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# THE VILLAGE PLAYERS THEATER

2740 Upton Ave.

Toledo Ohio

<http://www.thevillageplayers.org>

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presents



Written By

**Richard Dresser**

Produced by special arrangement with

**Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois.**

Set Design by

Directed by

Produced by

**Dave**

**Paige Price**

Light Design by  
**Devin Coulter**

**DeChristopher**

Sound Design by  
**Steve Essick**

Set Construction

**Steve Mierzejewski, Jeff Mills,  
Norb Mills & Bob Smith**

**There will be one fifteen minute intermission**

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

## CAST

Evie ..... Debbie Marinik  
Carter ..... John Jennens  
Duncan ..... Larry Farley  
Caitlin ..... Shannon Cooch  
Waiter, Roman, Nurse, Paramedic ..... Norb Mills  
Neil, Paramedic ..... JaMay R. Edwards

## SETTING

**Act I:** Various locations in the Pacific Northwest, new England, and Washington D.C.

**Act II:** Duncan's house outside Boston

### Advisory - Some Adult Language

World Premier at the 1997 Humana Festival of New American Plays and Actors Theatre of Louisville.

Produced in New York City by Playwrights Horizons, 1998.



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## THE DIRECTOR

**Dave DeChristopher** (Director) lived in New York City from 1980 - 2004, working as an actor, director, writer and artist-in-the-schools. Her served as artistic director of the Greenwood Theater Company (a theater-in-education company) from 2001 until he returned to his native Toledo in 2004. He spent much of the 1980s touring the United States and Israel as part of the Jewish Repertory Theatre for Young audiences. Dave is a founding member of The Aural Stage, a nationally known developmental alliance of playwrights, directors and actors. Currently, he works as a teaching artist with Project ABC and as a corporate trainer (workshops, roleplays, vignettes) for Performance of a Lifetime. Dave is a member of Actors Equity Association and The Dramatists Guild.



## THE CAST

**Debbie Marinik** (*Evie*) is delighted to be back at The Village Players after a very busy couple of years. Debbie just completed a series in infomercials to promote the joy of contact sports, most recently *Jello vs. Mud - Wrestling is for Everyone!*. Debbie also recently starred in the new independent film *Max and Millie, Deli Spies* with her friend and stage-mate, Larry Farley which was awarded the Golden Turkey award in the 2005 Istanbul film festival. Many will remember Ms. Marinik as the captivating codfish in the aquatic, children's exorcism musical *Bosco Brantley, Goldfish from Hell* co-starring Mr. Farley (soundtrack available on Farnick Records, no burning, please.) Enjoy the show!



**John Jennens** (*Carter*) has had the good fortune to play a number of characters in Village productions, as well as appearances in film, radio and TV commercials. John's portrayal of Natwick in *Pvt. Wars* earned him an "Excellence in Acting" award at OCTA. Most recently at The Village, John has been seen as the Chief in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, and in the role of Skip Hampton in both *The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia* and *LuAnn Hampton Laverty Oberlander*. John is just happy to be doing another play with a short title.



**Larry Farley** (*Duncan*) Mr. Farley comes from a varied and diverse background being the product of an Irish pub owner and principal dancer for the Bolshoi Ballet. Larry attributes his ability to remain light on his feet even after an evening's libations to be a byproduct of this union. Recent credits include the mad fisherman in *One Fish, Two Fish, Dead Fish, You Fish* and the award winning independent film *Max and Millie, Deli Spies* filmed in Turkey and Hungary with the marvelous Ms. Marinik. Tonight's show marks the first time they have appeared together on stage since the memorable children's musical *Bosco Brantley, Goldfish from Hell* for which Mr. Farley hooked the prestigious "Sharkey" award. (Soundtrack available on Farnik Records, no burning please.)



**Shannon Cooch** (*Caitlin*) engages in her debut performance with The Village Players. A native of Elmira, New York, she moved to Toledo two years ago with her ruggedly handsome and very supportive husband, Mike. During that time she has taken stage with a number of community theaters in the Toledo metro area. Most recently, she performed as Laura in the one act play *You Can't Trust the Male* presented at Sienna Heights College. She also portrayed the role of Guttrune in *Das Barbecu* with the Crowell



Opera House in Adrian, MI and the role of Sonia in Bedford Community Player's *Godspell*. Off-stage, Shannon is an International Student Advisor and instructor at Owens Community College. Shannon is a Capricorn, enjoys long walks in the woods, and loves a mean spicy tuna roll. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for making her first experience at The Village Players such a gem and as always, extends a loving thank you to Mike.

**Norb Mills** (*Waiter, Roman, Nurse, Paramedic*) Past experience includes *LuAnn Hampton Laverty Oberlander, Tuna Christmas, Wrong Turn at Lungfish, Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia, Mixed Emotions, Dames at Sea, Last Night of Ballyhoo, 70, Girls, 70, and Cabaret*. He has received two OCTA awards for acting and one for co-directing. His hobbies include golf, dancing and traveling. He is a recently retired Professor of Communications at the University of Toledo.



**JaMay R. Edwards** (*Neil, Paramedic*) Detroit native, JaMay Edwards developed a love for acting early on. When she joined the Performing Arts Guild her sophomore year in high school she felt the thrill and joy of being on stage. Having majored in Broadcast Journalism at Wayne State University, she always made time for the occasional acting class. JaMay solidified her role in the acting community when she began working with the Detroit Repertory Theatre. Having been an extra in film, JaMay's biggest role was a speaking appearance in a music video by Mariah Carey. JaMay moved to Toledo in the summer of 2004 to become the manager or promotions for professional baseball team, the Toledo Mud Hens. JaMay enjoys writing poetry and prose, salsa dancing and traveling.



## The Village Players' 2005-2006 Season

### **Gun-Shy**

Written by Richard Dresser

Directed by Dave DeChristopher

January 13-28, 2006

Auditions Mon., Nov. 7, 2005, 7:00PM & Tue., Nov. 8, 2005, 7:00PM

Remember your first marriage? It's back. Gun-Shy is a comedy about marriage, divorce, infidelity, infertility, incompatibility, eternal love, household accidents and diets no one should try. "Gun-Shy... grabs you from the moment the lights go up and never lets you go."

### **Wally's Café**

Written by Ron Clark and Sam Babrich

Directed by John Henry

March 10-25, 2006

Auditions Mon., Jan. 16, 2005, 7:00PM & Tue., Jan. 17, 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 Mon., Mar. 13, 2006, 7:00PM & Tue., Mar. 14, 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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