



RUMORS

By Neil Simon



CAST



Beth Bouchard (Cassie Cooper) is honored to be working alongside of so many talented TGS cast members, and to have the opportunity to work with such an amazing director and crew. Previous shows include *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* (Judy), *Shrek the Musical* (Little Pig, Duloc Dancer), and ensemble roles in *Christmas Carol*, *Honeymoon in Vegas*, *Sister Act*. Prior to performing onstage, she was active helping backstage. Forever grateful to Marc, Nate, Alex and Brewster for pushing me out the door for auditions, and all of the ongoing support throughout the process.



Ethan Dotson-Kelly (Glenn Cooper) is happy to be back performing with TGS. He started performing at seven. He recently portrayed the Pied Piper in TGS's *Shrek* and Lucas in Playland Productions' *Our Town: Simsbury*. Other credits include George Wickham in *Pride & Prejudice*, Beverly Carlton in *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, Don John in *Much Ado About Nothing*, and Fred in *A Christmas Carol*. He lives with his wife, daughters, and two dogs in Simsbury.



Laura Garger (Chris Gorman) has appeared in many TGS musicals and plays since first moving to Connecticut from sunny Arizona in 2004. Favorite TGS shows include *My Favorite Year*, *The Music Man*, *All My Sons*, *9 to 5*, *Sister Act*, *Honeymoon in Vegas*, *A Christmas Carol*, and most recently *Shrek*. Other favorite roles include Chris in *Calendar Girls*, Kate in *Working*, Mazeppa in *Gypsy*, and Robin in *Godspell*. Laura has also enjoyed directing for local community theaters, including productions and readings of *The Guys*, *Love Letters*, *Veronica's Room* and *A Feminine Ending*. Laura is thrilled to be cast in this classic Neil Simon farcical play that is sure to make you laugh and leave with more questions than answers about what really happened at Charley and Myra's 10th anniversary party! It

has been an honor and a privilege working with this talented cast, crew, and production team. And my sincerest thanks to our esteemed and beloved director, Rosemarie Beskind, for casting me in this dream role. To Lenny! XOXO



Steve O'Brien (Lenny Ganz) is delighted to be back on the Eno stage with TGS. He is so excited to be part of such a wonderful ensemble. Steve would like to thank Rosemarie for this terrific opportunity and the wonderful production team that put this show together. Steve thanks his amazing wife, Kathryn-Ann, and his wonderful sons, Liam and Rory, for their unending support.



George Page (Ernie Cusack) *Rumors* brings George back to TGS and it has been a privilege working with this crew. His theatre background includes acting, directing, stage managing, and production management. He was recently seen as Maurice in FVSC's *Renovations For Six* and Leonato in Capital Classic's production of *Much Ado about Nothing*. Favorite roles include Macbeth, George (*Same Time, Next Year*), Harry Roat Jr (*Wait Until Dark*), and Thomas Andrews (*Titanic: The Musical*.) He taught acting, storytelling, improv, and scenic design at Catawba Valley Community college, and was a Teaching Artist with Washington DC's Shakespeare Theatre Company. George holds a BFA in Acting and an MFA in Acting and Directing from WVU.

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Andrew Sharp (Ken Gorman) has acted in a number of TGS productions, most recently playing Ed Boone in *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* and in the Comedy Plays at The Vineyard last July. Previous roles include William Stuart in *Tales From The Dungeon* at Old Newgate Prison, and Ian Worthington in *Just Desserts*. He has also appeared in *The Dining Room* and *Bedtime Stories*, playing multiple roles in each. In addition, Andrew has performed in productions for The Windsor Jesters and Farmington Valley Stage. Andrew is grateful for the love and support of his wife Mary who has encouraged this mid-life foray into theater. When not acting, Andrew and Mary own and operate Ideal Healthy Weight Loss with clinics in Avon and Glastonbury.



Karen Sidel (Officer Pudney) Rumor has it that Karen has been actively involved with TGS since 2003, thanks to Penny Carroll. Over the years, she has been actor, director, stage manager, producer and president for a variety of theater groups. Favorite roles include Jessica in *Curtains*, Madame Arcati in *Blithe Spirit*, Eleanor in *The Lion in Winter*, Auntie Em in *The Wizard of Oz*, Mrs. Bennet in *Pride & Prejudice*, and Myrtle Webb in *Our Town*. And this show—so much fun, so much laughing!! Thanks to Barry for putting up with my need to do this.



Christopher Torizzo (Officer Ben Welch) has appeared in TGS's productions of *The Dining Room*, *Bedtime Stories* and *All My Sons* as well as FVS's *20th Century Blues*. Chris is thrilled to be working as a cast member on this hilarious show. Favorite past roles include Billy Crocker in *Anything Goes* and Ebenezer Scrooge in a *Christmas Carol*. Special thanks to Rosemarie and the talented cast and crew for their hard work and dedication.



Tracy Weed (Claire Ganz) began her community theater career with *Rumors* in 1995. Twenty-five years later, she's thrilled to be reprising the role of Claire. She has been with TGS for 23 years, working every aspect of community theater, including directing the 2006 production of *Rumors* as well as *Pride and Prejudice* in 2013. Favorite roles include Molly in *The Mousetrap*, Catherine in *The Foreigner*, and most recently Veronica in *Renovations for Six* with FVS. Penny, my friend, this one is for you.



Christine Woolley (Cookie Cuzak) is performing in her second Theater Guild of Simsbury production and resides in West Hartford, CT with her son, Isiah. She has a Master's in Public Health from UConn and is a Sr. Learning Advisor with The Hartford Financial Services. She also has a private practice as a Life Coach/Counselor in West Hartford. When she's not acting, she loves spending her time watching Isiah's sports, quality time with her friends and family, running races with her sister, cooking new recipes and being active outdoors.

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Rosemarie Beskind (Director) is thrilled to be directing the TGS 50th Anniversary Spring Production of *Rumors*! She credits TGS with giving her the best retirement (starting in 2003) any thespian would love. Singing and dancing in musicals, directing comedies and dramas, and forging lasting friendships has given her a "second family" as well as a creative outlet. Ro thanks her talented cast and crew for their unwavering support and trust in her judgments.

As always, for Mike, with love.



Dian Pomeranz (Assistant Director, Set Dresser) is TGS' and FVS' resident set dresser and props mistress. She has designed sets and served as assistant director for TGS studio shows. She has dressed sets for over 25 plays and musicals for TGS and FVS. Dian has been on stage in a variety of TGS musicals and studio productions. Her favorite role was Ada in FVS' *Mornings At Seven*. Dian has worked with Rosemarie since the days of staging Children's productions together and is grateful to be at her side again, working together, laughing out loud and sharing this beautiful production as it develops.



Monica Vitzoski (Stage Manager/Props) is so excited to be working on her first play since graduating college in 2018. She first worked with TGS this past fall, stage managing the fall *Cabaret*, and is so happy to have the opportunity to come back again and work with this incredibly talented cast and production team to bring you this show. When she's not managing stages, she works at the Naugatuck YMCA as the Youth Development Director. She loves her cat Gizmo, drinking coffee, and re-watching *Twilight*. She is so excited for you to see this show and laugh as much as she has throughout this process!



Jessica McKenna (Assistant Stage Manager/Props) is thrilled to be a part of another wonderful TGS production. This show has been hilarious from day one with a top-notch cast. Hold onto your sides; they'll be splitting soon! Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Rumors*, and happy 50th anniversary to TGS!

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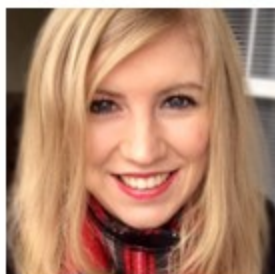
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Cindy Braunlich (Costume Designer) most recently costumed *Shrek* and *A Christmas Carol The Musical* for Theatre Guild, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* (FVSC), and *Mamma Mia* (SST). Cindy also serves as costume shop manager for TGS, as well as costuming all of our musicals since 2010. Cindy lives in Simsbury with her wonderfully supportive husband Bob.



Iona Turnbull (Costume Coordinator) is excited to be helping costume this wonderful funny show! She has enjoyed her time working alongside Cindy and learning from her. Iona wants to congratulate the whole production team and cast who "ooze talent"! She hopes the audience enjoys the show and wants to thank you for supporting TGS in 2023.



Diana Yeisley (Producer/Props) loves working with such a experienced, and dedicated team on this hilarious play! She is very grateful for such an amazing cast to have on stage bringing this show to life. Diana also enjoys performing onstage herself and has recently started competing in 10Ks with her husband and actually enjoys it! Many thanks and love to Jonathan, Carter and Sarah for inspiring her to be her best self always.



Al Girard (Director of Production Coordination/Props) is happy to have worked behind the scenes on what will truly be a hilarious show for you all! He played a part in casting the show and believes the cast will truly live up to our expectations just based on the auditions and first read thru! He is normally seen on stage performing and is currently in FVSC's production of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Double duty is hard work! But he is happy to have been able to provide some support to this show while rehearsing another. Sit back and enjoy the show!

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