## HANOVER COMMUNITY PLAYERS

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We hope you enjoyed our second virtual theatre production. If you did and would like to support us in further productions, on stage when we can, or virtually, please consider making a donation through our webpage. \$10.00 and over generates a tax receipt! Thank you!





## **By Todd Wallinger**

April 27th @ 2:00 p.m.

April 28th @ 7:00 p.m.

April 29th @ 7:00 p.m.

April 30th @ 7:00 p.m.





Jo-Anne Bell (Artistic Director) Jo-Anne, wife, mother, grandmother of 7, great-grandmother of 4, discovered an escape route via community theatre 10 years ago, and has enjoyed many facets of theatre life, such as, actor, director, makeup, ASM (assistant stage manager), stage manager, to mention a few. She has encouraged friends and family and some strangers - to join in the fun as, 'it's more fun than I ever thought it would be, and I wish I had found community theatre 20 years ago. It is a great outlet and way to make new friends'. Jo-Anne joined Hanover Community Players in 2018 as Auntie Em in *The Wizard of Oz*, and she is happy to have found a new home since moving north from Brampton in 2017.

#### From the Director

I can't be more thrilled to be part of any production presented by Hanover Community Players, and in particular doing our second 'Virtual Theatre'. Coming into your homes and being guests to your family and friends is an honour we don't take lightly. We dearly hope you will enjoy this production of 'You're Virtually Driving Me Crazy' and thank you for inviting us into your homes and hearts

These four scenes about driver's ed follies work perfectly on a virtual stage. All set in a car, this comical collection takes the point of view of antsy or annoyed instructors, as well as candid and sometimes clueless teens.

There's a nervous teacher who doesn't seem to know the first thing about driving. And the clueless teenage girl who brings some unexpected guests to her first driving class. In one scene, a teenage boy is forced to share a car with his temperamental ex-girlfriend. And then there's yet another teenage girl who can't break away from her phone long enough to learn how to drive.

The Cast and Crew of You're Virtually Driving Me Crazy thank you for tuning into our virtual show!



### Theatre is Creating — characters, props and sets



#### The Cast in Order of Appearance

Tony Mr. Pinkley Ms. Van de Groot Brooke Dad Mom Grandpa Mr. Witherspoon Ashley Ben Ms. Granville Kendra Commentator \*double cast Brady Bertrand Jim Monaghan Katlyn Jarrett Rebekah Hebert\* Alex Kanarek\* Leslie Turcotte\* Stephen Ferguson\* Alex Kanarek\* Rebekah Hebert\* Oscar Hulskemper Leslie Turcotte\* Rebekah Hebert\*





**Brady Bertrand. (Tony)** Brady has been in three shows: St. Mary's High School production of *CLUE On Stage!*, The North Pole Chronicles with HCP. He's now, very excited and really looking forward to continuing working in You're Virtually Driving Me Crazy. Brady is happy to be here!



**Stephen Ferguson (Grandpa, Commentator)** Stephen had been involved with HCP since it inception, serving on its Board of Directors, appearing in a number of productions and having a particular interest in speciality prop making. Being an elder member of HCP, Stephen was thought to be a natural fit for his role in this production and he can't hold his enthusiasm. Stephen also worked with this production's Director, to create introductions to the scenes. Stephen joins the whole cast and crew in welcoming everyone to our show.



**Rebekah Hebert (Brooke, Kendra, Ashley)** Rebekah lives in Sudbury, Ontario where she is a Child and Youth Care Practitioner working before and after school programs as well as at a group home. She has been involved in four productions with HCP in the past on the stage and now this will be her second through a virtual aspect. Rebekah got her theatre bug when she helped with *Disney's High School Musical* at JDSS.. Rebekah loves to sing and thanks all those around her.

#### PRODUCTION STAFF

Artistic Director Stage Manager Sound/Video Manager Costume Managers Wigs Props Special Props Product. Mgr./Program Box Office/Poster Business Manager

Jo-Anne Bell Nathan Heuchan r Norman Bell Sherri DeGroot, Donna Douma Kim Wilson Jo-Anne Bell Stephen Ferguson m Marg Poste Linda Manchester Phil Taylor



## IMPORTANT PEOPLE BEHIND THE SCENES



Nathan Heuchan (Stage Manager) Nathan is happy to begin his work as a stage manager for Hanover Community Players's production of You're Virtually Driving Me Crazy. Nathan filled the role of tech advisor in our first production, and has acted onstage for HCP's Sleeping Beauty, the panto, and Bedtime Stories. He has been acting (onstage) since he was 13 and was involved with some of HCP's first productions. One of Nathan's favorite aspects of virtual theatre is how it allows not one but several communities to come together in one production. Big thanks to family and friends for all their support.



Norm Bell (Sound & Video Manager) Norman has done sound design for several plays for Peel Panto Players in Brampton, such as *The Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Robin Hood the Panto* to name a few. He has also been sound tech for a panto for Class Productions in Mississauga, and provides sound and tech for Brampton Music Theatres when they demo upcoming shows in Bramalea City Centre. Norm has been pleased to be a part of Hanover Community Players as a sound tech since moving up north from Brampton, ON in 2017.



Sherri DeGroot (Costumes) Sherri, owner of A Stitch in Time has had the pleasure of co-chairing the costume position for many shows over the last 7 years. Her previous knowledge of organizing and altering costumes for a local dance school was what led her to a love for the costume world. She still finds her most important job is being a mother and grandmother to two fantastic children and grandchildren. Sherri thanks Donna for her assistance



**Oscar Hulskemper (Ben)** Oscar is a grade 10 French Immersion student. He's excited to once again be joining HCP for another show, after his roles in Ho Ho Christmas Chronicles last December. He thanks his friends and family for their constant support in his endeavours.



.Katlyn Jarrett (Ms. Van DeGroot) Kat is thrilled to be a part of both her first virtual show and her first time with Hanover Community Players. She is no stranger to the physical stage, performing in many shows across the Niagara Region. Some previous credits include: The Addam's Family, Legally Blonde and Oliver (Garden City Productions); Urinetown, Seussical and RENT, (Firehall Theatre); The Rocky Horror Show, Cinderella Confidential and Little Shop of Horrors (Something Something Productions). She has also enjoyed working off stage as everything from stage managing to set design. It's good to be able to still entertain, and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Alex Kanarek (Dad, Mr. Witherspoon) Alex has acted, directed and worked backstage with On-Stage Uxbridge, the Port Perry Borelleans, Scarborough Village Players, Oshawa Little Theatre, Durham Shoestring Players, the Georgetown and Guelph Little Theatres, and the Elora Community Theatre. Over the last year, he has "acted" in several online virtual productions. This is his second virtual show with HCP and once again, he is having a blast!



Jim Monaghan (Mr. Pinkley) Jim hails from Rockwood and is a self employed grandfather of four and has four adult sons. Jim started in theatre in 2005 and has been involved with close to 40 productions both on stage and behind the scenes since then. He has directed seven shows including The Sting, The Dixie Swim Club and Shorthanded. Jim would like to thank Nate and Joanne for casting him as the weird Mr. Pinkley



Leslie Turcotte (Mom, Ms Granville) Leslie is excited to be "back home" for this virtual performance! Leslie did some acting in high school and university appearing in shows such as Bye Bye Birdie, Pajama Game and Cabaret but hasn't been on stage in years. Most recently, she has been in the role of artistic director, tech director and choreographer at SDSS in Port Elgin. Most recent shows include; Music Man, The Pregnancy Project, Mary Poppins & Grease. Leslie can't wait to try out this virtual platform for performance. Having a ball with HCP :)



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#### Three Upcoming Shows Re-Scheduled:

#### HILDA'S YARD- 2021

It's an exciting summer day in 1956 for Hilda and Sam Fluck, their thirtysomething children have moved out and they are finally ready to relax and buy a shiny new television. What could disturb their simple peace? It's a heart-warming and relatable family comedy that proves there will always be a significant weight to an empty nest!

We have permission to film this comedy by Canadian playwright Norm Foster. Stay tuned!

#### LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD, THE PANTO- December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11th, 12th, 2021

The Wolf is out to get Red Riding Hood and has bullied three little pigs into helping him. The woodcutter's son has fallen for Red and, with a bit of help from a good fairy, comes to her aid.

With the overwhelming success of our first panto in December 2019 director, Jo-Anne (Joey) Bell, decided that Hanover and area residents were ready for another one! This British style panto, dramatized by Tina and Robert Burbidge, gives Joey another chance to direct. Auditions are scheduled to take place on Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> and Thurs. May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Watch for announcements.

# MAMMA MIA, THE MUSICAL-April 28th, $29^{th}$ , $30^{th}$ , May $1^{st}$ and May $6^{th}$ , $7^{th}$ , 8th, 9th , 2022

HCP is very pleased to present this well-loved famous musical hit familiar to everyone and enjoyed again and again by theatre patrons. Auditions for the show will take place Mon. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> and Wed. Oct. 27<sup>st</sup> 2021. Brush up on your ABBA music!