

**THE INDIANA PLAYERS PRESENT**



**By Sarah Ruhl**

**Directed by Vanessa Arvidson**

**September 8, 9, 10 and 15, 16, 17**

**Indiana Players, Inc  
@ the Philadelphia Street Playhouse  
725 Philadelphia Street • Indiana, PA 15701  
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**2023-2024 SEASON**

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Diane Duntley

The Board of Directors presents the highest recognition and profound gratitude to Diane Duntley for her very generous support of and bequest to The Indiana Players

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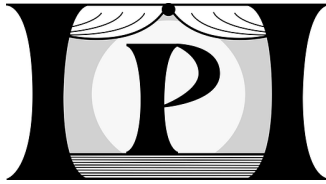
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# INDIANA PLAYERS, INC



## 2023-2024 SEASON

### ***Dead Man's Cell Phone***

Written by Sarah Ruhl  
Directed by Vanessa Arvidson  
Shows: September 8, 9, 10  
and 17, 18, 19

### ***Puffs***

Written by Matt Cox  
Directed by Shane Sedlemyer  
Auditions: September 11 and 12  
Shows: October 20, 21, 22  
and 27, 28, 29

### ***A Christmas Peter Pan***

Written by Kathryn Schultz Miller  
Directed by Tracey Iandiorio  
Auditions: October 23, 24, 25  
Shows: December 1, 2, 3 and 8, 9, 10

### ***The 13th Annual One-Acts Festival***

Coordinated by Eric Witmer  
Auditions: February 5 and 6  
Shows: March 29 - April 3

### ***The Seven Year Itch***

Written by George Axelrod  
Directed by Heather Knarr  
Auditions: December 4 and 5  
Shows: February 2, 3, 4  
and 9, 10, 11

### ***Murdered to Death***

Written by Peter Gordon  
Directed by Katrina Kayden  
Auditions: April 8 and 9  
Shows: May 31, June 1, 2  
and 7, 8, 9

### ***Kimberly Akimbo***

Written by David Lindsay-Abaire  
Directed by Bill Herring  
Audition Dates: TBD  
Shows: April 5, 6, 7  
and 12, 13, 14

# DEAD MAN'S CELL PHONE

Written by Sarah Ruhl  
Directed by Vanessa Arvidson

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

A WOMAN, JEAN..... Katrina Kayden  
A DEAD MAN, GORDON..... Bill Herring  
GORDON'S MOTHER, MRS. GOTTLIEB..... Kim Shaffer  
GORDON'S WIDOW, HERMIA..... Sharon Herring  
GORDON'S BROTHER, DWIGHT..... Jacob Breslawski  
THE OTHER WOMAN / THE STRANGER... Michelle Gibson

This show is performed in two acts with one **10-MINUTE INTERMISSION**. Concessions will be available in the lobby.

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### CONTENT WARNINGS:

Contains Mild Language and Adult Themes

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**Restrooms** are located at the back of the theater. Please follow the long lit hall to the right of the stage all the way down. The restrooms are the last two doors on the right.

*Flash photography and recording of any kind is prohibited.  
As a courtesy to the actors and other audience members, please  
silence all cell phones and electronic devices and  
put away anything that makes noise.*

## PRODUCTION STAFF

STAGE MANAGER..... Kalyn Meniffee  
SET DESIGNER..... Vanessa Arvidson  
CONSTRUCTION LEAD..... Bill Herring  
COSTUME DESIGNER..... Sharon Smith  
LIGHTING DESIGNER..... Vanessa Arvidson  
SOUND DESIGNER..... Jane Herring  
PUBLICITY/ARTWORK..... Vanessa Arvidson  
BOX OFFICE MANAGER..... Katrina Kayden

## PRODUCTION CREW

LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR..... Richard Smith  
SOUND BOARD OPERATOR..... Tyler Burch  
STAGE CREW..... Cast  
SET CONSTRUCTION/PAINTING..... Peggy Buckley,  
Bill Herring, Sharon Herring,  
Katrina Kayden, Richard Smith,  
Ethan Veytovich  
COSTUMES/HAIR/MAKE-UP..... Cast  
PROPS..... Cast and Crew  
REHEARSAL ASSISTANTS..... Ken Gibson, Ethan Veytovich  
BOX OFFICE..... Andriani Arambatzi,  
Kathleen Cowden, Kathy Kerns,  
Lana McArdle, Mike Shaffer,  
Richard Smith, Sharon Smith

## SPECIAL THANKS TO

Peggy Buckley  
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## THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

When I was 16 years old, I was still trying to answer, "what do you want to be when you grow up?" My greatest passion was for the stage - then as an actor. My dad did what he could to support and encourage my love for the theatre. That year he took my brother and I to see our first Broadway show in New York and on a trip to DC where we saw an incredible show at an innovative new-works theatre company. That theatre company was Woolly Mammoth and that show was the premier of *Dead Man's Cell Phone*. While details have faded over the years, the impression it left with me not only remains, but helped shape my passion for the art of theatre. It opened my eyes to theatre's limitless creativity and power. To its ability to teach, touch, and challenge. To spark thoughts. To spark dialogue. To spark change.

Long story short, I made the decision to turn passion into profession, going on to study and work in many different forms and fields of the performing arts. Since moving to Indiana, PA two years ago, I have been privileged with many amazing opportunities with the Indiana Players. This show is my first full-length show as a director and, though at times challenging, it has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had with the Players and within my theatre career. I have learned and grown immensely, as a person and as an artist.

I could not be more proud and in awe of this incredibly talented, caring, and creative cast and the amazing and dedicated crew members that made this show possible.

Enjoy the show!

- *Vanessa Arvidson*



## CAST BIOS

**JACOB BRESLAWSKI** (Dwight) is delighted to return to the Players for his fourth show at the Playhouse. Previous IPI appearances include Saul Hodgkins in *The Ghost Train*, an unnamed actor in *The Drama of Love*, and Diesel in *Deer Camp*. Jacob is an Indiana local with a lifelong love of theatre and the arts which he will gladly share with anyone who will listen.

**MICHELLE GIBSON** (The Other Woman / The Stranger) is excited to be back on the Indiana Players stage after her last performances here as Glory / Hope in *Almost Maine*, Laura in *Meteor Shower* and Future in *A Dash of Dickens*. Other favorite roles include Mrs. Which in *A Wrinkle In Time* (Heritage Players), The Queen in *Snow White* (Theater Factory), Manda in *Abroad Not Home* (Theater Factory), Sheree in *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club* (Bobcat Players), Angela in *The Setup* (Iron Horse Theatre), and Gemma in *Two Lines* (South Hills Players). Michelle's with Docherty Agency for Film/TV/Commercial, active in the 48 Hour Films and listed on IMDb. Michelle would like to thank Vanessa for her amazing direction and combat choreography, Kay for pro stage management, and this uber talented cast and crew! She thanks Ken, Savannah and her horse Charlie for their support.

**BILL HERRING** (Gordon) has been an integral member of the Indiana Players since 2010, serving in numerous artistic and administrative capacities over the years. Most recently, he stage managed the Players' youth summer musical, *Press Start*. Recent on-stage roles with the Indiana Players include President of Queen's Academy / Mr. Sadler in *Anne of Green Gables*, Cotton Fitzsimmons in the one-act play "I Love You, Lynn Swann", and Billy McCratchit in *A Dash of Dickens*. Bill also appeared on-stage as Mr. DeLacey in The Rage of the Stage Players' *Miserable Creatures*. He hopes you all enjoy the show!

**SHARON HERRING** (Hermia) has been involved with the Indiana Player's for over ten years, mostly behind the scenes. She is happy to be portraying the part of Hermia in a challenging role. Aside from being married to the "dead man", she is the mother of three daughters and grandmother of August Gene. Enjoy the show!

## CAST BIOS (cont'd)

**KATRINA KAYDEN** (Jean) is beginning her 17th season with IPI. Favorite past IPI roles include: Karen (*The Children's Hour*), Nurse Ratched (*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*), Florence Unger (*The Odd Couple, Female Version*), Miss Scarlett (*Clue*), Annabella / Margaret / Pamela (*The 39 Steps*). Katrina's next theatrical adventure involves a major career change, as she transitions from a world of courtroom drama into an educational paradise as the new Technical Theater Director at Sewickley Academy! Katrina would like to thank all of her friends, family, colleagues, old and new, and especially Dave, Arc and Squeaks, for all of their support and patience throughout the ongoing chaos! "Do they have lobster bisque in heaven?"

**KIM SHAFFER** (Mrs. Gottlieb) is so glad the Indiana Players keep letting her come back! This is her fourth show with the Players. She has appeared in the Annual One-Act Festival in 2022 & 2023, and she also played Sheree in *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*. She'd like to thank Vanessa for casting her as Mrs. Gottlieb, and all of her help with bringing the character to life. As always, a big thanks to Mike, the best stage-husband and refrigerator magnet artist ever!

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## NEXT UP ON THE MAINSTAGE



OR: SEVEN INCREASINGLY  
EVENTFUL YEARS AT A CERTAIN  
SCHOOL OF MAGIC AND MAGIC

WRITTEN BY MATT COX  
DIRECTED BY SHANE SEDLEMYER

**Show Dates:** October 20,  
21, 22 and 27, 28, 29

**Open Auditions:**  
Sept. 11 & 12 | 6pm-8pm  
11 Roles (5F, 5M, 1M/F)  
Ages 18+

For seven years a certain boy wizard went to a certain Wizard School and conquered evil. This, however, is not his story. This is the story of the Puffs... who just happened to be there too. A tale for anyone who has never been destined to save the world.

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR**  
**A MONSTER MASH MYSTERY**  
**THE KIDNAPPING OF THE CRYPT-KICKER FIVE**

Indiana Players, Inc and the Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County are partnering once again to present our Second Annual Children's Mystery Dinner! We welcome you to join us for:

**A Monster Mash Mystery:**  
**The Kidnapping of the Crypt-Kicker Five**

Sunday, October 15th, 2023

Doors open at 3:30pm ▪ Event begins at 4:00pm

Fraternal Order of Eagles ▪ 420 Philadelphia St, Indiana PA 15701

You are invited to Boris' annual Monster Mash! Hang out and party with your favorite spooky characters including Dracula, Frankenstein's Monster, Igor, and more! But when the Crypt-Kicker Five suddenly go missing, it's up to you to figure out who is behind their kidnapping!

There will be multiple opportunities to go home with some great gifts and prizes! Participate in a 50/50 raffle and enter to win themed baskets. Dress up as your favorite monster or spooky character and enter our Costume Contest in the individual or group division (up to 4 per group). Plus, everyone who correctly solves the evening's mystery will be entered into a drawing for another great prize!

Enjoy a delicious Southern BBQ dinner prepared by our platinum event sponsor **CH Fields Craft Kitchen @ Hilton Garden Inn at IUP** featuring: Creamy Coleslaw and Tossed Garden Salad ▪ Buttermilk Biscuits with Sweet Cream Butter ▪ Roasted Chicken with BBQ Rub ▪ Slow Roasted Pork Shoulder with Tangy Gold and BBQ ▪ Smashed Yukon Gold Potatoes ▪ Fresh Vegetable Medley ▪ Red Velvet Cake

**Get Your Tickets Now at [www.indianaplayers.com/tickets](http://www.indianaplayers.com/tickets)**

Adults (16 and up): \$30.00 ▪ Kids (Ages 5 to 15): \$15.00

Please Note: Event open to ages 5 and up.

Attendees under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.  
Tickets are available online only. Tickets not available at the door.

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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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