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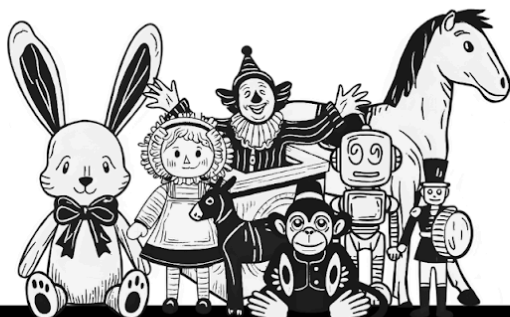
**THE
VELVETEEN
RABBIT**

A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

**BASED ON THE NOVEL BY
MARGERY WILLIAMS**

**ADAPTED BY
KATHRYN SCHULTZ MILLER**

**DIRECTED BY
TRACEY IANDIORIO**



DECEMBER 5, 6, 7 & 12, 13, 14



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2025 - 2026 SEASON SCHEDULE

<p>SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21</p>	<p><i>PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE</i> WRITTEN BY STEVE MARTIN DIRECTED BY BILL MARTINAK AUDITIONS: JULY 21 & 22</p>
<p>OCTOBER 24, 25, 26, 31 NOVEMBER 1, 2</p>	<p><i>WAIT UNTIL DARK</i> WRITTEN BY FREDERICK KNOTT ADAPTED BY JEFFREY HATCHER DIRECTED BY SAM SHERBURNE AUDITIONS: SEPTEMBER 15 & 16</p>
<p>DECEMBER 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14</p>	<p><i>THE VELVETEEN RABBIT</i> WRITTEN BY MARGERY WILLIAMS ADAPTED BY KATHRYN SCHULTZ MILLER DIRECTED BY TRACEY IANDIORIO AUDITIONS: OCTOBER 13 & 14</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 26, 27, 28 MARCH 1</p>	<p>THE 15TH ANNUAL ONE-ACT FESTIVAL AUDITIONS: JANUARY 19 & 20</p>
<p>APRIL 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19</p>	<p><i>PROOF</i> WRITTEN BY DAVID AUBURN DIRECTED BY VANESSA ARVIDSON AUDITIONS: MARCH 2 & 3</p>
<p>MAY 29, 30, 31 JUNE 5, 6, 7</p>	<p><i>MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING</i> WRITTEN BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE DIRECTED BY SAM SHERBURNE AUDITIONS: APRIL 13 & 14</p>

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For her support of and bequest to the Indiana Players, the Board of Directors presents highest recognition to **Diane Duntley**

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Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous

Directors

Anonymous

Playwrights

Anonymous
Anonymous
Mary Jo Bowes
Richard Stewart

Actors

Anonymous
Anonymous
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In Honor of Edgar & Lois Miller
Patricia & John Prushnok
Tony DeLoreto

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Donald Lancaster
Faye Bradwick
In Memory of John Sinclair
Judy Cessna
Larry & Deborah Rupp
Mike & Kim Shaffer
Sandra Whitson
Stacy Moran
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THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL BASED ON THE NOVEL BY MARGERY WILLIAMS
ADAPTED BY KATHRYN SCHULTZ MILLER • DIRECTED BY TRACEY IANDIORIO

SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

Scene 1; *the living room of the family home*

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas” Family and
Christmas Party Ensemble

Scene 2; *the living room*

“Toy Introduction Song” Toys

Scene 3; *the living room & Michael’s bedroom*

“Becoming Real” Skin Horse

Scene 4; *the forest*

“We are Living Rabbits” Wild Rabbits

- There will be a 10-minute intermission between acts -

ACT II

Scene 1; *bedroom*

“Watch Over Him” Uncle Archie

Scene 2; *bedroom & dream world (the sea)*

Scene 3; *bedroom & backyard*

Scene 4; *backyard/forest*

“I Must Be Brave Now” Velveteen Rabbit

“We are Living Animals” Wild Rabbits, Birds, Forest
Animals, and Velveteen Rabbit

Scene 5; *forest & living room*

“Oh Christmas Tree” Full Cast

CAST OF CHARACTERS

**denotes an IPI debut*

TOYS

VELVETEEN RABBIT Bryn Stracka-Sateriale*

SKIN HORSE Vera Rensko

ROBBIE ROBOT Dane Shotts*

JACK-IN-THE-BOX Maddy Mullen

TIN SOLDIER Gwen Ondo*

RAGGEDY ANNE Eva Miller*

PIN-THE-TAIL DONKEY Emma Hildebrand

CYMBAL MONKEY Nate Boring

FAMILY

MICHAEL.....Allison Nicol
UNCLE ARCHIE..... Brandon Iandiorio
MOTHER..... Alexandra E.*
FATHER..... Crosby Shank*
COUSIN RUTHIE..... Lillian Fairman
NANA.....Kaylee Higgins
OLDER MICHAEL..... Emerson Shank

CARETAKERS

DOCTOR..... Lily Reinard*
GARDENER..... Emi Mullen
NURSERY FAIRY..... Sloane Knudsen
HOUSE MAID.....Emerson Shank

WILD RABBITS

JINGLE..... Hailey Kent
BUTTONS..... Eva Knapp
IVY..... Scarlett Clemons
HOLLY..... Morgan Tyger*
JOLLY..... Abby Stephens
JOY..... Lina Karas

BIRDS

RUDY..... Micah Boring
ROSIE..... Hailee Kunselman
BELLA..... Jayna Bruno
BROOKE.....Ruby Scott

FOREST ANIMALS

BEAR..... Jackson Bruno*
RACCOON..... Shane Dykun*
DEER..... Fiona Karas*
FOX..... Maise Pauch

CHRISTMAS PARTY ENSEMBLE

PARTY MAIDS..... Emerson Shank & Emi Mullen
PARTY GUEST.....Lily Reinard*
CHILDREN..... Jackson Bruno*, Shane Dykun*,
Fiona Karas*, Maise Pauch

PRODUCTION STAFF & CREW

DIRECTOR.....	Tracey Iandiorio
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....	Nancy Boring
CHOREOGRAPHER.....	Tracey Iandiorio
STAGE MANAGER.....	Sharon Herring
ASST. MUSIC DIRECTORS.....	Amanda Iandiorio and Ashlee Steiner
ASST. STAGE MANAGER.....	Ashlee Steiner
SET DESIGNER.....	Bill Herring
PROPS MASTER.....	Jeanine Nicol
COSTUME DESIGNER.....	Ada Marangoni
HAIR/MAKEUP DESIGNER.....	Sarah Kunselman
LIGHTING DESIGNERS.....	Bill Herring and Lucca Muzy
SOUND DESIGNER.....	Amanda Iandiorio
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COSTUME ASSISTANTS....	Sarah Kunselman and Ashlee Steiner
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PUBLICITY & GRAPHIC DESIGN.....	Vanessa Arvidson
PHOTOGRAPHY.....	Nicole Lorelei Photography and Vanessa Arvidson
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR.....	Michael Shaffer
BOX OFFICE STAFF.....	Erin Hildebrand, Andy Kent, Katie Kent, Jeanine Nichol, Charlie Pauch, Michael Shaffer, Stephanie Shank

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

It has been such a rewarding experience working with this group of 32 children and teens. The entire cast is not only talented, but also kind, thoughtful, and helpful toward their fellow cast members and toward the production crew.

I have always loved the story of "The Velveteen Rabbit" and it was one of the first books I ever read as a child. I am so excited to share this classic Christmas story with you, as we bring each character to life, through each emotion, and with each song. I hope you enjoy this performance of "The Velveteen Rabbit," and you take some of the joy you feel here, home with you.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Tracey Iandiorio

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CAST BIOS

MICAH BORING (Rudy) is a third-grade student at United Elementary School and this is his third time being in a production with the Indiana Players. He loves hunting and playing baseball. Micah is glad to be in *The Velveteen Rabbit* with his older brother, Nate, and he thanks his parents for their support. Micah wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!

NATE BORING (Cymbal Monkey) is happy to be in his sixth production with the Indiana Players. Recent Players' productions he participated in include *Miracle on 34th Street* and *Once Upon a Mattress*. He enjoys music and math. He would like to thank his parents for their support.

JACKSON BRUNO (Bear / Child) is in the sixth grade at Indiana Junior High. This is Jackson's first production with the Indiana Players and he would like to thank his fellow cast mates for making it a wonderful and fun first experience.

JAYNA BRUNO (Bella) is in fourth grade at Seeds of Faith Christian Academy where she is active in the music and drama department singing in the choir, playing the violin in the band, and being in their yearly musicals. Jayna loves participating in the Indiana Players' Christmas productions and has lasting memories from her roles in *A Christmas Peter Pan* (Crocodile) and *Miracle on 34th Street* (Child).

SCARLETT CLEMONS (Ivy) is in the fourth grade and this is her second Indiana Players' musical. She attended several years at Sue Hewitt & Tates Gymnastics. When she is not pursuing theatre, she plays flag football. Her passions include singing, spending time with her friends, and playing Roblox. Her favorite musicals are *Wicked* and *Phantom of the Opera*. Scarlett looks forward to participating in more productions at the Indiana Players.

SHANE DYKUN (Raccoon / Child) is in fourth grade and made his acting debut this summer as Camper 11 in *Dare to Dream Jr.* and Grumpy the Dwarf in *Shrek the Musical Jr.* This is his first play with the Indiana Players. In his spare time, Shane enjoys coding and gaming. He would like to thank his Mom for driving him to all of his practices.

ALEXANDRA E. (Mother) is thrilled to be included in this production of *The Velveteen Rabbit*. She enjoys singing and acting and this is her third show, but first time with the Indiana Players. She is currently in her sophomore year of high school and plans to pursue more art and theatre endeavours. She's loved having the opportunity to meet new people, make memories, and express her creativity. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

LILLIAN FAIRMAN (Cousin Ruthie) is a sixth-grader at Indiana Junior High. She made her stage debut last year with the Indiana Players as Susan Walker in *Miracle on 34th Street*. She's thrilled to return to the stage for her second holiday performance!

KAYLEE HIGGINS (Nana) is excited to work on her sixth show with the Indiana Players. She has enjoyed watching the play grow as rehearsals went on. Outside of theatre, she likes to write and hang out with her friends. She has also recently been featured in the Indiana High School's production of *Under the Circumstances* and the Indiana Players' youth musical *Once Upon a Mattress* as Princess Winnifred.

EMMA HILDEBRAND (Pin-the-Tail-Donkey) is in sixth grade at Penns Manor. This is her second show with the Players. She loves to act and sing, and has also performed in her school production of *Seussical* as well as with the Footlight Players in *Dare to Dream Jr.* this past summer. She looks forward to being part of many productions to come and hopes you enjoy the show!

BRANDON IANDIORIO (Uncle Archie) is excited to perform in his fifteenth show with the Players! He has been a member of the IPI Shakespeare Team since 2022 and was awarded an honorable mention for the past three years for his monologues at the Pittsburgh Public Theatre's Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest. His favorite roles with the Players include The Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz* and Captain Hook in *A Christmas Peter Pan*. Brandon is in the twelfth grade at IHS where he participates in the A Cappella and Bass choirs and plays percussion in Jazz Band. He would like to thank his family for their love and support.

FIONA KARAS (Deer / Child) is eight years old and in second grade. This is her first performance with the Players and she could not be more excited. Fiona loves to dance, run, and sing. She hopes you enjoy her debut show!

CAST BIOS (cont.)

LINA KARAS (Joy) is ten years old and in the fourth grade. This is her second production with the Indiana Players, as she enjoyed participating in *Once Upon a Mattress* this last summer. She also enjoys art and dance. She looks forward to future shows.

HAILEY KENT (Jingle) is in the fourth grade at Eisenhower Elementary. This is her fourth theatre performance and she is loving it. She previously participated in *Once Upon a Mattress*, *A Christmas Peter Pan*, and *The Wizard of Oz* with the Players. Hailey also enjoys dance, gymnastics, and playing piano. She hopes to continue acting in community theatre in the future.

EVA KNAPP (Buttons) is a sixth-grade student at Penns Manor. Her previous stage experience was *Miracle on 34th Street* last year. She enjoys singing and playing the trumpet, which she played in the pit for Purchase Line's production of *Into The Woods* last spring. Most recently, she played in the Indiana County Band. Eva would like to thank the Players for this wonderful opportunity they have given her and all the children in this production.

SLOANE KNUDSEN (Nursery Fairy) is thrilled to return to the stage in *The Velveteen Rabbit*. A passionate young performer at just ten years old, she discovered her love of theatre early and continues to shine with every role she takes on. Audiences may remember Sloane from last year's production of *Miracle on 34th Street*, where she delighted cast and crew alike with her enthusiasm and dedication. When she's not performing, Sloane enjoys reading, playing Roblox, and practicing her dance moves. She would like to thank her family, friends, and IPI for their support and encouragement. She hopes you enjoy the show!

HAILEE KUNSELMAN (Rosie) loves creating all kinds of crafts and bringing her imagination together with glue, glitter, and plenty of creativity. When she's not on stage, she can be found dancing, tumbling, or practicing gymnastics. She also recently became a proud big sister and is enjoying her new role. She is thrilled to be a part of this production and hopes you enjoy the show!

EVA MILLER (Raggedy Anne) is sixteen years old and this is her first show with the Indiana Players! She's done other productions,

such as *Footloose* and *Lucky Stiff* at the Indiana Senior High School and *Finding Nemo Jr*, *Mary Poppins Jr* (where she played Mary), and *Shrek Jr* for with the Footlight Players! She would like to thank her parents for giving her every opportunity to showcase her passion for performing.

EMI MULLEN (Maid / Gardener) is in the sixth grade. This is their second show with the Indiana Players and their third show overall. They are excited to do even MORE shows!

MADDY MULLEN (Jack-In-The-Box) is in her last year at the Indiana Junior High School as an eighth-grader. *The Velveteen Rabbit* will be her second show with the Indiana Players and fifth show total. Previous shows include *Little Women*, *Willy Wonka*, *Once Upon A Mattress*, and *Anne's Avonlea*. She enjoys singing and choir and is part of choirs and selective choir/vocal ensemble at her school. She loves the story of *The Velveteen Rabbit* and hopes everyone feels the Christmas cheer while watching it!

ALLISON NICHOL (Michael) is a sixth grade student at Indiana Junior High. She's thrilled to perform in her fifth show with the Indiana Players having previously appeared in *Miracle on 34th Street* (Dutch Girl), *Our Town* (Rebecca), *A Christmas Peter Pan* (Michael), and "A Monster Mash Mystery" (Bones). In addition, Allison starred as Matilda in *Matilda Jr.* with the Footlight Players and Minne May in Indiana's production of *Anne's Avonlea*. Outside theatre she dances, plays viola, sings in chorus, and plays lacrosse. Allison is excited to be working with such an amazing cast and crew and is looking forward to the show.

GWEN ONDO (Tin Soldier) is twelve years old and full of energy, creativity, and sparkle. This is such a special experience for her as she loves performing and being part of a team. She also enjoys exploring her creativity through art, singing, and music. Gwen is beyond excited to bring the Tin Soldier to life and share the stage with her amazing cast-mates. She thanks her family for always cheering her on and can't wait for everyone to see the show!

MAISIE PAUCH (Fox / Child) is in her second production with the Indiana Players. She had a great time last year in *Miracle on 34th Street* and looks forward to another fun adventure. Maisie loves to sing, draw, and have fun with her friends. Enjoy the show!

CAST BIOS (cont.)

VERA RENSKO (Skin Horse) is excited to participate in her third production with the Indiana Players. She previously played Queen Aggravain in *Once Upon a Mattress* and the Munchkin Mayor in *The Wizard of Oz*. She is also a member of the IPI Shakespeare Team. A sixth-grade student at United Elementary, Vera loves to sing and play trombone. She looks forward to her future on stage.

LILY REINARD (Doctor / Guest) is a sixth-grader making her Indiana Players debut. She has performed with Footlight Players in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, *Alice's Adventure in Wonderland*, and *Dare to Dream Jr.* Most recently, she appeared as the Shopkeeper in Indiana Junior High School's production of *Anne's Avalon*. Lily is active in drama club, chorus, and plays flute in the school band. She studies voice through IUP's Community Music School and trains in jujitsu, currently working toward her long overdue yellow belt. She hopes to pursue musical theatre at IUP in the future.

RUBY SCOTT (Brooke) is ten years old and from Indiana, PA. This is her first year performing with the Indiana Players and was a Lady-In-Waiting in the Players' production of *Once Upon A Mattress*. In her free time, she loves to sing, dance, cook and play soccer. Ruby would like to thank her loving family and friends for their support! She looks forward to participating in future shows!

EMERSON SHANK (Older Michael / Maid) is in tenth grade at Homer Center High School. This is her third musical with the Indiana Players and her sixth musical in total. In her free time, she does color guard and hangs out with her friends.

CROSBY SHANK (Father) is fifteen years old and goes to Homer Center High School. He has performed in three musicals at Homer Center JR/SR HS: *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Shrek*, and *The Addams Family*. This is his first time performing on the IPI stage, but he was Light Board Operator for the Players' productions of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Once Upon a Mattress*! Crosby wants to thank his outstanding family for helping him get this far. He's super excited to see where his theatrical experience leads him.

DANE SHOTTS (Robbie the Robot) is an eighth-grader at Marion Center Junior High and is excited to make his Indiana Players debut. His very first role was Nemo in *Finding Nemo Jr.* with IUP's

Footlight Players and he has now appeared in a total of four productions between Footlight and school productions. When he's not acting, Dane enjoys singing and playing video games.

ABBY STEPHENS (Jolly) is in fourth grade and excited for her second performance with the Indiana Players. She also enjoys dance, lacrosse, chorus and playing flute. Abby would like to thank her family and fellow cast members. Enjoy the show!

BRYN STRACKA-SATERIALE (Velveteen Rabbit) is excited for her first major role and also her first time performing with the Indiana Players. *The Velveteen Rabbit* is the tenth show Bryn has done, having previously performed in *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Ensemble), *A Christmas Carol* (Martha Cratchit), *Newsies* (Romeo), *Star Rise Bakery* (Raury), *Little Women* (Beatrice), *Willy Wonka* (Veruca Salt), *Shrek* (The 3 pigs), and *Anne of Green Gables* (Mrs. Barry). She hopes you have as much fun watching the show as she has performing the show.

MORGAN TYGER (Holly) is in sixth grade. This is her first play with the Players and she is confident it won't be her last! Morgan enjoys being active in the student council and Theatre Arts club!

**Congratulations to the
Cast and Crew of
*The Velveteen Rabbit!***

**We are so proud of your
hard work and
accomplishments!**

Break Legs!!

**- The Indiana Players'
Board of Directors**

*We are so proud of
you, Lilly! You are an
awesome actress!
We love you!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad & D*

We're so proud of
you Hailee!
Good luck and
have lots of fun!

Love,
Mimi and Buddy

Sloane,

*We love you and are SO
proud of you! Your talent
and courage never cease
to amaze us. Keep shining
on the stage!*

Bravo, Gwen!

We are so proud of you!
Your dedication, passion,
and bright spirit light up
the stage. We're bursting
with pride! Congratulations
on an amazing
performance – we love
you so much!

Mom, Dad & Landin

*To our wise and noble
Skin Horse,*

*You make us proud
every day. We look
forward to many more
years of watching you
do what you love.*

*-Mommy, Daddy, Jude
and Talia*

CROSBY -

SO PROUD OF
YOU IN THIS
FATHERLY ROLE.

LOVE,
MOM AND DAD

Emerson -

So proud of you,
"Big Mike".

Love,
Mom and Dad

Shane,

*We are so proud of you!
Have fun being the wildest
raccoon in the forest!*

*Love,
Mama, Papa, Simon,
Grandma, Mike,
and Aunt Lindsey*

To Vera,

Chiky-chiky chut.
Thanks for making me
real.

With love,
Squirrel Girl

Congratulations
Eva! We are so
proud of your
accomplishments.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Allison~

From rehearsals to the big stage, you have poured your heart into every moment of this play. Your energy, laughter, and love of performing light up the stage. We are so proud of your hard work and are thrilled to see you shine as Michael.

"Once you are loved, you become forever." - The Velveteen Rabbit

Love,
Mom, Dad, Zach, Owen,
and Andrew

CONGRATULATIONS BRANDON,
ON A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE AS
UNCLE ARCHIE, IN *THE VELVETEEN
RABBIT*, YOUR LAST IPI YOUTH
MUSICAL!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND ALL
YOU HAVE ACHIEVED! KEEP ON
SAILING AWAY ☺

Love,
MOM AND AMY

Lily,

You have always loved the theater, and watching you shine on stage is one of the greatest joys of our lives. We see how hard you work, how bravely you share your heart with the audience, and how much love and passion you bring to every role. We couldn't be more proud of the young woman you're becoming—kind, talented, and wonderfully yourself.

All our love, always and forever,
Daddy, Mom, Annie, Ronin, Serena, Aidan,
Gammy, Aunt Stacy, Aunt Mel,
and the rest of your adoring fans ♥

NATE & MICAH,

WE LOVE YOU BOTH AND WE LOVE TO WATCH YOU
SHINE! WE ARE SUPER PROUD OF BOTH OF YOU!
HAVE A GREAT TIME ON STAGE!

LOVE,
MOM & DAD

Thank you to everyone involved for allowing me to leave the real world behind for a few hours during rehearsals. We created the world of *The Velveteen Rabbit* together.



I'd like to thank Tracey for valuing me and trusting my input.



Thank you to the parents for supporting our production and their amazing kids.



Thanks to the IPI Board for all of your behind-the-scenes support.



Thank you to the designers and crew for rolling with the punches and coming together for the kids.



And a HUGE thanks to the cast for lending us their talent, kindness, and hard work. You've supported each other beautifully and made this a wonderful journey.

Merry Christmas!

- Sharon Herring

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH THE INDIANA PLAYERS!

Check out and join in on upcoming holiday community events!

Saturday Morning Playhouse: Special Holiday Edition *December 13 ▪ 2:00pm-3:00pm ▪ IRMC Park Stage*

Our Saturday Morning Playhouse series is coming to the IRMC Park stage for a special free Holiday edition! This interactive children's show is geared towards families & children ages 2-10 but ALL are welcome! Join in on the fun and adventures or just come watch and enjoy the show!!

Christmas Carols in the Park

December 20 ▪ 2:00pm-3:00pm ▪ IRMC Park Stage

Join the Players on the IRMC Park stage to spread festive cheer or stop by to hear your favorite songs of the season. Caroling is open to all ages and abilities, from the trained vocalist to the shower singer! Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Shaffer, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@indianaplayers.com

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NEXT UP ON THE MAINSTAGE: THE 15TH ANNUAL ONE-ACT FESTIVAL

We are still accepting script and director submissions for the Indiana Players' **15th Annual One-Act Festival!** This season's One-Act Festival will perform February 26th thru March 1st!

We are looking for submissions of original scripts that have not been previously performed, composed by Western Pennsylvania playwrights. First-time playwrights are welcome and encouraged to submit a script! Ideal running time is 10-25 minutes.

If you are interested in directing one of this year's one-acts, please submit a short letter outlining your experience, what you're hoping to get out of directing, and what styles/genres interest you. When selecting our Mainstage Season, priority is given to submissions from directors with previous directing experience with the Players, so the One-Act Festival is a great way to gain that experience! Playwrights will not be permitted to direct their own scripts.

Script submissions and directing submissions can be emailed to Sam Sherburne at artisticdirector@indianaplayers.com.
The deadline for submissions is: December 12th, 2025

Interested in auditioning for the One-Act Festival? **Auditions will be taking place January 19th & 20th, 2026!** Stay tuned for more information on the Open Auditions!

GET INVOLVED! VOLUNTEER!

We survive and thrive through the support of our dedicated family of IPI volunteers.

There are many opportunities to get involved – no experience required! Scan the QR code on the right to fill out the Indiana Players' **Volunteer Interest Form** on our website and our Volunteer Coordinator will reach out to you!



We can't wait to work with you!

Volunteer opportunities include:

Acting
Directing
Stage Management
Set Construction
Set Painting

Set Decoration
Costumes
Hair & Makeup
Lighting & Sound
Properties (Props)

Backstage Crew
Music & Dance
Box Office
...and more!

INDIANA PLAYERS JR.



Indiana Players Jr. is a division of **Indiana Players Inc.**, created with the mission of bringing high-quality performing arts experiences and opportunities to the youth of Indiana County and surrounding communities. We believe that every child, regardless of background or experience, should have the opportunity to explore and participate in the arts. Through inclusive programming grounded in the performing arts, Indiana Players Jr. provides a supportive environment where young people can grow creatively, build confidence, and develop valuable life skills.

Our programs go beyond performance alone. In addition to acting roles, youth are introduced to the many technical and backstage elements that are essential to theatre production. By encouraging participation in all aspects of the performing arts, we help students gain a well-rounded understanding of theatre and foster a sense of ownership and pride in their work. We strive to create an educational and inspiring atmosphere where young performers and technicians can thrive. Whether a child dreams of being on the stage or behind the scenes, **Indiana Players Jr.** offers a space where imagination and talent are nurtured and celebrated. Through teamwork, mentorship, and hands-on experience, we aim to build not only better artists, but also confident, capable young individuals who are ready to shine both on and off the stage.

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INDIANA PLAYERS, INC. is a nonprofit community theater group located in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Since their first show in 1977, the Indiana Players has continued to offer western Pennsylvania audiences the very best of dramas, mysteries, comedies, and musicals. With a strong focus on community involvement, the Indiana Players encourages anyone with an interest to join or get involved with a show.

Community theater is more than acting and directing! We are always looking for talented people with broad interests and backgrounds. From builders and painters and electricians to media specialists or grant writers, a donation of your time and skill is highly appreciated. If you have an interest, but lack the know-how, The Indiana Players prides itself on training beginners in all things theater. If you're not already a member, sign up today!

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