



# Bye, Bye, Birdie

## Cast

## Biographies

**Cailynne Angelo** is excited to make her first appearance in the cast of a Red Barn production after a long hiatus from theater. She has previously been involved in productions of *Children of Eden*, *Shrek the Musical*, and *The Wiz*. Cailynne is eager to expand her post-schooling musical endeavors beyond karaoke with this production and lovely cast.

**Cooper Belculfine** (Randolph McAfee) is new to the Red Barn stage, but he's no stranger to theatre! He most recently performed in *Bye Bye Birdie* (OLSH). Other credits include Fletcher in *Freaky Friday* (CTP) and the children's ensemble of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (OLSH Summer Theatre). He plays soccer and basketball, and he also studied guitar and saxophone. He is 11 and entering sixth grade at Our Lady of Fatima School in Hopewell, where he does Student Council and English Festival. He's had so much fun this summer and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

**Tiffany Belculfine** (Ensemble, Mrs. McAfee at some performances) is thrilled for her first show at Red Barn. Her favorite role is Mommy to Cooper and wife to Matt. She performs in the annual *Christmas Memories* production with Center Theatre Players and most recently appeared in *Leader of the Pack* (CTP). Other favorite roles include Rose in *Bye Bye Birdie* (RMU Summer Theatre), Torey in *Freaky Friday* (CTP), The Bird Woman in *Mary Poppins* (Comtra), and Sister Robert Anne in *Nunsense* (RMU). She works as a PA running a wellness clinic for breast cancer survivors at Magee. Break a leg, all!

**Joey Bellinger** (Jerry/train conductor/Maude) is making his first appearance on the Red Barn stage, he has also appeared in 3 musicals at . AAHS most notably as Ali Hakim in *Oklahoma*. He also takes vocal lessons, and is a member of the Steel Band, choir, and Band. He hopes that you all enjoy the show!

**Xander Boots** (Conrad Birdie) is making his third appearance on the Red Barn stage, having appeared in the 2019 productions of *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *Here Lies Jeremy Troy*. He was also in the 2019 production of *Scary Musical* at the Iron Horse Theater, playing the role of the flamboyant Mr. MacGuffin. Xander loves character acting, and he gets to do that in a big way with Conrad Birdie!

**Jack Brown** (Albert Peterson) is thrilled to be making his first appearance at the Red Barn this summer! Previously, he participated in several productions of Lincoln High School's musicals, including *The Addams Family*, *Shrek*, *Mary Poppins*, and many others! In addition, he was an active member of the Lincoln High choirs, participating in PMEA District Choir throughout the years! Jack is currently attending BC3 for Computer Science and is continuing his studies this fall at Slippery Rock University!

**David A. Cary** (Harry MacAfee) has been involved with the Red Barn for the past 22 seasons. He has appeared in such productions as *Hilda's Yard* (Sam Fluck), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Man in Chair), *Pump Boys and Dinettes* (Jim), and *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* (Various roles). He has also worked for such theater companies as Lincoln Park, Stage 62, Split Stage Productions, Butler Musical Theatre Guild, Center Theater Players, R-ACT, The Bobcat Players, Iron Horse Theater, and Musical Theater Artists of Pittsburgh. David Lives in Conway with his wife, Shelly and is employed by PNC Bank as a Learning Facilitator.

**Peyton Confer** (Penelope Ann) is making her second appearance on the Red Barn Stage, having appeared as Centipede in the 2019 production of *James and the Giant Peach*. Peyton has appeared in many local theaters in the last 6 years including the Comtra and The Strand. She was also a member of the Strandtastics and Fantastix Show Choirs. Most recently, as an 8th grader, she starred as Veruca Salt in the Lincoln High School production of *Willy Wonka*. Peyton is thrilled to be performing with this group of people and she can't wait for you to see the show.

**Arie Danko** (Ursula) You might have a hard time recognizing Arie from past productions, she is frequently cast as a man! She was most recently seen on The Strand stage in *The Producers*, *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*, and *Let The Sun Shine In*; On the Red Barn stage in the concert series in 2021, playing the roles of Pastry Chef in *The Drowsy Chaperone* and playing Ladahlord in *James And The Giant Peach*; on the Butler's Musical Theater Guild stage in *Red Hot & Cole*. She currently performs at multiple retirement homes

throughout Western PA through Sound Advice Entertainment, bringing the joy of music to our older community members.

**Bets Danko (Mrs MacAfee)** While she doesn't jump on stage often, you might have seen her sneak in a performance at The Strand with the Celtic Tenors or play Abuela Claudia in *In The Heights* at PMT. Or maybe you have caught her off stage and on her popular podcast, *Wisdom & Chocolate*. Bets has had the pleasure of performing in multiple productions with Nevada State Opera and the California Philharmonic at The Disney Hall in Los Angeles and the Pasadena Civic Center. Bets Danko's stage credits include Irenie Bennett in the world premiere of *Gulls*, Aldonza in *Man of La Mancha*, Fastrada in *Pippin*, and Mother in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, to name a few.

**Kylie Hadley (Mrs. Merkle)** is thrilled to be part of the cast of *Bye, Bye, Birdie*. Although she has been performing in musicals since 2006, Kylie is elated to be making her Red Barn stage debut. Prior to *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, she most recently appeared in *Spamalot* at the Youngstown Playhouse and *Guys and Dolls* at the New Castle Playhouse. She would like to thank Toni, Bonnie, Amy, and the cast for making her first time at the Red Barn memorable.

**Amber Hugus (Joy Anderson)** – Amber is thrilled to be not only participating in her first Red Barn production, but also her first performance role since high school! Amber is currently a Theatre Arts and English Teacher at Seneca Valley where she also runs the Thespians club, directs the Spring Play, and stage manages the All-School Musical. Amber would like to thank Toni for this opportunity, the other members of the “mom ensemble” for including her, and Jackson for putting up with all her cringy “momming”.

**Jackson Hugus (Jimmy Anderson)** – Jackson is excited to be in his first Red Barn production! He has been performing in musicals ever since he was in the elementary casts of *Legally Blonde* and *Tarzan* at Seneca Valley. Recently, Jackson had the lead role of Bill in *Mamma Mia!* He also played Les Jacobs in his youth group production of *Newsies* at Calvin Presbyterian Church. Jackson also participates in marching band and Thespians club. Jack would like to thank Toni for this opportunity, his mom for always encouraging him to perform, and his dad and Joy for their support.

**Nathan Kingston** (Karl/Shriner) is making his first appearance on the Red Barn stage. He has done shows at Riverside high school through his 4 years there such as, *Shrek, State Fair, How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, and Happy Days* until graduating in 2021. Nathan, who is about to start his second year at Robert Morris University, is excited to be in a show again especially with the amazing cast and crew here at Red Barn.

**Christian Kramer** (Mr Johnson/Police Officer) – Kramer, as he is called, is doing his debut performance at the Red Barn Theater and his 1<sup>st</sup> theatrical performance since High School where he played Ollie Herdman in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Theater may new territory, but the stage is not. As a musician, he has been a drummer in The Church Band and guitar and vocals with Track 7. Currently he plays with his jam band Triangle as well as songwriting and working on studio projects. Kramer looks forward to more opportunities to perform in live theater.

**Sami Kramer** (Sally) – Even though this is Sami’s first time being in a show at the Red Barn Theater, she is no stranger to being on stage. Sami has participated in a variety of musical performances such as *Grease, Mama Mia* and others as part of the New Castle Playhouse Rising Stars Theater Camp. Sami played the Narwhal as well as various ensemble characters in The New Castle Playhouses junior addition of the musical *Elf*. She has also done some vocal performances with The Church Band. Even though it is not her first time on stage, Sami is still grateful for the opportunity to be in this show, and the chance to meet so many amazing people!

**Alena Kucan** (Kim McAfee) is happy to be back performing on the Red Barn stage. She graduated from Duquesne University in December 2020 with a Masters in Communication and is currently the Director of Communications at Divine Grace Parish (newly merged Catholic Parish serving Cranberry Township, Ellwood City and Zelienople). From 2015 to 2020, Alena was a contract performer with the Tamburitzans (formerly the Duquesne University Tamburitzans). Alena’s first performance at the Red Barn was in 2003 when, at six years old, she was in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, followed by *The Music Man*, and *The Sound of Music* all with her parents. Alena would like to thank her parents for supporting her from day one.

**Isabella Kudlac** (Imogene Kerry) is performing this year for the first time with The Red Barn Theater! She has performed in several high school musicals such as *Little Mermaid, Little Woman, Mary Poppins, Shrek, School House Rock and Willy Wonka*. She is also an avid softball player. She hopes you Enjoy the Show!!

**Anya Maschmeier** (Margie Johnson) is thrilled to be joining the cast of *Bye, Bye, Birdie* for her first show at the Red Barn theater! She is a senior at Seneca Valley Senior High a member of the SV Pom Pons squad, Concert Choir, Madrigals, Concert Winds band and competes in PMEA choir festivals where she placed 15th in the state. Her most recent role was Tanya in *Mamma Mia*. She would like to thank her family and friends for their continued support.

**Kara Masters** (Mrs. Nolan) is excited and grateful to make her first appearance on the Red Barn stage this summer. Kara starred as Laura in *Egad! The Woman in White* in 2019 with the Community Theatre Players in Ben Avon, and she performed in a number of plays and musicals at Geneva College's Bagpiper Theater during her college career. Kara wishes to give a special shout-out to her fellow "Sweet Apple moms" who rule the roosts, and a HUGE shout-out to her husband Ethan for always supporting her in her theatrical endeavors.

**Katie McAdoo** (Karen Martin) is making her first appearance on the Red Barn Stage. She has been in Seneca Valley shows, *Mamma Mia 2022*, *Into The Woods 2021*. Along with her time at Act One for *Narnia 2019*. She is thrilled to be joining another theatre company's production.

**Olivia Morrow** (Helen Jones, U/S Kim MacAfee) is a rising senior as Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School and she thrilled to be back on the Red Barn stage! Some of her most recent productions include *Pride and Prejudice* (Charlotte Lucas), *Descendants* (Featured Dancer, U/S Maleficent, Jay, and Carlos), *Newsies* (Pit Singer), and many Zoom productions. Olivia thanks her family and friends for supporting her and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Aryanna Nielsen** (Suzie Bell) is making her first appearance on the Red Barn stage. She has performed in many shows throughout her young career, with roles such as Charlie Bucket in *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka* and an ancestor in *The Addams Family*. She has taken part in various choirs in her life and has recently attended the PMEA 8th grade district chorus. Outside of performing, Aryanna enjoys reading and spending time with her loved ones. She is very excited and honored to be in the Red Barn production of *Bye, Bye, Birdie*.

**Andrew Palumbo** (The Mayor) is performing in his first show at the Red Barn Theater and his first musical performance since 1995 which was his first and only role as a cricket in his 3rd grade play at Thaddeus Stevens Elementary. Andrew is a late bloomer and at 35 is writing a new chapter in his great book of life in which he is ready to begin learning from the greats at the Red Barn Theater with a goal to master the art of musical theater.

**Harper Palumbo** (Hannah Merkle) is appearing in her first Red Barn production and her first ever musical. Enthusiastic and eager to start her performing career as a young artist and performer Harper is dedicated to start her ascension to stardom

**Melissa Patterson** (Gloria Rasputin/Grace Roberts) is thrilled to be performing with the Red Barn Players again this year. She was last seen on stage as Leeza Courtney Fox in *Scary Musical: The Musical* at the Iron Horse Theatre Company. Past performances include: *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Bonnie and Clyde*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, and *The Valentine's Day Show* at Shakespeare's with The Red Barn Players. *Christmas Memories*, *Children of Eden*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar* with the Center Theatre players. *Honk!*, *Me and my Girl*, *Shrek the Musical*, and *The Wiz* with Central Valley High School and *Seussical the Musical* with The Calvin Presbyterian Players. She is currently working as an Esthetician/ Wax Specialist at *Wicked Kitty PGH* in Lawrenceville.

**Cyndi Plyler-** (Mae Peterson) is so excited to return to the Red Barn stage after a long hiatus. Her Barn credits include *The Music Man* and *1940's Radio Hour*. Other local credits include *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, *Oliver!*, *Music Man*, *USO Remembers* and *Yule TV* at the Strand Theatre in Zelenople. Thanks to the family and friends for tagging along in this theatrical life! Enjoy some popcorn!

**Kassidy Schlemmer** (Deborah Sue) is making her second appearance on the Red Barn stage. She appeared in the 2015 production of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. She is a 2022 Riverside high school graduate and has performed in numerous shows there! She performed in *How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*, Mrs. Cunningham and a Pinkette in *Happy Days The Musical*, and Mrs. Wormwood in *Matilda!* Kassidy will be a freshman at Grove City college this fall and will be studying Special Education and Early Childhood Education. She is super excited to be back on the stage and to be putting on show with such a phenomenal cast!

**Shelly Schuster** (Rose Alvarez) is thrilled to be on the Red Barn stage again! Not new to musical theatre, she has been in numerous shows including *Kiss Me Kate*, *Spamalot*, *Peter Pan*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Into the Woods*, *Carousel*, *Violet*, and 3 times as Donna in *Mamma Mia*. Shelly first appeared as Sad Girl in *Bye, Bye, Birdie* at the age of 5 where her dad played Albert Peterson and sang to her on stage. She now dedicates this show many years later to her Dad Larry for introducing her to musical theatre and supporting her through the years!

**Marygrace Sebring** (Mary Lou Santa) is making her first appearance in a Red Barn production. Marygrace has performed in *The Music Man*, *Honk*, and the *Season of Love* with Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople. Marygrace has a love of the arts and enjoys playing her tenor saxophone in the RGMS band. She loves dance and recently performed ballet and modern dance numbers in her 10<sup>th</sup> recital for Siri's School of the Performing Arts. She also enjoys singing with people of all ages in the Calvin Church Choir.

**Morgan Stanton** (Monica) an eighth grader at Seneca Valley, is thrilled to be returning to Red Barn for her second production! Morgan previously appeared as Earthworm in *James and the Giant Peach*. Morgan is also an active member of Wexford Acting Studio where she has appeared in *Elf the Musical* (Charlie), *High School Musical* (Cheer Captain), *Seussical* (Young Kangaroo) and *Beauty and the Beast* (Sugar Bowl). Most recently Morgan appeared as Audrey in her middle school's production of *Disney's Descendants*. Morgan is also involved in Girl Scouts and plays percussion in her school band.

**Jacob Storey** (Bobby/Shriner/Reporter) is making his first appearance at The Red Barn Theater. Jacob will be a junior at Riverside High School where he is very involved in their musical theater department, choir, and chamber choir. He last starred as Mr. Wormwood in Riverside's *Matilda the Musical* and was the recipient of the the 2022 Henry Mancini Award's Pittsburgh CLO Scholarship.

**Madeleine Tomo** (Nancy) is a sophomore at Seneca Valley. While she has in a seasoned performer at Act One, Calvin and Seneca Valley, this is her first appearance on the Red Barn stage. She is grateful for this opportunity to perform.

**Mark VanHorn** (Hugo Peabody) is making his first appearance on the Red Barn stage. He has also appeared in the six most recent Lincoln Jr./Sr. Highschool musicals, starring as Willy Wonka in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. He loves both choir and band and intends to continue both during his college career at Grove City College where he will be studying electrical engineering.

**Callum Williams** (Harvey Johnson/Shriner) is very excited to be performing in the Red Barn Theater for the first time. Callum is a Junior at Seneca Valley High School, and is involved in the Concert Choir, Madrigals/Chamber Choir, and Show Choir. He has previously been in the musicals *Into the Woods* as The Baker and *Mamma Mia* as Sam Carmichael. He would like to thank Toni Schlemmer for the opportunity to be Harvey Johnson in this year's Red Barn musical and for making it such a fun and enjoyable rehearsal experience.

**Beth Wilson** (Mrs. Mayor) has appeared in numerous plays and musicals at the Red Barn and Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zelig, since 1992. However, her very first role, at age 10, was Gretl in the opera *Hansel and Gretel* staged at the brand new CVJ Elementary School. Most recently in 2018, Beth performed in *Shipwrecked* here at the Red Barn. Beth's just really happy to sing, dance and play all kinds of characters from a TV preacher or Southern sheriff in shows like *Cottonpatch Gospel* and *Godspell* to a mom in *Honk or Bye Bye Birdie*. But most of all, she hopes you enjoy the show.