

GENEVA COLLEGE

# THEATER

PROGRAM

## **Vintage Hitchcock:**

**A Live Radio Play**

**By Joe Landry**

**October 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>**

**7:30 p.m.**



## **It's a Wonderful Life:**

**A Live Radio Play**

**By Joe Landry**

**November 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 p.m.**



# The Geneva College Theater Program

presents:



AND



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This show complies with Geneva College's Covid-19 Safety Guidelines as approved by the Geneva College CERT committee

# NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Welcome to the Geneva College Theater Program. We are proud to present *Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play* and *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. These two shows are based on the idea that stories bring us together, no matter the medium. During these challenging times it is essential that we remember the power of good stories and the individual imagination to bridge the gap of distance and unite us all. These shows remind us of a time when families would gather around their radios in the evenings and tune in to a radio show together, along with thousands of others around the country, and we hope to bring a little of that experience to you. We are so glad to have been able to gather for this show, and we hope you enjoy the stories we tell as we seek to navigate the distances between us, both old and new.

Warmly,  
Mindy

**MINDY WILLIAMS - Director of the Geneva College Theater Program** Mindy is a Geneva College alumna who has been working for 21 years in the theater. She has directed four musicals, including *Tuck Everlasting*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Little Women*, and *The Spitfire Grill*. She has also directed several plays including *Jane Eyre*, and *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, as well as co-directing *Ovid's Metamorphoses*. During the summer, Mindy serves as the camp director for Geneva College Musical Theater Camp, which has been serving the community for ten years. Musical Theater Camp teaches acting, dance, and voice to middle school through high school students in Beaver Falls and the surrounding communities. Mindy would like to thank her cast, crew, and staff for all their time and talents, and for making these shows possible.



# **Vintage Hitchcock:**

**A Live Radio Play**

**By Joe Landry**



# CAST OF CHARACTERS

**Benjamin Wiegers** as Jack Parker performing the roles of Stage Manager, Swing, and Talbot

**Jackson Wright** as Jimmy McGhee performing the role of Foley Artist

**Laura Miller** as Kay McCormack performing the role of Foley Artist

**Ashley Nicole Peterson** as Sophie Draper reading the role of Announcer

**Laura Cradduck** as Peggy McIntire reading the roles of: Ellen Bunting, Power Plant Operator 1, Salesman (woman), Mrs. Jones, Unsatisfied Costumer, Newsboy, Man 1 on Aberdeen Express, and Innkeeper

**Caleb Vander Plaats** as Ronald Livingstone reading the roles of: Robert, Verloc, Patron 3, Mr. Memory, Man 1 at Music Hall, Coroner, Ticket Merchant, Police 2, Driver, Professor Bartlett, and Alfred

**George Della Piazza** as Norman Maxwell reading the roles of: Sleuth, Vladimir, Man 2 at Power Plant, Patron 2, The Professor, Bus Collector, Ted's Boss, Waiter, Hollingshead, and Richard Hannay

**Reyna Vincent** as Marilyn Ross reading the roles of Daisy, Power Plant Operator 2, Renee, Woman with puppy on bus, and Pamela Stewart

**Mikki Steele** as Mary Jane Fielding reading the roles of: Woman in Prologue, Newsboy, Winnie, Woman at Music Hall, Man 2 on Aberdeen Express, Waitress, and Usherette

**Jared Miles** as Guy Westbrook reading the roles of: Ticket Seller, Mr. Cannot, Ted Spencer, Man 1 at Power Plant, Man on Bus, Man in Crowd, Officer, Manager, Man 2 at Music Hall, Conductor, Police 1, George (the Butler), Joe, Detective, and Doctor

**Caleigh McCreedy** as Dorothy Clark reading the roles of Stevie, Patron 1, Annabella Smith, Cigarette Girl, Newsboy

# SHOW SUMMARY

**Setting:** WBFR Radio Station

**Time:** October 1940's

A group of 1940's radio stars come together for a night of chills and thrills as they retell the stories of three famous Hitchcock films.

In *The Lodger*, Ellen and Robert Bunting are forced to rent a room in their Whitechapel home to a sinister lodger in order to bring their daughter Daisy home. Meanwhile, a mysterious murderer targets girls in London's Whitechapel district.

In *Sabotage*, Winnie, her husband Verloc, and her brother Stevie run a family cinema in London. A night of sabotage leads to an investigation into the family. While the police suspect they are involved, Ted Spencer, the detective assigned to investigate, believes Winnie and Stevie are innocent.

In *The 39 Steps*, Richard Hannay is entrusted with important information by the mysterious Annabella Smith. During his search for a man Annabella mentions, he meets Pamela Stewart and must convince her to help him save government secrets from a group of foreign agents.

There will be a five minute intermission during the show.

# CAST



**LAURA CRADDUCK — Peggy MacIntire**

Laura Cradduck is a junior here at Geneva, majoring in communication disorders and a minor in Spanish. She has a history of acting; her favorite roles were Lord Farquaad in *Shrek!* and Nana in last year's Geneva theatre production of *Tuck Everlasting*. She would like to thank everyone for watching the show despite the present circumstances, and she wishes you a thrilling and suspenseful experience while watching these Hitchcock classics.



**GEORGE DELLA PIAZZA — Norman Maxwell**

George Della Piazza is a junior biblical studies major here at Geneva. He is playing the roles of Sleuth, Richard Hannay, and others in *Vintage Hitchcock*. This is the eighth show that he has acted in and his second Geneva College production. He is especially excited for this production because of his long-time passion for voice acting. He is also certain that you will enjoy the show!



**\*CALEIGH MCCREADY — Dorothy Clark**

Caleigh McCready is a sophomore social studies education major with a writing minor from Enon Valley, Pennsylvania and she is delighted to be returning to the Geneva stage, playing Dorothy Clark as Annabella, Stevie, and others in *Vintage Hitchcock*, as well as a foley artist in *It's a Wonderful Life*. Last year, she was in *Tuck Everlasting*'s ensemble and was the assistant costumer for *Where There's a Will, There's a Way*. Prior to college, she was in five high school productions, her favorite being *Little Women*, where she played Beth March. She would like to thank Mindy, as always, for all of the work she put into coordinating two productions at the same time, and Mikki Steele and Laura Miller for being her partners in crime (and perfectly lawful conduct).



# CAST



**JARED MILES — Guy Westbrook**

Jared Miles is a sophomore computer science major here at Geneva College. He has lived in Beaver Falls his entire life so far and started his theater career in his sophomore year of high school. All of the shows he has done in his career includes Beaver Falls': Into the Woods (ensemble), Les Mis (Marius), Guys and Dolls (Benny Southstreet) and his first Geneva College performance Tuck Everlasting (Man in the Yellow Suit). In 2019 Jared has won the Best Supporting Actor Award in the 25th annual Henry Mancini Awards. Jared is excited to do another show with Mindy Williams.



**LAURA MILLER — Kay McCormick**

Laura Miller is beyond thrilled to be cast as Clarence Oddbody A.S.2, in *It's A Wonderful Life!* She will also debut as a foley artist in *Vintage Hitchcock*. As a junior writing major, Laura enjoys storytelling in all shapes and forms and has been cast in previous Geneva theater productions of *The Lion*, *The Witch and the Wardrobe*, *Metamorphoses*, and *Where There's a Will, There's a Way*. She would like to thank Mindy Williams for all the magic she has brought to the theater program, Courtney Cook for listening to her goofy voices as she practiced for auditions, Mikki Steele and Caleigh McCready for loving her



**ASHELY NICOLE PETERSON — Sophie Draper**

Ashley Nicole Peterson is a junior biblical studies major with minors in philosophy and writing. She is from Piqua, Ohio. She has performed in multiple Geneva Theatre productions including *The Lion*, *the Witch*, and *the Wardrobe* and *Where There's a Will There's a Way*. Ashley would like to thank her family for all their love and support.



# CAST



**\*MIKKI STEELE — Mary Jane Fielding**

Mikki Steele is a sophomore history education major from Williamsport, Pennsylvania. She is excited to be back in the Bagpiper for the radio shows! She was last seen onstage in *Tuck Everlasting* and helping behind the scenes in *Where There's a Will, There's a Way*. Previously, she has been involved in fourteen other plays or musicals as either an actor, crew member, or director. Some of her favorite roles have been Jo March in *Little Women*, Mrs. Mushnik in *Little Shop of Horrors*, and Sir Studley in *Once Upon a Mattress*. She would like to thank Caleigh and Laura for always putting a smile on her face and being down for a movie night, no matter the time.



**CALEB VANDER PLAATS — Ronald Livingstone**

Caleb Vander Plaats is a junior nursing major from New Galilee, Pennsylvania. Previous shows he has been in at Geneva College include: *The Lion the Witch and Wardrobe*, *Metamorphoses* and *Where There's a Will There's a Way*. He has been cast in a variety of roles for this fall's performance and is excited to help bring the production of *Vintage Hitchcock* into the comfort of your homes. He would like to thank the director Mindy Williams for her creative genius and seemingly endless patience. He would also like to thank all stage crew members; without whose help this show would not be possible.



**\*REYNA VINCENT — Marilyn Ross**

Reyna Vincent is a junior majoring in history and minoring in writing. She has been in Geneva's productions of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Metamorphoses*, *Tuck Everlasting*, and *Where There's a Will There's a Way*. She is exceedingly thankful to be doing theater this fall and is very thankful to be part of such an amazing and talented cast.

# CAST



## **JACKSON WRIGHT — Jimmy McGhee**

Jackson Wright, a sophomore linguistics/music double major from Syracuse NY, is new to Geneva's theatre scene and is very excited to be a foley artist for *Vintage Hitchcock*. Although Geneva's theatre program is untrod ground for him, theatre in general has his footprints all over it. He appeared in his middle school and high school musicals every year in roles ranging from general ensemble to the Genie in *Aladdin*. When not on stage, Jackson enjoys memorizing pi, learning and creating languages, doing accents and voices, and singing with a campus band, RJB.

## **BENJAMIN WIEGERS — Jack Parker**

Benjamin Wieggers is immensely pleased to be a part of *Vintage Hitchcock*! He is a freshman communication major from Hudson, New Hampshire, with a concentration in public relations. This is his first production at Geneva College, and he is excited to participate in many shows to come! He wants to thank his high school theater director Laura Smith for always supporting him in his theatrical endeavors.



\*Cast members who are marked with an asterisk are roommates, which allows them to be seated together rather than six feet apart.



A close-up photograph of a holly branch with dark green, spiky leaves and clusters of bright red berries. The berries are in sharp focus in the foreground, while the background is softly blurred.

# **It's a Wonderful Life:**

**A Live Radio Play  
By Joe Landry**



# CAST OF CHARACTERS

**Kyle O’Keefe** as Jake Laurents reading the role of George Bailey

**Katie Howard** as Sally Applegate reading the role of Mary Hatch

**Laura Miller** as Kay McCormack reading the roles of Clarence, Ruth, Mrs. Hatch, Sadie Vance, and Zuzu

**Jon Lowery** as Harry “Jazzbo” Heywood reading the roles of Potter, Harry, Old Man Gower, Bert, Martini, Old man Collins, Charlie, Tommy, and Binky

**Noah Haswell** as Freddie Filmore reading the roles of Announcer, Bridge-keeper, Pete, Man (At Martini’s), Horace the Teller, Cop, and Sheriff

**Knox Tweed** as Raymond Strickland reading the roles of Ernie, Billy, Joseph, Peter Bailey, Sam Wainwright, Nick, Dr. Campbell, Ed, and Mr. Welsh

**Elle Snyder** as Lana Sherwood reading the roles of Violet, Rose Bailey, Matilda, Mrs. Thompson, Janie, and Schultz

**Megan Heissner** as Debbie Daley performing the roles of Stage Manager and Swing

**John Box** as Eddie Cooper performing the role of foley artist

**Caleigh McCready** as Dorothy Clark performing the role of foley artist

# SHOW SUMMARY

**Setting:** WBFR Radio Station

**Time:** October 1940's

A group of 1940's radio stars join together for a jolly evening of holiday fun as they tell the story of George Bailey, a small town boy whose family runs the local Building and Loan company. George longs for adventure but must deal with the ever increasing demands of loyalty to his hometown and the people who he loves. As the town's way of life is threatened by greedy old man Potter who seeks to control the town and everyone in it, George must decide whether to go or stay. Over the course of the evening, the radio stars will delve into the true meaning of wealth, and the powerful impact a single life can have. There will be a five minute intermission during the show.

# CAST



## **JOHN BOX — Eddie Cooper**

John Box is a freshman from Beaver Falls. John was very involved in musical theater at Beaver Falls High School. He was cast as Crutchie in *Newies* his Senior year, and he is excited to get the chance to finally perform the role this May along with the original cast. He also played a Crap shooter in *Guys and Dolls* (2019), Courfeyrac in *Les Misérables* (2018), and a Little Pig in *Into the Woods* (2017). This year John took on the challenge of doing live sound effects for *It's a Wonderful Life*, and we hope to see him on the Geneva stage singing and dancing in the future.



## **NOAH HASWELL — Freddie Filmore**

Noah Haswell is a sophomore and middle education major who lives in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. He enjoys being in musicals and plays, and he also likes to play golf and video games. This is his third show at Geneva College. He was previously in *Tuck Everlasting* (Ensemble, Winnie's Son) and *Where There's a Will, There's a Way* (Jacques, Salerio). He would like to thank his family, friends, Mindy, and the cast members for their constant support. He is excited to be going live to announce *It's a Wonderful Life* and hopes you enjoy the show!



## **MEGAN HEISSNER — Stage Manager**

Megan Heissner is a freshman at Geneva College. She is an accounting CPA major and hails from Ohio. Although she has been in many play productions such as *The Matchmaker* and *Pride and Prejudice*, this will be her first play at Geneva. She would like to thank her parents for getting her so far and also her accounting advisor for encouraging her to continue pursuing theater.



# CAST



**KATIE HOWARD — Sally Applegate**

Katie

Howard is a senior communication disorders major minoring in Teaching English as a Second Language. Prior to coming to Geneva, she lived most of her life in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea as a missionary kid. Her past shows include *A Play About a Dragon*, *The Curious Savage*, *Almost, Maine*, Geneva College Theater *Student-Directed One Acts*, and Geneva College's production of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. She is thrilled to be involved in bringing this Christmas classic to life and has had so much fun in the process. She would like to thank Mindy for her hard work to make theater possible in this season and for her dedication to every aspect of the production. She would also like to thank the rest of the cast and crew for being such a joy to work with. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**JON LOWERY — Harry “Jazzbo” Heywood**

Jon

Lowery is a junior pursuing a double major in history and biblical studies. When not on campus he lives with his family in Freedom, Pennsylvania. Jon acted in multiple plays throughout high school, including key roles in *The Hiding Place*, *Our Hearts Were Young and Gay*, and *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Jon has also been in multiple productions at Geneva College, including *Tuck Everlasting*, *Where There's a Will, There's a Way*, and *24-Hour Theater*. Jon is thrilled to be back in the theater this year after quarantine. Because of his love for voice acting and the movie version of *It's a Wonderful Life*, he feels especially honored to be in this show.



**KYLE O'KEEFE — Jake Laurents**

Kyle O'Keefe is a senior chemistry major, and he has been participating in the Theater Program ever since his first semester at Geneva. He has performed in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *An Ideal Husband*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Metamorphoses*, *Tuck Everlasting*, and *Where There's a Will, There's a Way*. He has also directed and acted in the Student Directed *One Acts*. Kyle is honored to bring to life the role of George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life*.

# CAST

## **ELLE SNYDER — Lana Sherwood**

Elle Snyder is a senior history and English literature double major from Tonopah, Nevada. She has previously appeared as Olivia from *Twelfth Night* in Geneva College Theater production *Where There's a Will, There's a Way*. She would like to thank her fiancé Ben Kennedy for his constant support, and Mel Blanc of Looney Tunes for inspiring her childhood dreams of voice acting, now fulfilled.



## **KNOX TWEED — Raymond Strickland**

Knox Tweed is a junior environmental engineering major from Winchester, Kansas. This is his first production for Geneva College, and he is really excited to take on voice acting as a medium of theater. He would like to thank his parents, James and Jill Tweed, and his siblings for encouraging him to be a well-rounded individual. He would also like to thank the members of Geneva College theater for dragging—sorry—*encouraging* him to audition for the show this year.

# PRODUCTION STAFF



## **MELANIE KATIP — Music Director**

Melanie is excited to be returning to Geneva Theater as Music Director. Previous shows at Geneva have been *Little Women*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and *Tuck Everlasting*. Melanie has been involved in Beaver Falls' musicals for the last 7 years as both vocal director and director, winning Mancini Awards for best overall show and best director. She has also seen two of her lead actors participate in the National High School Musical Theater Awards in New York City. In the summer, Melanie is one of the directors for Geneva College Musical Theatre Camp. Melanie received her undergrad in music education from Calvin College, and her Masters in education from Grace College.



## **STEPHEN FRY — Scenic Designer/Technical Director**

Stephen Fry is working on a dual major in mechanical and electrical engineering. He is from Chicago, Illinois. Stephen worked as student technical director and assistant stage manager at Chicago Christian High School. During his final two years of high school, Stephen worked as assistant light designer for Trinity Christian College. Since coming to Geneva, Stephen has worked as the light and set designer for the Bagpiper Theater.



## **JORDAN GABERT — Stage Manager**

Jordan Gabert is a psychology major. She is from New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania. She has done work for *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *Metamorphoses*, *Tuck Everlasting*, and *Where There's a Will There's a Way*. She would like to thank Kaylee Magee and Laura Maksin for being the other part to a perfectly working triangle.



# PRODUCTION STAFF



## **MICHAELA SPRINGER — Stage Manager**

Michaela Springer is a junior writing major from Evansville, Indiana. She has served as stage crew for Geneva's productions of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Tuck Everlasting*, and for *24-Hour Theater*; and is serving as stage manager for *Vintage Hitchcock*. She would like to thank Jordan Gabert for asking her to stage manage alongside her; as well as her dear friends, professors, and her dog back home, for being eternal supports through everything the past few years.



## **SHILA TOZIER — Crew Member**

Shila Tozier is a senior elementary education major with a Spanish minor. She was in the *24-Hour Theater Project* last November. She has been a fan of theater and acting her whole life. This is her first time as a crew member and she is excited to work with the cast and get to know how the theater works, to explore one of her passions! She also hopes to be in more productions before graduation. She is grateful to Mindy and the entire cast and crew for taking her on so she can be a part of the team!



## **SARAH ERNEY — Marketing Director**

Sarah Erney graduated from Geneva with a double major in literature and writing in 2020 and is now a graduate student in the higher education program at Geneva College. She has loved theater since middle school, and is excited to be able to continue working with the Geneva College Theater Program which she was a part of as an undergraduate in shows such as *Ovid's Metamorphoses*, *Tuck Everlasting*, and *Where There's a Will There's a Way*. Sarah is grateful for the efforts of everyone in the theater family that make theater possible and keep everyone safe.

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A vintage microphone on a stand is centered in the background. The microphone has a circular grille with a mesh pattern. Above the grille is a semi-circular sign with the words "ON THE AIR" in a stylized, bold font. The stand is a simple, dark-colored pole with a circular base.

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