**Davis County Players Present: Sister Act**



November 8-10, 2018 7:00 pm

November 11, 2018 2:00 pm

Iowa Theatre, Bloomfield, IA

The videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

**Director’s Notes**

Friendship over fame is the message conveyed by *Sister Act*. Glitz and glamor cannot win over the power of commitment among people. That is the part of *Sister Act* I love the most. As the cast and crew have worked on this play for the past eight weeks, we have fostered new friendships which are such a wonderful side benefit of participating in a community wide endeavor. We are lucky in Davis County that among friends, we have the talents, the resourcefulness, and the ability to commit to volunteer work. Every person involved in this play is a volunteer – a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task without recompense.

One of the challenges to our volunteers is always the size of our backstage – or lack thereof. I am amazed by how creative we can collectively be in solving our space issues. We must always ask ourselves these questions. “When not on stage, where will this set piece or prop go?” “How can we multipurpose this item?” “Now that we have stored these items, is there room for the actors to get where they need to go?” Hopefully, from the audience’s perspective, you will see just the solutions to our challenges as things flow smoothly.

Although our actors enjoy “community fame” as the result of being on the Iowa Theatre stage, it is the friendships that make the time spent worthwhile. Enjoy the fruits of our labors and hug a friend at the end!

**Sister Act**

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Glenn Slater

Book by Cheri Steinkellner and Bill Steinkellner

Based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture “Sister Act” written by Joseph Howard.

“Sister Act” is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019

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**Cast of Characters:**

Deloris Van Cartier: Shannon Klaus

Mother Superior: Cathy Roberts

Sister Mary Robert: Megan Swan

Sister Mary Patrick: Jessica Wortmann

Sister Mary Lazarus: Terri Williams

Monsignor O’Hara: John Pisarik

Curtis: Andy Summers

Eddie Souther: Harrison Van Mersbergen

TJ: Matt Perry

Joey: Rich Wortmann

Pablo: Joe Hudson

Waiter: Dan Augspurger

Sister Mary Martin-of-Tours: Karen Spurgeon

Sister Mary Theresa: Joy Orwig

Michelle: Kelly Swan

Tina, Bar Waitress: Raquel Bohi

Ernie: Russ Mikels

Nuns: Savanah Summers, Leah Rudd, Ellen Gray, Leah Baughman, Hailey Parrish, Megan Swan, Deb Krenz, Gina Wells, Bridgette Nicoli, Aleta Mikels, Ruth Boden

Priest/Pope: Bill Baughman

Cop, Pool Player: Ron Hewus

Girls in the Police Station: Raquel Bohi, Hailey Parrish

Bar Patrons: Bill Baughman, Kelly Swan, Dan Augspurger

Bartender: Gary McConnell

Drag Queen, Cab Driver: Jake Bohi

Homeless People: Jake Bohi, Ron Hewus, Raquel Bohi, Kelly Swan, Bill Baughman, Morgan Klaus, Dan Augspurger

Fantasy Dancers: Raquel Bohi, Kelly Swan, Leah Rudd, Morgan Klaus, Hailey Swan

Newscaster: KTVO’s John Garlock

Crew (\*Denotes Chair)

Director: Gail Wortmann

Music Director: Aaron Gingerich

Choreographers: Jill Sanford McKee, Gail Wortmann

Vocal Coach: Lyle Stirling\*, Leah Baughman

Pianist: Karen Spurgeon

Props: Brian and Jan Stevenson\*, Gary and Linda McConnell, Dan Augspurger

Props Procurement: Phyllis Bride

Costumes/Seamstresses: Nancy St. Clair\*, Kyle McClure, Sherrie Lawson, Anita Shockley, Gail Van Mersbergen, Carolyn Scott, Tricia Stremler

Sound: Wes Krenz\*, George Nixon, Doug Dixon

Lights: Eric Rollman\*, Jane Pisarik, Jolea Reed, Rich Wortmann

Make up/Hair: Lori Dixon\*, Ginny Irwin, Lela Wood, Rylie Johnson, Hailey Swan

Art: Deb Baughman

Flowers/Decorations: Susan Davis, Wayne Van Mersbergen

Prompter and House: Diane Bales

Set Construction: Ron Bride, Brian Stevenson, Bill Bride, Bruce Wortmann, Jake Bohi

Media: Joanna McCoy

Photographer and Technology Consultant: Laura Van Mersbergen

Projectionist: Tricia Stremler

Auditions: Harrison and Laura Van Mersbergen

House Committee: Diane Bales\*, Ushers: Gail and Wayne Van Mersbergen, Brenda Johnson, Jon Klaus, Joanna McCoy, Darlene Ritz, Carol Birchmier, Hannah Orwig, Lorretta Lucas, Elaine Wilson, Ron and Phyllis Bride, Barbara Baughman, Megan Clyman, Vickie Dankemier

Backstage Monitor: Lexi Perry

Historians: Mike and Julie Rudd

Combo: Karen Spurgeon, Linda McConnell, Leah Baughman, Amy Cook, Ron Hewus

**Synopsis:**

*Sister Act* is the feel-good musical comedy smash based on the hit 1992 film that has audiences jumping to their feet! When disco diva, Deloris Van Cartier, witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in the one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior. Using her unique disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community but, in doing so, blows her cover. Soon, the gang is giving chase, only to find them up against Deloris and the power of her newly found sisterhood.

Scenes and Actors: ABBY, WE WILL NOT HAVE A PAGE LISTING THE MUSICAL NUMBERS THIS TIME.

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| **ACT I:** |  |
| Curtis’ Audition Room/Office | Deloris, Michelle, Tina, Curtis, Joey, TJ, Pablo, Ernie |
| Police Station | Deloris, Eddie, Cop, Girls |
| Queen of Angels Narthex / Mother Superior’s Office | Mother Superior, Monsignor O’Hara, Deloris, Eddie Souther, Nuns Quartet |
| Dining Room | Deloris, Mother Superior, Nuns’ Choir |
| Chapel | Deloris, Mother Superior, Sister Mary Patrick, Sister Mary Robert |
| Police Station | Eddie Souther, Cop, Curtis, Joey, Pablo, TJ |
| Street by Police Station | Curtis, Joey, Pablo, TJ |
| Bar | Joey, Pablo, TJ, Waitress, Bar Patrons, Deloris, Sister Mary Patrick, Sister Mary Robert, Drag Queen |
| Street by Bar | Deloris, Mother Superior, Sister Mary Patrick, Sister Mary Robert, Eddie Souther, Homeless People |
| Hallway | Deloris, Mother Superior, Monsignor O’Hara |
| Music Room | Sister Mary Lazarus, Nuns’ Choir, Deloris |
| Church Service | Deloris, Mother Superior, Monsignor O’Hara, Priest, Nuns’ Choir, Eddie Souther |
| **ACT II** |  |
| Confessionals | Mother Superior, Deloris, Monsignor O’Hara |
| Church Service | Deloris, Nuns’ Choir, Monsignor O’Hara, Priest, Mother Superior, Eddie Souther |
| Curtis’ Office/Audition Room | Pablo, TJ, Curtis, Joey, Cab Driver |
| Mother Superior’s Office | Mother Superior |
| Sister Mary Clarence’s Room | Deloris, Nuns’ Choir |
| Changing Room | Deloris, Sister Mary Robert, Eddie Souther |
| Eddie Souther’s Apartment | Eddie Souther, Deloris, Fantasy Dancers |
| Outside the Convent | Curtis, Joey, Pablo, TJ |
| Inside the Convent | Mother Superior, Nuns’ Choir, Deloris, Curtis, Joey, Pablo, TJ, Eddie Souther |
| Church Service | Monsignor O’Hara, Deloris, Nuns’ Choir, Mother Superior, the Pope |

**Special Thanks:**

Bruce Wortmann (For completing a long “honey-do” list.)

Richard and Jessica Wortmann (Anything I asked. Bless them.)

Nancy St. Clair (Endless hours of costume chairing and creation.)

Seamstresses for making many costumes for this play!

Doug Dixon, Mindsear Music (Sound consulting, microphone purchasing, voice recording.)

Deana Perry (Cleaning the dressing room.)

Blackboard Printing (Printing props and programs.)

Karen Spurgeon and the Bloomfield Democrat (Several articles in the paper.)

Gail Van Mersbergen and Van Mersbergen Insurance (Setting up online ticket sales and on site ticket sales.)

Brian/Jan Stephenson, Gary/Linda McConnell, Dan Augspurger (Making my set designs happen.)

Davis County Fine Arts Council

Randy and Nancy Wortmann (Donated the new cordless microphone system.)

George Nixon (Loaning a monitor.)

Wayne Van Mersbergen (Many theater “chores” and lights on the columns.)

Amy Cook (Bass playing and director’s baton.)

Davis County Schools (Rehearsal space)

KTVO (Newscast. Loved them for being willing to do this!)

Southfork (Cast party)

Divine Treasures (Des Moines): Answering questions about appropriate Catholic artifacts, procedures, etc.

Bloomfield Police Department: (Lending uniforms)

Great Prairie Area Education Agency: (Lending skinny tables for dining room scene)

Harrison Van Mersbergen: (Help with music whenever called upon.)

Hailey and Megan Swan: (Turn off your cell phones recording.)

Jeff Francis (Lending of telephone)

MPA (Refurbishing a donated computer)

Thank you to anyone whom we have inadvertently missed! We appreciate anyone who helped, lent, or donated.

This is a device-free production; turn off all devices. The lights from cell phones are as distracting as the sound. Please wait until intermission to check your phone.

The taking of photographs and the use of recording equipment (including phones) is strictly prohibited.

Smoking is not permitted in the building.

In consideration of others and the performers, late-comers may not be seated until an appropriate time during the performance.

Booster seats are available for your child. They are located in the lobby. An usher will be happy to assist you.

There will be a 15-minute intermission where drinks and concessions will be served in the lobby.

You are welcome to come on stage to take photographs after curtain calls.

Current Board of Directors Names and Donors will need to come from Gail Van Mersbergen.

**BIOs**

**Shannon Klaus as Deloris**

Theater and music have always been considered a part of Shannon’s life. Her experience started early with auditions for both the *Sound of Music*, as well as her participation in *Oliver* during her early youth with the Davis County Players.  Shannon continued with theatre, acting and singing in various productions right through her graduation from Davis County High School.  After moving her family (husband, Jon, and children Morgan, Gavin, and Owen) back to Bloomfield 6 years ago, both she and her children have participated in several youth and adult musical productions and plays.  Last year Shannon enjoyed playing the role of Ursula in *The Little Mermaid*.  The Davis County Fine Arts Council will always play a role in the Klaus family. Shannon loves every opportunity to express her creativity and loves the chance to support local community and the fine arts. In Shannon's free time she enjoys cooking, photography, outdoor activities, and spending time with friends and family.

**Cathy Roberts as Mother Superior**

Cathy lives outside the booming metropolis of Troy, Iowa.  She has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Since participating in her first show on this stage 35 years ago this month, she has participated in many shows like *Anything Goes, Bye, Bye Birdie, The King and I, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, State Fair* and *Dixie Swim Club*.  Her favorite role?  Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*.  She had the special pleasure of sharing this stage with 2 of her children: Caitlin, in *Hello, Dolly!* and *South Pacific*, and Clay, in *Scrooge*.  She thanks her husband, Danny, for wrangling 3 children, from diapers to graduation, in the fall while she was on stage, and says “Thank you, Iowa Theatre and your audiences, for giving me 35 years of wonderful memories!”

**Megan Swan as Sister Mary Robert**

Megan Swan is thrilled to be performing in the production *Sister Act*! Megan lives in Bloomfield, Iowa, with her father Shane, mother Kelly, and sister Hailey. Megan has been involved in many productions with Children's Theatre, Middle School Theatre, High School Theatre, the DC Community Players, and as an assistant director. When Megan is not spending time at her home away from home - the theater - she is a freshman student at Davis County High School. In her spare time, Megan enjoys reading, listening to music, watching musicals, chaperoning the 2018 Iowa State Fair Queen, and spending time with friends and family. Megan is very excited to be in the same cast as her mother and sister. She would like to thank her family and her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for always supporting her and making productions like these possible for her! Megan thanks all for coming out and supporting the DC Players and enjoy the show! Lights! Camera! Action!

**Jessica Wortmann as Sister Mary Patrick**

Jessica Wortmann, who is playing the role of Sister Mary Patrick, is excited to perform for you. Jessica lives just outside of Bloomfield with her husband, Richard. She works for the Davis County Community School District as an associate teacher. She has been in several shows here at the Iowa Theatre such as; *Kiss me Kate*, *Seussical*, and *The Little Mermaid*. One of her favorite performances was *The Wizard of Oz* because she was able to perform with her father, Joe Snyder, and brother, Ryan Snyder. Jessica would like to thank the cast and crew of *Sister Act* for making this show so much fun.

**Terri Williams as Sister Mary Lazarus**

Terri has lived in Bloomfield for 18 years.  She and her husband Kevin have two children and three grandchildren.  Terri worked for the Ottumwa School District for 10+ years and is now semi-retired.  Her first show in Davis County was the 25th Anniversary of the musical, *Annie Get Your Gun*.  Since then, she has been in numerous musicals and plays.  Her first main role was in *Dixie Swim Club* and most recently she had a role in the Spring play, *Blithe Spirit*. Her hobbies include being in DC Players productions, crocheting, and spending lots of time with the grandkids!  She would like to thank the audience, because without them there would be no theatre!

**Andy Summers as Curtis**

Andy moved to Bloomfield while in college just a couple of years ago. He has two children and a wonderful wife. He always promised his daughter, Savanah, they would perform in a play together. Time passed very quickly and last year Savanah was a senior and would be going to college soon. In order to keep his promise, he participated in *The Little Mermaid* last year as a drumming turtle and a singing snail. The theater family quickly grew on him and he finds himself in another play this year. He was really excited to perform this year as a trashcan or light post, but the director said she had a part picked out that fit him perfectly. The ruthless gangster Curtis…

**Harrison VanMersbergen as Eddie Souther**

Harrison has been involved in the last several musicals. He has portrayed Jesus (*Godspell*), Robbie Hart (*The Wedding Singer*), and Sebastian (*The Little Mermaid*). He lives in Bloomfield with his wife, Laura, and their two daughters: Aubrey (almost 3 years old) and Isabelle (6 months). He works as an insurance agent at Van Mersbergen Insurance, and Laura is a STEM coach for Davis County Community Schools. He would like to give a special thanks to Laura, who has been at home with the girls while he is at practice. He hopes that someday they might be inspired to be on stage as well, as he was by his father, Wayne.

**Rich Wortmann as Joey**

Richard (playing as the thug Joey) has somewhat gracefully been on stage for years in over 40 plays and musicals. His first show was when he was 10 years old in *Fiddler on the Roof*. Since then he's often been an extra in the chorus, running lights, a villain, and very often the plucky comic relief (some of these at the same time!). Some of his past roles were Seymour Krelborn in *Little Shop of Horrors* and LeFou in *Beauty and the Beast*. "These shows don't work without the fans, thank you for coming!" However, if you are not a fan, please keep your mouth shut. :0)

**Matt Perry as TJ**

Matt is a lifelong resident of Davis County, having grown up in the Drakesville area.  Matt currently lives in Bloomfield with his wife Deana, and daughter Elexis.  A relative new comer to the stage, his first show was *It's a Wonderful Life* two years ago, when he learned to love our production group and being on stage.  He also performed in *The Little Mermaid* last year.

**Joe Hudson as Pablo**

Joe and wife, Marty, moved to Bloomfield in 2011 from Peoria, IL. Their daughter and her husband were expecting their first child and Joe didn't want to be 4 hours away. He grew up in Clark County, Missouri, so this area feels like home to him. In the process of getting to know the residents of his new town, he became acquainted with the community theater players. After agreeing to help doing small parts, more complex parts began to appear. *Sister Act* is the fourth production Joe has participated in since moving to Bloomfield. *It's a Wonderful Life, The Little Mermaid*, and *Blithe Spirit* have all been fun. Everyone is encouraging, and practices are hilarious.