

Thief River Falls
A.C.T.
presents
our 3rd annual

**EVENING
OF
SHORT
COMEDIES**

November 14, 15, 16, 2024
Eagles Club, TRF



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What Are 10 Minute Plays?

A 10 minute play is a theatrical piece with a duration of approximately 10 minutes. It is characterized by a simple structure, a few characters, a single setting, and a plot that is resolved quickly and surprisingly. This theatrical form aims to capture the audience's attention from the very beginning, offering an intense, entertaining, and varied experience.

The 10-minute form originated as a form of theatrical experimentation, allowing playwrights to explore dramatic ideas concisely. Over time, it has become an established theatrical genre with numerous festivals and competitions dedicated exclusively to these short pieces.

This evening, we will be presenting six 10-minute plays:

1. *How Nice of You to Ask* by Rich Rubin

Directed by **Pat Brickson & Brianna Geer**

Alan makes his living by asking some very personal questions. Between sips of tea, Mavis responds. What could possibly go wrong?

Mavis: **Brianna Geer**

Bob: **Pat Brickson**

2. *Judas Iscariot's Day Off* by David MacGregor

Directed by **Stephanie White**

Thanks to a kind deed that he once performed, Judas Iscariot is allowed out of hell for one day every thousand years...and today is that day.

Judas: **Carl Dahlberg**

Debra Horton: **Stephanie White**

Omar Baqri: **Jeffrey Willis**

Archangel Gabriel: **Heidi Thompson**

3. *Last Drinks* by Greg Gould

Directed by **Scott Fricke**

Mel's partners keep dying. Ben can't die no matter how hard he tries. Did destiny bring these two lost souls together?

Mel: **Sherry Knott**

Ben: **Scott Fricke**

4. *I Have a Secret* by Marsha Lee Sheiness

Directed by **Diane Krause**

Mother and daughter express love during a visit at an assisted-living facility. Even though Sylvia doesn't recognize her daughter, Rachel, their relationship reveals that a parent and child can become best friends.

Sylvia: **Diane Krause**

Rachel: **Anna Barth**

5. *Blades* by Margo Hammond

Two blades of grass confront their differences.

The One: **Brianna Geer**

The Other: **Shelby Pahlen**

6. *Go to the Light* by Laurie Allen

Directed by **Scott Pream**

Daddy is on death's door and his children are growing weary of his refusal to let go. Plus, Daddy is obsessed with Facebook and even though the end is near, he insists on posting one last status update.

Daddy: **Scott Pream**

Sophie: **Katelyn Barnes**

Roxy: **Amy Beckius-Johnson**

Willa: **Michele Christensen**

There will be a 10-minute intermission at this time

Speed Dating Nightmare by Scott Haan

Directed by **Jane Anderson**

Speed dating is a great way for singles to meet; each "date" only lasts a few minutes; if it doesn't work out, maybe the next one will be better. For Cindy, those few minutes feel like eternity, as she is subjected to an endless parade of jerks and losers. To make matters worse, she can't help but imagine what their children would be like, and they all display the worst qualities of their fathers. Will she find a good match, or resign herself to staying single forever?

Cindy: **Leah Wattenphul**

Marcus: **Scott Pream**

Trevor: **Scott Fricke**

Scissor: **Jeffrey Willis**

Children: **Michele Christensen, Amy Beckius-Johnson, Shelby Pahlen, Gabby Yoon, Bailey Beggs**

Ernest: **Carl Dahlberg**

Dale: **Scott Pream**

Jason: **Pat Brickson**

Production Staff

Stage Manager: **Tali Broden**

Sound: **Bruce Elseth**

Lights: **Carl Dahlberg**

Costumes/Props: **Jane Anderson**

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**Special Thanks to the Eagles Club
for hosting us!**



Jane Anderson
Costumes/Props/Director



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Actor



Anna Barth
Actor



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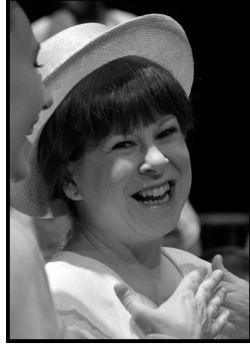
Bailey Beggs
Actor



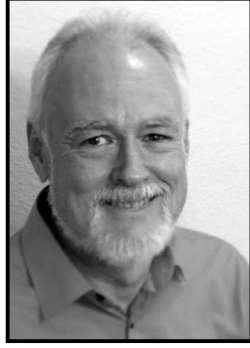
Pat Brickson
Director/Actor



Tali Broden
Stage Manager



Michele Christensen
Actor



Carl Dahlberg
Lights/Actor



Bruce Elseth
Sound



Scott Fricke
Director/Actor



Brianna Geer
Director/Actor



Sherry Knott
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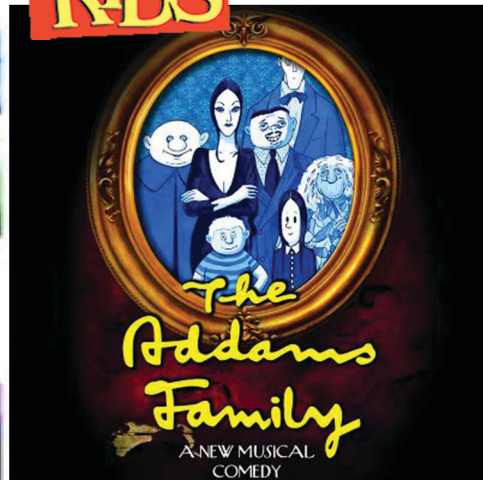
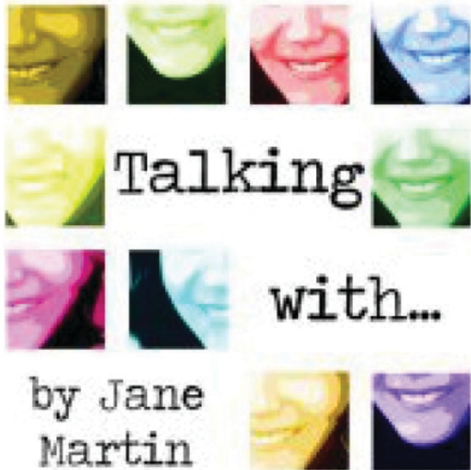
Jeffrey Willis
Actor



Gabby Yoon
Actor

MEET THE CAST

TRFACT is thrilled to announce our
SUMMER 2025 SEASON



Production History

- 2024 Quilters
Finding Nemo Kids
The Outsider
Newsies, Jr.
- 2023 Fiddler on the Roof
101 Dalmatians
Legally Blonde
An Evening of Short Comedies
- 2022 Plaza Suite
Nunsensations!
Annie, Jr.
Beauty & The Beast, Jr.
An Evening of Short Comedies
- 2021 Anything Goes
Peter Pan
- 2020 Last of the Red Hot Lovers
18 Community Concerts
- 2019 Barefoot in the Park
Death of a Salesman
Cabaret
The Jungle Book Kids
The Music Man
- 2018 Love, Loss and What I Wore
I Love You, You're Perfect,
Now Change
Willy Wonka Kids
Grease
- 2017 Sylvia
The Looney Lutherans
The Drowsy Chaperone
The Boys Next Door
The Lion King Kids
The Sound of Music
- 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!
- 2015 Hometown Talent Show
Hello, Dolly!
The Nerd
Seussical, Jr.
- 2014 Forever Plaid
The Fantasticks
Steel Magnolias
- 2013 The Looney Lutherans
Annie
Almost, Maine
- 2012 Love Letters
Some Enchanted Evening
Lend Me a Tenor
- 2011 Blame it on the Walleye
The Producers
The Foreigner
- 2010 Talking With
Kiss Me, Kate
Leaving Iowa
- 2009 Shirley Valentine
Annie Get Your Gun
House of Blue Leaves
- 2008 Anything Goes
The Odd Couple
- 2007 Mame
Quilters
- 2006 The Sound of Music
Free to be... You and Me
- 2005 Disney's Beauty and the Beast
- 2004 Gypsy
Bye Bye Birdie!
- 2003 My Fair Lady
Dickens' A Christmas Carol
- 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