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# The Diviners

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**The Diviners**  
By Jim Leonard, Jr

**Cast of Characters**  
(in order of appearance)

Basil ..... David Hall  
 Dewey ..... Dean Lowman  
 Buddy ..... Aaron Storset  
 Melvin ..... Steve Hayden  
 Luella ..... Julie Bonsteel  
 Jennie Mae ..... Maggie Knott  
 C. C. Showers ..... Len Kannapell  
 Ferris ..... Danny R. Forbush  
 Norma ..... Bev Williams  
 Goldie ..... Betty Mooney  
 Darlene ..... Kym O'Leary  
 Understudy for Buddy ..... K J Long

**Time**

1928 - 1930: The Era of the Depression

**Setting**

Small and Rural Community, Indiana

**Act I**

The Earth and the Water

**Act II**

The Sky and the Water

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## Director's Bio

Don Senecal has directed more than 30 plays throughout a career that includes educational, community and professional theatre, film and television. Born and raised in Vancouver, Don holds both Bachelor and Master Degree's in Theatre Arts. Since moving to Tacoma in January, Don is looking forward to his work at the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma and more and more theatre work in the great Northwest. He is also looking for a nice, quiet place to go fishing.

## Director's Notes

The Diviners is one of the most surprisingly powerful plays I have had the pleasure of directing for a long time. It's strength of character and it's "human-ness" creates an atmosphere where the audience longs for the warmth and protection of the "solid" familiarity of the small community. However, the underlying tones of the Depression, fundamentalist religion, and the opening elegy establish a foreboding that lingers and builds. The Diviners is a play that sneaks up on you and stays for a long time.

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## Cast

**Luella, Julie Bonsteel** - This is Julie's debut at the Tacoma Little Theatre. She and her husband, Chuck, have been North Tacoma residents for two years. By day, Julie is the executive director of Faith homes, a private non profit agency that provides group homes for troubled, adolescent girls.

**Ferris Layman, Danny R Forbush** - Danny has been acting at TLT since 1983. Some of his favorite roles include Ronnie in Absurd Person Singular, The Beadle Bumble in Oliver and the scottish Knight in Camelot. Danny is active in all aspects of theatre from stage hand to Board of Directors (past member). He would like to encourage all of you to take an active part in your community theatre.

**Basil, Dave Hall** - Though relatively new to TLT, Dave has been active in area theatres. Most recently Dave has been seen as Joe and Judd in Cotton Patch Gospel and Bill Ray the dentist in On Golden Pond. Dave lives here in Tacoma and works for the Lakewood Water District. He hopes that this may be the first of many roles at TLT.

**Melvin Wilder, Steve Hayden** - Though born and raised on Whidby Island, Steve has spent the past 10 years in South Texas creating over 50 characters. Favorites

include Jack in the Importance of Being Earnest, Chicklet in Psycho Beach Party and the writer in God by Woody Allen. He wishes to thank all the great people at TLT for their encouragement and hard work towards the art of entertainment. Enjoy the show!

**C C Showers, Len Kannapell** - Len ain't blasphemed the TLT stage since last April's Lonestar as Roy. Last November, he appeared in ETC's Taming of the Shrew as the Pedant and was paid an exorbitant salary of \$75. This is a significant boost to his moonlighting job as an engineer for a small company in South Seattle, Boeing. Other TLT credits include Something's Afoot, Sly Fox, and Episode 26, which everyone forgets. Like C C Showers, Len is 30 and he ain't a Hoosier. He hails from prospect, KY.

**Jennie Mae Layman, Maggie Knott** - Maggie is currently a junior at Stadium High School and is pleased to be making her TLT debut. Recent credits include Ethel Thayer in On Golden Pond at Stadium, Miss Maple in The Butler Did It for Tacoma Musical Theater, and Madame Thenedier in musical selections from Les Miserables for the opening of the Rialto Theater. Among her favorite roles are Honour in Tom Jones and Jessie in The Lottery. She would like to continue acting throughout her life and is

hoping to attend the Oregon Shakespeare Seminar for High School Juniors in Ashland this summer.

**Buddy, James "K J" Long** - KJ, an 18 year old college student majoring in Theatre Arts/Teaching, intends to work professionally as an actor in theatre. Since his first play in 5th grade, K J has been involved with drama. Besides acting in six plays before this production he directed a one-act play called To Burn a Witch by James L Bray.

**Dewey, Dean Lowman** - Dean, a senior at Spanaway Lake High School, is pleased to be making his first appearance at TLT. Recent credits include Ronnie from House of Blue Leaves, Jeff in The Curious Savage and Bruno in Nourish the Beast. In addition he has taken numerous drama classes at Spanaway Lake High. In the future, he hopes to attend the Cornish School of the Arts.

**Goldie, Betty Mooney** - Betty last appeared at TLT in Pass the Butler and has performed at other theaters in the area, most recently in Cotton Patch Gospel at Lakewood Players. She is a member of Memorie Singers, the founder of SENIORS on STAGE, and can be seen occasionally on Channel 11 TV as one of the co-hosts on "60+".

**Darlene, Kym O'Leary** - Kym is a recent graduate from Pacific Lutheran University, and is presently working as a substitute teacher for a local school district. This is Kym's first acting experience other than drama classes at Tacoma Community College. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Parkland with their two dogs, two cats and two pet mice.

**Buddy, Aaron Storset** - Aaron has been in several plays including The Crucible, Grease, Anything Goes, and The Mikado at his high school and the title role in Oliver at TLT. He has also worked in television including Dangerous Affection and Child in the Night, and was in the motion picture Dog Fight.

**Norma, Bev Williams** - Bev has played major roles at TLT, Lakewood Players and Performance Circle for 25 years, including Steel Magnolias, Everybody Loves Opal, and See How They Run. As a photo-journalist she sold many articles to major magazines and newspapers, based on world travels with her husband Herb. She models and acts for TV, newspaper and radio advertising. Volunteering has included "Music Time" with children at her church and Hilltop, commentating for Goodwill Vintage Style Shows, and work with McNeil Island and Purdy prisoners.

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**Costumer, Linda Freyberg** - After two rough years in Western State, and a narrow escape, Linda was taken under TLT's wing. TLT made her the domineering vixen she is today (and one hell of a costumer). Not really familiar with theatre, TLT has decided to continue shock therapy treatment. Linda's dream is to someday costume Oh Calcutta.

**Co-Light Designer, Len Kannapell** - Len's most recent lighting designs were for Annie Wright School's The Miracle Worker in Feb. and TLT's Bullshot Crummond last fall. His light/set design for Laundry and Bourbon/Lonestar in April was completed despite help from his special assistant, Terry R Gibson.

**Costume Designer, Shae Marcellino** - This is Shae's first time with TLT, though she is no stranger to the stage. Besides directing high school plays, Shae has performed with small theatre companies and anticipates more acting and directing.

**Assistant Director/Stage Manager, Ed Miller** - A native of New York, Ed received two college degrees from San Francisco State. He also studied at the Directors Division of Lee Strasberg's actors studio. He has directed over 10 plays in the Los Angeles area and has also assisted directed the production of Skylark for the Los Angeles Olympic Arts Festival.

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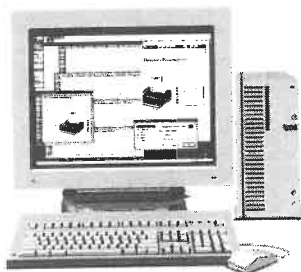
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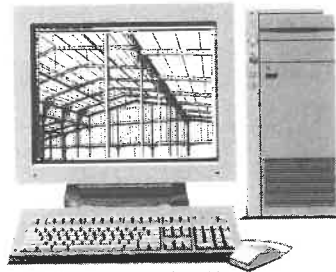
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Director .....	Don Senecal
Stage Manager / Assistant Director .....	Ed Miller
Production Manager .....	Danny R Forbush
Set Design .....	Steve Hayden
Light Designers .....	Steve Hayden, Len Kannapell
Assistant to Mrs. Hayden & Kannapell .....	Terry Gibson
Costume Designer .....	Shae Marcellana
Costumer .....	Linda Freyberg
Properties .....	Linda Duley
Technical Director .....	Steve Hayden
Master Electrician .....	Len Kannapell
Master Carpenter .....	Steve Hayden
Set Construction .....	Dave Duley, Danny Forbush, Shae Marcellana, Linday Freyberg, Dean Lowman, Nelson Fiesterman
Lighting Operator .....	Gary Huston
Sound Operator .....	Louie Krigsman
Sound Crew .....	Shannon Nichols
Light Crew .....	Gary Huston, Danny Forbush, Dave Duley, Len Kannapell, Steve Hayden, Shannon Nichols, Louie Krigsman

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