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*for the holidays*

**By Flip Kobler & Cindy Marcus**  
**Directed by Linda DuRant**



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December 1, 2, 3 & 4 at 7:30 PM

December 4 & 5 at 3 PM



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### Setting

A community center in south Georgia

### Time

The eve of Christmas Eve

### Act 1

Very Early in the Morning

### Act 2

Later that Day

### Cast

(in alphabetical order)

McCall Bethurem ..... Shelby  
 Katherine Cochcroft..... Pink  
 Brady Davis..... Bjorn  
 Eden Derrick..... Lily  
 Rhese DeVall..... Cassie  
 Kenzie Gable .....Bean  
 April Garrett ..... Deputy Dot  
 Parsons Harper .....Dana  
 Chloe Heim..... Nancy  
 Zoey Jackson..... Drew  
 Audrey Johnson..... Bailey  
 Manny Moitoso ..... Sheriff  
 Darlene Natili ..... Rifka  
 Russell Shealy..... Nolan  
 Chad Raynor..... Kieth  
 MacKenzie Raynor ..... Suzy

Sandy Steffen..... Flo  
 Ethan Taylor..... RJ  
 Brian Teusink..... Colby  
 Olivia Wamai ..... Toby

### Production Crew

Director ..... Linda DuRant  
 Stage Manager..... Cindy Binnicker  
 Assistant Stage Manager ..... Carter Heim  
 Producer..... Tiffany Dinsmore  
 Tech ..... Simon Marchant  
 Costumes..... Tiffany Dinsmore and the cast  
 Properties..... Jenn Heim, Owen Heim  
 House Management ..... Joan Marco  
 Set Construction..... Danny Harrington  
 Poster/Playbill Design..... Jason Jeffers  
 Playbill Editor ..... Lou Clyde  
 Rehearsal Assistant..... Christy Myllykangas

### SPECIAL THANKS:

Tiffany Dinsmore, Meesh Hays, Christy Myllykangas and Cindy Binnicker, for keeping the show going while the director was vacationing. Cheryl Jackson for headshots, Brent Harper of UniFirst Corp for supplying costumes, and the American Legion for use of their flags.

### IN MEMORY OF

**Johnny Marlowe**, teacher, performer, director and friend.

As a former board member—on stage, behind the scenes, selecting plays and directing—he taught us so much and was instrumental in what and who Chapin Theatre is today.

We will miss you, Johnny.





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## Cast and Crew *(in alphabetical order)*

**Cindy Binnicker (Stage Manager)** is ecstatic to return as stage manager for her 5th show with Chapin Theatre Company, the most recent being the award-winning *Pouf!*. Cindy shares her time backstage with Town Theatre as well, acting as stage crew for 6 of their shows, including *Hello Dolly*, *Baskerville* and *Into the Woods*. When she's not running behind the curtain, Cindy enjoys long walks on the beach, romantic picnics... wait, wrong bio! Cindy truly thanks her friends, family and local community for their continued support in all of her theatrical adventures!

**McCall Bethurem (Shelby)** is so grateful and excited to be part of such an amazing cast and crew in her debut performance with Chapin Theatre Company! As a Colorado native, McCall is no stranger to the stage. Having grown up performing in her mother's musical theatre company, McCall has performed across Europe with the USO, at Disneyland and many other venues across the Denver Metro Area. After receiving her Bachelor's in Nursing, McCall continued her passion for the arts performing around Denver as a lead dancer and performer in numerous community theatre performances such as: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Guys and Dolls*, and several Broadway revues to name a few. McCall is married to her high school sweetheart, and they live in Lexington with their three kids.

**Katherine Cochcroft (Pink)** is 11 years old and is a 6th grader at Chapin intermediate school. She began acting in plays when she was seven, playing a lemur in *Madagascar*. She was most recently in *The Jungle Book* and played the part of Shanti. She is excited to do this and excited to see what comes next!

**Brady Davis (Bjorn)** discovered his love of performing on stage at the age of 10. In 4 short years he has performed in numerous musicals, plays, recitals, dance competitions and most recently he danced in *Mamma Mia!* at Spring Hill High School and in the ballet, *Carabosse and the Curse of Sleeping Beauty* with Columbia Classical Ballet. Brady is a freshman at Spring Hill High School. He is a member of Stallion Theatre Group as well as The Headliners with Chapin Theatre Company. Brady has been trained in dance at Dance World and currently dances on Team Dance Dept. When he is not performing or rehearsing, he loves to spend time with his dogs, chickens, and ducks at home. His future plans include obtaining a degree in cosmetology and moving to NYC to pursue a dancing, acting and make-up artist career.

**Eden Derrick (Lily)** is currently in the 8th grade. At a young age, Eden began dancing, which brought their love of the stage to light. They continued to love the limelight going into elementary school, getting involved in small performances. Last year they did a one-act play, *Mythology*, playing a desperate widower. This year they'll be playing Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web*.

**Rhese DeVall (Cassie)** is 13 years old and a 7th grader at Chapin Middle School. She loves drama (and being dramatic)! When she is not on stage, Rhese loves spending time with her phone, family,

friends, her bunny (Twitch), her dog (Willow), and her phone. This is her 3rd show with CTC. Rhese has previously been seen in *The Little Mermaid* and *The Jungle Book*. Rhese sends love out to the cast and directors of *Closed for the Holidays*, her family and friends.

**Linda J. DuRant (Director)** is a long time member of Chapin Theatre Company. She serves as the Vice President and assists with House and Concessions. She retired from SC Educational Television in 2011 as Executive Producer/Director of Educational Productions. She has appeared on stage at Town Theatre and at Chapin. Favorite roles include Dolly in *Hello Dolly*, Mother Miriam Ruth in *Agnes of God*, Mama in *Mama Won't Fly*, Ann Miller in *6 Rms, Riv Vu*, Claire Gantz in *Rumors* and Sarah in *Quilters*. She is married to Billy DuRant and they will celebrate 52 years of marriage Dec. 20th. She is grateful to the many theater patrons who support Chapin Theatre Company with season memberships. PS--They make great Christmas gifts!

**Kenzie Gable (Bean)** has been doing theater for 5 years. She started acting with Chapin Theatre Company when she was 8 years old. She has been in 7 productions; four with Chapin Theater Company, 1 through the Chapin Middle School Honors Drama, and two at her elementary school. Kenzie was in *Madagascar: The Musical*, *The Little Mermaid: The Musical*, *Shrek: The Musical*, and *The Junglebook Jr.: The Musical*, as Akela and Ziggy at Chapin Theater Company. She was also in *A Midsummer's Night Dream* as Moth, one of the fairies, and *Romeo and Juliet* as Juliet, and is currently playing as one of the narrators in *Charlotte's Web*. She also enjoys singing. She has been in the chorus classes for four years. Kenzie was in the District 5 Honors Chorus from fourth grade to sixth grade. Kenzie enjoys spending time on-stage, and thanks her parents for all their help throughout her music and theater activities.

**April Garrett (Deputy Dot)** is enjoying her third production with Chapin Theater, and she is super excited to be back after a forced COVID hiatus! April was last seen in 2019's *Bah Humbug* as a society matron (aka "Old Woman #2), a wife, and a thief, as well as 2019's *Shrek the Musical* as Queen Lillian. She would like to thank her friends and family for all their support in everything she tries, especially for driving in from various parts of the state to watch her light up the stage!

**Parsons Harper (Dana)** is a 13-year-old 8th grader at Chapin Middle School. She has been in a total of 15 productions and has been in shows since she was 7. In her free time, she loves to listen to music and play her ukulele. When she is older, she hopes to continue acting as a career.

**Carter Heim (Assistant Stage Manager)** is taking a break from being on stage and is beyond excited to work behind the scenes! Carter is 11 years old and in the 6th grade. He has been in 3 previous productions with Chapin Theater. When Carter isn't involved helping the theater, you'll find him busy in the shop making welded art creations for his business.





## Cast and Crew *(in alphabetical order)*

**Chloe Heim (Nancy)** has something to say so keep your EYES on her! This is Chloe's 4th time on stage with Chapin Theater, and she can't wait to continue to grow her acting skills. Chloe is 11 years old, and in the 6th grade. When she's not on the stage you can find her on the lacrosse field, with her chickens, crocheting, reading, baking... really there's not much Chloe doesn't do!

**Zoey Jackson (Drew)** is 13 years old in 8th grade. She is experienced in dance, chorus, and drama. She has been dancing for 10 years: 8 years at The Southern Strutt, and 2 years on Chapin Girls Dance Team. She has been doing chorus since 5th grade, and currently is in the honors chorus. Some plays/shows she has been in are *The Magical Tree House*, *Greek Monologues*, *Southern Strutt Christmas Show*, *The Jungle Book* and currently *Charlotte's Web*. At the time she is a headliner for the Chapin Theater Company. Some interests of hers are roller skating, volleyball, and skateboarding. Her biggest inspirations are her parents and her aunt. She claims that they are the reason she believes in herself with subjects she enjoys. "You gotta dance like there's nobody watching."

**Audrey Johnson (Bailey)** is no stranger to the stage. Performing since she was 4 years old, her favorite roles include Katrina in *Sleepy Hollow*, Annie in *Pirates Past Noon*, Bagheera in *The Jungle Book*, Jr, and Alya in the recently released short film, *BizKidz*. Other stage credits include *Madagascar the Musical*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Shrek the Musical*, *Great American Talent Show*, *Help Desk*, *Frozen Jr*, *The Lion King Jr*, *Peter Pan Jr*, and *Fairytale Christmas Carol*. Audrey is a 7th grader at Chapin Academy, enjoys dancing at SCDC, hanging out with friends, and boating on Lake Murray. Audrey would love to be a professional working actor one day.

**Manny Moitoso (Sheriff)** is grateful to be in his first show on the Chapin Community Theatre stage. Originally from Massachusetts, he and his wife Barbara have been in South Carolina for 3 ½ years. His only regret is not moving here sooner. He would like to thank his wife for her love, support and running lines as he indulges his theatre addiction. Also thank you to all who support local arts. Because an Earth without art is just Eh.

**Darlene Natili (Rifka)** has been involved in theatre for 15 years in many of the Midlands venues. She is thrilled to be back with her delightful friends at CTC. This is her third performance at the Firehouse. By day, she loves working for UniFirst Corp. in Lexington. Enjoy the show!

**Russell Shealy (Nolan)** is appearing in his third production with the Chapin Theatre Company over as many years. He's had a productive year as an actor, working in 12 states on various films across all genres. However, being able to do what he loves near his home with new and old friends is tough to beat! Russell loves the Christmas season, and it is his first chance to be on stage at this time of year. He can't wait to share this show and a little bit of holiday fun with all of you!

**Chad Raynor (Kieth)** is excited to be joining this great cast for his first non-musical in 30 years. He has previously been in Chapin Theater musicals including *Shrek*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Madagascar*. Chad would like to thank his three wonderful daughters for getting him back into theater and his amazing wife for always supporting him.

**MacKenzie Raynor (Suzy)** has had a love of theatre for many years. She has both acted in and helped backstage for many ICRC shows including *Frozen Jr.* and *Peter Pan Jr.* as well as Chapin Theatre shows including *Shrek the Musical* and *The Little Mermaid*. She has had so much fun getting to know and working with everyone in this cast and crew and is so excited to be performing in her first "adult" role.

**Sandy Steffen (Flo)** has "played" in theater in all capacities since the 1980s and each show she participated in has been a wonderful experience, although some "more wonderful" than others. Sandy can't pick a favorite, there are too many, but two of the most enjoyable were *Baker's Wife* and *Jack's Mother* in two different productions of *Into the Woods* (Newberry Community Players and Newberry College Theatre). It has been wonderful seeing this show develop and getting to know the cast. We hope you enjoy *Closed for The Holidays* as much as we have enjoyed bringing it to you.

**Ethan Taylor (RJ)** is a 10th grader at Spring Hill High School and is very excited to be playing RJ in Chapin Theatre Company's production of *Closed for The Holidays*. He has many years of experience in the acting field. Ethan enjoys playing video games and making content. Although he has no experience of acting professionally, he aspires to be a movie actor. He would like to shoutout his dog Pongo, mom, dad, brother, aunt, and his nana and poppy.

**Brian Teusink (Colby)** is participating in his first full production since Jenison (MI) High School's 1982 performance of *West Side Story*, returning to the stage after retiring from a career in insurance/financial services. Yikes, are you scared? He would like to thank Barbara, his wife of 35 years for her love, support, and patience. AML!

**Olivia Wamai (Toby)** is a 17-year-old senior at Spring Hill High School and she's been doing theatre for about seven years. She's been in multiple productions with ICRC, Chapin Theatre, and The Stallion Theatre Group, such as *Shrek the Musical*, *A Midsummer Nights Dream*, and *Mamma Mia*. In her free time, she enjoys playing Dungeons and Dragons, dancing, and listening to podcasts. She would like to thank her family and friends for their endless support!

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Two years ago, as we set the season for the 2020 Chapin Theatre Company, I said: "I'll direct *Closed for the Holidays* in December of that year." The first show of 2020, *The Outsider*, finished with great audiences, the 2nd show, *Clue*, was cast and COVID struck! Our theatre, as did many amateur and professional, went dark.



So here we are in 2021, finally in production for *Closed for the Holidays (CAH)*, and I am realizing that putting 20 people on a stage the size of ours is indeed a miracle! I was a television producer/director for over 42 years, but that's a long way from stage directing! People in Chapin know me more for my onstage work and working in concessions. But directing has let me rediscover the joy of stage work. Our cast has 9 adults and 11 students, and their work space is tiny—to put it mildly. When everyone is backstage waiting to come on there's hardly room to breathe! A lot goes into bringing a play to life: first you cast and hope that your vision of the character can be made real by the performer you have selected. Then you begin blocking, meaning you decide when and where the characters move and ask the actors to make it real. What a joy to see multiple ages on stage act and interact with one another. They are all deeply invested in this show in terms of time, talent and imagination—and it shows.

Directing is also like teaching. As I watch rehearsals I see little things that an actor does or doesn't do that remind me of what I learned and why... how to "stay open," how not to "upstage" another actor, how to "do an open turn." A director is constantly concerned with volume, characterization, and most importantly the stage picture. The final play that you enjoy is a labor of love from the director, cast and crew to you, the audience. Thanks to the board of Chapin Theatre Company for trusting me to direct. To the audience, thank you for coming to "CAH." All of the work that we have put in to rehearsing and performing would be wasted without you. Your laughter, chuckles, "ahhs" and applause are to us the icing on the cake!

**Linda J. DuRant**



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