



ANYTHING  
GOES

THE  
HEIRESS

BAREFOOT  
IN THE  
PARK

THE OLDEST  
LIVING  
GRADUATE

2 BIG  
CHILDREN'S SHOWS  
*The Littlest Angel*  
and  
*Winnie-the-Pooh*

and an  
evening of  
one act  
plays!



Theatre Guild Valdosta  
1996-1997  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## W I S H L I S T

These are items that Theatre Guild would like to have, but cannot afford to purchase at the present time. Theatre Guild would greatly appreciate a donation of the following items, or a monetary donation to be used toward reaching the necessary goal to purchase the items. Thank you for thinking of Theatre Guild.

*Sound System • Studio Piano • Washer and Dryer  
Lengths of Black Material • Strip Lighting • Plywood  
Mirrors of all sizes*

## THEATRE GUILD VALDOSTA'S 1996-1997 SEASON

ANYTHING GOES  
SEPT. 13-21

THE HEIRESS  
OCT.31-NOV.3, NOV. 7-9

THE LITTLEST ANGEL  
DECEMBER 1

AN EVENING OF ONE ACTS  
JAN.10-11, 17-18

THE OLDEST LIVING  
FEB. 13-16, 20-22

WINNIE THE POOH  
MARCH 22

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK  
MAY 15-18, 22-24

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## Auditions

**Play:** The Littlest Angel, a Christmas story

**Director:** Rick Patrick

**Dates:** November 4th & 5th

**Time / Place:** 7:00pm / Dosta Playhouse

**Cast:** 8-12 Adults & 1 Child.

**Play:** The Oldest Living Graduate, a comedy

**Director:** Mary Helen Watson

**Dates:** November 10th & 11th

**Time / Place:** 7:30pm / Dosta Playhouse

**Cast:** 6 Men, 3 Women, & 1 Boy

## The Cast

in order of appearance

Maria	Sara Lynn Gilliam
Dr. Austin Sloper	Jerry Dickson
Lavina Penniman	Pauline Player
Catherine Sloper	Carrie Lee Daffron
Elizabeth Almond	Linda Boyett
Marian Almond	Jess Hill
Arthur Townsend	Curtis Knowles
Morris Townsend	Ken Kinard
Mrs. Montgomery	Debbie Parrish

## Setting

Place: Front parlor of the house of  
Dr. Sloper

Time: 1850

### Act 1

Scene 1: An October Evening

Scene 2: An Afternoon, Two Weeks Later

Scene 3: The Next Morning

### Act 2

Scene 1: An April Night Six Months Later

Scene 2: Two Hours Later

Scene 3: A Morning Three Days Later

Scene 4: A Summer Evening Almost Two Years Later

## Production Staff

Technical Directors

Jerry Ellis

Fred Stikkel

Properties Mistress

Kristy Barton

Properties Assistants

Lynn Gilliam

Set Construction

Curtis Knowles

Light & Sound Technicians

Cast, Crew & Designers

Bill McFarlin

Program

Carol Luker

Michael Burrage

Liz Miller

Photography

Brenda Carter

Publicity

Liz Miller

Box Office

Jerry Ellis

## Special Thanks

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VSU Theatre Faculty

Liz Miller

Bob, Sarah & Diane Brunston

Michael Burrage

Brenda Carter

Jerry Ellis

Wendell

Fred Stikkel

The Cast & The Crew



## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST & CREW

**Kristy Barton** (*props mistress*) is thrilled to be working backstage for this show because she now gets to wear one of the black headsets. She has most recently been seen as a heavenly angel in Anything Goes. She wants to thank her mom, Heather, Clarece a.k.a. Sean, Brenda Carter, and the two director's for their support.

**Jim Britt** (*Assistant Director*) is employed by Bell South and has been a member of TGV since 1990. He has worked on stage and behind the scenes in many plays throughout the years, most recently as 'Elisha Whitney' in Anything Goes. He will be directing TGV's spring production of Barefoot in the Park.

**Brenda Kay Brunston** (*Director*) is a graduate of the theatre program at Valdosta State University. She plans to attend graduate school next fall to continue her studies and receive a M.F.A. in Directing. She has directed previously at Valwood School and at Valdosta State University. This summer, she directed two children's shows in Adel and Homerville as a Summer Outreach Program through their local Arts Associations. She is the cutest little cookie girl down at the Great American Cookie Company in the Valdosta Mall.

**Linda Boyett** (*Elizabeth Almond*) is a VSU theatre major and a 3 year member of TGV who is serving this year as TGV's vice-president. Her on stage performances at TGV include 'Vita Louise' in Harvey, 'Mrs. Somerberry' in Oliver, the mother in Reduced For Quick Sale, and 'Ling' in Anything Goes. Her backstage performances include props mistress for Arsenic & Old Lace, Pooh's Corner, and Finishing Touches.

**Carrie Lee Daffron** (*Catherine*) is a senior theatre major at Valdosta State University and making her performance debut with TGV in tonight's show. Her past credits include 'Elvira' in Blithe Spirit, 'Tzeitel' in Fiddler on the Roof, 'Lizzie' in Respectful Prostitute, and 'Ado Annie' in Oklahoma. She has also performed in professional theatre such as Unto These Hills and Jekyll Island Musical Theatre Festival. She would like to thank her fellow actors and director for the wonderful experience. This show is dedicated to her newly born nephew, Brandon Christopher.

**Jerry Dickson** (*Dr. Sloper*) is a veteran of the stage in the Valdosta area. He has appeared in Harvey, Run For Your Wife, Arsenic and Old Lace, A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum, and most recently as 'Jeff' in TGV's Finishing Touches. He teaches at Lowndes High School and is married to Sandra Dickson. Their son, Scott, is a senior theatre major at Valdosta State University.

## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST & CREW

**Sara Lynn Gilliam** (*Maria*) is making her debut performance with TGV after a ten year break from theatre. You may know her as local radio personality 'Lynn Morgan'. She has turned her energies from radio to animals as she is currently working as Central Veterinary Clinic. She has an active 7-year-old daughter, Haley, who attends Pine Grove Elementary School.

**Tess Hill** (*Marian Almond*) has been in several productions on TGV's stage including The Uninvited, The Odd Couple, Reduced For Quick Sale, and Finishing Touches. She has also performed at Georgia Southern University in various productions such as A Christmas Carol, Peter Pan, Dancing at Lughnasa, and The Wiz.

**Ken Kinard** (*Morris Townsend*) came to TGV in 1995 bringing an extensive theatre background including directing in Lake City, Florida. He has been seen in Once Upon A Mattress, Forum, The Uninvited, the musical Anything Goes, and pounced into House at Pooh Corner as 'Tigger'.

**Curtis Knowles** (*Arthur Townsend*) is a sophomore at Valdosta State University. He has appeared as 'Papa' in A Mama's Last Wish, and a sailor in Anything Goes which marked his TGV debut. He is also assisting the props mistress backstage for this show.

**Carol Luker** (*light & sound technician*) is making her debut at TGV. She is currently employed at Macadoo's Grille; however, is hoping to start her own business in massage therapy. She is a 1-year veteran of Valdosta who is originally from Fort Worth, Texas.

**Bill McFarlin** (*light & sound technician*) is also making his debut at TGV. He works for the Lowe's Corporation and is also a member of the Bemiss-Barretts volunteer fire department. He is a 10-year veteran of Valdosta and an 8-year veteran of the Air Force.

**Pauline Player** (*Lavina Penniman*) has previously worked with TGV in Once Upon A Mattress and Anything Goes. Other roles include 'Dorothy' in Wizard of Oz, 'Alice' in Alice in Wonderland, and various roles in Mikado and A Man For All Seasons. She is employed at Sterling Pulp Chemicals, Inc.

**Debbie Parrish** (*Mrs. Montgomery*) has enjoyed her two years with TGV working both off and on stage, especially playing 'Winnie the Pooh' and most recently as 'Mrs. Evangline Harcourt' in Anything Goes. She has also worked with Thomasville On Stage and South Georgia Opera.

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## From the President

This summer has been very busy for all of the TGV members; painting, cleaning, and working on the backstage area. A spiral staircase and carpeting are on the horizon. We are also saving for a sound system (see our wish list). It's going to be a busy year and we're all looking forward to working hard to bring quality theatre to Valdosta. We invite you to join TGV and be involved in a community organization that allows everyone to enjoy "live" theatre.

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## Directors Notes

This poignant story first evolved as a novel by Henry James entitled *Washington Square*. Since then it has become a successful film known as *The Heiress* with Olivia DeHavilia and Montgomery Clift starring as the young lovers. Most recently the revival of this play hit Broadway like a ton of bricks, winning several Tony Awards.

This production has been a hard labor, filled with several "firsts", for some their first production with the Theatre Guild, for others, their first full length period play or their first major role in a non-musical. But even with the obstacles of all these "firsts", the show has blossomed in only four and a half weeks into an experience in the excitement of love, true love For some characters and for others, the truth is a question.

I hope as the story of Catherine unveils, you, the audience, will be able to decide for yourselves the truth behind the motives and actions of Morris, and the strength or cruelty of Catherine. Enjoy the show.

*Brenda*

## VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY'S 1996-1997 THEATRE SEASON

### *Dancing At Lughnasa*

Oct. 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30--7:30 P.M. Oct. 27--3:00 P.M.  
Lab Theatre

### *Oedipus Rex*

Nov. 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21--7:30 P.M. Nov. 17--3:00 P.M.  
Sawyer Theatre

### *Let's Dance*

Feb. 6, 7, 8--7:30 P.M. Feb. 9--3:00 P.M.  
Sawyer Theatre

### *Golliwoppers*

Feb. 14--7:30 P.M. Feb. 15--10:30 A.M.  
Sawyer Theatre

### *All in the Timing*

Feb. 23--3:00 P.M. Feb. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, March 1--7:30 P.M.  
Lab Theatre

### *Waiting for Godot*

May 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7--7:30 P.M. May 4--3:00 P.M.  
Lab Theatre

### *Crazy for You*

May 25--3:00 P.M. May 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31--7:30 P.M.  
Sawyer Theatre

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