

**Thief River Falls Community Arts Council presents**

# **The FOREIGNER**

Originally produced by the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Milwaukee, WI

**A Comedy Directed by Brad Cook**



**Written by Larry Shue**

**July 26-29, 2011**

**Northland College Theater**

**TRF – 7pm**

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## THE CHARACTERS In Order of Appearance



S/Sgt. "Froggy" LeSueur-----Mohammad Munir  
 Charlie Baker-----Alan Rogalla  
 Betty Meeks-----Jean Larson  
 Rev. David Marshall Lee-----Scott Pream  
 Catherine Simms-----Sherry Knott  
 Owen Musser-----Mike Mickelson  
 Ellard Simms-----Steven Yeats  
 Townspeople-----Everyone of us



## THE CREW

Director-----Brad Cook  
 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director-----Michele Christensen  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Director-----Alexis Hanson  
 Production Design-----Brad Cook  
 Set Construction-----Don Schindler, Brad Cook  
 Costumes-----Andrea Thibert, Cast Members  
 Light Board Operator-----Max Anderson  
 Publicity-----Jean Larson  
 Box Office/Lobby-----Jane Anderson, Robin Stegeman  
 Milo Ballingrud, David Abraham, Ben Anderson

**The Place:** Betty Meeks' Fishing Lodge Resort,  
Tilghman County, Georgia, U.S.A

**The Time:** The Recent Past

### ACT I

**Scene 1:** Evening

**Scene 2:** The following morning

### 15 Minute Intermission

### ACT II

**Scene 1:** Afternoon, two days later

**Scene 2:** That evening

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

"Only he who attempts the absurd will ever achieve the impossible." ~ Confucius  
 Theater is an exercise of the Absurd. It is labor intensive, shows very little return on investment, if any, and is disposable. After closing night we will strike the set and leave the theater looking as if we were never there. "Disposable Art" Art created just for you, just for tonight. It's not a Book, a Song, a Painting or a Sculpture that you can go back to and enjoy over and over again. It is a living, breathing, entity that encompasses all aspects of Art. Movies also encompass all Art forms, but Movies aren't ALIVE. Like Concerts, Recitals and Sporting Events anything can and will happen.

Two things I deeply believe in:  
 Great theater can be created anywhere.  
 There are no such things as small theaters, only limited imaginations.

Van Gogh didn't paint because he wanted to, because it made him feel special.  
 Van Gogh painted because he had to, he needed to.  
 He painted until he couldn't hold the brush anymore.  
 He painted over his own paintings because he didn't have money for canvas.  
 He needed to paint.

I have been asked far too many times, "When are you going to give up this foolish life?"  
 In this world where there is pain and suffering around every corner no matter who you are, it brings me great joy to help create a couple of hours where you can escape.

Human Beings need a little down time.  
 Is there anything more noble than that?

"Disposable Art," created just for you, just for tonight.  
 That's why I love Theater.

Special shout out to my mom, Lila Cook.  
 The paints, the wallpaper and many of the set dressings came from her, some dating all the way back to '97.

On August 7<sup>th</sup> it will be 5 years since she passed. Like all of us we miss our loved ones everyday. Me too. But all I have to do is look at the set and I know she's here.

~Brad Cook

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- ❖ You, the Audience - for attending & giving us a reason to be here!
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### Crew \$50+

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