

GINGERBREAD PLAYERS
OF
THEATRE GUILD VALDESTA
PRESENTS



THE
Best
Christmas
Pageant
Ever

By Barbara Robinson

NOV 29th & 30th

Performances start @ 7PM

DEC 1st & 2nd

Performances start @ 2:30PM

A Word From Our Director

Just like Grace Bradley, the mother who inherits the community Christmas pageant in our show, I was a bit overwhelmed with the responsibility of directing a well-known story. What could I bring to this story, and the story within it, that would be fresh and new? It turns out, I didn't need to bring anything but an open mind and an open heart. I learned people aren't always as easily categorized as you think, and even a story as old as the birth of Jesus can hold new and exciting lessons for us.

I often joked during the past several weeks that I was living "the Grace Bradley experience" more and more every day. You will see a family missing out on home-cooked meals, a woman outnumbered by an extremely energetic group of children, concern that the show won't be ready on time, etc. What you won't see is the amazing support team I have had that Grace doesn't. Instead of gossiping busy-bodies, I had a cast and crew and their family members and friends who were willing to do whatever was needed whenever it was needed for however long it took. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, to all of you.

To my awesome family (Jason, Parker, Catherine, and Kaitlyn), I love you and am grateful for all of your patience and long-suffering. I know you can empathize with the Bradleys as well.

Brenda Brunston (Queen of the May Totally Awesome, Esq.), "thank you" is inadequate to express my gratitude to you for dragging me (kicking and screaming though I was) into this experience and then staying by my side throughout. You are a true friend.

Speaking for myself and the cast and crew of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, enjoy the show and have a very merry Christmas!

Lois Allbritton

Special Thanks to:

Dean Poling and the Valdosta Daily Times
Pepsi Cola
Atlanta Bread
The Puckett Family

Our Cast

Father (Bob Bradley)	Sommers Coleman
Mother (Grace Bradley)	Catherine Allbritton
Beth Bradley	Kalyn Cooper
Charlie Bradley	Jackson Anderson
Ralph Herdman	Carson Meaders
Imogene Herdman	Kaitlyn Allbritton
Leroy Herdman	David Bass
Claude Herdman	Chase Cook
Ollie Herdman	Connor Wilson
Gladys Herdman	Cassie Doscher
Alice Wendleken	Carragen Young
Maxine	Lauren Lewis
Emma	Charlly Young
Hobie	John Laurent Dean
David	Kayden Candelario
Beverly	Saige Carpenter
Shirley	Kelly Hazelhurst
Juanita	Abbi Long
Doris	Oya Denizman
Mrs. Armstrong	Bethany Weller
Mrs. Slocum	Parker Meadors
Mrs. Clark	Katie Lancaster
Mrs. Clausing	Katie Courson
Mrs. McCarthy	Abby Cozart
Reverend Hopkins	Dian Candelario
Firewoman Lucy	Mary Catherine Burns
Firewoman Ethel	Emma Hester
Janet	Maggie Bishop
Roberta	Anna Claire Price
Lizzy	Claire Hannasch
Caroline	Anna Cozart
Molly	Laney Brooklynn Rice
Becky	Rebecca Lancaster
Pianist	Samantha Kassum



Our Production Crew

Director Lois Allbritton
 Assistant Director Brenda Brunston
 Technical Director..... Lynnette Kenworthy
 Stage Manager Bethanie Bass
 Assistant Stage Manager Rosemary Coleman
 Props Managers Carol Anne Cooper, Teresa Doscher & Jen Wilson
 Costume Manager Pauline Owens
 Costume Crew Meredith Lancaster, Elaine McMillan & Wanda Rice
 Sound & Light Crew Parker Allbritton, PT Candelario, Samantha McLendon & Andrew Rodgers
 Back Stage Crew Elizabeth Bishop, Nathaniel Bishop, Lauren Swiney & Kaiden Wilson
 Scenic Artists Rosemary Coleman, Georgina Kassum & Lynnette Kenworthy
 Program Robin McLendon
 Graphic Designer Ryan Swaims
 Front of House Manager Brittney Long
 Producer Diane Brunston
 Set Construction Cast, Crew, Family and Friends

Kids in the Crew



Coming Soon:

From TGV: **TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL**

Auditions: December 3 and 4 at 7:00 pm at the 'Dosta Playhouse
 Show Dates: January 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 2013

From GBP: **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH**

Auditions: January 21 and 22 at 6:00 pm at the Dosta Playhouse
 Show Dates: March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 2013

Meet the Cast



Hello! My name is Sommers Coleman and I play "Father". I have performed in exactly seven Gingerbread Player productions, and I'm happy to make "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" my eighth. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such a fun and hardworking cast. Enjoy the show!



I'm Catherine Allbritton. Thank you for coming to our show! I hope you enjoy experiencing it as much as we enjoyed working on it. I am very excited to be in this play (my thirteenth!), and really enjoyed playing the part of Mother; backstage, they call me "Momma Bradley"! Merry Christmas; God bless!



Hello my name is Kaly Cooper. I am a sixth grader at LMS. This is my 4th performance with TGV. I have really enjoyed playing the part of Beth Bradley in this play. As well as acting, I also like to dance, sing and play soccer. Thanks for coming and I hope you enjoy the play!



I'm Jackson Anderson & have been in several plays with GBP, Little Actors and Missoula. I am in 5th grade at St. John's and play the French horn in the band. I play sports and love animals, theater, and being unique. Thanks to all of my supporters; I am available for movies!



My name is Carson Meadors and I am 11 years old. I am in 6th grade at Pine Grove Middle school. I have 2 little brothers, and a younger sister. I have done lights and sound before, but this is my first speaking role in a full length play.



My name is Kaitlyn Allbritton. This is my 17th play in 6 years, and I am still loving it! Like my character Imogene Herdman, I am twelve years old, bossy, sassy, and everything in between...as my cast members can tell you. It has been fun working with this cast. Enjoy the show!



David Bass is in the sixth grade at St. John School. He is on both the cross country and basketball teams for the school. David also enjoys reading, video games, and playing the trombone. David played Father Christmas in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe and as one of the Wickersham Brothers in Seussical Jr.



My name is Chase Cook. I am 12 years old and homeschooled. I hope to be an actor when I grow up. I like to hang out with my friends and act crazy. My favorite actor is Jim Carrey. I like the Harry Potter books and movies. My favorite food is pizza and wings.

Meet the Cast



Hi, I'm Connor Wilson. This is my first time in a community theater. I am a little nervous but alright. I wanted to be Ollie because he makes a lot of mischief. I also enjoy gymnastics. I hope you enjoy the show



I'm Cassie Doscher and I am a 5th grader at St. John School. This is my 2nd performance with TGV. I had a great time being a Who in Suessical last year. I love playing sports, playing the flute, running cross country and hanging with friends. Thanks to Ms. Lois, Ms. Brenda, my cast mates and crew.



Hi I'm Carragen Young and I'm Alice in the Best Christmas Pageant Ever. I'm ten years old and in the 5th grade. My favorite hobbies are drawing and being outside. This is my second performance with TGV. My first play was Seussical Jr. (the Musical).



Lauren Lewis is 13 and attends 8th grade at LMS. This is her 13th play. Lauren participates in band, chorus and theatre. She loves performing, making new friends and having fun. Lauren loves the stage because it was the first place where no one told her she was too loud.



Hi my name is Charly Saige Young. My favorite meal is steak and potatoes and for dessert....Ice cream! I'm 11 and in the 6th grade. I have a brother and a sister. This is my second TGV play. I was also in Suessical. I hope you enjoy the performance.



Hi! My name is John Laurent Dean. I am the seven year old son of John David and Kerri Dean of Valdosta, Georgia. I am in the first grade at Valwood School. I enjoy acting, modeling, tennis, gymnastics, football, and piano. This is my 2nd performance with The Gingerbread Players.



My name is Kayden (KD) Candelario. I am in 7th grade, I like to build things with cardboard, and I am an accomplished cello player. The last play I was in was "Slumber Party" August 2009. I enjoy acting. Thanks for reading about me.



Hi! My name is Saige. I am 7 years old and in 2nd grade. I like the color purple, singing, and I want to be a dentist or the first girl president.

Meet the Cast



I am Kelly Hazelhurst. I am 8 years old. I like to dance, sing, and act. I have two older sisters who are 16 and 12 years old; they are ok I guess. I am in 2nd grade at Crossroads Baptist School. I love my school.



My name is Abbi Long and I am in fourth grade at Sallas Mahone. This is my second play with the Gingerbread Players. I have three dogs and a cat and I love to act and sing. I hope we can make this the best Christmas pageant you have ever seen!



Hi, my name is Oya Denizman. I am in 5th grade at St. John School. I have been in other plays including; The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, and Suessical Jr. the Musical. I would like to thank my mom, my dad, my other family members, all of you, Ms. Lois, and Ms. Brenda. Thanks for coming and enjoy the show!!



Hello! First off, thank you for coming to our wonderful show. My name is Bethany Weller and this is my fourth production with TGV, the other shows were, "Little Women," "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe," and "Seussical (the Musical.)" Besides theater, I enjoy archery and piano



I'm Parker Meadors and I am in 5th grade at Dewar Elementary. I have 3 brothers. I like to read and draw. This is my 5th play. I love acting!



Hi, my name is Katie Lancaster and I play Mrs. Clark. I go to Sallas Mahone Elementary and am in 5th grade. This is my first play but I have done many musicals. I have a sister named Rebecca. I am 10 years old. I hope you enjoy the show!



Katie Courson is twelve years old and she attends Hahira Middle School. This is her second play with the Gingerbread Players. Her other role was Beth in "Little Women". She says thanks to her family, friends, cast, crew, and directors for their support and help along the way!



My name is Abby Cozart; I am 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Lowndes Middle School. This play is based on one of my favorite books, so I am excited to be part of this production! In addition to theater, I love music, reading, the Florida Gators, anything Disney, and the BBC hit, "Dr. Who."

Meet the Cast



Hi, I'm Dian (DN) Candelario. This is my second play with the Gingerbread Players. I am currently in the 9th grade and home-educated. My hobbies include running, reading books, playing

soccer.



Hi, my name is Emma Hester. I am 12 years old. I love to run and play the clarinet. I have 2 sisters. I love to play outside and go on adventures. At school I love journal writing. It's when my mind can go on paper. I love to meet new people and hang out with my friends.



My name is "Anna Claire" Price, and this is my first time acting in a play! I have a brother named Max (age 3). I love animals; I own two dogs, two cats, and four fish. I love to make people

laugh. I hope you enjoy the performance!



I am Anna Cozart, and I am 6 years old. I am in Kindergarten at Georgia Christian School. My favorite subject in school is math. My favorite things to do are play games and watch television. I like spending the night with people, and I love my cousins.



I'm Mary Catherine Burns and I'm 11. I like to run cross country, play sports, read books, write stories, swim, and ride horses. I like to hang out with my brother a lot. I'm Christian and I love God. I

love smoothies and bagel bites. Go Gators and Jets! Bye!



Maggie Bishop is making her theater debut in this production. She is 12 years old, attends Dewar Elementary School and enjoys, music, dancing, gymnastics and dressing up. Maggie has aspirations of one day performing with the Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen in either the Dance Line or Color Guard.



My name is Claire Hannasch. I was born in Valdosta, GA and attend kindergarten at Pine Grove Elementary School. I love math, stuffed animals, and princesses. I want to be a

baker when I grow up. This is my first play with the theatre. I live with my Mom, Dad, and brother, Cole.



My name is Laney Brooklynn Rice. I'm in the 2nd grade at Berrien Primary School. This is my second performance with the Gingerbread Players. I play a member of the angel choir. In my

spare time I like to sing, dance, draw, do gymnastics, and I love the theatre. I hope you enjoy the show.

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My name is Rebecca Lancaster. I'm in kindergarten at Sallas Mahone Elementary. I love dressing up. I play Becky a baby angel in this play. This is my first play with the Gingerbread Players. I'm six years old.

Enjoy the show!



Hi everyone! My name is Samantha Kassum and I am 11 years old. I am performing in my second play with TGV and I am very excited. I have three pet cats, love to sing in the choir at St. Johns, play three instruments, and

have a blue belt in tae-kwon-do.

WE LOVE YOU CHASE . . . AND THAT
OTHER BOY WAS GREAT!

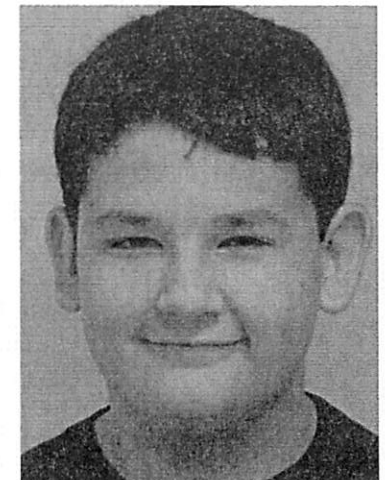
LOVE, CISSY AND CRITTER

We are so proud of our little
angel! We admire your dedi-
cation and perseverance!



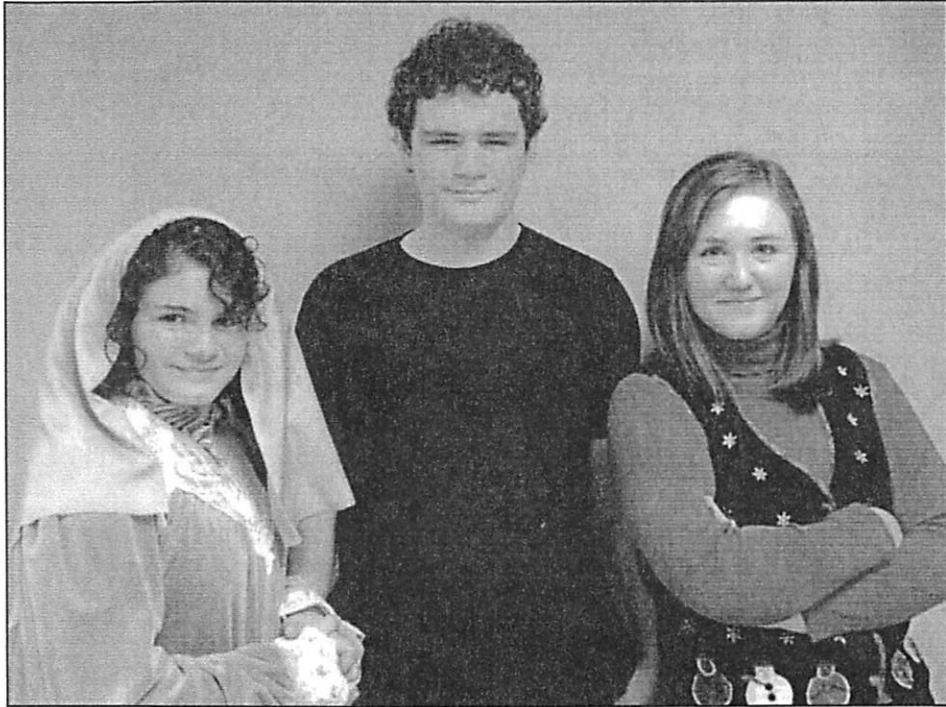
Mama, Daddy, and Max

Break a Leg David!
(Just not someone else's!)



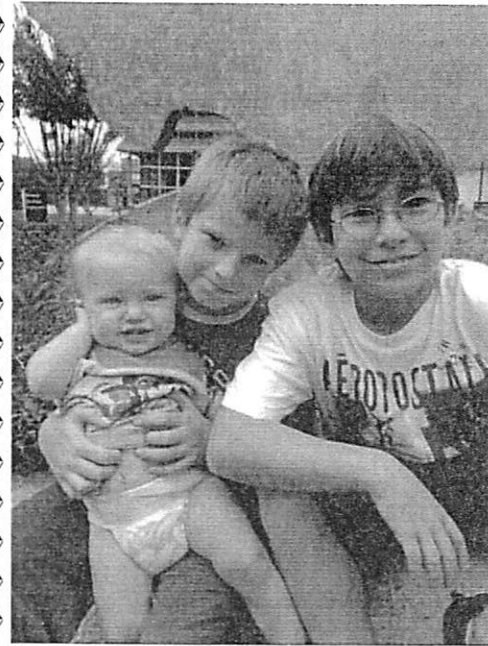
Love, Mom and Dad

*This is going to be the best
Christmas pageant ever!!*



*And, we're going to do it
with the
Allbrittons!!!*

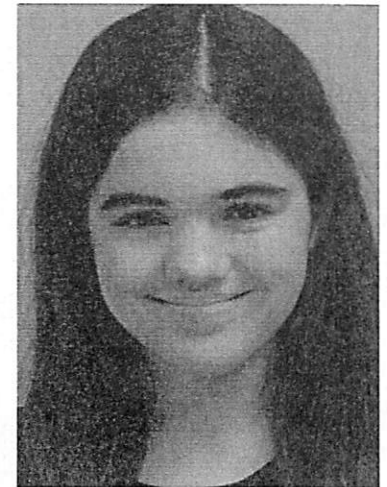
*Love, MeMa, PePa, MeMe, PaPa,
Momma and Daddy*



**WE LOVE
YOU
CHASE!**

*Dad, Mom,
Nana,
Tucker & Bo*

*Anna Claire, Grandma and
Grandfather love you and are
so proud of you!*



*"Tis the season to have fun..."
Congratulations Katie!
Love, Mom & Dad*



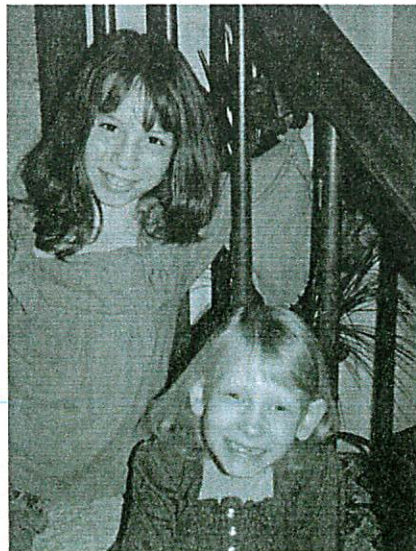
*Congrats
Laney*

**From
Daddy,
Miss Debi,
Kasen &
Austin**



**Cassie, you have always
been Gladys to us!
Love, Mom, Dad and
Dustin**

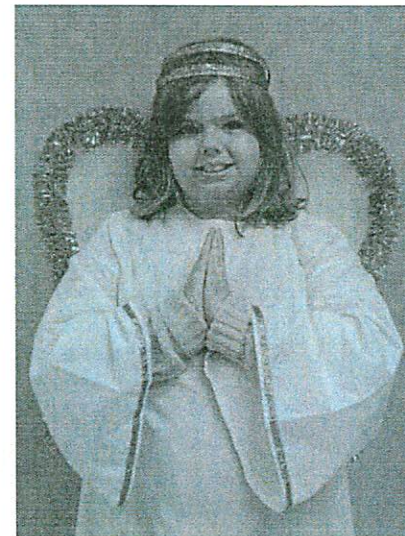
Great Performance Girls.
I am so proud of you both,
Love, Mimi



Congratulations to the "Best Actors Ever"!!



Love, Mama, Daddy, Corbin, Meme & Papa

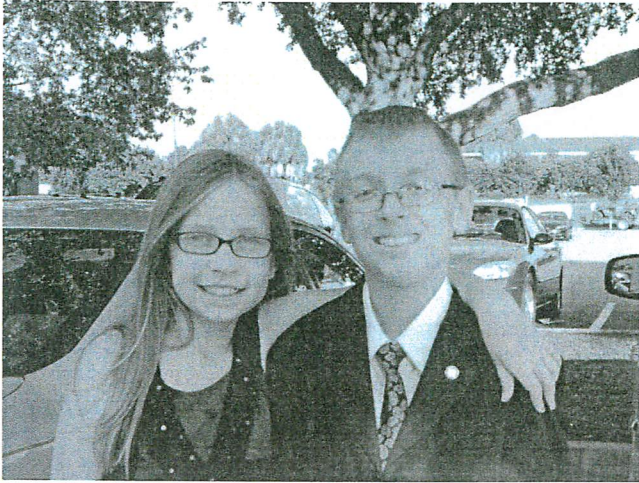


**Congratulations Abbi
We love you. Mom, Dad
and Bella**

Another great "Beth" performance!! We are so proud of you Kalyn! Love, Mom, Dad and Chase

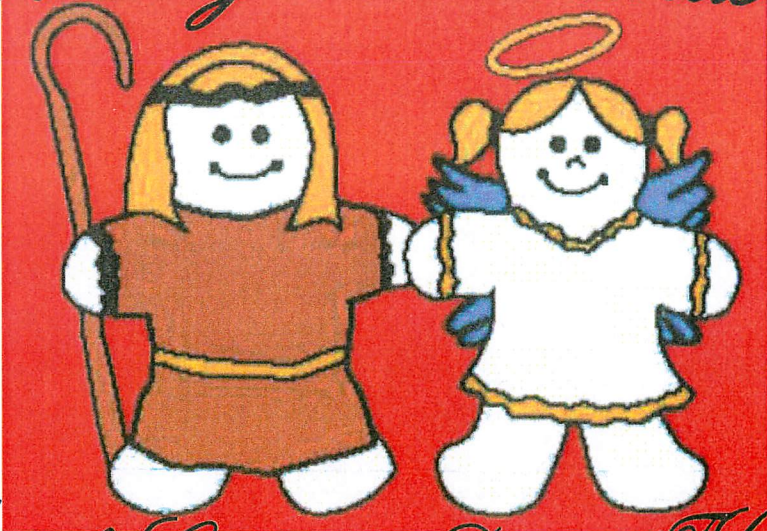


*We are so proud of you both, our Shining Stars!
We love you, Mama, Daddy, Jack, and Drake*



Way to go, Carson and Parker! Love, Nana

Merry Christmas



From the Gingerbread Players of TGV