

**Theatre Guild Valdosta  
Presents**

# **HEDI**



**From the novel by Johani Spyri  
Adapted by John Baldwin**

PHYLLIS CHILDREE, Director  
PAULINE PLAYER, Assistant Director

**March 8, 9, 10**



Produced by special arrangement with  
PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE, INC., Englewood, CO



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## CAST

(In Order of Appearance)

<b>Heidi</b>	<i>Kimber Lovern</i>
<b>White Swan</b>	<i>David Rathkamp</i>
<b>Peter</b>	<i>Billy Rathkamp</i>
<b>Grandfather</b>	<i>Tom Studstill</i>
<b>Brigitta</b>	<i>Kathryn Rodriguez</i>
<b>Dete</b>	<i>Jennifer Marx</i>
<b>Miss Rottenmeier</b>	<i>Donna Joyner</i>
<b>Marguerite</b>	<i>Leah Wachtel</i>
<b>Clara</b>	<i>Jaimie Squardo</i>
<b>Tinette</b>	<i>Stacie Studstill</i>
<b>Mrs. Sesemann</b>	<i>Teresa Rathkamp</i>
<b>Dr. Sesemann</b>	<i>Nicholas Shanks</i>

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

A very big thank you to TGV for allowing me the opportunity to direct this most exciting and fun-filled play. I have enjoyed watching the experienced, as well as, first time actors perform to perfection the adventure and wonderful comedy of this production.

A very big THANK YOU to the audience for supporting the young people in our community. I know you will enjoy the efforts of this most talented cast.

~ Phyllis Childree ~

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## CREW

### **STAGE MANAGER**

Angela Radney

### **LIGHTS**

Taylor Jarvis, Suzanne Reffel

### **SOUND**

James Rouse-Carter, Carl Glasscock

### **PROPS MISTRESSES**

Kiera Flynn, Madison Jarvis, Angela Radney, Alyssa Rathkamp

### **COSTUME DESIGN**

Marge Pruden, Darlene Caviness

### **MARQUEE DESIGN**

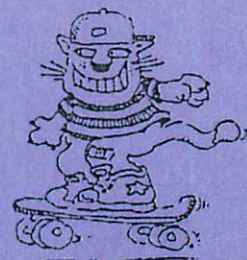
Jill Lovern, Julie Squardo

### **SET DESIGN**

Bill Rathkamp, Billy Rathkamp, Teresa Rathkamp, David Rathkamp, Alyssa Rathkamp, Tom Studstill, Stacie Studstill, Jerry Ellis, Jill Lovern, Scott Lovern, Jeffrey Lovern, Kimber Lovern, Kathryn Rodriguez, Donna Joyner, Julie Squardo, Jaimie Squardo, Mike Glasscock, Tammie Glasscock, Carl Glasscock, Kiera Flynn, Lori Flynn, Suzanne Reffel, James Rouse-Carter, Pauline Player

**The cute little kitties you saw in the play (except the white Persian) are available for adoption. Please contact:**

Lowndes County Animal Shelter  
337 Industrial Blvd.  
(229) 245-5253







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## BIOGRAPHIES

**Donna Joyner (Miss Rottenmeier):** Donna has been a member of TGV since 1995. She was most recently seen as Widow Douglas in *Tom Sawyer*. Her past roles include Big Mama in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, Marguerite in *Dearly Departed*, a part in *The Littlest Angel*, and performances in several One-Act plays. Prior to her involvement with TGV, Donna was a housewife on the verge of a mid-life crisis. Theatre helped her to prevent that from happening, and she became hooked on the adrenaline rush that comes from being on stage. She does not know what she would do without her buddies here at TGV. We are fortunate to have Donna with us, as she is an integral part of TGV onstage and behind the scenes.

**Kimber Lovern (Heidi):** This is Kimber's debut appearance on the TGV stage. She says that having the lead role in Heidi "is just about the best thing I could be doing." She says she "has learned skills that will help me for the rest of my life and it has really been a great experience!"

**Jennifer Marx (Dete):** Jennifer was previously seen as Mama Grunch in *Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa*. She has also appeared in/worked on numerous other TGV productions since 1999, including *Tom Sawyer*, *Out of Order*, and *Something's Afoot*. Jennifer was part of a cast that competed in the Georgia Theatre Conference One-Act Play competition. The play, *Laundry and Bourbon*, won second-place in the state and Jennifer won Best Supporting Actress for her role as Hattie. She has delved into directing with a One-Act play, *Sociability*, and a children's Christmas show, and enjoys all aspects of theatre.

**Billy Rathkamp (Peter):** This is Billy's second production with TGV. He was previously seen in last year's *Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa*. Billy says that participating in community theatre allows him to have fun and make new friends.

**David Rathkamp (White Swan):** This is David's debut appearance on the TGV stage. He has had a challenge since his character is not quite human, but he pulled it off superbly. We hope to see him onstage in the future.

**Teresa Rathkamp (Mrs. Sesemann):** This is Teresa debut with TGV and her acting debut as well. She has never tried acting, but saw how much fun her son had onstage in last year's Christmas show and had to try it for herself. We are delighted to have and her family involved with TGV. We also hope to see more of her onstage.



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**Kathryn Rodriguez (Brigitta):** A backstage regular since November 2000, Kathryn's first role with TGV was the non-speaking role of Court Attendant in *Night of January 16<sup>th</sup>*. Since then, she has been involved in *Wait Until Dark* (props and sound), *Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa* (Assistant Director), and *Crimes of the Heart* (Assistant Director and Lighting). *Heidi* marks Kathryn's first speaking role on the TGV stage. Kathryn has been quite an asset to us and we hope to see more of her onstage as well as backstage.

**Nicholas Shanks (Dr. Sesemann):** This is Nick's first appearance on the TGV stage, though he is not brand new to our family. He previously was involved with lighting for *Crimes of the Heart*. Nick is not new to theatre either. His past experience includes the role of the Shoemaker in the Grimm's Fairy Tale *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, as well as stage crews for numerous other plays. Nick loves acting because "for a short while you get to forget who and what you are and pretend to become someone else."

**Jaimie Squardo (Clara):** This is Jamie's second appearance on the TGV stage. She was previously seen in *Tom Sawyer*. She says, "I enjoy theatre because it is fun and it helps me to gain self-confidence."

**Stacie Studstill (Tinette):** Stacie is a seasoned veteran with TGV. She has been in numerous plays on our stage, most recently in *Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa*. She says "theatre makes me feel like I am a part of something really big."

**Tom Studstill (Grandfather):** Tom was previously seen as the Prospector in *Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa*, last year's Christmas comedy. He has also appeared in several other TGV productions, including playing dual roles in last year's spring family show *Tom Sawyer*. Participating in community theatre gives him an opportunity to spend more time with his daughter Stacie.

**Leah Wachtel (Marguerite):** This is Leah's debut performance with TGV. She has spent a number of years performing with the Atlanta cast of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. While she enjoys acting in her spare time, most of her time and attention is devoted to earning her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education at VSU. We are glad that Leah has joined the TGV family and look forward to seeing more of her on our stage.





## CAST PICTURES



## AUDITIONS

# Proposals

March 11 & 12  
7:00 PM

'Dosta Playhouse  
122 N. Ashley Street  
Downtown Valdosta



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VALDOSTA-LOWNDES COUNTY

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