



Owasso Community Theatre Company

Presents

Death By



by Paul Freed

Directed by Iris Ballou

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Publishing, Inc.

April 27th, 28th, & 29th
Showing 7PM Nightly

● **Sunday April 30th 2PM Matinee** ●

On the stage at The Owasso 7th Grade Center
1400 N Main St, Owasso, OK 74055

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Synopsis of Scenes

Prologue- One tragic moment on a tragic night

ACT 1

Scene 1- Several weeks later. Morning

Scene 2- Afternoon

ACT 2

Scene 1- Evening

Scene 2- Night

Scene 3- Much later that night

Epilogue- The next day Mid afternoon

Notes from the Director :

What a privilege it is to be directing this year with Owasso Community Theatre Company. The preparation for Death by Chocolate has been non-stop laughs. This production welcomed several new actors to the stage as well as many seasoned actors from years past.

Thanks to my production team who have worked tirelessly making sure everything was just right. Cari James, LaRae Seay, and Cindy Nagley were producers extraordinaire. Thanks too, to Mike Martin for the great sound, stage-manager Kelli McCall, and props, Linda Jones.

As you may know, Owasso is dear to my heart as Sally Allen and I were part of the founding members of this community theatre in 2002. I am so proud to see that OCTC is growing strong with a committed board and volunteer support team.

A special thanks goes out to Mr. Coke, principal at the Owasso 7th Grade Center for letting us use this gym space for rehearsals and at the last minute, the production. The cast has put in a lot of hard work along with uncredited theatre support staff and they all hope you enjoy this production of Death by Chocolate.

~ Iris Ballou

The Cast

Lady Riverdale/Sally Allen - Sally is one of the founding members of OCTC. She served on the board for several years and also performed in the inaugural production of Picnic. Sally is active in Community Theatre in the area, and has performed in productions for OCTC, Theatre Tulsa, and Sapulpa Community Theatre. She is excited to be sharing a stage with her daughter, Shannon, again, and to be working with Iris.

Dyslexia/Kessiah Neff - Kessiah is a graduate from Rogers State University with a degree in Communications. She was in several productions during college including "Decision Height", "Romeo and Juliet", and "Tales From Tent City". She is also an accomplished writer, taking second place in a state wide competition for her screenplay "Living with Anxiety." Kessiah is thrilled to be working with such wonderful and talented people.

The Cast (continued)

John Stone/Brian Johnston - Brian can usually be spotted volunteering behind the scenes with Owasso Community Theatre Company. He finds volunteering very fulfilling and spends his weekends waiting tables at the Tulsa Spotlight Theatre. He has enjoyed his work with this show and thanks you for supporting our local community theatre.

Ralph Deadwood/Alexander Wilbins - Alex is a recent Tulsa Community College graduate with an associates degree in Arts. He has been in 3 TCC productions and one high school production: It's a Wonderful Life- Mr. Potter; One Man, Two Guvnors- Harry Dangle; Lion in Winter- Prince Geoffery; Two Gentlemen of Verona- Duke of Milan. Alex is attending Rogers State University in the Fall semester and will be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Communications: TV/Radio. He hopes to one day make movies as a director and pursue professional acting. He hopes he can bring a different style of creativity to the industry and be unique in his work. He also body builds on occasion. :)

Margaret Daniels/LaRae Seay - LaRae is excited to be in her 2nd production with the Owasso Community Theatre Company. You may have seen her two years ago in OCTC's production of Spirit. She has participated in other community theatres in Arkansas and Ohio. Some of her favorite roles include Shelby in Steel Magnolias, Joy in Shadowlands and Sister James in Doubt: A Parable. When she's not doing theatre, she may be found teaching math at Tulsa Community College or group fitness classes at the YMCA of Greater Tulsa. She wants to thank her husband and two teenage sons for their support and understanding of her time away from home. And to the audience...thank YOU for your support! She truly hopes you enjoy your time at the Meadowbrook Health Resort! :)

Alfred Mellox/Nick Bushta - Nick is thrilled to finally be working with the Owasso Community Theatre Company! He has been active in the Tulsa area community theatre circuit for 11 years. Some roles in his resume include: El Gallo from The Fantasticks at the Sapulpa Community Theatre, Dracula in Dracula: The Musical? as well as Inspector Kemp/Harold the Hermit for the Broken Arrow Community Playhouse, and Leon Czolgosz in Assassins with Grace Ann Productions. Nick would like to thank director Iris Ballou, the cast and crew as well as the OCTC staff for wholeheartedly welcoming him into this zany production of Death By Chocolate. Enjoy the show!

Edith Chiles/Diana Barr - Diana Barr is a pre-k teacher at Stone Canyon Elementary, where she has taught for nine years. For over twenty years she was active in the Rejoice Drama Ministry at Rejoice Church in Owasso. She performed in various skits and plays. Her most challenging performance was playing Corrie Ten Boom in The Hiding Place. She enjoys getting the opportunity to act and is excited about getting to perform with the Owasso Community Theatre.

Sweet Pea Meadowbrook/Shannon Allen - This is Shannon's 4th production for OCTC. She has also appeared on stage for Sapulpa Community Theatre in State Fair. Shannon is happy to get to work with Director Iris Ballou again. It is also nice to get to be on stage with her mother, Sally Allen. Shannon lives in Owasso and works as a Medical Assistant for St. John's Clinic MOB.

Dick Simmering/Joshua Albertson - Joshua is a returning actor with Owasso Community Theatre. He last appeared as Sid in the production of Sherlock Holmes. He has also been an ensemble member in Owasso High School's production of Footloose and various skits at First Church Owasso.

The Cast (continued)

Anne/Jill McCormick - Jill was in theatre throughout high school where she played Sally Brown in Snoopy and Lady Lucille in Once Upon a Mattress. She has also been in a previous OCTC production of Anne of Green Gables. She is excited to be in another OCTC production and hopes you enjoy the show!

Ed Parlor/Dennis Nidey - Dennis is excited to be in his first production with OCTC. He has lived in the Tulsa area for five years- moving from Illinois. His two sons attended Spartan School Of Aeronautics - one stayed and works for American in Tulsa so he retired here. He was recently married.

STAGE CREW

Director- Iris Ballou - *Iris Ballou has been involved in community theatre since 1977, spending the first 20 years in Ponca Playhouse. She moved to the Tulsa area in early 1998, has done shows with Broken Arrow Community Playhouse, Theatre Tulsa, Tulsa Pops, The Actors Company of Tulsa, Sapulpa Community Theatre and is a founding member of the Owasso Community Theatre Company. She has directed shows for both Sapulpa and Owasso Community Theatre, most recently Father Knows Best with OCTC.*

Producers- Cari James, LaRae Seay & Cindy Nagley

Stage Manager- Kelli McCall

Set Design /Head Carpenter- Jeff Gilstrap

Costuming- Cindy Nagley

Property Master- Linda Jones

Sound Design & Technician- Mike Martin

Hair & Makeup - Raegan Trost

Photography- Danni Crook

Publicity Artist- Tom Aurilio

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