PLAYGUIDE

LAKELAND COMMUNITY THEATRE | MAINSTAGE PRODUCTION | SEASON 41

RATED M

MISERY

By William Goldman



Director John Pierce

Presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Dramatists Play Service.
www.concordtheatricals.com

NOV. 6 –15, 2026

for tickets call **863.603.7529**
or visit **LakelandCommunityTheatre.com**

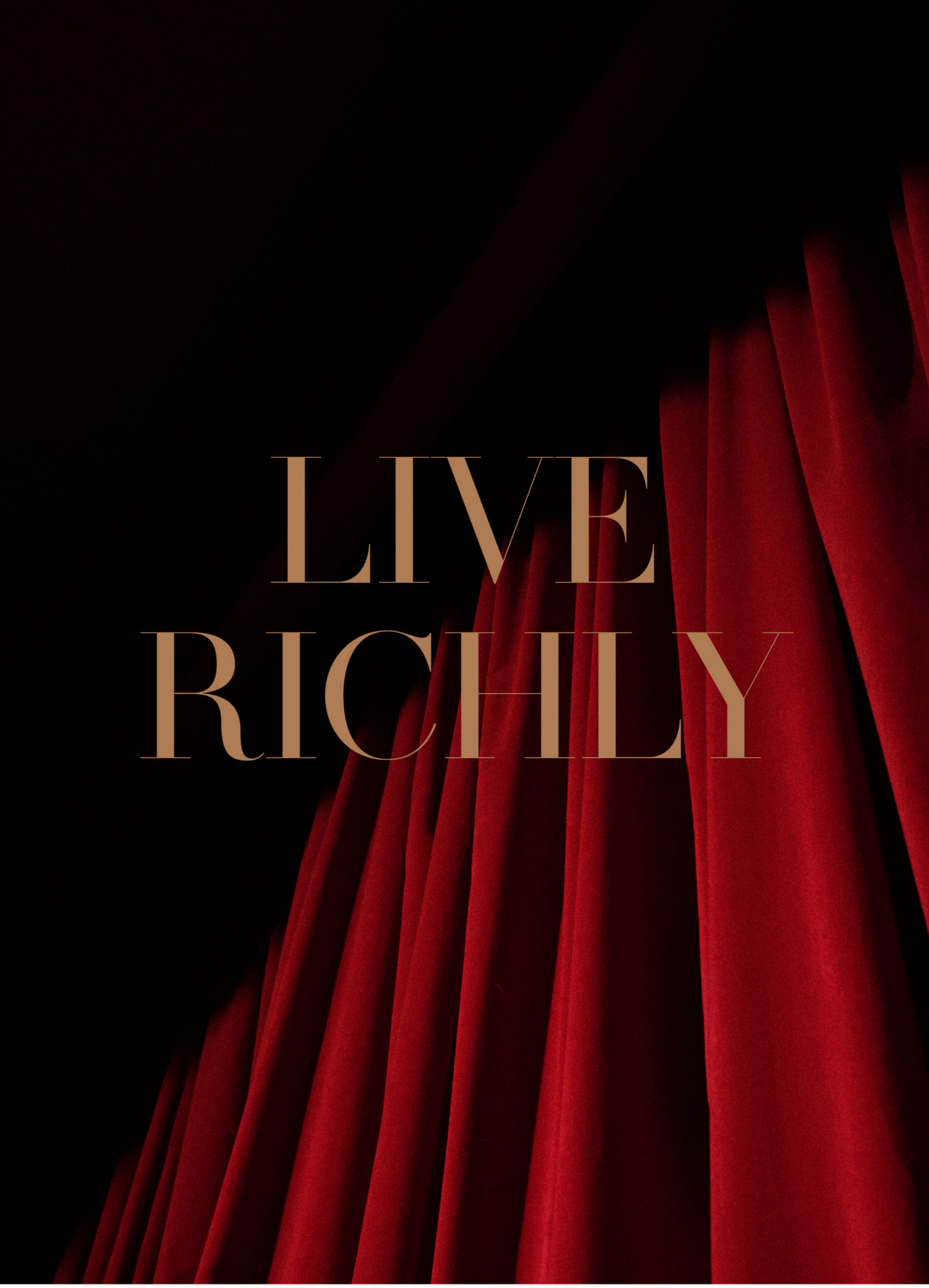
PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS CHARITIES

LKLD ARTS MAYOR'S COUNCIL on the ARTS

rue Visit Central Florida

Florida ARTS & CULTURE

CITY OF Lakeland www.lakelandgov.net



C•RE WEALTH ADVISORS

COREWEALTH.COM • 863.904.4745

124 South Florida Avenue 4th Floor

Lakeland, Florida 33801



Supporters of Lakeland Community Theatre for 33 years

Affordable, Accessible, Experienced

Ira A. Serebrin

Attorney At Law

Serving Polk County
For Over 53 Years

Providing professional legal service you can count on.

Marital & Family Law • Criminal Law • Personal Injury

www.Contactiratoday.com

863-666-1939

TAKE A BOW

FOR ALL YOU DO TO BRING CULTURE
AND CREATIVITY TO THE MAIN STAGE

We're honored to be cast in a supporting role.



HEATH

Funeral Chapel & Crematory

— Since 1959 —

328 S. Ingraham Avenue, Lakeland • 863-682-0111 • www.heathfuneralchapel.com

AN EVOLVING

legacy



Supporting the **Lakeland Community Theatre** and celebrating their hard work in providing creative opportunities for children and others in our community.

Timothy F. Campbell

tcampbell@clarkcampbell-law.com

- BOARD CERTIFIED IN REAL ESTATE LAW
- BOARD CERTIFIED IN CITY, COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW
- LAND USE AND ZONING
- COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE
- CORPORATE LAW

Since 1988, **Clark, Campbell, Lancaster, Workman & Airth, P.A.** has been committed to protecting business and family assets through the work of dedicated, caring attorneys. Experience the difference that Lakeland's most trusted legal team can make.

CLARK, CAMPBELL, LANCASTER, WORKMAN & AIRTH, P.A.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

500 S. Florida Ave. #800; Lakeland, FL 33801
863-647-5337
clarkcampbell-law.com

REAL ESTATE CORPORATE LAW LAND USE ESTATE PLANNING
TAX LAW COMMERCIAL LITIGATION ELDER LAW MEDICAID PLANNING

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

SHARE THEIR JOURNEY



There is an **urgent need for foster families** to provide safe and loving homes to teens, sibling groups and children with special needs.
Do you have room in your heart and home?

863-519-8900 x 289

Heartland for Children

www.heartlandforchildren.org

Lakeland Community Theatre
Season 41 2026-2027

Board of Directors

President ..... Cathi Champino

Vice President ..... Alex Shanks

Treasurer ..... Greg Snyder

Secretary ..... Melinda Dixon

Board Members ..... Christiaan Abbott
Brian Bailey, Ivelisse De la Fe, Cindy Hardin
Pilka, Elina Katzaras, Joelle Johnson,
Robert Macey, Alex Shanks, Ed Smith,
Crystal Springs, Terica Williams

Past Presidents ..... Jon Brock, Greg Snyder

Theatre Staff

Producing Director ..... Maureen McGowan

Business Director ..... Bernardette Heaps

Technical Director ..... Orlando Mora

Education Director ..... Jordyn Jones

Office/Production Assistant ..... Autumn Myers

Development Director ..... Becky Murphy

LAKELAND
Area Chamber Foundation

Proud Member of
aact
Improving Communities
One Theatre at a Time



Please be sure to silence and stow all electronic devices before the performance starts. Taking photographs and/or use of other recording equipment during the performance is not allowed.



Lakeland Community Theatre is an ADA certified venue. Wheelchair accessible seating is available. Ask an usher to assist you.

We can’t do this without you!

Ticket sales cover less than half of our annual costs, so community support is essential to what we do.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, sponsors, and partners, we’re able to continue providing high-quality, affordable theatre for everyone in our community.

We are grateful for your support.

In Kind Sponsors

City of Lakeland
Ruthven Holdings LLC
Hall Communications

Executive Producer $10,000 & up

Core Wealth Advisors
The Givewell Community Foundation
Publix Supermarket Charities
Visit Central Florida
State of Florida Division of Arts & Culture

Producer $5,000 & up

The Paxson Morrison Foundation

Co-Producer $2,500 & up

Cassandra Banning
The Lakeland Community Theatre -
Thelma Kells Endowment Fund

Associate Producer $1,000 & up

The Shanks/Collier Family • Vision First

Hafferly

Stage Manager $500 & up

Carolyn & Jeff Anderson

David & Polly Caldwell • Ken & Nyla Campbell

The Ed Smith Family • Karen Holcomb

Jay & Debbie Reardon

Assistant Stage Manager $250 & up

David & Christine Aldwardt • Kay & Jud Allen

Judy Fowler • The Steven Jones Family

Tom & Doris Lyons • Rob & Peggy Semans

Benefactor $100 & up

Christiaan & Brandy Abbott • Kristin Aiken

Constance Canfield • Kathleen & Jeff Coffman

Maggie & Gil Diaz • Charlene Dow

Tom & Mariane Evans • Debra Hayman

Richard & Marcia Lindblom

Donna & Anthony Massaro • The Murphy Family

Robert & Junis Nunez

Elizabeth & Mike Patton • Debbie Rozen

Ned & Vina Shah • Doris & Bob Trohn

Tammy & Ira Serebrin Hartung

Friend $25 & up

Janine Anderson • Don Brushaber
Diane Burda • Denise Cowan
Bruce & Jean DiBello • Sheila Geheren
Linda Hansen • Nyla Hunt • Barbara P. Kelly
Rhonda King • Dwight & Carol Nash
Nancy Peterson • Sarah Schiemann
Laura Shipton • Chuck & Ann Snavely
Beverly Springer • Diane Votaw
Kathy Vousden • Beverly Waters

$40 for 40 Club

The Alvarez Family • The Casasnovas Martinó Family
The Dixon Family • The Elliott Family • Debbie Hayman
The Heaps Family• The Steven Jones Family
Anita Kollinger • Tom Mook • The Murphy Family
The O'Leary Family • The Pappas Family
Todd & Holly Parrish • John David Partain
The Pennington Family • Jennah Rohde • Sophie Rohde
Rob & Peggy Semans • Ken & Jackie Shadrake
Chuck & DeeDee Smith • The Snyder Family
Sahithi Talluru • Kathy Vousden

MISERY

CAST LIST

Annie Wilkes ..... Shawna Sanders*

Paul Sheldon ..... Gary Reichard*

Buster ..... Jay Howell*

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director ..... John Pierce

Set Design/Scenic Artist ..... Orlando Mora

Costume Design ..... Heather Clarke

Technical Director ..... Orlando Mora

Assistant Technical Director ..... Corey Elliott

Lighting Design ..... Orlando Mora

Stage Manager ..... Lindsey Brown

Assistant Stage Manager ..... Bridge Rhodes

Armorer ..... Bob Macey

Props Master ..... Corey Elliott

Sound Operator ..... Dedrick Saenz-Mendieta

Crew Chief ..... Ian O'Leary

Run Crew/Flies ..... Michael Johnson

Run Crew ..... Juan Casasnovas, Collin Naramore

Wardrobe Assistance .... Laura Beard, Bernardette Heaps, Becky Murphy

Visual Effects ..... John Roquemore

Thanks to the City of Lakeland, Lawrence Lesher Bob Macey, Theatre Winter Haven, our wonderful volunteers and everybody else that helped make this production possible.

MISERY

By William Goldman

Based on the novel by Stephen King

Misery is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Dramatists Play Services.

A Note From The Director

What happens when we ask another person, a story, or a dream to give us more than it can possibly offer?

That question has guided our work on *Misery*. We all long for meaning, belonging, and something we can trust. But when we place the full weight of those longings on something that cannot bear it, disappointment can turn into blame, and affection into possession.

Our challenge was to bring the suspense of a film into the shared space of live theatre, where a silence or a small gesture can change everything. These actors have grounded that tension in people who believe deeply in what they want and why they deserve it. Their sincerity makes the story unsettling, and perhaps more familiar than we would like to admit.

Thank you for joining us.
John Pierce, Director

Cast



Annie Wilkes

Shawna Sanders



Paul Sheldon

Gary Reichard



Buster

Jay Howell

Production Staff



John Pierce

Director



Orlando Mora

Technical Director/Lighting Design

Scenic Design/Scenic Artist



Heather Clarke

Costume Designer



Lindsey Brown

Stage Manager



Corey Elliott

Assistant Technical Director/Props Master

MEET THE CAST

Jay Howell (Buster) has been around the block more than a couple of times. This is his first show withLCT, but he has performed in numerous roles over the years, including *Death of a Salesman* (Howard Wagner), *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* (SGT Michael Kelly), *Calendar Girls* (Lawrence and Liam), *Elephant's Graveyard* (The Strongman), and more. He has done dinner theater, corporate training videos, and appeared for about two seconds on the Tubi original, *Defying Death*. Jay is a retired radio newsman, and an 11-year veteran of the US Army. He lives with his two extremely spoiled parrots and also plays guitar and bass in bands.

Gary Reichard (Paul Sheldon) is excited to be appearing in his first production with LCT and first since moving to Florida 8 years ago. Back in Maryland he was involved with many community theatre groups as a performer and director. He has cherished memories of being on stage with his family as well as directing his kids in plays and musicals. His most enjoyable roles include *Noises Off* (Lloyd and Freddy) in separate productions, of course! *Damn Yankees* (Smokey) and *Mary Poppins* (Park Keeper). His favorite role is the 36-year run as husband to Laurie with whom he has four children and (so far) five grandkids. Gary lives here in Lakeland, is active in his church (Access), and if you catch him on sitting his porch be sure to wave back.

Shawna Sanders (Annie Wilkes) is delighted to be making her LCT debut and is grateful for the opportunity. Before taking a 30-year acting intermission to build a career in film production, favorite roles included *Macbeth* (Lady Macbeth) at St. Mark’s Theatre in NYC, *Antigone* (Antigone) and *Tartuffe* (Dorine) at Grove City College, and *The Glass Menagerie* (Laura Wingfield) and *Once Upon a Mattress* (Queen Aggravain) at Damascus High School. Shawna is profoundly thankful to her tribe whose encouragement is steadfast. Most especially, she thanks her father, Larry Gladhill, a longtime LCT subscriber, for making sure she showed up for the audition - and for always being her number one fan. Annie Wilkes is a woman who, for better or worse, reminds us just how powerful our passions can be. Shawna is very happy to have rediscovered one of hers. Her friends and family are relieved, that’s where the similarities end.

MEET THE PRODUCTION STAFF

John Pierce (Director) is an accomplished director, actor, and theatre educator with extensive experience in professional, regional, and educational theatre. A former Actors' Equity performer, he holds an MFA in Acting from the National Theatre Conservatory in Denver, Colorado. His professional credits include the Denver Center Theatre Company, Broadway Palm Theatre, Cumberland County Playhouse, and numerous regional theatres nationwide. With more than 50 productions directed and over 14 years teaching theatre at the high school and collegiate levels, John's directing credits include *Into the Woods*, *Macbeth*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Jane Eyre*. His work spans classical drama, musical theatre, and contemporary productions, with an emphasis on strong storytelling, thoughtful character development, and collab John is passionate about developing artists, expanding access to live theatre, and strengthening the role of theatre in the community.

Orlando Mora (Technical Director/Set Design/Light Design/Scenic Artist) has been part of Lakeland Community Theatre since 2013, when he first joined the team as Master Electrician. Over the years, his work behind the scenes evolved into lighting design and eventually led him to his current role as Technical Director, a position he has held since 2023. Having spent more than a decade growing alongside the theatre, he enjoys bringing creative visions to life and creating the worlds that audiences get to experience onstage. Outside the theatre, he enjoys reading, making music, and spending time with his beautiful wife, Ana, and their beloved cat, Dolores. He's grateful to be part of such a wonderful creative community and to continue doing what he loves alongside the people who make it all possible.

Heather Marie Clarke (Costume Design) holds a BA in Theatre from Butler University and is from Lakeland. For the last 10 years, she has been the Resident Costume and Makeup Designer for the Theatre Department at Booker High School VPA in Sarasota, and the LCT Resident Costume Designer. From 2010 to 2013, Heather was the Director of Theatre at McLaughlin Middle School and Fine Arts Academy, and taught private acting lessons in Orlando. Costume Design credits include LCT, TWH, All Saint's Academy, Harrison School of the Arts, Booker Visual and Performing Arts School, Butler University, and McLaughlin Fine Arts Academy. Heather thanks Blake, for his love and support, and her parents for always encouraging her to follow her dreams.

Corey Elliott (Assistant Technical Director/Props Master) is thrilled to be on staff at LCT, having been involved in the theatre off and on since 1994. Corey returned to LCT in 2023, performing in numerous Mainstage productions (Favorites include *Tootsie*, *School of Rock*, *Big Fish*, *Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *Big*) as well as 3 Theatre for youth Production with his

daughter, Olivia. (*Happy Elf*, *Tuck Everlasting*, *Pinkalicious.*) After Graduating from Harrison ('97) in the technical theatre program, he obtained his Film production degree from Valencia in Orlando. He worked at Universal's Islands of adventure for 4 years as an attraction lead and trainer, while also working for Halloween Horror nights for a total of 8 years. During that period, Corey did several independent films, one of which won a Cine Golden Eagle award for best short film. While at Universal, he met the Love of his life, Jami and got married in 2004. They have two awesome kids- Ryley and Olivia. In recent years, Corey designed and built sets and props for his daughter's drama club productions of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and the G*rimm Brothers Spectaculathon*. More recently, after making a huge career change, he found himself on the design team to re-design/ build/ fabricate for a new experience at Lakeland Escape room. He is very excited for this new opportunity to be on staff at LCT, building and fabricating once again and doing what he loves, at a place he has loved for decades. He thanks his entire family for the constant encouragement and support and would not be the person he is without them!

Lindsey Brown (Stage Manager) has stage managed 9 shows at Lakeland Community Theatre including The Light in the Piazza and Who's Afraid of Virgina Woolf? When she is not at the theatre or her primary occupation as an elementary teacher, Lindsey can be found volunteering at comic cons across Florida or relaxing at home with a good book.

Proud Partners

STAYBRIDGE SUITES

Hilton Garden Inn



Ashley Helms

863.206.7260

ashleyhelms2505@gmail.com

zillow.com/profile/ashleyhelms3/

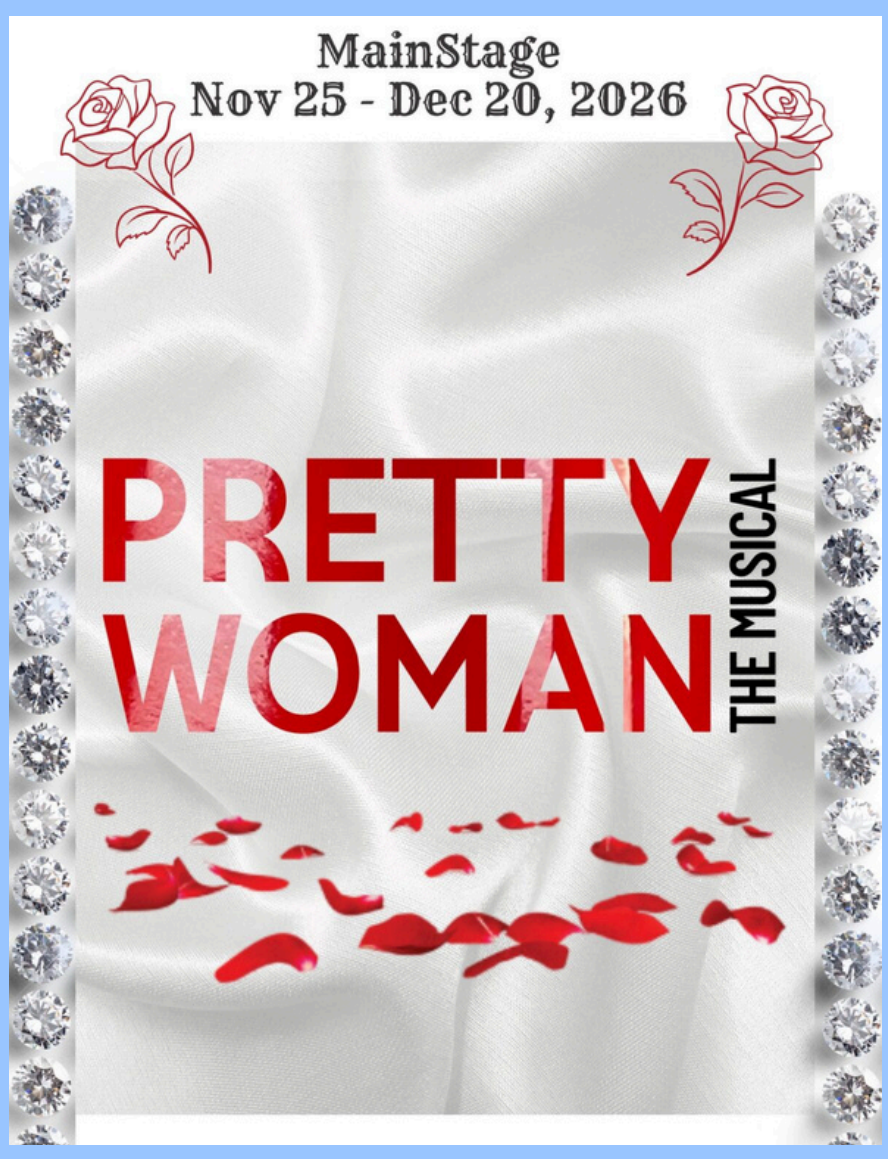
407 1st St South Winter Haven FL 33880

kw SMART 1 KELLERWILLIAMS. REALTY

FORTIFY GROUP

Playing at Local Community Theatres

THEATRE WINTER HAVEN



PCE COMMUNITY THEATRE



HCT Est. 1981



VISION FIRST





PUT YOUR VISION CENTER STAGE
UPGRADE YOUR EYE CARE

Theatre Dad of Elise,
Dr. Dixon is proud to partner with
Lakeland Community Theatre.

863-576-9977
WWW.VISIONFIRSTFL.COM

THE Ruthvens

Central Florida's Warehouse Specialists

Provider of the LCT Workshop space

41 Lake Morton Drive, Lakeland, FL 33801
863-686-3173 www.ruthvens.com



Proud LCT Supporter

ATLAS
PROJECT CONSULTANTS

BREAK A LEG FROM ATLAS PROJECT CONSULTANTS!



- Beverage and food manufacturing
- Project Management/Engineering
- An extension of your project team

Contact Us
info@goatlas.us
www.goatlas.us

Proud members of Catapult
LAKELAND CHAMBER of COMMERCE

LAKELAND
Real Estate Group, Inc.



A Real Estate Firm
Representing Your Side!

863.712.4207
lakelandfloridaliving.com

Petra Norris

Broker, Owner, Realtor®

P.O.Box 92050
Lakeland Florida 33804
+1 (863) 619-6918

+1 (863) 712-4207
petra@petranorris.com

Changing The Way You Experience Healthcare

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

- Primary & Chronic Disease Care
- Illness or Injury Visits
- Telehealth
- Free Generic Medication
- Negotiated Low Cost Labs & Radiology

Lyndsay Health

LyndsayHealth.com
863.220.7229

Lyndsay Health

DIRECT PRIMARY CARE

Nikki McWaters ARNP



DIRECT PRIMARY CARE

- Unlimited Visits
- No Copays
- No Deductibles

Memberships Starting At

$89

per month

A Full Service Law Firm

PILKA ADAMS & REED, P.A.

FOR ADVICE & COUNSEL

Estate Planning • Real Estate
Community Association Law
General & Commercial Litigation
Personal Injury & Wrongful Death

Let Our Experience Work For You
Serving Polk County for Over 35 Years

(863) 687 0780
256 N. Kentucky Ave • Lakeland
www.pilka.com

MasterCard VISA DISCOVER NETWORK

BBB ACCREDITED BUSINESS

AMERICAN EXPRESS Cards

Se Habla Espanol

MAKE $400[1] WITH NEW FREE CHECKING.



With Free Checking, enjoy:

Free Early Paycheck | Free ATMs[2]

No monthly service fees | Free Online Bill Pay

Open an account online at midflorida.com or visit us at any branch.

YOUR LIFE.
YOUR MONEY.
YOUR CREDIT UNION.

MIDFLORIDA
Florida's community credit union

Insured by NCUA. 1. Offer valid as of August 1, 2026, and may be canceled at any time. MIDFLORIDA Credit Union membership and eligibility requirements apply. See associate for details regarding fees and terms. Freedom Banking, fiduciary and minor accounts and secondary checking accounts excluded. Other terms and conditions apply. To qualify for the $400 incentive, you must open a new Free Checking account with direct deposit ($4,000 cumulative which must post within 75 days of account opening); accept and open Online Banking, eStatement, and a debit card; and complete 40 debit card purchase transactions which must post within 75 days of account opening. To qualify for the $200 incentive, you must open a new Free Checking account with direct deposit ($2,000 cumulative which must post within 75 days of account opening); accept and open online banking, eStatement, and a debit card; and complete 20 debit card purchase transactions which must post within 75 days of account opening. Direct deposit must be an automated clearing house (ACH) credit of your paycheck, pension or government benefits from your employer or the government; tax refunds, cash transfer app deposits and transfers from another MIDFLORIDA account do not qualify. No dividends are paid on Free Checking. Annual Percentage Yield is 0.00%. Limit one incentive per Social Security number. Past checking account holders and previous recipients of checking account incentives are ineligible. Account must remain open and unrestricted at least 90 days to qualify for the incentive. After all qualifications have been met, the incentive will be deposited to the new Free Checking account within 90 days of account opening and will be reported to the IRS. Minimum to open Free Checking is $50. 2. ATM transactions are free at any MIDFLORIDA proprietary ATM or when using a Publix Presto! ATM.

Your LOCAL RADIO



97.5 WPCV
YOUR HOMETOWN COUNTRY STATION

Playin' It All!
max
107.1 • 95.9

Talk Radio
96.7 FM
WLKF | AM 1430 | Lakeland



PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS
CHARITIES

NOURISHING COMMUNITIES

Make the rest of your life ***the best of your life.***



LAKE GIBSON VILLAGE OFFERS THE FINEST IN ASSISTED LIVING AND MEMORY CARE.

LAKE GIBSON
VILLAGE
SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

Call us today

863.815.6195

LakeG GibsonVillage.com

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY LICENSE 13081

771 Carpenters Way | Lakeland, FL 3389