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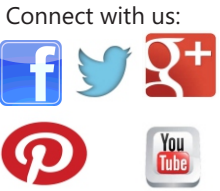
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*EXPERIENCE
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Director
Steve Jones

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THE FOREIGNER

By Larry Shue

Performance
April 1-3
April 8-10
April 15-17

Box Office opens
March 21
Monday - Friday
2:00 - 5:00pm
and one hour
before each show
online tickets at
tickets.TomahAct.com
Friday & Saturday
7:30 PM
Sunday Matinee
2:00 PM
Members \$10
Student Member \$5
Non-Member \$15
Students \$7

The Cast
Gary Frei as “Froggy” LeSueur
Richard Klinge as Charlie Baker
Roger Jones as Rev. David Marshall Lee
Scot Perket as Owen Musser
Marcus Rowan as Ellard Simms
Brynn Rowan as Catherine Simms
Lori Ripley as Betty Meeks
Townpeople/Klan
*Diane Streeter, Wayne Klinge,
Rachel VonderEhe*

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A Presidential Address.. Steve Jones

Hello to all our family and friends of ACT.

I just want to thank all those who have put so much time and effort into the shows: box office volunteers, Facility Manager, stage helpers, all those who do so much behind the scenes, the directors and all those who not only donate their time, but money as well! To each and every one of you, I give you my deepest and sincerest heartfelt gratitude! If you're looking for a good time and would love to help just give us a call or stop in anytime. We are looking for those who would love to help with any of our plays, box office, house crew, acting and even those interested on getting on the Board of Directors and fundraisers. These are all very important and needed. "Remember, there are no such things as small parts, everyone is very important"!

As we move forward, I have learned so many things these first six months as President. I think the biggest thing that is always talked about is the need for financial support. For the 2016 season our goal is to increase our memberships along with sponsors and donations. ACT tries to bring great shows to our audience and will continue to strive to get better. We have some great up and coming talent in Tomah and surrounding areas that needs to be nurtured and encouraged to continue with live theatre. So, please come out and support us through sponsorships, donations (which are Tax Deductible). Support the ARTS here at ACT. So all of you out there who are members, sponsors and those that attend, just pray for this little community, and let us all work together, help each other out, and support each other any way we can!

Rex's Exes was a Hoot! We had a lot of fun working with old & new friends alike and non-stop laughter in front and behind the stage!

Our next show is "The Foreigner" which seems like one laugh after another, but it also has a serious side. We have a great cast: Gary Frei as Froggy, Richard Klinge as Charlie Baker, Lori Ripley as Betty Meeks, Brynn Rowan as Catherine Simms, her bother Marcus Rowan as Ellard Simms, Roger Jones as Rev. David Marshall Lee, Scot Perket as Owen Musser and the Townspeople/Klan.

Theatre and Improv classes will resume September 10th for those who are interested contact the theatre (608) 374-7469. We only have room for 30 students. Right now registration is by appointment only.

Looking forward to seeing you here!
Steve Jones

From the Director...Steve Jones

From the Director of "The Foreigner".

I have been involved with theatre since I was in high school. This is my second time directing for ACT. I have directed "Star of Wonder" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre in Detroit, Michigan, where I studied theatre as well as at Wayne State University. I directed "Fools" and have been in a number of shows at ACT.

I am proud to have this chance for another hilarious production that will keep you laughing and sitting on the edge of your seat. With some cast members returning from the cast of "Fools", like Alecia Miller (she wanted to learn more about directing), Richard Klinge, Gary Frei, Wayne Kling and Roger Jones. Some that may be familiar to you like, Lori Ripley, Brynn Rowan, Marcus Rowan, Scot Perket. The Townspeople/Klan include: the cast, Wayne Klinge, Rachel Von DerEhe and one that has never been onstage until last December when she helped with the Theatre class production of "The Fruitcake", which is Diane Streeter.

The setting is in rural Georgia Fishing Lodge, frequently visited by Froggy LaSeuer, a British demolition expert. This time Froggy brings along a friend, Charlie, who is extremely shy. When Charlie learns he will be left alone at the lodge while Froggy trains troops at a nearby Army base, he panics about making conversation with strangers. As Froggy introduces Charlie to Betty, the lodge owner, he announces that Charlie is a Foreigner who doesn't speak English. Betty is very thrilled. Charlie is forced to play along.

Betty tells Catherine Simms and her "slow" brother Ellard that Charlie doesn't understand a word of English, and the fun begins. Ellard tries to teach Charlie English. Catherine confides deep secrets. Catherine's fiancé, Rev. David Lee shows a different side of himself when the ladies aren't present. Owen Musser, the racist county property inspector, reveals plans to condemn the lodge and covert it into headquarters for the Ku Klux Klan.

Charlie understand everything being said which fuels the nonstop hilarity of the show and sets up the wildly funny climax in which things go uproariously awry for the bad guys and the good guys emerge triumphant.

I hope and pray that you enjoy this play as much as we did through all the rehearsals and getting to know more about each other, in fact it always took longer in the rehearsals because everyone kept laughing. Now sit back, let your hair down and lets have some fun and laughter and if you feel a tear or two, then we did out job!

Steve Jones
Director and Board member

From the Co-Director..Alecia Miller

Co-Director of "The Foreigner"

I am so excited to be co-directing "The Foreigner" alongside Steve Jones. The majority of my theatre experience has been on stage, and this has definitely been a wonderful journey learning the ins and outs of directing. It has been rewarding working with such a talented cast and reuniting with a few of my past cast mates.

"The Foreigner" is a wonderful comedy with such a heartfelt moral. I can't wait to see the story come to life on stage. Enjoy!

Alecia Miller

Office Space for rent: Area Community Theatre has office space for rent, approx. 2268 sq. ft. with a Kitchenette/break room approx. 261 sq ft. Ground Level, handicap accessible, off street parking. If interested please call 608-374-7469.

Thank You to Our Box Office Volunteers

The Area Community Theatre Box Office is run entirely by volunteers under the direction of Colleen Richer, Rocky Shutter, and Barb Sullivan. Typically the box office is open Monday – Friday from 2:00 to 5:00 two weeks prior to the opening of each show, and throughout the run of the show. Thank you to everyone who volunteers, especially these box office workers from Rex's Exes: Pat Boelsing, Natalie Divyak, Melanie Frei, Sharon Larkin, Terry Larkin, Mary Lou Mauch, Jenny McCoy, Ruth Ann Schober, and Anne Wallus. More volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the box office at 374-7469.

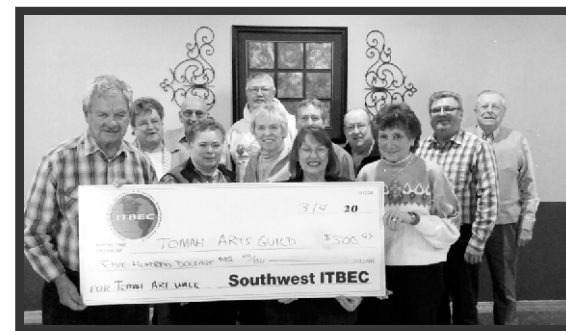
Everyone at Area Community Theatre extend heartfelt condolences to the family of Christine Kaebish.

Chris, along time box office volunteer died March 3rd 2016 and is greatly missed.

Tomah Arts Guild receives Art Walk grant

Southwest International Trade, Business and Economic Development Council has given Tomah Arts Guild Inc. a \$500 grant to benefit the "Tomah Art Walk".

Tomah Art Walk is an event planned for Saturday, August 20, 2016, on the scenic walking trail beginning behind NAPA Auto Parts in Tomah. This is a juried art event featuring artisans from counties in western and central Wisconsin. This celebration of arts will lead you along Tomah's beautiful recreation trail that winds along the Lemonweir River and Lake Tomah.



Above: Accepting the \$500 grant from ITBEC is Ginny Schuld, TAG Vice President, front right; and Lynn Clark, TAG public relations, front center.

For more information, or to become an artisan vendor, email: tomahartsguild@yahoo.com, or find TAG on the web at www.tomahartsguild.com

WRAP is set for April

Tomah Arts Guild is once again

sponsoring Wisconsin Regional Arts Program. WRAP was established by University of Wisconsin-Madison. The month-long exhibit features the works of non-professional artists throughout the region. WRAP is a juried exhibit and will culminate with a workshop, critique and awards on May 7, 2016.

You can view this wonderful collection of arts of Tomah Area Community Theatre building, 907 Kilbourn Ave., Tomah, from April 6 to May 7.

For more information contact Ginny at poodlpad@centurytel.net.