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SCENE & SETTING

Terre Haute, Indiana, early 1980s

CAST



JEREMY PYLE *(Willum Cubbert)*

These past two years have been packed with theater at Barnstormers, on and off stage, for Jeremy. Starting off 2022 acting in **Treasure Island** and **The Ash Girl**, doing tech in-between auditions, and Stage Managing **Sunshine Boys**, Jeremy is very excited to be in a lead role; less time waiting backstage for his next scene, and more time to see all of you.



SAMANTHA VICKOREN *(Tansy McGinnis)*

Samantha Vickoren is thrilled to be playing Tansy in **The Nerd**! She has most recently been seen in Barnstormers production of **The Ashgirl** as Judith, and in Rogue Valley Shakespeare's **Much Ado About Nothing** as Hero. She is a student at Rogue Community College and enjoys reading, experimenting with makeup and hairstyles, and volunteering at Barnstormers youth summer camp!



ERIC ROMERO *(Axel Hammond)*

Eric was raised in Grants Pass and is excited to be a part of the community with Barnstormers. Outside of acting, most of his spare time is spent around the town with friends and learning new instruments. His last performance was as Thor in **The Nerd** back in 2013 and can't wait to revisit the show as a different character.

JONAS STEWART *(Warnock "Ticky" Waldgrave)*



From scaling the rigging as Dr. Livesey in **Treasure Island** to guarding the mysteries of Baskerville Hall as Mr. Barrymore in **The Hound of the Baskervilles**, Jonas takes delight in breathing life into multifaceted characters. He balances heartwarming humor, evidenced by his turn as the gruff-yet-loving Frank "Old Man" Parker in **A Christmas Story**, with intricate exploration of characters like Ed Boone in **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**. He's thrilled to share the stage with this talented cast, including his real-life son Maxfield.

HEIDI ELISE *(Clelia Walgraves)*



Heidi Elise has been involved with Barnstormers for fifteen years. She hopes to share her original plays, art & music someday soon. She enjoys exploring nature & building campfires with her doggie, Travis.

MAXFIELD STEWART *(Thor Waldgrave)*



Eleven-year-old Maxfield, already a seasoned stage kid after three camps and six Barnstormers shows, brought holiday cheer in **A Christmas Story** and recently landed the lead in his middle school's Christmas play, **Head Elf**. Now, his theatrical journey takes a hilarious turn in **The Nerd**! When Mom told him about the role involving closet time, he said, "Cool, am I going to Narnia?!" She smiled, "No, but it will be interesting!" So, buckle up and join Maxfield on this side-splitting adventure! He welcomes you with open arms and infectious energy, eager to share the joy of theatre and the laughter hidden within **The Nerd**.

SKY SCHOLZ *(Rick Steadman)*



Sky is a clown from Portland.

PRODUCTION TEAM



RYON LANE - *Director*

Ryon is an actor, director and an Emmy-winning producer who grew up in Grants Pass, falling in love with the theater and acting at an early age, later working in commercial and film production as a studio attorney, independent producer, actor and director. While he's written and directed both short films and commercials, **The Nerd** is the first play Ryon has directed. He's appeared in various films, commercials and stage productions, most recently as Joe Foster in Barnstormers Theatre's production of **Becky's New Car**, Sam Carmichael in Rogue Music Theater's production of **Mamma Mia!**, Dodge Pinkerton in Barnstormers Theatre's production of **Lockdown**, Borachio in Rogue Valley Shakespeare Company's production of **Much Ado About Nothing**, and Jonathan Harker in Barnstormers Theatre's production of **Dracula**.



RURU - *Assistant Director*

RuRu (They/She): Back, yet again, this is the 16th show RuRu has done with Barnstormers since they started eight years ago. They said they were taking a break from theatre to take college classes, but couldn't resist when asked to be part of the team for this show. Having been involved in over 50 productions since that fateful first show, you might say RuRu is addicted to the stage. Thankfully she has her boyfriend, JJ, and her two cats to take care of her. They are the absolute best.



ROBERT PYLE - *Stage Manager*

Robert is no stranger to the Barnstormers Theatre. Robert's very first appearance on stage with Barnstormers was way back in 1997. He portrayed The Sea Capitan in Shakespeare's **Twelfth Night**. Since then Robert has appeared in several productions as well as directing and crew. Robert is also on the Board of Directors with Barnstormers and hopes to continue to grow with the local theatre community.

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