

THE INDIANA PLAYERS PRESENT

 **VANYA**

AND  **SONIA**

 **AND** **MASHA**

AND  **SPIKE**

WRITTEN BY CHRISTOPHER DURANG
DIRECTED BY JOHN HENRY STEELMAN

MARCH 21, 22, 23 & 28, 29, 30

INDIANA PLAYERS, INC
@ THE PHILADELPHIA STREET PLAYHOUSE
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INDIANA PLAYERS, INC.
2024 - 2025
SEASON SCHEDULE



SEPTEMBER

**13, 14, 15 &
20, 21, 22**

OUR TOWN

WRITTEN BY THORNTON WILDER
DIRECTED BY VANESSA ARVIDSON
AUDITION DATES: AUGUST 5TH AND 6TH

LOVE AND INFORMATION

WRITTEN BY CARYL CHURCHILL
DIRECTED BY SAM SHERBURNE
AUDITION DATES: SEPTEMBER 16TH AND 17TH

**OCTOBER
25, 26, 27 &
NOVEMBER
1, 2, 3**

DECEMBER

**6, 7, 8 &
13, 14, 15**

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

ADAPTED BY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY THEATER
FROM THE NOVEL BY VALENTINE DAVIES
DIRECTED BY BILL & SHARON HERRING
AUDITION DATES: OCTOBER 28TH AND 29TH

CAUGHT IN THE VILLAIN'S WEB

WRITTEN BY HERBERT SWAYNE
DIRECTED BY SHARON E. SMITH
AUDITION DATES: DECEMBER 9TH AND 10TH

**FEBRUARY
7, 8, 9 &
14, 15, 16**

MARCH

**21, 22, 23 &
28, 29, 30**

***VANYA & SONIA
& MASHA & SPIKE***

WRITTEN BY CHRISTOPHER DURANG
DIRECTED BY JOHN HENRY STEELMAN
AUDITION DATES: FEBRUARY 10TH AND 11TH

**THE 14TH ANNUAL
ONE-ACT FESTIVAL**

AUDITION DATES: MARCH 24TH AND 25TH

**APRIL
24TH - 27TH**

**MAY 30, 31
& JUNE 1,
6, 7, 8**

THE DINING ROOM

WRITTEN BY A. R. GURNEY
DIRECTED BY KATHLEEN KERNS
AUDITION DATES: APRIL 14TH AND 15TH

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You can support live, local community theater by becoming a member! Your membership dues go towards staging year-round shows. The Indiana Players is a non-profit, all volunteer organization, so your help is vital to keeping the Philadelphia Street Playhouse alive and active.

Membership gives you regular newsletters about upcoming shows and special events and allows you to run for and elect the Board of Directors at our annual meeting each May.

To become a member, visit www.indianaplayers.com and click "Become a Member" to join and pay online. Or fill out the form below and submit it with a check by mail or to the box office. Your patronage is greatly appreciated!

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ANGEL'S CORNER

We are so pleased that you are joining us on our journey to bring high-quality community theater to Indiana! We're looking forward to another four decades of all-volunteer service, but we cannot do it without you!

Like all theaters, ticket sales do not cover the costs of operation and so we ask for your generosity.

Your contributions are invaluable.

We want to recognize those who make charitable gifts. Members of our donor society will receive recognition in this season's programs, and are categorized as follows:

Producer	\$1,000+
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Tony Award

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

Producers

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous

Directors

Anonymous

Playwrights

Anonymous
Anonymous
Richard Stewart

Actors

Donald & Susan McClure
Patricia & John Prushnok
In Honor of Edgar & Lois Miller
Anonymous

Stage Manager

Anonymous
Faye Bradwick
Judy Cessna
Alex & Susan Juhasz
Donald Lancaster
Mike & Kim Shaffer
In Memory of John Sinclair
Sandra Whitson
Anonymous

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Kate Cowden
Bruce & Carol Hamilton
Gemma Para Gomez

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TIME AND PLACE

Set in the present, in a lovely farmhouse in Bucks County, PA

*THERE WILL BE ONE 10-MINUTE
INTERMISSION BETWEEN ACTS*

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

*indicates an IPI debut

VANYA..... Duncan Jameson*
SONIA..... Chauna Craig
CASSANDRA.....Theresa Davidson Ireland
MASHA.....Michelle Gibson
SPIKE..... Jonathan Smith
NINA.....Jesse Chovanec

Flash photography and video recording are **prohibited**.

As a courtesy to the actors and other audience members, please
silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Restrooms are located at the back of the theater
down the long lit hallway to the right of the stage.
The restrooms are the last two doors on the right.

VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE is presented by special
arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists
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PRODUCTION STAFF

DIRECTOR..... John Henry Steelman
PRODUCTION MANAGER..... Vanessa Arvidson
STAGE MANAGER..... Heather Knarr
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER..... Finn Lonjin
SET DESIGNER..... Vanessa Arvidson and John Henry Steelman
LIGHTING DESIGNER..... Vanessa Arvidson
ASSISTANT LIGHTING DESIGNER..... John Henry Steelman
SOUND DESIGNER..... Bill Herring
COSTUME DESIGNER..... Liz Silvis
PROPS MISTRESS..... Peggy Buckley
INTIMACY COORDINATOR..... Vanessa Arvidson

GRAPHIC DESIGN/ARTWORK..... Vanessa Arvidson
PHOTOGRAPHY..... Nicole Lorelei Photography and Liz Silvis
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR..... Mike Shaffer
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Laura McLaine, Michael Schwartz,
Nicole Schwartz, Mike Shaffer

PRODUCTION CREW

MASTER CARPENTER..... Richard Smith
SET CONSTRUCTION.... David Bright, Chauna Craig, Bill Herring,
Michael Schwartz, Nicole Schwartz,
Mike Shaffer, John Henry Steelman
MASTER PAINTERS..... Katrina Kayden and Sharon Smith
SCENIC PAINTING..... Vanessa Arvidson, Chauna Craig,
Harry Decker, Jaymes Guiher,
Heather Knarr, Finn Lonjin,
Mike Shaffer, Hannah Silvis, Liz Silvis
SET DECORATION..... Vanessa Arvidson and Sharon Smith
LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR..... Heather Knarr
SOUND BOARD OPERATOR..... Jaymes Guiher
COSTUME ASSISTANTS..... Spotlight Costumes,
Katie Gaudreau, Sharon Smith, Cast
PROP ASSISTANTS..... Vanessa Arvidson,
Heather Knarr, Liz Silvis
INTIMACY CAPTAIN..... Jesse Chovanec
CAST REPRESENTATIVE..... Michelle Gibson

CAST BIOS

JESSE CHOVANEC (Nina) earned a BFA in Theatre Arts from Point Park University with a self-directed concentration focused on Directing, Playwriting, Movement, Cinematography, and Technical Theatre Design. As a multifaceted theatre and film artist, she prioritizes mental safety first with a Chekhovian approach through Devised Theatre elements. You may have recently seen her on Carnegie Stage in Elsewhere's production of *Angels in America*, as The Company Manager and teaching artist for Footlight Players over the summer at IUP, or perhaps here on the IPI stage earlier this season in *Love and Information* and *Caught In The Villain's Web*. Currently, she is an art curator and gallerist at The Artists Hand, as well as a playwright for the upcoming One-Act Festival showing here at the end of April. Jesse is thrilled to be back on this stage collaborating with so many talented artists and is grateful to the production staff for this opportunity.

CHAUNA CRAIG (Sonia) is delighted to return to the Indiana Players for another fabulous production. She previously appeared in *Miracle on 34th Street* as Dr. Pierce. She thanks the incredible cast and crew of this charming play for their talent, hard work, support, and inspiration.

MICHELLE GIBSON (Masha) is thrilled to be back for her 6th production on the Indiana Players' stage, having previously appeared as The Girl (Marilyn Monroe) in *The Seven Year Itch*, Glory and Hope in *Almost, Maine*, Laura in *Meteor Shower*, The Other Woman/The Stranger in *Dead Man's Cell Phone*, and The Ghost of Christmas Future in *A Dash of Dickens*. Other stage highlights include starring in an Off-Broadway production of *A Sketch Of New York*, as Marmee in *Little Women*, Sheree in *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*, Mrs. Which in *A Wrinkle In Time*, and The Queen in *Snow White*. Michelle is an award-winning actor with the Docherty Agency for Film/TV, and a writer, producer and actor in 48 Hour Films. 2025 is starting off big with 7 films and a TV series filming in Boulder. Michelle would like to thank John Henry for his incredible directing vision and wisdom, Heather, Vanessa, Liz and the rest of this incredibly funny and talented cast and crew. She thanks Savannah and Adis for their support. Visit IMDb.me/MichelleGibson or MichelleGibson.com to see her film credits and fun clips.

THERESA DAVIDSON IRELAND (Cassandra) is an artist of many facets! Originally from Indiana, PA, she has been keeping very busy in the entertainment world out in California the last 25 years, performing on stages and in film and television in Humboldt County, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and nationwide. Her most memorable shows include *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, *Anatomy of a Murder*, *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, *Kiss Me Kate*, and *Tony 'n Tina's Wedding*. She has previously been seen on the Indiana Players' stage 10 years ago as Cherie in *Bus Stop*. Theresa is a well-known Marilyn Monroe impressionist who has worked on *The Fanatic* with John Travolta, *The Jimmy Kimmel Show*, The Catalina Film Festival, plus many other special events and music videos. You may have also spotted her on TV in *Shameless*, *Will & Grace*, *Star Trek: Picard*, and more! Theresa's performance is dedicated to her late mother, Debbie Davidson, who was her #1 fan.

DUNCAN JAMESON (Vanya), an ad man in Pittsburgh, is in his first production with the Indiana Players. Some of his favorite roles were in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* and *The Boys Next Door* at Iron Horse Theatre, *Guys and Dolls* at Red Barn Players, *Hamlet Leaves England* for Prime Stage Theatre, *Paint Chips* for The Theatre Factory, and *Wanda's Visit* for Stoops Ferry Productions. Duncan would like to thank the wonderful cast and crew, Jaime Slavinsky and Justin Zeno at Ensemble Actors Studio for their coaching and training, and his wife Sarah for her support and reading lines.

JONATHAN SMITH (Spike) is happy to join the Indiana Players for his second production since returning to the stage. When he's not performing, you can find him serving on Indiana Borough Council and working on county-wide issues with the Sustainable Economic Development Task Force, as well as Solid Waste and Emergency Services Authorities. That said, he usually prefers to wear his clothes while working!

SPECIAL THANKS TO

The Indiana Gazette
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OPEN AUDITIONS FOR THE 14TH ANNUAL ONE-ACT FESTIVAL

March 24th & March 25th | 6:00pm–8:00pm
Philadelphia Street Playhouse
725 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, PA

No prior experience, preparation or sign-up is required! Excerpts from each one-act will be provided at the auditions to read alongside fellow auditioners. There are many parts to fill for many different types! The One-Act Festival is a great opportunity for first-time actors, occasional performers with busy schedules, and more regular and experienced actors alike!

The Festival will run April 24th to April 27th with performances at 7:30pm Thursday thru Saturday and a final matinee on Sunday at 2:30pm. This year's festival will feature six original plays!

“Abraham and Isaac”

Written by Michael Schwartz | Directed by Bill Martinak

Description: A (slightly irreverent) biblical comedy. Cast: Four actors. One older man (Abraham). One young man (Isaac). One older woman (Sarah). One adult (any age/gender; God).

“Carving Rocks”

Written by Ed Simpson | Directed by Dave Tabish

Description: A comedic interaction between an artist at a craft fair and a potential customer. Cast: Two actors (any age/gender).

“Gare Loch”

Written by Jesse Chovanec | Directed by Sam Sherburne

Description: Comedic Thriller. Two friends sneak out of the house to explore an abandoned submarine. Cast: Three actors. Two young women (late teens/early 20s). One adult (any age/gender).

“Jennifer”

Written by Sam Sherburne | Directed by Dave Tabish

Description: Dramedy. An uncle and nephew discuss the uncle's new girlfriend. Cast: Two actors. One older man.
One younger man.

“Gamefish”

Written by Bill Martinak | Directed by Eric Witmer

Description: Comedy. Three old friends reunite to catch up and play word games. Cast: Three actors (any age/gender).

“Pocatello”

Written by Chauna Craig | Directed by Sam Sherburne

Description: Two old friends from Idaho reunite in NYC. Funny and sweet. Cast: Three actors. One man (30s-40s). One woman (30s-40s). One Psychic (any age/gender).

If you have any questions, please email **Sam Sherburne**, One-Act Festival Coordinator, at artisticdirector@indianaplayers.com

SATURDAY MORNING PLAYHOUSE: HOPPING INTO SPRING

Saturday Morning Playhouse is a seasonal interactive children's show full of sing-a-longs, dancing, stories, games, and adventures! While designed with children and families in mind, Saturday Morning Playhouse invites EVERYONE to be a kid again and join in on the fun - or sit back and just enjoy the show!!

Saturday Morning Playhouse: Hopping Into Spring
Saturday, March 29th | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Tickets are \$8 per person. Ages 2 and under are free!
Tickets available online at www.indianaplayers.com or at the door
House and Box Office open at 10:30am

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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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