

Harley Allen (Ken Gorman) is pleased to return to the stage at the Red Barn Theater following a lengthy hiatus. At the completion of a thirty-five-year career as a kindergarten teacher, he embarked on a journey bringing a variety of characters to life on stages throughout Western Pennsylvania. Some of his favorite roles include Stage Manager in “*Our Town*”, Kris Kringle in “*Miracle on 34th Street*”, Mr. Greenway in “*Elf*”, Count De Leion in “*The Golden Rose*” and Vinnie in “*The Odd Couple*.” He wishes to thank the cast and crew for making his return to The Red Barn a wonderful experience. Also, thanks to my wife for allowing me to pursue this dream of performing.

Lauranne Ferrara (Chris Gorman) is no stranger to the Red Barn. She first appeared on stage in 1967 in the chorus of *Carnival*. More recently, you may have seen Lauranne in "The Charitable Sisterhood of the Second Trinity Victory Church", "Red Barn Under the Stars", *Drinking Habits* and *Jerry's Girls*. The Barn has been a family affair as her parents were both lifetime members, with her dad serving as President for 34 years. The Barn is still a family affair as Lauranne, her husband, Kim, and son, Steven, are all on the advisory board as well. Lauranne is a retired flight attendant, and her husband is a retired pilot. They enjoy going on cruises, boating and fishing. She has two sons, Steven and Jameson, and a granddaughter, Vivienne. Lauranne is excited and grateful to perform with this exceptionally talented cast and hopes you enjoy the show!

David A. Cary (Lennie Ganz) has been performing for the Red Barn Players for the past 25 years. David has also worked for such theaters as The Strand, The Bobcat Players, Stage 62, Split Stage Productions, Musical Theatre Artists of Pittsburgh, R-ACT, Asylum Productions, Lincoln Park, Musical Theatre Guild of Butler, and Center Theatre Players. Favorite roles include Max Bialystock in *The Producers*, Barney in *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, Allan in *Play It Again*, Mushnik in *Little Shop of Horrors*, (for The Strand and in which he was nominated for a Broadway World Award) and Sam Fluck in *Hilda's Yard*. David works as a Sr. Learning Facilitator for PNC Bank and lives in Conway, PA with his wife, Shelly.

Ellen Kalik (Claire Ganz) is happy to return to the Red Barn stage after last appearing here in 2014 in "Old Love." She is no stranger to "Rumors," as this is her fifth time to be involved in the production. Her first appearance as Officer Pudney was near the beginning of her theater career, which started over 25 years ago. She portrayed Claire once before, as well as Cassie, and most recently stage managed the show in 2017. She last appeared as Judith Bliss in "Hay Fever" with Community Theater Players in March, and will perform with current castmates Eric (Ernie) and Duncan (Glenn) at Iron Horse Theatre in August's debut of "The Coach and Mrs. Jagoff." Ellen dedicates this performance to her husband, Chris...who first saw her on stage as Claire 21 years ago, shortly after they began dating. Visit Ellen's website at www.ellenkailk.com.

Duncan Jameson (Glenn Cooper) a Pittsburgh ad man, returns to the Red Barn Players, where he played Big Jule in *Guys and Dolls* last year. He was just on stage at the Indiana Players as Vanya in *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. Duncan is cast this summer in *Coach and Mrs. Jagoff* at Iron Horse Theatre, where he was featured in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* and *The Boys Next Door*. Some of his favorite roles were in *Let Him Sleep 'Til It's Time for His Funeral* at the Butler Art Center and *Wanda's Visit* for Stoops Ferry Productions, as well as in Prime Stage Theatre's *Hamlet Leaves England* and The Theatre Factory's *Paint Chips* for the New Works Festival. Duncan also has major parts in the films *Vindication* and *House of Tears*.

Jan VanBuren (Cassie Cooper) is thrilled to be in "Rumors." Her theater credits go back to high school when she played Peggy in Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn" and the Princess in Williams Glennon's "My Friend the Fox" over fifty years ago. A nurse since 1977, she retired five years ago. She and her husband Rick enjoyed watching many plays. Many special ones were enjoyed at the Red Barn Theater. Rick would often encourage Jan to try out for a show and she finally did! Jan wishes you laughs, snorts, and giggles. Welcome Jan!

Tricia Eichler (Cookie Cusack) has performed in the previous Red Barn productions of *“Play On!”* and *“Whose Wives Are They Anyway?”* She is having so much fun playing the outrageous character, Cookie, this year. Tricia is active in community theatre in the area including Butler Little Theatre and Musical Theatre Guild in Butler. Real life can be crazier than fiction, and she loves heading to theatre where natural consequences are suspended! Hope you enjoy the show!

Eric Vollmer (Ernie Cusack) is excited to return to the Red Barn stage this season! Previously, Eric portrayed Nathan Detroit in *“Guys and Dolls”* at the Red Barn. Other recent credits include Daddy Murphy in Bright Star at Center Theatre Players and Franklin Hart Jr. in *“9 to 5”* at Musical Theatre Guild of Butler. Past performance credits include ensemble roles in *“Fiddler on the Roof”*, *“Anything Goes”*, and *“Damn Yankees”*, and solo and choral performances with groups in the area. Off stage, Eric works in technology risk and governance, and serves on the MTG Butler Board of Directors. Eric resides in Cranberry Township, and is truly grateful for the support of his loving wife Rachael and amazing son Ben.

Thom Hilliard (Detective Welch) for the first time in the 18 years he has been acting, he has been given the opportunity to have a part in a play written by Neil Simon (yes, it's a bucket list item for his!!! A HUGE thanks to Don Pepe for casting him)!!! This show is odd, zany and so much fun, that it doesn't seem like acting at all!!! (Yes, we're all just a bit off!!!) I/we hope you'll sit back, laugh, and enjoy this wonderful piece of craziness by America's playwright.

Mary Cameron (Officer Connie Pudney) has appeared on the Red Barn stage and worked backstage in a few productions over the past twenty-plus years. She feels blessed to be a part of the Red Barn family. A Zelienople resident and retired professor, May stays active with local history, pickleball, and gardening.

Don Pepe (Director) has over 50 years of theater experience and is an acting veteran at the Red Barn. The scope of a director's responsibility is broad, but the most important thing is to give the actors that chance to grow and be successful in their roles in the play. He notes "I have a wonderfully talented cast who have embraced my vision of the play to give the audience a great time". Don lives in Harmony with his wife Nancy and his dog Rusty. Both support him with love.