



**Owasso Community Theatre Company**

proudly presents

# Father

A comedy by  
Kristin Sergel and  
Edward James

Directed by  
Iris Ballou



# Knows Best

**April 28-30, 2016**

7pm Nightly and 2pm Saturday matinee

On-stage at Stone Canyon Elementary

7305 N 177th E Ave, Owasso

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**Setting: The Anderson home**

**Time: Spring**

**Act One: Afternoon, around 4:00 pm**

**Act Two: Scene One: After dinner, the same day**

**Scene Two: An hour later**

**Act Three: Very early the next morning**

## Director Notes

Once again, it has been my extreme pleasure in directing a show for Owasso Community Theatre Company (OCTC). It is a pleasure on many levels. Pleasure working with the Board of OCTC, because this is an actual working board that really comes together to get their productions to be the best they can be. That is no small feat. Bravo and thanks to all of them and to my wonderful technical and stage crew!

It is also a pleasure working with the talented people of this and nearby communities. Our “mother” and “father” in this show are both new to community theatre, and have done amazing jobs at becoming who they are supposed to be in the show. They jumped in the water with both feet and I couldn’t be more proud of them. Others in the cast are veterans of community theatre and do their jobs with aplomb. This truly makes a director’s job easier and helps bring the story to life. We’ve all had fun, but the cast didn’t let the fun get in the way of the hard work they have done to bring you this delightful show.

While *Father Knows Best* takes place in the early 1960s, before many in our cast were even born, the issues are timeless for parents. Is my child safe? Is my child doing something foolish? Why can’t the kids be happy staying home instead of always going out? Must get that contract signed so I can pay bills, etc.

It has been a pleasure working with our 21st century youth doing a mid-20th century show. My hope is they learned a few things and can truly appreciate what they have now, that we didn’t back then.

My hope for you, the audience and patrons of OCTC, is that you enjoy the show so much that you tell your friends and family and maybe even come see it again. It was a pleasure directing *Father Knows Best* for you. Enjoy the show!

## CAST

### Robert Miller as Jim Anderson

Robert is the lead pastor of New Life Assembly in Collinsville and also works in the mortgage industry as a senior mortgage officer for American Mortgage Professionals in Owasso. He serves as the vice president of the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce. He is active in the Owasso and Collinsville Ministerial Alliances, is a mentor for the Pregnancy Resource Center of Owasso and Coach for the Owasso YMCA and Owasso Soccer Club. He has been married to his lovely wife Haley for 17 years and they have four beautiful children. This is his first production.

### Megan Morris as Margaret Anderson

Megan is delighted to be performing in her first production with OCTC. Megan is a lifelong Owasso resident who enjoys sewing, reading, yoga and going on adventures with her son Jack. She would like to thank the director for giving her an opportunity to be part of this great show and the cast and crew for the support and enthusiasm they shared with her.

### Sam Tipton as Betty Anderson

Sam is 18 years old and is a senior at Owasso High School. Her past productions with the OCTC have been *Jack and the Magic Beans*, *Oliver Twist*, *Jolly Roger* and *the Pirate Queen* and *Sherlock Holmes*. In September, she will

be attending the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. She is incredibly proud of the cast and crew who have put so much work into this production and she hopes you all enjoy the show.

### **Abbie Martin as Kathy Anderson**

Abbie is 11 years old and is in the fifth grade at Liberty Elementary in Broken Arrow. Abbie loves to act and has performed in productions around Tulsa including American Theatre's Company *A Christmas Carol* and Encore!Tulsa's *The Lost Pages of Snow White* and *It's a Wonderful Life*. Her favorite roles were the Narrator in *How the West Was Done* (OCTC), Vanette Woodwood in *A Radio Christmas Spectacular* (Spotlight Children's Theatre) and Marian Paroo in *Music Man* (Liberty Elementary). When not acting she loves singing, reading, drawing, playing with her friends and playing with her new donkey. She has loved playing the role of Kathy in *Father Knows Best* and hopes you enjoy the show!

### **Joseph Schiavo as Bud Anderson**

Joseph is 17 years old and is a junior at Owasso High School. He began acting in the seventh grade and it quickly became his number-one passion. He plans to pursue a career in the film industry.

### **Emily Crowley as Janie**

Emily is a freshman at Tulsa Community College. This is her seventh show with OCTC. Some of her favorites include *Jack and the Magic Beans*, *Our Miss Brooks* and *Night at the Wax Museum*. She is so excited to be onstage with her mom again. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### **Olivia Buss as Ramona**

Olivia is a freshman at Owasso High School. This is her second production with OCTC. When she's not acting, you can find her knee deep in homework, being an active member of First Church or spending time with family and friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### **Gabrielle Miller as Patty**

Gabrielle is 13 years old and in the seventh grade. She is homeschooled and part of the Classical Conversations community in Owasso. Gabi loves to act and has performed in several productions with OCTC and her church. Her favorite was playing Jack in *Jack and the Magic Beans*. She also loves to read, play volleyball, hang out with her youth group and play piano.

### **Mike Neldon as Repairman**

Mike is a teacher at the Owasso Sixth Grade Center. He has participated in several productions for OCTC, including *Babes in Toyland* as the Toymaster; *Oliver Twist*; *The Secret Garden* (musical) as Archibald Craven; *The Cemetery Club*; *Rumors*; *Night of January 16th*; *Our Miss Brooks* and as Piney in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*. He wants to thank his wife Kay for her support, coaching and patience. He would also like to thank Iris Ballou for her direction and making this production fun for all of us. Finally, he wants to thank all the actors and those working behind the scenes to make this production a success.

### **Casey Blake as Ralph**

Casey is 19 and is currently attending Tulsa Community College (TCC). Casey is no stranger to OCTC and has performed in more than 10 productions. His last production was *Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen*. During that production, he discovered a love for backstage work. His real passion is anything not on the main stage—he is stepping out of his comfort zone by returning to being onstage. After taking Acting 1 at TCC, however, he realized he missed being in the spotlight as well. Other than theatre, his hobbies include hanging out with friends, working (pretty weird), gaming and snapchatting his entire life.

### **Donald Gilmore as Mr. Brinkworth**

Don is making his first appearance in an OCTC production. Don has been acting for more than 15 years and has been in many production in the Tulsa area. Included in his resume are roles in SCT's *Heaven Can Wait* and *A Doll's House*; ATC's *A Christmas Carol*; BACP's *Phantom of the Country Opera* and *No Time for Sergeants*; SSCT's *The Mousetrap* and Spotlight Children's Theater productions of *Ramona Quimby* and *The Little Mermaid*. Don also spent 12 years portraying Mr. Romaine in Spotlight Theater's production of *The Drunkard*. He is a volunteer reader for Librivox.org. Don is employed by Walmart and enjoys singing and acting.

### **Lauren Hughes as Officer Johnson**

Lauren is a sophomore at Owasso High School. She made her first official acting debut when she was nine years old in Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. One of her favorite roles was Roz Keith in *9 to 5* with Youth OnStage. Some of her other notable productions are Theatre Tulsa's *Les Miserables* and Owasso High School's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Outside of theatre, Lauren enjoys dancing, riding her horse and creating artwork.

### **JJ Willis as Bud's Friend**

This marks JJ's fourth appearance in an OCTC production. His previous roles include Bo Best in *How the West Was Dun*, Pancho Villa in *Night at the Wax Museum* and Claude the Pirate in *Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen*. He loves being up on stage no matter what he's doing and he hopes you enjoy this phenomenal show!

## **Shirley Gilmore as Mrs. Wembley**

This is Shirley's first opportunity to be cast in an OCTC show. She has been in several plays in the Tulsa Metro area during the past 10 years such as Queen of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland*, Mrs Van Daan in *The Diary of Anne Frank*, Mrs Beaver in *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* and Juanita in *The Premature Corpse*. She has enjoyed the opportunity to work with Iris Ballou again and with this cast. She really enjoys being in the same play as her hubby.

## **Kaye Brownlee-France as Mrs. Jones**

Kaye is grateful to be returning to the stage after a two-year hiatus from performing. Some of her favorite past roles include Pickles from *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, Olive from *Spelling Bee* and Claire from *Rumors*. This spring she became a gardener in preparation for the role of Mrs. Jones. No plants were harmed in the making of this production (yet). In her spare time Kaye works on her booth, Pinwheel Designs, at Needful Things in Owasso. Much love to Justin, Mom and Dan.

## **Michon Hastings Hughes as Mrs. Woolsey**

Michon is very excited to be a new member of the OCTC. She has been finding solace on the stage from real life for decades and is especially grateful to be doing theater with her daughter! She was most recently seen in Broken Arrow as Rose Seller in *Oliver!* and Angela in *Honky Tonk Angels*. Before that, she sang professionally in Branson. Her favorite role will probably always be Anna from *The King and I*. She now loves playing the real-life role of an attorney married to another attorney. There is no stage like the courtroom!

## **Katherine Crowley as Perkins**

This is Katherine's second show with OCTC. This is her escape from being a mom and working at AEP/PSO. She loves performing with her daughter Emily, as she did in *Sherlock Holmes*. She hopes you enjoy the show and wants to thank her fiancé Gary for all the support.

# **CREW**

## **DIRECTOR—Iris Ballou**

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

## **Producers—Kay Neldon and Kim Rutherford**

## **Stage Manager—Kim Rutherford**

## **Set Design—Jeff Gilstrap**

## **Set Construction—Jeff Gilstrap, Mark Nagley, Cindy Nagley, Mike Neldon, Kay Neldon, Tom Aurilio, Kim Rutherford, Cari James and Brian Johnston**

## **Props—Cari James, Kim Rutherford, Kelly Nuckols, Kelli McCall and Brian Johnston**

## **Costumes—Kim Rutherford**

## **Sound Design and Sound Technician—Mike Martin**

## **Hair and Makeup—Jessie Walters and Kaye Brownlee-France**

## **Photography—Danni Crook**

## **Publicity Artist—Tom Aurilio**

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