



**Thief River Falls Area
Community Theater Presents**



The Nerd

by Larry Shue



Directed by Barb Geer

July 20 – 23, 2015

NCTC Theater

TRF~7pm

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Place: Terre Haute, Indiana

Act I: November 4, 1979

~ 15 minute intermission ~

Act II, Scene 1: Six days later

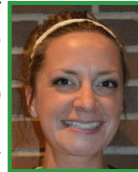
Act II, Scene 2: The following day



Meet the Cast



JONATHON MANSK (WILLUM CUBBERT) – was just seen on the TRFACT stage last month playing Cornelius Hackl in *Hello, Dolly!* He has previously played Biff (*Death of a Salesman*), Mad Hatter (*Alice in Wonderland*), John Proctor (*The Crucible*), Clifford Bradshaw (*Cabaret*), and Malvolio (*Twelfth Night*), as well as performances in *Chicago* and *The Full Monty*. Jon is an assistant supervisor on the AVT Line at Arctic Cat. He says, "Thanks to everyone for coming out to see *The Nerd*. I am grateful for another opportunity to perform for the community. I look forward to next year's shows, and being more and more involved with TRFACT. Thanks to my family and friends for all their support. Enjoy the show!"



LAUREN ROGALLA (TANSY MCGINNIS) – is back on the TRFACT stage again after quite a long hiatus, having previously performed in *Gypsy* and *Quilters*, her favorites, as well as five other shows through the years. At Bemidji State, she was also in *Cabaret*. Lauren works in sales at Digi-Key. She would like to say, "Thank you to the people who make this awesome community theater possible. I'm overjoyed to be back! Also, thanks to my family, friends, the cast and crew for their outstanding support and dedication - especially my fiancé, Chad. Thank you all so much for coming – enjoy!"



STEPHEN MOELLER (AXEL HAMMOND) – says he is a simple civil servant punching the clock and working for the weekend. He is "trading places" with his wife, Gretchen, who just directed *Hello, Dolly!* He told us it's his turn to say good night to the family and head to the theater and he's having a lot of fun in his first TRFACT role. Stephen would like to thank Gretchen, Phineas and Silje for being the best. He also thanks the cast and crew for a great experience. "It's been a blast making art with such talented people. If you're reading this, turn off your phone, sit back and enjoy a hell of a show!"



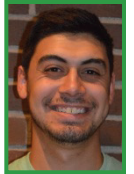
AL ROGALLA (WARNOCK WALDGRAVE) – is the Pennington County Attorney and a part-time farmer. He's been on the stage many, many times, but says his favorite role was that of Rick Steadman...many years ago! He also loved playing the King in *The King and I*, a love sick cowboy in *Oklahoma* and an anvil salesman in *The Music Man*. He said, "It is so fun to do a play with my daughter, Lauren. This is my second time in *The Nerd*. Larry Shue is great! I love his plays! Kelly, thanks for doing my make-up."



IAN PETERSON (THOR WALDGRAVE) – has dedicated parents, Todd Peterson and Bethany Heinrichs, who drive him to rehearsal all the way from Drayton, ND! This is his very first role. Ian is in the third grade at Drayton Elementary and says he loves acting and is excited to get to do it.



LEAH WATTENPHUL (CLELIA WALDGRAVE) – says she is wife to the most incredible man alive, stay at home mom to two wonderfully odd little girls, and has always harbored a deep love for performing. Along with a lifetime of church and school plays, she has performed in productions at The Barn Theatre in Willmar, Warroad Summer Theatre and Bemidji Community Theatre - her favorite of these roles being Edith in *The Pirates of Penzance*. She loves playing comedic roles that help the audience forget their troubles for a bit and enjoy themselves. Now, she encourages you to - in the words of Han Solo - "Laugh it up, fuzzball!"



MATTHEW LINDER (RICK STEADMAN) – is currently working part-time custodial duties at Digi-Key, but he is about to enter the United States Army and is very excited about it! He, too, is a first-timer with TRFACT. His favorite previous role is that of Inspector Claude Truffaut in *Without a Hitch*. He has always enjoyed acting and taking on new roles that challenge his ability to act. He also enjoys playing and singing music.

Meet the Crew

Lighting Design, Set Design & Build : Phillip Hoks

Light Board Operator: Max Anderson

Sound Design: Jonathan Mansk

Sound Board Operator: Paul Tandberg

Costumes: Jane Anderson & Teresa McGriff

Stage Manager & Props: Teresa McGriff

Photographer: Ezra Grothe

Box Office: Jean Larson, Jane Anderson, Cyndi Onkka, Sherry Knott,
Scott Pream, Dave Abraham, Shawn Newland, Becky Doherty

Director's Notes

If you want to giggle for a month straight, just participate in a Larry Shue production! Pair that with a zany cast and there's just never a dull moment! This is the second time I have directed *The Nerd*. I am amazed at how differently each of these characters interprets the role he/she is portraying from the first time around. You might think it wouldn't be as much fun, but it's really very interesting! I'm fortunate to have many favorites in my life, especially regarding music and drama, but I have to say that (both times) *The Nerd* has been my absolute favorite play to direct! So sit back and prepare to laugh! ~ Barb Geer

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