



THE INDIANA PLAYERS PRESENT

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WRITTEN BY
DAVID AUBURN

DIRECTED BY
VANESSA ARVIDSON

APRIL 10, 11, 12
& 17, 18, 19

INDIANA PLAYERS, INC.

• 2025-2026 MAINSTAGE SEASON •

THE PHILADELPHIA STREET PLAYHOUSE
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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>

SHOWS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER!

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!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

_____ \$25 Individual

_____ \$20 Student

_____ \$20 Senior (65 or above)

_____ \$60 Family

_____ New

_____ Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Checks are payable to: Indiana Players, Inc.
Mail to: P.O. Box 333, Indiana, PA 15701

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:

Tony Award	\$2,000+
Producer	\$1,000 - \$1,999
Director	\$750 - \$999
Playwright	\$500 - \$749
Actor	\$250 - \$499
Stage Manager	\$100 - \$249
Understudy	\$50 - \$99

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DONORS

The Indiana Players Board of Directors thanks all our members, contributors, volunteers and patrons who make what we do possible and our theater an integral part of our community!

Tony Awards

Diane Duntley

Producers

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous

Directors

Anonymous

Actors

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

Understudies

Bruce & Carol Hamilton
Gemma Para Gomez
Kate Cowden

Playwrights

Anonymous
Anonymous
David & Irene Tabish
Mary Jo Bowes
Richard Stewart

Stage Managers

Anonymous
Anonymous
Alex & Susan Juhasz
Donald Lancaster
Faye Bradwick
Hilton Garden Inn at IUP
In Memory of John Sinclair
Joshua Muscatello
Judy Cessna
Larry & Deborah Rupp
Mike & Kim Shaffer
Nick & Jessica Karas
Sandra Whitson
Stacy Moran
Tom & Sara Crumm

2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sharon Smith, *President*
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Richard Smith, *Theater Manager*
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Written by David Auburn
Directed by Vanessa Arvidson

SETTING

The back porch of a house in Chicago

SCENES

ACT ONE

- Scene 1: Night.
- Scene 2: The next morning.
- Scene 3: That night.
- Scene 4: The next morning.

There will be one 10-minute intermission between acts

ACT TWO

- Scene 1: A September afternoon, four years earlier.
- Scene 2: Morning. An instant after the end of Act One.
- Scene 3: The next day.
- Scene 4: Winter, three and a half years earlier.
- Scene 5: The present. A week after the events in Scene 3.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

**denotes an IPI debut*

CATHERINE.....Jackie Mishol*
ROBERT.....Michael Schwartz
HAL.....Alex Robertson
CLAIRE.....Jo DeBuyser*

PRODUCTION TEAM

STAGE MANAGER..... V Crocker
SET DESIGNERS..... Vanessa Arvidson & Bill Herring
SET PAINT & CONSTRUCTION..... Vanessa Arvidson,
V Crocker, Bill Herring, Alex Robertson, Michael Schwartz,
Michael Shaffer, Richard Smith, Sharon Smith
COSTUME DESIGNER..... Sharon Smith
ASST. COSTUME DESIGNER..... Vada Walbeck
PROPS MASTER..... Jo DeBuyser
LIGHTING DESIGNERS..... Vanessa Arvidson &
John Henry Steelman
SOUND DESIGNER & COMPOSER..... Jo DeBuyser
TECH BOOTH Vanessa Arvidson,
V Crocker, John Henry Steelman
STAGE CREW..... Sharon Smith, Vada Walbeck, and Cast
INTIMACY COORDINATOR..... Vanessa Arvidson

PUBLICITY/GRAPHIC DESIGN..... Vanessa Arvidson
PRODUCTION PHOTOGRAPHER..... Henry Rummel
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR..... Michael Shaffer
BOX OFFICE STAFF..... Martha Buckley, Michelle Dunlap,
Tracey Iandiorio, Ash Martin, Teresa Reeger,
Kim Shaffer, Mike Shaffer, Richard Smith

*Flash photography and video recording are **prohibited**.
Please **silence** cell phones and electronic devices.
Restrooms are located at the back of the theater,
down the long lit hall to the right of the stage. The
restrooms are the last two doors on the right.*

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Todd Marino and Renda Broadcasting

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(www.dramatists.com)*

MEET THE CAST

JO DEBUYSER (Claire) is excited to make their Indiana Players' debut and to be back on a stage for the first time in ten years. They have a bachelor's in theatre and a minor in dance from IUP and they are entering their fifth season as an actor and musician for the Pittsburgh Renaissance Festival. Jo works full-time as a science and art/music teacher at Adelphoi and is earning their master's in special education from IUP in May 2026. Previously, Jo has directed, choreographed, and designed for Penns Manor Area High School and stage managed and designed for Alliance Repertory Theatre in New Jersey.

JACKIE MISHOL (Catherine) is a BroadwayWorld Award-winning stage and screen actress, AEA-EMC. She's grateful to get to share her heart across the country. Some cool credits include Vigilance Theater Group's immersive woman-led reimagining of *The Crucible* (Abigail Williams), *The Wedding Singer* musical (Julia "Gulia" Sullivan), and playing Catherine outside the Berkshires ten years ago to the date of these shows... as well as Shakespeare, indie films, PBS, professional magic - "it's nuts!" She's an award-winning filmmaker and director, too. You can keep up with her here: jackiemishol.com / ig: @misholimpossible. Last year, Jackie also made a movie with her theater genius mama, Julie, to whom she'd like to dedicate her performance tonight - you can learn more about the film at: moviewithmymom.com

ALEX ROBERTSON (Hal) is happy to be returning to work with the Indiana Players. You may have seen him as Freddy in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* and Brother Dee in "The Misfit Monks" as part of the Players' One Act Festival. Alex would like to thank his family for instilling his love of acting, the cast and crew for this amazing journey, and you for supporting local theatre!

MICHAEL SCHWARTZ (Robert) is a professor in the department of Music, Theatre, and Dance at IUP. Previous Indiana Players productions include *Our Town*, *The Dining Room*, *I Remember Mama*, and *Bus Stop*. Michael is honored to be working with Vanessa and such an intelligent and committed cast and crew.

NEXT UP ON THE MAINSTAGE

OPEN AUDITIONS for *Much Ado About Nothing*

Monday, April 13th & Tuesday, April 14th • 6:00pm-8:00pm
Philadelphia Street Playhouse • 725 Philadelphia St., Indiana, PA

ABOUT AUDITIONS:

No experience, sign-up, or preparation needed! Just stop into the Philadelphia Street Playhouse any time during open auditions. Auditioners will be asked to read provided short scenes from the play. **We are looking for performers age 16 and up to fill the following roles:**

- **Leonato**, governor of Messina, Hero's father, Beatrice's Uncle - 60s-70s
- **Antonio**, brother to Leonato, Uncle to Hero and Beatrice - 60s-70s
- **Benedick**, a soldier from Padua and companion of Don Pedro - 20s-40s
- **Claudio**, a Count of Florence and companion of Don Pedro, friend to Benedick - 20s-30s
- **Don Pedro**, Prince of Aragon - 20s-40s
- **Balthasar**, attendant on Don Pedro, a singer - 20s-40s
- **Beatrice**, niece of Leonato - 20s-30s
- **Hero**, daughter of Leonato - 20s-30s
- **Margaret**, waiting gentlewoman attendant on Hero - 20s-30s
- **Ursula**, waiting gentlewoman attendant on Hero - 40s-60s
- **Don John**, the Bastard Prince, brother of Don Pedro - 20s-40s
- **Borachio**, follower of Don John - 20s-40s
- **Conrad**, follower of Don John - 20s-40s
- **Dogberry**, the constable in charge of Messina's Night Watch - the clown - any age
- **Verges**, the Headboro, Dogberry's partner, 60s-80s
- **First Watch**, a member of the watch - any age
- **Second Watch**, also known as George Seacole - any age
- **Friar Francis**, a priest - 30s-70s
- **Sexton**, the judge of the trial of Borachio - 30s-70s

ABOUT THE SHOW:

Much Ado About Nothing

Written by William Shakespeare • Directed by Sam Sherburne
Show Dates: May 29, 30, 31 and June 5, 6, 7.

William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* is a romantic comedy about what happens when the war ends and the celebration begins. Full of salacious secrets, devious schemes, clowns on the case, music, dance and the distinct possibility of true love, *Much Ado* is a springtime romp for lovers and poets of all ages.

Please send any questions to Sam Sherburne at
artisticdirector@indianaplayers.com

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 to fill out our **Volunteer Interest Form** on our website!



SAVE THE DATE!

Our **2026 Annual Members' Meeting** will be held **Wednesday, May 20th** at the **Philadelphia Street Playhouse**; doors open just before **7:00pm**.

Come early to renew your membership or become a new member and socialize with our Board of Directors and fellow IPI members. It's the perfect chance to connect and catch up!

This once-a-year event is a fantastic opportunity to gather as a community, celebrate our growth and accomplishments, acknowledge our incredible volunteers, and look back on a fantastic season. Event Highlights include:

- Hearing from the current Board of Directors as they review the past year's highlights and share their vision and goals for the coming season.

- Recognizing and celebrating our dedicated members, including the announcement of this year's highly anticipated Most Valuable Player!
- Being among the first to discover the exciting lineup for the Indiana Players' 2026-2027 Mainstage Season!
- Participating in the elections for the 2026-2027 Board of Directors. This is your chance to run for a position, nominate other deserving IPI members, and cast your vote to directly impact the direction of the Players.

Elections will be held for the following 2026-2027 Board of Directors positions:

- Vice President/Artistic Director
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Publicity Director

Do you want to get more involved with the Players, but a Board Position isn't the right fit? We still need your help, input, and unique skills to help us run, improve, and grow! Consider one of our Auxiliary Board Positions! These roles support specific functions and Board Members within the organization and include:

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Box Office Manager
- Digital Communication Specialist
- Hard Tech Coordinator
- Soft Tech Coordinator

More information on membership, elections, and board member terms and eligibility can be found on the Membership page of our website. www.indianaplayers.com/membership.

Your presence and participation are vital to the continued success of the Indiana Players. We can't wait to see you there!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE!

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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