

Baylor Cluver - Corie Bratter

“Baylor has just finished her Sophomore year at Eureka College (Eureka, IL) where she studies Vocal Performance, Acting, and Pre-Music Therapy. On campus she has taken on roles such as Rona Lisa Peretti in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee and Fran Kubelik in Promises, Promises. This is her first season at CTW, and she has enjoyed getting to know all the lovely people on stage and behind the scenes. Baylor is beyond excited for this opportunity to perform and wants to thank you all for your support of live theatre!”

Gared Thrush - Paul Bratter

“Gared is a graduate from Illinois State University with a bachelor’s in theatre with a focus in acting. He is ecstatic to be bringing Barefoot in the Park to you all as Paul Bratter! He has played numerous different roles from Landon in Good Kids to Jean in Rhinoceros. This is his fifth season with us and he’s excited to be back! You may recognize him from the last show here at CTW, Disaster!. He wants to thank you all for taking the time to come and see him perform and he hopes you enjoy!”

Tom Sweeney (co- director)

Dear new friends , I want to thank cast, crews , theatre board and liaisons , ushers , dessert makers and , you, the audience . I especially wish to thank Diana Judy , whose directorial and production has been extraordinaire . CTW is a gem!

My love always to my wife , Jane , and my children and grandchildren .

Early in this show, a telephone man installs a phone and quotes his mom , “...may your first call be from the sweepstakes..”

Well, Neil Simon calls us to have fun in this romantic comedy — and Simon is a comic genius !

Diana Judy - Co-Director

Diana is excited to be back in the Director’s seat for this production. This is the 16th show she has been a part of here at CTW. Diana, her husband Dwight (whom she met right here on this stage), and their 6 children live in Hoopston. Diana has been a part of over 30 productions on stage, back stage, and in the Director’s chair. Some of her favorite roles include Golde from Fiddler on the Roof, Sister Hubert in Nunsense, Cha Cha in Grease and the Fairy Godmother in Cinderella. She would like to thank this amazing cast for working so hard and supporting each other throughout this show. This show has truly been a joy to work on. She would like to thank Tom for asking her to Co-Direct. Together we brought together some amazing magic on stage. She would also like to thank her amazing husband for willingly staying home with all 6 kids so that she could come and co-direct this show.

Randy Offner - Victor Velasco

Randy is excited to be back on the CTW stage after playing the role of Paul in last summer's production of Drinking Habits. His favorite roles include Mr. Bennet in Pride and Prejudice, Captain Von Trapp in Sound of Music, and George Bailey in It's A Wonderful Life. He lives in Urbana. "This makes twice in two summers that I've had the true pleasure of being among an incredible cast and crew at CTW. Everybody involved has worked hard, and yet they have been and continue to be SO much fun! Enjoy the show!"

Sarah Miller - Ethel Banks

Sarah lives outside of Hoopeston with her husband Jack. She made her theatrical premier after high school at CTW and she is so glad to be back. She previously worked with Tom and Diana years ago in Hoopeston's presentation of Dracula. It is great to be working with them again. "This is the most professional cast I've ever worked with and I hope you have as many laughs watching this as we have has putting it together."

Rosemary Babinski - Delivery Man

Rosemary says playing the delivery person was so less stressful then playing Mother Superior in Drinking Habits last summer. She has enjoyed working with Randy again and reuniting with Sarah. It's been a joy working with Tom gathering all the props and it was a delight to work with Diana. Her many thanks go out to this wonderful cast which makes her want to go "Barefoot in the Park." She resides in Bradley and has done several plays at CTW and KVTA in Kankakee. Rosemary has raised 7 children and 6 grandchildren.

Kyle Allen - Telephone Repair Man

Kyle returns to the CTW stage for the first time since 2016 in a role 3 years in the making. He sent in an audition video for telephone man in 2020 before the season was cancelled due to covid. Kyle is the worship minister at Milford Christian Church and an avid board gamer. He would like to thank the directors and all the people who would have done a better job as the telephone man but didn't try out!