



Thief River Falls A.C.T. *presents*



Authors **Molly Newman**

and **Barbara Damashek**

Based on the book *The Quilters: Women and Domestic Art*
by Patricia Cooper Baker and Norma Buford

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Cast of Characters

Sarah Kathy Waldorf
 The Daughters Leah Wattenphul
 Kristal Philipp
 Ginger Kirkeby
 Bridget Roggenbuck
 Emily Waldorf
 Abby Waldorf
 Tanna Prodehl

Production Staff

Director Teresa McGriff
 Music Director Brianna Geer
 Stage Manager Bailey Beggs
 Pit Director Kari Lindemoen
 Costumes Jane Anderson
 Lights Carl Dahlberg
 Sound Bruce Elseth
 Program Design Gretchen Weinrich
 Sets Gavin Martell
 Jane Anderson
 Carl Dahlberg

Musicians

Bass Bethany Crandall
 Piano Brianna Geer
 Violin Kari Lindemoen
 Percussion Dorinda Sorvig
 Guitar Ben Wattenphul

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 (Ardy Tunberg)
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 (Dorene Enge)
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 Barbara Overbye
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 Carolyn Rystad
 Lana Christianson
 In memory Marjorie Green
 Laura Nelson

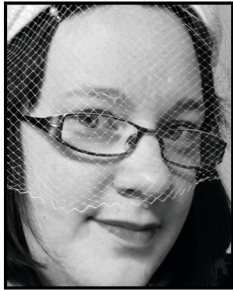
Meet the Cast and Crew



Ginger Kirkeby

Ginger has participated in several of the TRFACT shows throughout the last decade including *Nonsense: The Las Vegas Revue*, *Cabaret*, *Into the Woods*, *Plaza Suite* and *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*. She lives in Thief River with her

kids: Anya, William and Freya and their assortment of animals. Theater is a family pastime that she shared with her father while living in Warroad and now shares with her son. Outside of work, theater and literature and spending time with Kevin and her kids are her favorite pastimes.



Teresa McGriff

Teresa has been working with TRFACT since 2016 as a Stage Manager and Director, staying out of the spotlight as much as possible, preferring the anonymity of creative backstage work. She has also worked with Long Lake

Theatre and Middle River Community Theatre. Her favorite productions include *Over the River and Thru the Woods*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and *The Boys Next Door*. She also volunteers as a Program Director for the ACT's weekly radio program, *Voices of the Theatre*. "I truly hope you enjoy our production. Working with this incredible group of women on such a powerful musical has been a blessed learning experience, and an honor. Thank you for coming to see this show, and I hope you continue to support all of this community's artistic endeavors."



Kristal Philipp

Kristal is back for her fifth show with TRFACT and couldn't be happier. Her favorite role with TRFACT is Sister Hubert in *Nunsensations*. Off-stage, she's a dedicated educator working on her Master of Education in Early

Childhood Education. She wants to thank her amazing husband. It's been busy, and he's been there every step of the way, supporting and cheering her on.



Tanna Prodehl

This is Tanna's first large-scale theater production although she has acted in several church productions. She is excited to act with TRFACT! In her free time, she enjoys writing fiction, bicycling, and singing in the shower.



Bridget Roggenbuck

Bridget has only been with TRFACT for one other show, *Fiddler on the Roof*, but she did 6 shows in her high school career. This 19 year-old is from Mentor where she lives with her parents, dog, Zeke, and cats, Sylvia and Penelope. While

there is very little family history of theater she has been fiercely supported throughout her high school and ACT shows. Bridget has always had a love for music and can play 5 different instruments but discovered her passion for theater just a few short years ago.



Kathy Waldorf

Kathy is new to TRFACT and has loved working on this production along with two of her daughters who encouraged her to audition. She enjoys reading, writing, working with children and animals, dancing, living in the country, and

spending time with family and friends. She is currently enrolled in the non-fiction track of the Author Conservatory—a high level, online writing course for Christian writers. She states: "Quilters is a story woven together with life events that everyone can relate to; the cast and crew are amazingly talented and fun to work with. I am enjoying it tremendously!"



Abby Waldorf

Abby earned a BA in music, taking music classes from BSU before graduating from Thomas Edison State University. While at Bemidji State University, she was part of the Madrigal Dinners and was also cast in BSU's production of Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute*. She has sung with the

Bemidji Choir, the Grand Forks Master Chorale, and various community and church choirs. This is her first production with TRFACT, and she has tremendously enjoyed the experience of singing, dancing, acting, and collaborating with the rest of the cast and crew. When not making music, Abby is active in her church and also enjoys spending time with family, reading, writing, knitting, being outdoors, and occasional travel.



Emily Waldorf

Emily is passionate about all kinds of storytelling. She enjoys creative writing, watching movies, and reading. For the first time last year she attempted telling a story on stage in TRFACT's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* and realized that her interest in theater could quickly

become a love. She is excited to be back this summer, working with the cast and crew of *Quilters* and enjoying the many different aspects of the show. When not telling stories, you can find her playing music or outside with her two dogs.



Leah Wattenphul

Leah never grew out of playing pretend. She has been in every play possible since beginning with TRFACT in 2015, and Middle River Community Theater in 2016. Among her favorite roles are *The Baker's Wife* in *Into the Woods* (TRFACT) and *Gladys Ledbetter* in *Interruptions* (MRCT).

During the day, Leah pretends to be a responsible adult at her job as a Legal Secretary. On the evenings when she's not at rehearsal, she loves to goof around with her husband, Ben, daughters, Rhessa and Chava, and cats, Dusty and Azula.



Jane Anderson
Costumes



Bailey Beggs
Stage Manager



Carl Dahlberg
Lights



Bruce Elseth
Sound



Brianna Geer
Music Director/
Piano



Kari Lindemoen
Pit Director



Dorinda Sorvig
Percussion



Ben Wattenphul
Guitar

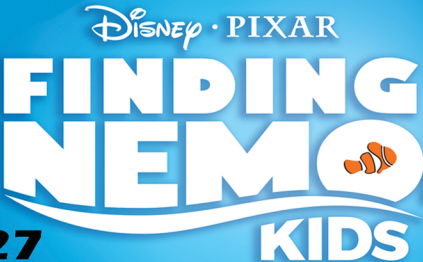
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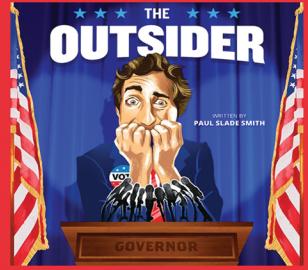
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June 25-27



July 9-11



July 24-26

Musical Numbers

Act One

Pieces of Lives
Rocky Road
Little Babes that Sleep All Night
Thread the Needle
Cornelia
The Windmill Song
Are You Washed in the Blood?
The Butterfly
Pieces of Lives (reprise)
Green, Green, Green
The Needle's Eye

Act Two

Hoedown
Quiltin' and Dreamin'
Pieces of Lives (reprise)
Every Log in My House
Never Grow Old
Who Will Count the Stitches
The Lord Don't Rain Down
Manna
Dandelion
Everything Has a Time
Hands Around

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Production History

2023	Fiddler on the Roof 101 Dalmatians Legally Blonde An Evening of Short Comedies	2012	Love Letters Some Enchanted Evening Lend Me a Tenor
2022	Plaza Suite Nunsensations! Annie, Jr. Beauty & The Beast, Jr. An Evening of Theatrical Mishaps	2011	Blame it on the Walleye The Producers The Foreigner
2021	Anything Goes Peter Pan	2010	Talking With Kiss Me, Kate Leaving Iowa
2020	Last of the Red Hot Lovers 18 Community Concerts	2009	Shirley Valentine Annie Get Your Gun House of Blue Leaves
2019	Barefoot in the Park Death of a Salesman Cabaret The Jungle Book Kids The Music Man	2008	Anything Goes The Odd Couple
2018	Love, Loss and What I Wore I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change Willy Wonka Kids Grease	2007	Mame Quilters
2017	Sylvia The Looney Lutherans The Drowsy Chaperone The Boys Next Door The Lion King Kids The Sound of Music	2006	The Sound of Music Free to be... You and Me
2016	Hometown Talent Show 2: Broadway Bound Into the Woods Over the River and Through the Woods How to Eat Like a Child Bye Bye Birdie!	2005	Disney's Beauty and the Beast
2015	Hometown Talent Show Hello, Dolly! The Nerd Seussical, Jr.	2004	Gypsy Bye Bye Birdie!
2014	Forever Plaid The Fantasticks Steel Magnolias	2003	My Fair Lady Dickens' A Christmas Carol
2013	The Looney Lutherans Annie Almost, Maine	2002	Oklahoma! Noises Off Cinderella
		2001	Annie Clowns Social Security You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
		2000	Greater Tuna On Golden Pond The Wizard of Oz Madrigal Dinners
		1999	Arsenic and Old Lace The Glass Menagerie The King and I A Christmas Carol
		1998	Charlotte's Web The Music Man
		1997	Song of Mark Sound of Music
		1996	Saving the Old Homestead Madrigal Dinners