

Jefferson Community Theatre Presents

*Yes Virginia,  
There is a Santa Claus*

by Andrew J. Fenady

Based upon the teleplay by  
Val DeCrowl and Andrew J. Fenady.

Directed by Christine Dalton



Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 pm  
Saturday, December 3rd at 2:30 pm  
Sunday, December 4th at 2:30 pm

at the Jefferson Civic Center  
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# Welcome

Welcome to our production of 'Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus'. This is our very first Christmas production, and we are so glad that you have decided to join us for this delightful story. Whether you are a long time supporter of Jefferson Community Theatre, or this is your first time joining us, we thank you. Putting together a production takes many hands, and we are grateful for every one. There are those that you will see performing today, those that greeted you at the door, those that worked behind the scenes, and those of you holding this program right now. You are part of this show as much as any of the others, and we are humbled that you are here with us today.

Jefferson Community Theatre started in 2009 as a vision from a group of local citizens. Over the years we have put on a variety of productions involving a multitude of people. We would be honored to have you share your time and talents with us, on or off stage. We have volunteer opportunities to fit an array of time availability and interests. From selling ads to local businesses (please support those businesses that support us), acting on stage, building, painting, directing, and so much more! Please take a moment to speak to a board member to help you get involved.

Now sit back and enjoy being part of the live studio audience for a broadcast radio performance by The Mummers Little Theater of the Air.

We look forward to seeing you next year and for many more years to come; bringing quality entertainment for and by our community. Again, we thank you for joining us and wish you a wonderful holiday season!

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# *From the Director*

"The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see." Frank Church wrote these words as you will hear today in this show. The real part of this experience of this show has been in the connections that have been made in the last several weeks, deep ones rooted in the most raw of human emotions. Every show I have been a part of carries with it some magic, but this one brought something extra. It is hard to put into words the magic of watching this cast connect with each other, with themselves as individuals, and with this story.

I want to thank the cast for trusting me to push them to explore their talents and the nuances of this story, and for being vulnerable enough in their own stories to really connect with the characters they are portraying. Additionally, I want to thank Madeline Farnham in being willing to serve as Assistant Director and Stage Manager; it has been a joy to see her grow over the years and take on this new challenge. I thank the Board of Directors for saying yes to a new idea of trying this holiday show, and the Civic Center staff for helping with various tasks related to this production. I am grateful for the families who sacrifice time with their parent / child / friend so that you may now get to see this show with them in it. I have loved to see young people supported by their family and then pass that support on to other cast members. And speaking of family, I am forever grateful for mine, who never complain about my evenings at rehearsals or my call to bring by more of this or that when working on the details of the show.

And... YOU! Thank you for taking time to be here at the start of this holiday season. I hope you feel a sense of warmth and peace in what this show brings to life and know that "Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world." Enjoy the show, open your eyes to wonder, and Merry Christmas!

- Christine



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Produced by special arrangement with  
THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois

A young girl writes a letter to the editor of the New York Sun. "Dear Editor, I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in the Sun, it's so. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?" Ed Mitchell, the editor, assigns Frank Church, a reporter on the verge of self destruction, the task of answering Virginia's question.

Remember the good old days of radio, when people had to use their imaginations, when the mind was a stage? This classic story has been adapted for a radio play stage reading. Today's show is presented in two acts, with a fifteen minute intermission.

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## *The Crew*

Director:	Christine Dalton
Assistant Director/Stage Manager:	Madeline Farnham
Producer:	Christine Dalton
Costumes:	Cindy Davis & Amy Howard
Lighting Design:	EGreene Designs
Sound Engineer:	Diana Norton-Bagwell
Additional Sound Effects:	Sabrina Hammond
Poster Design:	Amy Howard
Playbill Design:	Diana Norton-Bagwell
Concessions:	Jefferson Community Theatre

Thank you to those that helped with set call: Carter Anderson, Avery Hammond, Becky Hammond, Paul Hammond, Amelia Kolodsick, Jennifer Kolodsick.

Additional equipment provided by Erwin Greene and Diana Norton-Bagwell.

# *The Cast*

## THE MUMMERS LITTLE THEATER OF THE AIR

Carter Anderson	... the thief, Scotty, Fritz, Chambers, Otho
Kasey Atkins	... Andrea Borland
Lola Atkins	... Maria Donneli
Mia Barnett	... Mary
Jessica Beck	... Evie O'Hanlon
Shelby Dotson	... Susan
Travyona Fisher	... the radio announcer
Rhett Hamby	... Old Man, Officer, Cornelius Barrington, Schuller, Red, Goss
Avery Hammond	... Frank P. Church
Paul Hammond	... James O'Hanlon
Sabrina Hammond	... the engineer
Amelia Kolodsick	... O'Hara, attendant
Jennifer Kolodsick	... Mrs. Goldstein, wife
Asher O'Lenick	... Newsboy, Sam
Keller O'Lenick	... Sean O'Hanlon
Madison Pugh	... Julie
Stacey Ramsey	... Celeste, Pryor
Leonard Rehm	... Edward Mitchell
Jordan Scyoc	... Virginia O'Hanlon
Lane Seahorn	... Teddy Murray, Santa Claus, Flynn, Dominic Donneli, George, Akins

## CAROLERS

Lola Atkins, Mia Barnett, Shelby Dotson, Finleigh Dwyer,  
Sabrina Hammond, Ayira Kemp, Amelia Kolodsick,  
Jennifer Kolodsick, Peyton Pelham, Madison Pugh,  
Stacey Ramsey, Kathy Wortham



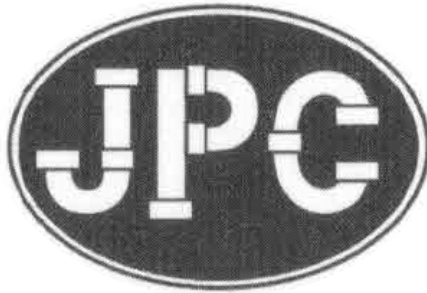
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## **Carter Anderson**

Carter is thirteen years old and is in the 8th grade at Jefferson Middle School. He is in band and plays the Clarinet and Bassoon. He has been in one other JCT production, 'A Midsummer Musical', and does school musicals occasionally. His last performance was as Augustus Gloop in JMS Drama's production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.



## **Kasey Atkins**

Kasey has been part of numerous JCT productions. When she isn't on stage you can find her at the library for storytime and art programs. She enjoys snuggling with her cats and reading manga in her spare time. She's very grateful to be performing again and hopes you enjoy the show.



## **Lola Atkins**

Lola is a 7th grader who loves science, drama class, and her friends at school and JCT. She would like to thank her Aunt Kasey, her dad Chase, her mother Misty and all her family for their support. This is her first production with JCT!



## **Jermia Barnett**

Mia lives in Jefferson and attends Jefferson Elementary School. A first grader that loves cheerleading, gymnastics and dancing. Mia wants to have a career as a baker when she grows up. This is Mia's first stint at theater.



## **Jessica Beck**

Jessica is thrilled to be joining her daughter Madison on stage in their first JCT production. Jessica is the proud mom of two very active kids, two dogs, two cats, and a turtle. When she's not chauffeuring her children to their many activities, Jessica can be found flying the friendly skies and volunteering with the Humane Society of Jackson County.



## **Shelby Dotson**

Shelby is twelve years old. She attends East Jackson Middle School. She is in the 6th grade. Shelby loves to sing and dance.



## **Finleigh Dwyer**

Finleigh and her family have attended many JCT performances over the years, so it was only natural that she try out for her very first play. Finleigh is in fifth grade at Jefferson Academy. She loves playing soccer and basketball with local community clubs. When she's not on the field or out on the court, she is drawing, crafting, dancing, or singing karaoke. Finleigh loves spending time with her buddies and binge-watching 90's television shows. She is very excited about being in her first play.



## **Travyona Fisher**

Travyona is a fourteen year old freshman in high school. She has been in drama for almost four years and has performed in three plays including 'Seussical Junior', 'Dreamer', and 'Willy Wonka Junior'. Travyona is a talented singer, dancer, gymnast and has participated in cheer from time to time.



## **Rhett Hamby**

Rhett is a fourteen year old 8th grader at Jefferson Middle School. He is portraying many different characters, but this is not his introduction to the stage. He has performed in 'Willy Wonka Jr.', 'Clue', and 'Sleepy Hollow'. This is his second JCT production. The thing Rhett most enjoys about the rehearsal process is spending time with the cast. He also plays the trombone and clarinet, and enjoys singing for his school's men choir. He hopes that you all enjoy this production and the heartwarming story that it brings to the radio!



## **Avery Hammond**

Avery is excited to be making his JCT debut. Avery developed an interest in theatre when he was four and has acted since then. He has been in over 80 shows since he began acting. Avery is also one of the two Co-Presidents of his school's Drama Club. Avery is excited to be sharing the stage with his dad, and sister, both who have developed a love for theatre as well. In his spare time, Avery loves being with his friends or participating in his school's chorus. He hopes you all enjoy the show, and thanks you for coming!



## **Paul Hammond**

Paul is happy to be in his second JCT production. You may have seen him recently as Icabod Crane in the JCT production of 'Sleepy Hollow'. He has long enjoyed watching theater, and has had quite a blast being on the other side of it as well. In his spare time, Paul loves to spend time with his family and attend live sporting events. Paul would like to thank you for coming to see our production and hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Sabrina Hammond**

Sabrina is happy to be in her second JCT production! She has not been in theater for that long, but was recently in the JMS production of 'Willy Wonka' and in the JCT fall production of 'The Legend Sleepy Hollow'. She was inspired to become an actress by watching her brother in musicals and plays over the years. In Sabrina's free time she loves to read, write, and hang out with her friends and family.



## **Ayira Kemp**

Ayira is nine years old and attends South Jackson County Elementary School. She loves puppies, Starbucks, and chips. This is Ayira's first show with JCT, and she is happy to be here.



## **Amelia Kolodsick**

Amelia is a seventh grade student who loves to draw, read, sing, act, and much more. She spends most of her free time drawing or trying to find inspiration for a new drawing. Amelia participates in her school's after school drama program, and she also had a role in the JCT production of 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow'. She has been in chorus since sixth grade and hopes to continue in the future. Amelia is excited that her mom is a part of this production with her.



## **Jennifer Kolodsick**

Jennifer yields from Michigan but has made Jefferson her home for the past thirteen years. After retiring from the U. S. Coast Guard in 2009, she became a mom, finished her Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration, and now enjoys working part-time as a certified pharmacy technician. Supporting her daughter's love of drama, she dabbled as backstage manager in JCT's production of 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow'. This is her debut as an "actress", and she is excited to share the stage with her very talented fellow thespians!



## **Asher O'Lenick**

Asher is eleven years old, and in fifth grade at Jefferson Academy. This is Asher's first show with JCT, but definitely not his last! Asher dreams of being an actor for the Marvel Cinematic Universe, and JCT is his first step to stardom. When Asher isn't in character you can find him doing his favorite things: running, playing with his dog, Blaze, and drawing comic books.



## **Keller O'Lenick**

Keller is eight years old, and in third grade at Jefferson Academy. This is Keller's first show with JCT, but he's been a performer since he was born. His larger than life personality captures an audience wherever he goes. When Keller's not on stage you can find him doing his favorite things: reading, playing baseball, and scheming up pranks on his parents.



## **Peyton Pelham**

Peyton is a young aspiring actor. He is a eleven years old and attends East Jackson Middle School as a 6th grader. He previously acted in the play 'Pearl Harbor'. He spends most of his time reading (mostly screenplays).



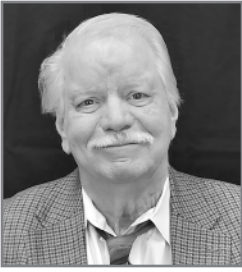
## **Madison Pugh**

Madison is excited to be performing in one of her most favorite Christmas stories, along with her mom, in their very first JCT production. Madison is a third grader at Gum Springs Elementary and also attends Broadway Arts where she is enrolled in Jazz, Tap, Lyrical Ballet, and Musical Theatre. Madison enjoys volleyball, basketball, creative writing, Cub Scouts, swimming, and horseback riding.



## **Stacey Ramsey**

Stacey resides in Jefferson. She has worked at the Boys & Girls Clubs for the past sixteen years. She likes to write poetry and sing. Stacey has three children and five grandchildren. She attends Jones Chapel Baptist Church. Stacey is excited to be a part of Jefferson Community Theatre.



## Leonard Rehm

Leonard is 76, more than one-third of the cast combined. His previous performances for JCT include the title role in 'The Wizard of Oz' and the King of Hearts in 'Alice in Wonderland'. He is a retired Labor Relations Manager, the father of one son, the step-father of two women and one man, and their six grandchildren. Leonard is a U.S. Navy veteran, has lived in nine states and visited sixteen other countries. Leonard's wife of 35 years died during the early rehearsal process for this production, and he dedicates his performance to her memory.



## Jordan Seyoc

Jordan is thirteen years old and has been in dance and theater since she was four. Jordan has performed in three plays, 'The Nightshift Before Christmas', 'The Christmas Story', and 'The Princess and the Pea'. Jordan is very active with her church's theatre and production team where she leads games, does Bible skits, and preaches. This is her first production with JCT where she is portraying the role of Virginia O'Hanlon.



## Lane Seahorn

Lane is sixteen years old and currently attends Banks County High School. While this is his first time performing with JCT, he has been a part of plays in both Commerce and Athens. He began acting at eight and looks to make acting his profession. He would like to thank his mom and JCT for allowing him to be a part of this production.



## Kathy Wortham

Kathy is no stranger to Jefferson Community Theater. She has volunteered in many roles on and off stage, including serving as a past member of the Board of Directors. You may have seen her on stage as Truvy in 'Steel Magnolias' or Rowena in 'Biloxi Blues' or maybe other special events with JCT. She's very excited to be involved in this special Christmas production as a caroler! It's truly wonderful to see so many new faces! Thank you for supporting your local theater.

*Leonard - We dedicate our performance to your wife Solange. Thank you for sharing memories and your life with us. - The Cast*

Lane - Such a talented young man.  
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments.  
Gram & Big Daddy

Kel - You were born to entertain!  
We are so proud of you! Love you!

Lola - Good luck! I'm so proud of you.  
Follow your dreams. - Love, Dad

Madison - Congrats on your first show!  
You are my bright shining star.  
Love you lots, Mama Jane

Lane - You will always be my STAR!  
Keep letting your light shine. - Love, Mom

Ash - Way to be brave enough to try something new!  
We are so proud of you! Love you!

Madison - We LOVE you.  
"Break a Leg"  
Love, Mom, Dad, and Parker

Way to go Madison Pugh!  
We love you sweetheart.  
Love, Ma & Pa

Lola - You're amazing! Congratulations on  
your first show. I'm very proud of you.  
Love you chicky! - Love, Aunt Kasey





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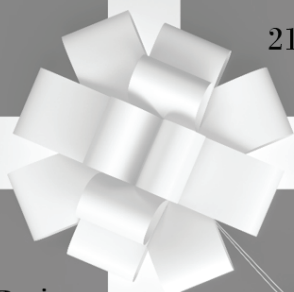
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