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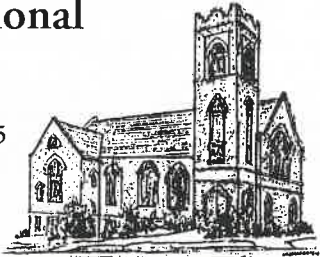
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<i>Edward P. Mitchell</i>	<i>Charlie Ybarra</i>
<i>Frank P. Church</i>	<i>John Munn</i>
<i>Virginia O'Hanlon</i>	<i>Sara Allen</i>
<i>James O'Hanlon</i>	<i>jc mumbach</i>
<i>Evie O'Hanlon</i>	<i>Terra Lea Allen</i>
<i>Sean O'Hanlon</i>	<i>Brady Morrison</i>
<i>Dominic Donneli</i>	<i>Tore of the Birkedal</i>
<i>Celeste Donneli</i>	<i>Deya Ozburn</i>
<i>Maria Donneli</i>	<i>Sophia Hamilton</i>
<i>Susan</i>	<i>Sonya Meyer</i>
<i>Julie</i>	<i>Sarah Fridovich</i>
<i>Andrea Borland</i>	<i>Andrea Hager</i>
<i>Teddy/Shorty/Newsboy</i>	<i>Michael Bennett</i>
<i>Mrs. Goldstein</i>	<i>Betzy J. Miller</i>
<i>Goss/Mr. Schuller/Police Officer/Tom Pryor</i>	<i>David Hill</i>
<i>Chambers/O'Hara/Shannon</i>	<i>David B. Bennett</i>
<i>Barrington/Red</i>	<i>John Pfaffe</i>
<i>George/Sgt. Flynn/Scotty</i>	<i>Jon Bartholomew</i>
<i>Otho/Police Officer</i>	<i>Jack Daniel</i>
<i>Sam/Thief</i>	<i>Rick Daniel</i>

Carolers

*Margaret Daniel, Katey Daniel, Kira Relaford, Deya Ozburn
David B. Bennett, Tore of the Birkedal, David Hill*

Directed by

David L. Bennett

Musical Director

David Duvall

Stage Manager

Rebecca Rex

Costume Design

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Scenic Design

J.D. Cullen

Lighting Design

Julianne Keenan

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Cast Biographies

Sara Allen, Virginia O'Hanlon

Sara's finest achievements include winning the school pie eating contest and acting on the Tacoma Little Theatre stage. When she grows up, she wants to be President of the United States or a world famous soccer player, or both.

Terra Lea Allen, Evie O'Hanlon

Terra Lea played *Miep* in last season's *Diary of Anne Frank*, and simply loves being on Tacoma Little Theatre's stage with her daughter, Sara, and all these great folks!

Jon Bartholomew, George/Sgt. Flynn/Scotty

After a fifteen year hiatus from the stage, Jon was in Tacoma Little Theatre's *Diary of Anne Frank* last season, and the Pierce County Playwright's Festival 2000.

David B. Bennett, Chambers/O'Hara/Shannon

David returns to the stage after years of mostly church dramas, such as *Living Last Supper*. He is pleased to perform with his son, Michael.

Michael Bennett, Teddy/Shorty/Newsboy

Michael is pleased to return to Tacoma Little Theatre for his fourth performance. Previously, he played the title roles in both *Pinocchio* and *Peter Pan*.

Tore of the Birkedal, Dominic Donneli

Tore is a graduate of the Evergreen State College with a liberal arts degree, emphasis in performance, poetry and theatre.

Jack Daniel, Otho/Police Officer

Jack was last seen at Tacoma Little Theatre in *Twelve Angry Men*. "It's great knowing where my family is at night." Jack is also a regular participant in Tacoma Little Theatre's Performance Garage.

Katey Daniel, Caroler

Katey has been involved with theatre in the Tacoma area since she was 4 years old. She was last seen in Tacoma Little Theatre's production of *Peter Pan*. "Thanks everyone!"

Margaret Daniel, Caroler

Margaret was last seen as *Sister Sophia* in Tacoma Little Theatre's production of *The Sound of Music*. "Thank you David for the fun opportunity for our whole family to act together!"

Rick Daniel, Sam/Thief

Rick has been involved in many of Tacoma Little Theatre's recent productions. He was last seen as the *Queen of Hearts* in *Alice in Wonderland* ...Seriously.

Sarah Fridovich, Julie

Sarah has been involved in various community theatres since she was seven. She is currently a freshman at Lakes High School in Lakewood. This is Sarah's Tacoma Little Theatre debut.

Andrea Hager, Andrea Borland

Andrea is glad to be back doing another show with Tacoma Little Theatre, her last being last season's *Diary of Anne Frank*. "Thanks John and Betz. Love you, Don Don."

Sophia Hamilton, Maria Donneli

Sophia is twelve years old, and attends Hunt Middle School in Tacoma. She would like to thank all those that helped with this wonderful performance, and she hopes you enjoy the show.

David Hill, Goss/Mr. Schuller/Police Officer/Tom Pryor

This is David's first return to the stage in over twenty years. He last played *Jonathan Brewster* in *Arsenic & Old Lace*, and *Stewpot* in *South Pacific* in high school. This is his first community theatre production, and he hopes to return.

Sonya Meyer, Susan

Last seen in the title role of this summer's *Alice in Wonderland*, Sonya has appeared in many shows, and sings with the Tahoma Girls Choir. She loves to ski and swim.

Betzy J. Miller, Mrs. Goldstein

This is Betzy's eighth show at Tacoma Little Theatre. She was last seen as *Mrs. Pearce* in *My Fair Lady*. "I love you Chi Chi and Shaneequa! Thanks Iris."

Brady Morrison, Sean O'Hanlon

At age 5, Brady enjoyed playing the *Changling Boy* in Curtis High School's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He was little *Michael* in Tacoma Little Theatre's *Peter Pan*. He now plays another little brother in this show. Off stage, he has four older siblings, so he has a lot of practice.

jc mumbach, James O'Hanlon

Mr. Mumbach is a graduate of PATP at Mildred Street University (TCC), and is a veteran of many Pierce County Playwrights' Festival productions. He is pleased to be working with Rebecca Rex and David Bennett in his Tacoma Little Theatre debut.

John Munn, Frank P. Church

John feels very fortunate to have been involved in local theatres as an actor, director and producer. Recent roles at Tacoma Little Theatre include *Juror #4* in *Twelve Angry Men* and *Mr. Van Daan* in *Diary of Anne Frank*. He is currently pursuing his BFA in Directing at PLU.

Deya Ozburn, Celeste Donneli

Deya made her Tacoma Little Theatre debut in last season's *My Fair Lady*. She is glad to be back with her new family again. "Thanks Mom! Merry Christmas!"

John Pfaffe, Barrington/Red

John has been acting around the world for 35 years. For Tacoma Little Theatre, he has appeared in *Sound of Music*, *A Thousand Clowns*, *Lend Me a Tenor* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Kira Kristyne Relaford, Caroler

This is Kira's first appearance at Tacoma Little Theatre. Last summer, she had a starring role in the Tacoma Actor's Guild program.

Charlie Ybarra, Edward P. Mitchell

Charlie last appeared as *Col. Pickering* in Tacoma Little Theatre's *My Fair Lady*, and he's happy to be back playing *Edward Mitchell*. Kudos to this cast and everyone involved, for making "magic" on stage.

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Francis P. Church
The New York Sun, 1897

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 Assistant Stage Manager, Performance.....Adam Morlen
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 Scenic Construction.....Ryan Coleman, Loren Osier, Mike Osier, Matt Osier, Gini Hawkins,
 Sarah Holt, Larry Davidson, Maggie Salazar, Marv Coleman
 Properties.....Tracy Berryman, Erin O'Donnell
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 Fight Choreography.....John Munn Choral Leader.....Margaret Daniel
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Staff Biographies

David L. Bennett, Director

David is pleased to be working with the wonderful cast and crew at Tacoma Little Theatre. Recent credits include *Dog Opera* (Northwest Actors Studio), *Hay Fever* (Peterborough Players) and *The Secret Garden* (The 5th Avenue Theatre). "For Luanne."

David Duvall, Musical Director

David is a Kirkland-based musician and composer who has received two Emmy nominations for Best Original Music. A Tacoma Little Theatre veteran, this is his 203rd theatrical production -- not all of them have been here.

Rebecca Rex, Stage Manager

Becca returns to Tacoma Little Theatre during a lull in her college education. With only two classes at TCC and a full time job, Becca felt she could squeeze a little TLT into her schedule.

Naarah McDonald-Kelley,

Assistant Stage Manager, Rehearsal

Naraah's mother infected her with the theatre bug at a young age. She has worked with the Pierce County Playwrights' Festival for two years, and has recently and happily joined the TLT family. "Special thanks to C.P. Stancich for introducing me to Tacoma's theatre community."

Adam Morlen,

Assistant Stage Manager, Performance

Adam is a native son of Tacoma, and a long time theatre enthusiast. He has worked in technical production for Tacoma Actor's Guild and Tacoma Repertory. He is relieved to be involved in theatre again after an inadvertent dry spell.

Peggy Adams, Costume Designer

This is Peggy's third show with Tacoma Little Theatre having costumed last season's production of *My Fair Lady* (for which she won her first TLT award for *Best Costumes*) and this season's *Pump Boys & Dinettes*. Busy running her costume shop in Puyallup and taking care of her family, Peggy always looks forward to her next show.

Tracy Berryman, Properties

In the past ten years at TLT, Tracy has enjoyed set designing, painting, sewing and propping! "Thanks to my indulgent husband Chris, my best friend Alex and the Tacoma Little Theatre family."

J.D. Cullen, Scenic Design

This is Judy's eighteenth scenic design for Tacoma Little Theatre. She has also been on staff at TLT as Production Manager since 1993. As a professional scenic designer, Judy has worked for numerous theatres including The Bathhouse Theatre in Seattle, Portland's Musical Theatre Company, Tacoma Actor's Guild, and PBS affiliate KBTC.

Julianne Keenan, Lighting Designer

Julie is pleased to be working with TLT for the first time. She has also designed for Velocity Dance Studio, Village Theatre, Seattle Shakespeare Company, Bainbridge Performing Arts, Two Roads Theatre Ensemble and the Seattle Festival of Alternative Dance and Improvisation. She also works with IATSE Local 15. Julie holds a BA from Oberlin College in Ohio in Theatre and History.

Erin O'Donnell, Properties

Erin came our way from San Diego. Locally, she has worked for TAG, and Tacoma Repertory where she also directed their popular 1999 production of *Scrooge Revisited*. She is the proud mom of Rachel and Rebecca. This is Erin's fifth TLT production.