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Written by

Ernest Thompson

Produced by special arrangement with
Dramatists Play Service

Set Design by
Wes Skinner

Directed by
Julie Zatko

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Set Construction
**Steve Mierzejewski, Norb Mills &
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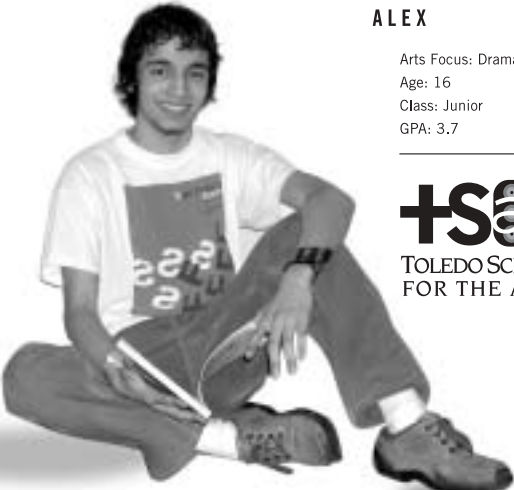
There will be two fifteen minute intermissions

Note: *Please turn all cell phones or pagers off during the show.*

CAST

John Henry Norman Thayer Sr.
Jean Mills Ethel Thayer
Pat Mahoney Charlie Martin
Susan Doktor Chelsea Thayer Wayne
A.J. LaPorta Billy Ray
Jim Trumm Bill Ray

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THE DIRECTOR

Julie Zatko (Director)

If you were with us last June, you may remember the hysterically funny *Psycho Beach Party*. Julie directed that show on the heels of directing *Over the River and Through the Woods!* Well, she's doing it again, folks! As soon as *On Golden Pond* closes, Julie will be grooming the cast of *The Shape of Things* (By Neil LaBute), which we will proudly present in June. Julie has been a valued director and lighting designer for us since 1999, directing shows such as *Painting Churches* and *Social Security*. Also, she has taken on two additional roles over the past year; she co-produced *Tuna Christmas*, and was elected to the Board of Directors.

THE CAST

John Henry (Norman Thayer Sr.)

"A man of many talents" barely begins to describe this dedicated thespian. John has been an usher, a house manager, light and sound tech, spot operator, set designer and builder, painter, scenic artist, box office attendant ... the list goes on. John is also an accomplished actor, having appeared in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Of Mice and Men*, and *Painting Churches*, but that's only since 1999. Additionally, John is an OCTA award-winning director for his debut production of *Pvt. Wars*. With such a diverse background in the theatrical craft, you can understand why he's one of our most cherished volunteers. When not here, John enjoys old British cars, motorcycles, history and archaeology, but we have a hard time letting him go long enough to get around to those things.



Jean Mills (Ethel Thayer)

If you saw last year's *Driving Miss Daisy* at the Toledo Rep, then you are familiar with the talented, OCTA award winning Jean Mills. You may also have seen her in *A Little Night Music*, *Mixed Emotions*, or *Sylvia* on our stage (just to name a few). Jean serves as President of the Board of Directors for The Village and is also a teacher at Maumee High School. When not working or acting, she enjoys traveling, reading, ballroom dancing and going to the theatre.

Pat Mahoney (Charlie Martin)

Please welcome a newcomer to The Village! Pat is an Account Manager for National Nail Corporation. He has a BBA in Marketing and an MBA in Finance from the University of Toledo. Previously he has been seen as Allan Felix in *Play it Again Sam*, and Ken Gorman in *Rumors*. He has been active with both The Collingwood Arts Center and The Oregon Community Theatre. He is also Past President of the Autism Society of Northwest Ohio. In his spare time he enjoys traveling, playing guitar, poker, sports, and reading.



Susan Doktor (Chelsea Thayer Wayne)

On Golden Pond marks Susan's dramatic debut in Toledo. She last appeared on stage at 18 in a college production of *Kennedy's Children*, alongside Jim Trumm (Bill Ray), who pursued her relentlessly until she finally consented to marry him. With *On Golden Pond*, Jim and Susan celebrate 27 years together. Susan is a creative director for Calphalon Corporation, proud mother of twins Joshua and Spencer, and utterly smitten with Sophie, her golden retriever. Welcome to The Village, Susan!

A.J. LaPorta (Billy Ray)

This is A.J.'s first time appearing on our stage. He is a student at The Toledo School for the Arts and enjoys fishing, hunting, reading, singing, cooking and basket weaving in his spare time. He is a Gold Medal Chef and also a National tap Dance Champion! To his credit, he has previously appeared as Rooster in *Annie*, Young Abel in *Children of Eden*, and in the choruses of *A Cowboy Christmas* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Welcome to The Village, A.J.!





Jim Trumm (Bill Ray)

Jim last appeared on stage at age 18 in a college production of *Kennedy's Children* alongside Susan Doktor (Chelsea Thayer), who pursued him relentlessly until he finally consented to marry her. He teaches philosophy, humanities and writing at Owens College. he is a past member of Masterworks Chorale who enjoys taking bicycle trips with his sons.

Announcing The Village Players' 2005-2006 Season

Monky Business

Book by Todd Mueller and Hank Boland

Music and lyrics by Gregg Opelka

Directed by Wes Skinner

September 9-24, 2005

Auditions Sun., June 26, 2005, 2:00PM - 4:00PM & Mon., June 27, 2005,
7:00PM - 9:00PM

The fun-loving monks of Saint Bernard's monastery are in a jam. Either they raise \$250,000 by midnight or lose their monastery to a real-estate developer with plans to turn it into Bernie's Casino Royale. "Monks, mayhem and merriment... the musical comedy Monkey Business is no-holds barred fun."

Murder in Green Meadows

Written by Douglas Post

Directed by

November 4-19, 2005

Auditions Sun., Sep. 11, 2005, 7:00PM & Mon., Sep. 12, 2005, 7:00PM

This thriller knits a careful web of deception, sex, murder and mind games. "A tightly constructed, intensely enacted murder mystery that begins slapping the suspense from its first circling shots."

Gun-Shy

Written by Richard Dresser

Directed by Dave DeChristopher

January 13-28, 2006

Auditions Sun., Nov. 6, 2005, 7:00PM & Mon., Nov. 7, 2005, 7:00PM

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Wally's Café

Written by Ron Clark and Sam Babrich

Directed by John Henry

March 10-25, 2006

Auditions Sun., Jan. 15, 2006, 7:00PM & Mon., Jan. 16, 2005, 7:00PM

This gag-filled comedy is about a couple who run a diner near Las Vegas. In 1940, their only customer (it seems) is a footsore Illinois girl hitchhiking to Hollywood to certain stardom. Years later she returns—in a limousine—to bail out her old friends. “funny, disarming, and engaging.”

Barefoot in the Park

Written by Neil Simon

Directed by Julie Zatzko

May 12-27, 2006

Auditions Sun., Mar. 12, 2006, 7:00PM & Mon., Mar. 13, 2006, 7:00PM

Newlyweds Paul, a buttoned-down straight-arrow lawyer, and Corie, a romantic effervescent free spirit, adjust to married life in their tiny fifth floor Greenwich Village apartment. Add Corie's widowed mother and their elderly Bohemian upstairs neighbor to the mix and laughter abounds.

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June 23-25, 2005
The Shape of Things

By: Neil LaBute

Directed By: Julie Zatzko