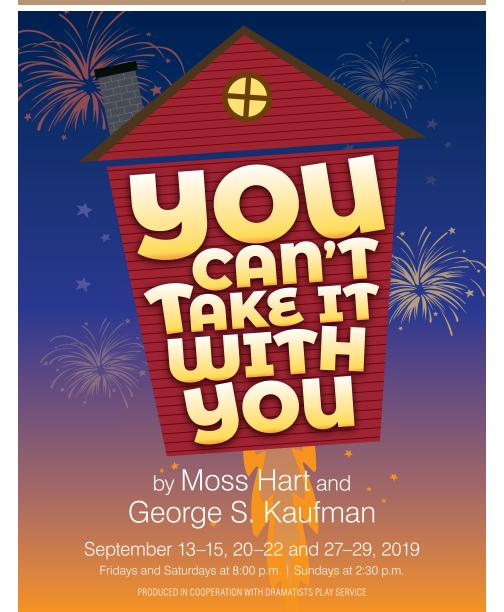


THE PROGRAM OF THE PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Players Guild of Dearborn. We are very proud to present for you tonight *You Can't Take It with You*. This talented cast, led by director Debbie Plezter and assistant director Kenyada Davis, have been hard at work for weeks, and are excited to bring to you this classic comedy.

The Players Guild has been a staple in Dearborn for 93 years. This fall our theater will be 70 years old. It was completed in the fall of 1949, and recently renovated in 2013. We are an all volunteer, non-profit organization. It's the "Volunteerism," the passion, of our members and the generosity of the community that have helped us keep this tradition alive for so long. We are always looking for new members who would love to be involved in the community spirit. You don't have to sing, dance or even act to become a member. The greatest part about being a part of the Guild is that there is something for everyone. From costuming, to hair and make-up, to set building, to ushering. Something as simple as being on our building committee and helping with landscaping or cooking for after show parties. You don't have to be a performer to be a part of the Guild. If activity is not your thing, then perhaps consider a financial contribution as a way of being involved. We have many projects in our future where a monetary donation can be very helpful. This summer we were extremely grateful to be able to do some improvements to our facility. The repaving of our west parking lot and back entrance area was something that has been in the planning stages for sometime now. It's because of our dedicated members and their passion for community spirit that we were able to accomplish this.

If you like what you are seeing on our stage, there are opportunities located in this program for how you can get involved.

We are grateful that you are with us today. We hope you enjoy the show.

-Chris Boudreau, President



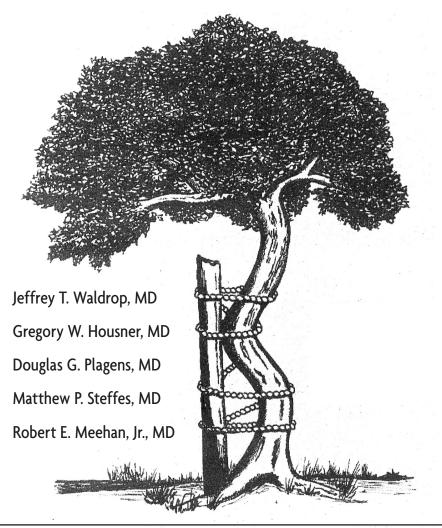
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It shall be the purpose of the Guild to promote and foster community interest in good drama and all its forms; through group endeavors in the training of persons interested in theatrical arts—acting, directing, play production, scenery and costume design, and playwriting in apprentice workshops, youth productions, and actual presentation of plays by novices and experienced persons.

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	Julie Ballantyne Brown				
Alice Sycamore	Rebekah Preiss				
Tony Kirby	DJ Schneider				
Essie Carmichael.	Kaitlyn Cross				
Ed Carmichael	Jacob Burke				
Paul Sycamore	Tom Downey				
Mr. De Pinna	David Wood				
Rheba	Kristen Campbell				
Donald	Ioch Baurer				

Boris Kolenkhov Matt Van Houten				
Mr. Anthony Kirby, Sr				
William E. McCloskey				
Mrs. Miriam Kirby Linda Mosley				
Wilbur C. Henderson Daniel Bartrum				
Gay Wellington Patricia Laframboise				
The Grand Duchess Olga Katrina				
Sebastian Adams				
Man One Connor Nicholl				
Man Two Adam Lynch				



TIME

June 1936

SETTING

The home of Martin Vanderhof, New York

Act I: A Wednesday evening

There will be a 15-minute intermission

Act II: A week later

There will be a 5-minute intermission

Act III: The next day

THE CREW

DirectorDebbie Pletzer				
Assistant Director Kenyada Davis				
Producers Alexis Bartrum and				
Kris Wright				
Stage ManagerPatrick Davidson				
Stage CrewTim Carney				
assisted by members of the cast				
Set DesignDebbie Pletzer				
assisted by David Wood				
Set Construction and Painting				
David Wood (Set Construction Chair)				
and Anita Stinson (Scenic Painting Chair)				
assisted by Gordon Mosley, Tina Ferrara,				
Josh Bodary, Janeen Bodary,				
Mike Hermen, David James,				
Chris Boudreau, Daniel Bartrum,				
John Sczomak, Steve Gautreau,				
and Richard Marengere				
Lights and Sound				
Chris Boudreau and Stan Guarnelo				
assisted by Molly Boudreau, Bob Bush, William Deguanno and				
Matt Woldanski				
Hair and Makeup Julie Ballantyne Brown,				
Sebastian Zackery Adams,				
Kristen Campbell and Pat LaFramboise				
Costumes				
assisted by Mary Calder, Janeen Bodary,				
Linda Mosely, and Karen Ciferno				
Properties Sebastian Adams and				
Jennifer Deckert				
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PublicityKristen Campbell, Kori Bielaniec, Brian Townsend,				
Jennifer Deckert, Mike Moseley,				
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Sue Suchyta, Stan Guarnelo,				
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Postcard Mailing Mike Moseley and Kristen Campbell assisted by members of the Guild Programs......Carissa Lokken, Brian Townsend, Nancy Valentini, Scott Rider, Richard Moore, Megan Lizbinski, Anna Dewey, and Julie Ballantyne Brown Tickets Tracey Boudreau and Julie Sparrow Afterglow......Amy Jones Cast and Crew Tim Carney assisted by members of the House and Hospitality committee 50/50 and Intermission...... Phil Booth, Theresa Booth, Mary Deisler, Hailey Hayward, Renae Hayward, Rebecca Hermen and Family, Amy Jones, Diane Kaplan, Lexie Kaplan, John Sczomak, Lois Sczomak, and Frann Stempek Ushers......Members of the Players Guild of Dearborn Original Cover Artwork... Brian Townsend

If you helped with this production and your name was inadvertently left off our list, please accept our sincere apology and our heartfelt thanks for your part in making You Can't Take It with You a success.

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Best wishes to the Players Guild of Dearborn for the 2019-2020 season.

We are grateful to have such a wonderful asset in our community.

> I hope you enjoy the show!

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Cell Phone Usage

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Restrooms

For the convenience of our patrons, restrooms are located on the main floor outside our club room. Go through the front, right double-doors, then down the hallway to the left.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be offered in our club room during intermission. To enter the club room from the theatre, go through the double doors located on the right as you face the stage.

50/50 Raffle for the Guild Renovation Fund

Don't forget to buy your ticket (or tickets!) for our famous 50/50 raffle. One lucky winner will take home half the pot! Tickets will be sold in the lobby prior to the performance and in the club room during intermission. Buy one for \$1, six for \$5, or 25 for \$10. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of intermission.

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

While society has witnessed many changes since *You Can't Take It with You* was first produced in 1936, many of the concerns of that time are still found today, namely, economic and political worries, threats to our democracy and even immigration. Yet, above all, the work stands out for its universal themes and ideas about family, love, and living life fully.

Christopher Hart, Moss Hart's son, shares his thoughts on how contemporary audiences relate to his father's play in an interview when the revival opened on Broadway in 2014:

"... Even though the play was written a long time ago, the characters seem modern, and their struggles to make ends meet and to 'have a little fun along the way' have a very contemporary feel. The similarity between The Great Depression and The Great Recession—as well as the gulf between the super-rich and the ordinary Joe—still rings a bell. One of the things this production accentuates is how beautifully Grandpa and his family accept all kinds of people—rich or poor, black or white—and the best thing that can happen to you is to be part of a loving family..."

I had a strong connection to this play because family has always been extremely important to me—I remember big family dinners on Sundays after church; family reunions, camp-outs, and Holiday celebrations. But, most of all, I remember how my family was there for me through happiness, heartache, tragedy and just everyday life. The Vanderhof household, in many ways, is the embodiment of the American Dream. They have a wonderful place to live, they are happy, and they each are pursuing their individual dreams. What could be better than that?

So, from our Sycamore family to yours: "We can't wait to take you with us on this journey that celebrates family, diversity and unconditional love." Enjoy the show.

- Debbie Pletzer, Director



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THE PLAYERS UNMASKED

Debbie Pletzer Director Debbie is happy to be back directing at the Guild, the last show she directed was Inherit the Wind on our stage in 2011. Some of her other directorial credits include Nunsense, Laughter on the 23rd Floor, Rumors, and the PAGE Awardwinning drama, The Diary of Anne Frank. Along with her directing credits, Debbie has performed in many plays and musicals along the way—her favorite roles include Zorah in Inspecting Carol, Annie in The Miracle Worker, and Molly in The Mousetrap. For the last 11 years, Debbie has enjoyed playing Mrs. Claus in the holiday show The Christmas Spectacular at Cherry Hill Village in Canton. Debbie has two beautiful children, Emily (a premed Sophomore at GVSU) and Andrew (a talented artist and Junior at Northville High School) and is married to Ken (her loving and supportive husband). She would like to thank Denise for getting her back into the theatre world and her family for encouraging and supporting her creative endeavors.

Kenyada Davis Assistant Director Kenyada is always happy to return to the theatre he's always called "home." You may have seen him as Marty Kaufman in our spring production of It Shoulda Been You. His first show at the Guild was just over ten years ago when he played the role of Kenickie in Grease. A graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Kenyada performed in Dreamgirls at Stagecrafters in Royal Oak, Clybourne Park with St. Dunstan's Theatre in Bloomfield Hills, and In the Heights and Dreamgirls with the DATC in Detroit. He is excited to be part of this show, and he thanks God, his family, friends, and supporters for the many blessings he has received in his years onstage.

Julie Ballantyne Brown

Penelope Sycamore

Julie was onstage last season as Aunt Sheila in *It Shoulda Been You*, Maggie Saunders in *Lend Me A Tenor*, and Elsa Greer in

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Go Back for Murder. She has performed in many Guild productions, including Lost in Yonkers, Promises, Promises, Two By Two, and To Kill A Mockingbird. She is currently the Makeup and Hair Governor, a past Guild Treasurer, and served as assistant director for The Miracle Worker and Seussical. She sends much love and praise to God for the opportunity to perform, to Marty for his love and unending patience, to her boys, to all of her parents and her family for coming to see her shows, and to Allegra, the hedgehog, for the kisses and snuggles. She is an aspiring writer who will most definitely live in London someday.

Daniel Bartrum.... Wilbur C. Henderson Daniel is so excited to be back on stage after a brief hiatus. He was previously seen on the Guild stage as Frank Gilbreth in Cheaper by the Dozen. His other stage cred-

its include Lucas Brickman in *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* and Eugene Morris Jerome in both *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and *Biloxi Blues*. When not on stage he loves to help his father-in-law build sets and split a bottle of wine with this mother-in-law, thought not at the same time. He would like to thank his friends and family that are involved with this show, especially his wife Alexis, mother-in-law Linda, and father-in-law FN Gordie. Enjoy the show!

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Darany Dearborn City Clerk

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for Murder at the Players Guild. She has also been hard at work producing shows, such as Lend Me a Tenor, and our Teen Guildling's production of Heathers the Musical, and worked on hair and makeup for Peter and the Starcatcher.

Kaitlyn Cross Essie Carmichael This is Kaitlyn's first show at the Guild, and she is having a blast! She is currently a sophomore at EMU studying elementary education. She would like to thank family and friends for coming to support her, and her cast for being amazing. Enjoy the show!

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in 1994, after which his theatre career was put on hold for a 20-year career as a professional emcee and DJ-spinning at weddings, conventions, parties, and funerals (you read that correctly) all over the country. Since returning to the theatre, Tom has also appeared with the Downriver Actor's Guild in Oliver (Mr. Bumble), Annie (Rooster Hannigan), and Tony and Tina's Wedding (Fr. Mark), and with the Birmingham Village Players in Big Fish (Amos Calloway). In the meantime, he collects records, makes feeble attempts at writing and playing guitar, and spends as much time as he can with Sean and Isabella, his beautiful children, whom he sends all his love. This one's for Dee and Steven

Patricia LaFramboise..... Gay Wellington Patricia began her theater career in 1968, owning to many credits to list. Some of her favorite roles include Mary in Mary, Mary, Mama in I Remember Mama, Golde in Fiddler on the Roof, Vera in the female version of The Odd Couple, and Madam Caron in Is He Dead? She also has directed and costumed many other shows since joining the Guild in 1986. The best thing that ever happened to Patricia was finding her special husband, Stanley, to which she has been married for 36 years.

he was seen in *The Lion in Winter* (Henry II), *Fools* (Dr. Zubritski), and *Lend Me a Tenor* (Mr. Saunders). Most recently he appeared as Mayor Shinn in *The Music Man* at the Croswell Opera House in Adrian. His favorite roles include Martin Dysart in *Equus*, The Stage Manager in *Our Town*, and Lear in *King Lear*. Bill is a retired Professor of English and lives in Monroe.

shows as Music Director, Assistant Music Director and Assistant Director. She would like to thank her family and friends for being so supportive of her dreams and always being there for her.

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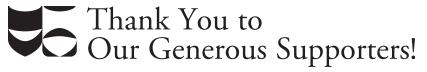
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