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Written by **Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, & Jamie Wooten**

Presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Produced by **Averitt Center for the Arts**

Clint Tootle, Technical Director

Tony Phillips, Director

Donna Hooley, Assistant Director & Stage Manager

Robert Faller, Set Design & Creation

Danny Hooley, Line Coach


Robert Cottle, Accent Coach

Christie McLendon, Assistant Stage Manager

Felicia Dunn, Assistant Stage Manager

Dionna Williams, Marketing Director

Danielle Adams, Photographer





CHARACTERS

Miss Geneva Musgrave
Pam Baggett

Raynerd Chisum
Alan Tyson

Tina Jo & Gina Jo Dubberly
Tate Miller

Honey Raye Futrelle
Julie Moody

Frankie Futrelle Dubberly
Rachel Elkins

Dub Dubberly
Lee Walker

Twink Futrelle
Nichole Deal


Nelda Lou Lightfoot
Christie McLendon

Justin Waverly
Robert Cottle

John Curtis Buntner
Jamey Saunders

Wiley Hicks
Brooks Adams

Patsy Price
Eileen Bayens





SPECIAL THANKS

We appreciate Alfred Williams for creating so many of the props for our shows. Thanks to Portal United Methodist Church for loaning the church attendance board. Kudos to Steve Hooley for providing our “Texas-themed” pre-show music and our sound effects. Adoration to Jason Baggett for building a plethora of wooden crosses to decorate our set. Appreciation to Delores Groomes-Dickey for buying us so many pretty crosses for our decoration. Saluting Carlos Carvajal for the vinyl lettering.



CAST



Pam Baggett (*Geneva Musgrave*) lives in the small town of Garfield and has her whole life. She's a mother of three and a grandmother of 10. She has taught at Emanuel County Institute for 29 years and recently played "Clairee" in *Steel Magnolias*. She loves gardening, humming birds, spending time with the family, and her hometown of Garfield.



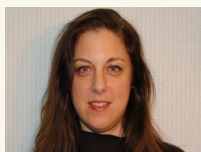
Alan Tyson (*Raynerd Chisum*) is a Statesboro native who began acting on stage in the early '90s as "Fezewig" in *A Christmas Carol*. Since that time, he has appeared in numerous productions at the Emma Kelly Theater. So happy to be back on stage with this great production.



Tate Miller (*Tina Jo & Gina Jo Dubberly*) is a 16-year old from Warner Robins. She moved to Statesboro in 2018. She has been involved in many shows at the Averitt, on stage and back stage. She would like to thank Tony Phillips for the opportunity to be back on stage again.



Julie Moody (*Honey Raye Futrelle*) enjoys community theater and being on stage. She is excited to perform in yet another Tony Phillips production. She previously worked with him in *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Tom Sawyer*, and *White Christmas*. Julie has lived in Statesboro 24 years (originally from Jackson, MS). She is a Special Ed Para-Professional at Mattie Lively, is married to husband Stewart and they have a 7-year-old daughter, Ellie.



Rachel Elkins (*Frankie Futrelle Dubberly*) is so excited to be a part of this hilarious show. She is especially proud to share the stage with her daughter Tate. She has been involved in several Averitt productions including *Annie*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, and *The Lady Legends of Country Music*. She would like to thank Tony Phillips for this fantastic opportunity.



Lee Walker (*Dub Dubberly*) is excited to be in another Tony Phillips production. He has performed in numerous productions at the Averitt, starting with *Oklahoma!* and his most recent production, *Mary Poppins*. Thanks dear for giving me the permission to perform.

CAST



Nichole Deal (*Twink Futrelle*) is returning to the stage, having recently appeared in *The Sunshine Boys* and *Newsies*. She has also filmed as background talent for *The Act*, *Ozark*, and *Council of Dads* that were on NBC. She has been cast as “Beatrice” in the movie *Of Myth and Legend* and will travel to New Mexico towards the end of this year for filming. She encourages everyone to support their local arts community.



Christie McLendon (*Nelda Lou Lightfoot*) is employed by Candler County Hospital but her love of performing is her true passion. Most recently she was “Medda Larkin” in last month’s *Newsies* and portrays characters from *The Andy Griffin Show* in theaters and annually on a five-day carnival cruise “A Cruise to Mayberry” and will be featured in the upcoming movie *Mayberry Man*. She and husband Mike reside in Metter.



Robert Cottle (*Justin Waverly*) currently serves as artistic director at the Averitt Center for the Arts. He also teaches private piano, guitar, and voice lessons for the Averitt Center. Robert would like to thank our director Tony Phillips for this opportunity to visit Fayro. He loves seeing the Emma Kelly stage filled with such wonderful local talent.



Jamey Saunders (*John Curtis Buntner*) is taking on his first attempt at acting since high school. He works from home in the pharmaceutical technology industry, and also drives a bus for the Bulloch County School System. The Portal native enjoys spending time camping with his wife and three children.

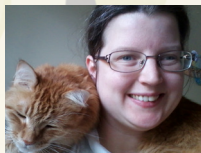


Brooks Adams (*Wiley Hicks*) has been active with the Averitt Center for the last 11 years. Appearing on and off stage as an actor, producer, director, MC, set builder, prop master, stage manager, and general cut-up. He has been in over 20 different dramatic performances at the Averitt Center. *He’s tried this “acting” thing a time or two. Or thirty-eight.*



Eileen Bayens (*Patsy Price*) is a retired educator. Since retiring, she has worked for CASA, training Volunteer Advocates for abused and neglected children in the foster care system. Eileen has acted since her college days. Her last major role was “Gloria” in *Grace and Glorie*. Recently, she appeared as the “Nurse” in *The Sunshine Boys*. Eileen made her directing debut at the Averitt in 2013 with *Count Dracula*. She has been the recipient of four Emma Awards for her directing and supporting acting roles.

CREW



Felicia Dunn (*Assistant Stage Manager*) is a local girl, who is no stranger to the Averitt Center. She's worked on and off the stage on shows like *Into the Woods*, *Annie*, *Mary Poppins*, *Steel Magnolias*, and more. It's a pleasure to work with another amazing team of cast & crew members. Special thanks to her sister and uncles for all their love and support.



Danny Hooley (*Line Coach*) has appeared in nine stage shows at the Averitt Center. His notable roles were in *Bye Bye Birdie* and his breakthrough as "Injun Joe" in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. He also appeared as "Mr. Kraler" in *The Diary of Anne Frank*. For three years, he helped develop the drama program at Portal High School. He is a graduate of Statesboro High School, class of 2003, and completed his education at the Roosevelt Institute in Warm Springs, GA.



Donna Hooley (*Assistant Director & Stage Manager*) has worked as an actor or assistant director in many shows at the Averitt Center, including *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Diary of Anne Frank*. She played "Mrs. Peterson" in *Bye Bye Birdie*. For three years, she assisted Portal High School in developing a drama program. Retired now, she was Georgia Southern University's 1999 Professor of the Year and the 2008 recipient of the Dorothy Golden Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Composition.

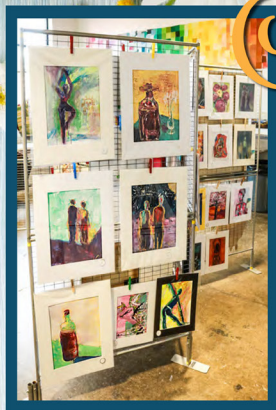


Tony Phillips (*Director*) works at the Averitt Center. He has produced, directed, and locally toured many theater productions primarily musicals and what he calls "country comedies". As a professional actor, he was cast into the Tweetsie Railroad Theme Park Palace Show, performed as the opening act for Conway Twitty, Ricky Skaggs, The Kendalls, and has appeared on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry. He and wife Diane will celebrate 30 years of marriage this year. They love their daughter and son-in-law Madison and Garrett Darsey.



Clint Tootle (*Technical Director*) is the assistant technical director at The Averitt Center for the Arts. He is a native of Bulloch County. He is thankful for the opportunity to work with Tony Phillips on *Dearly Beloved*. Clint has five years in recovery from substance use disorder and is a proud husband and daddy!

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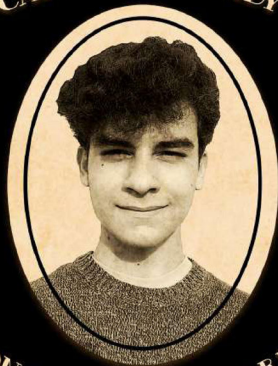
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