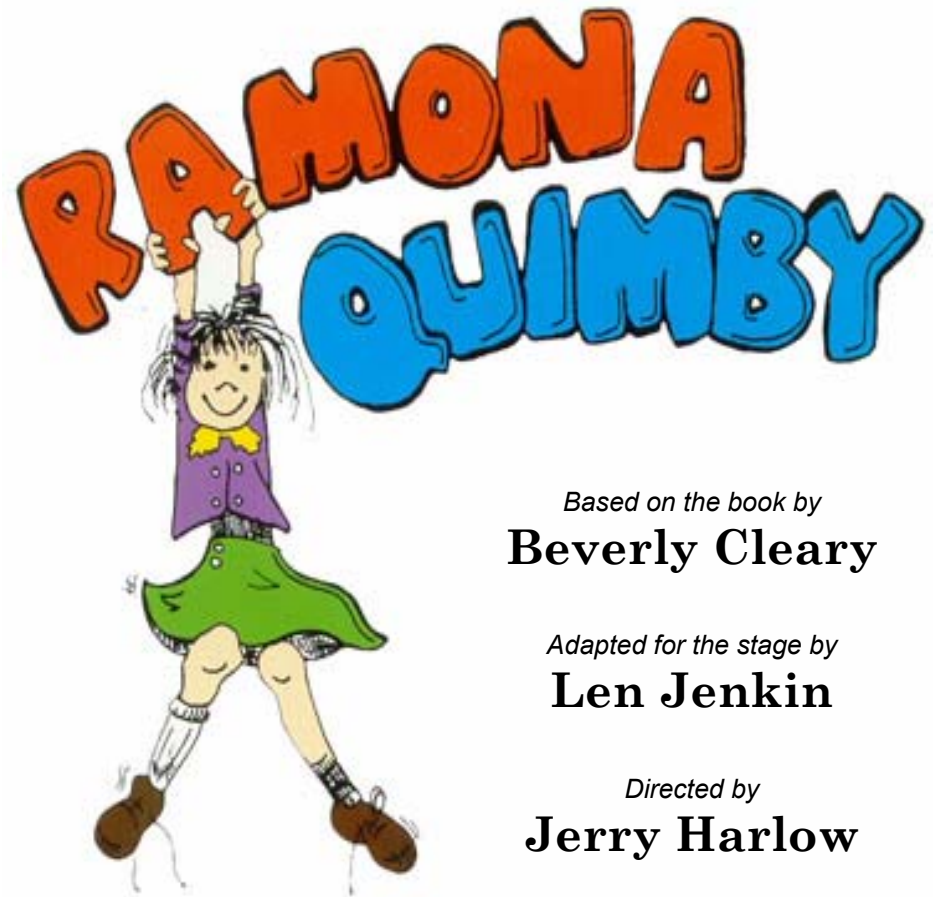


Kudzu Family Playhouse

Presents



Based on the book by
Beverly Cleary

Adapted for the stage by
Len Jenkin

Directed by
Jerry Harlow

Kudzu Family Playhouse

10743 Alpharetta Highway, Brannon Square, Roswell, Georgia 30076

September 8-October 7, 2007

Saturday and Sunday at 2pm
September 22, 29 & October 6 at 7:30pm

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Bermuda Avenue Triangle

By Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna

August 31-September 29 Fri and Sat at 8 pm

\$18/\$16

Sunday September 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 2:30 pm

\$14/\$12

This outrageous comedy concerns the adventures of a Jewish widow and an Irish widow whose successful daughters move them to Las Vegas, where they share a retirement village condo. On an excursion, they are saved from a mugger by a charming if not quite sober gambler who is short on cash. They allow him to curl up on the living room floor and he manages to sweet-talk his way in both ladies' beds. Each situation is rife with outrageous, excessive comedy.

Breakfast With Les and Bess

By Lee Kalcheim

October 12-November 10 Every Fri and Sat at 8 pm

\$18/\$16

Sunday, October 14, 21, and 28 and November 4 at 2:30 pm

\$14/\$12

Les and Bess are a married couple who co-host a radio talk show in New York City before the turmoil of the sixties stirred the country out of its complacency. Les and Bess are about to have their talk show cancelled because of lack of interest. Since their marriage is based on their show, they may have to cancel their marriage as well. Les wants to go to Houston to be a sports announcer, his dream. Bess wants to stay in New York. Will Les and Bess stay together? Will their budding radical of a son straighten up? Will their daughter actually marry the sailor she has just met? Will their long-distant phone call from Princess Grace of Monaco ever come through? Stay tuned.

A Christmas Carol

Adapted from the Charles Dickens classic by Wally Hinds

November 23-December 24 Every Friday and Saturday at 8pm

\$18/\$16

Thursday, December 7, 14 and 21 at 8pm

\$14/\$12

Saturday, December 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 4pm

\$14/\$12

Sunday December 3, 10, 17 & 24 (Christmas Eve) at 5pm

\$14/\$12

Tuesday/Dec 19, Wednesday/Dec 20, Thursday/Dec 21 at 8pm

\$14/\$12

Charles Dickens shows us Ebenezer Scrooge as he falls asleep in his dingy, cold quarters on Christmas Eve. The old miser is visited by three ghosts, each revealing to Scrooge the wrong doings of his and what will happen if he continues in his evil ways. This traditional holiday classic for the whole family is filled with old English Christmas Carols guaranteed to fill you with the Christmas spirit and

2007 Kudzu "Sprouts" shows 2007

608 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell Town Center, Roswell, Ga. 30076

All seats are \$6.00

2007 ~~~~~For children 3 to 9 years old~~~~~2007

Little Bo Peep

September 13-October 13, 2007

Thursday-Saturday at 11 am

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep and can't tell where to find them. Come along with this darling girl as she searches through Mother Goose Land looking for her sheep. Along her journey she encounters many characters you will surely recognize.

A Chris Mess Carol

November 28-December 15, 2007

Wednesday-Saturday at 11 am

Chris has the worst temper of any child you have ever seen. All Chris thinks about is "Chris." She is selfish and spoiled and thinks nothing of having temper tantrums. On Christmas Eve she meets four mysterious strangers who help to change her life.

Shows are always around 1 hour with no intermission and no blackouts and often have audience participation.

Reservations strongly suggested for all "Sprouts" shows

Kudzu Children's Playhouse and Young Actors Ensemble

Presents

\$8.00
all seats

Aesop...Under the Highway

October 17-20, 2007 at 11am

Wednesday, October 17/Thursday, October 18/Friday, October 19

Saturday, October 20 at 11am

When the fables of the ancient Greek story teller, Aesop, are brought to life in a school hallway, a cast of very-hip-students begins to see how the ancient-day morals can be applied to the complex relationships and responsibilities facing today's youth.

"Aesop" is packed with one hour of contemporary, upbeat music, lots of dance and a message that will stimulate discussion. There's no better way to bring Aesop's fables into the 21st century.

Field Trip Opportunities for 3rd through 6th Grades

Group rates (\$6.00) available for groups



It has gotten so expensive to mail information! We are developing an email list so that we can send announcements when shows are going to open and when we have information to pass along. We will never sell or share your email address. Please let us know if you want to be on our list.



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Information about

Kudzu 3rd Stage

608 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell Town Center, Roswell, Ga.

**SPROUTS SHOWS, CLASSES
and our BOX OFFICE will remain
At our 608 Holcomb Bridge Road location.**

If you would be interested in renting the theatre at
608 Holcomb Bridge Road

Kudzu Stage 3

Please call Jeannie or Wally Hinds for details
770-594-1020

A LITTLE DRAMA NEVER HURT ANYONE!!!

Kudzu Kidz Winter Classes 2008

Ages 4-6 years old - Wednesday

January 9-March 12, 2008 4-5 pm \$170.00 (10 weeks)

Ages 6-10 years old -Wednesday

January 9-March 26, 2008 5-6 pm \$185.00 (11 weeks)

Ages 10-15 years old -Wednesday

January 9-April 18, 2008 6-7 pm \$215.00 (13 weeks)

No class from April 7-11 for Spring Break

A \$50.00 deposit will hold your spot

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Laura Ingalls Wilder, Voice of the Prairie

Adapted by Kathryn Schultz Miller

October 13-November 18 Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm

Saturday evening, November 10 at 7:30pm

Here is a stirring, dramatic adaptation based on the true story of Laura Ingalls Wilder; from the little house in the big woods to her fascinating rise as a literary star. From log cabins and covered wagons to the simple joys of farm life in the Ozarks, this new play brings insight and meaning to her charming books beloved by children everywhere. *Laura Ingalls Wilder: Voice of the Prairie* is a vivid and moving tribute to a remarkable woman. Laura's commitment to family, hard work, love and duty still inspire the very best in all of us.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

By Barbara Robinson

November 24-December 24 Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm

Saturday evenings, December 8, 15 & 22 at 7:30pm

December 24, Christmas Eve (Monday) at 2pm

In this hilarious Christmas tale, a couple struggling to put on a church pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids, probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem and the fun, when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head-on. An American Classic! One of the best Christmas stories ever and certainly one of the funniest! This delightful comedy is adapted from the best selling book.

Note to SEASON TICKET HOLDERS & Patrons:

Because of the difficulty we have experienced due to our move to the new theatre, *Virtue Triumphs Over Villainy* will be DELAYED (NOT CANCELLED). We hope to open this show at the old location. It will run on Saturday and Sunday at 2 and the exact dates will be announced later. Please be sure you are on our email list so we can let you know the details.

**THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR PATIENCE
DURING THIS TRYING TIME OF KUDZU'S GROWTH.
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORDS OF
ENCOURAGEMENT AND FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

Virtue Triumphs Over Villainy or Curses, Foiled Again

By Wally Hinds

Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm

DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Our beautiful young heroine, Purity Peabody, pure as the driven snow, has had to leave her job at the Roswell Mill. Desperate for employment, she is hired by Roswell millionaire, Putnam Pearson. Meanwhile, Silas Sickamore, our villainous villain is trying to get Purity into his clutches. The black-hearted cad is trying to force Purity to marry him, a fate worse than death. Just when it looks like curtains, our hero, Tyrone Trueheart, arrives in the nick of time to save the day. Enjoy every chance to hiss the villain, cheer the hero and heroine and have the time of your life.

Kudzu Mission

Kudzu Playhouse is a metro-Atlanta community theatre located in Roswell, Georgia. Kudzu Playhouse is a community theatre in the truest sense and its mission is to provide cultural and educational enrichment for the whole family through entertaining and educational theatrical performances and through dramatic instruction. The theatre maintains its commitment to the community to provide excellent theatrical productions and to enrich and create community involvement by providing opportunities for theatrical participation (technically and artistically) for individuals at all levels of experience and ages.

Kudzu Playhouse, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit, tax exempt organization. The Kudzu Playhouse is a member of the Atlanta Coalition of Performing Arts, Fulton Arts North, The Historic Roswell Convention & Visitors Bureau, Theatre Communications Group and The American Alliance for Theatre in Education.

We wish to extend our most heartfelt thanks to the many friends and supporters for their hard work and dedication. They have been there with us giving of their time, money and support. Without them, AND YOU, this theatre would not exist.

Kudzu Playhouse needs people to work in the concession stand and to take tickets at each show. If you would like to be a volunteer, please call the theatre at 770-594-1020. We would love to have you be a part of the theatre.

PTA Fund Raiser

For Ramona Quimby

For every full price ticket you buy, Kudzu will donate \$1.00 to your school's PTA.

Group Reservations Required

Call 770-594-1020

Flyers and cover letters are available in the box office

on the Roof at ACT1, Mr. Gower in three productions of *It's A Wonderful Life*, Sam in *The Littlest Elf*, and a narrator in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, both at Kudzu.

Clee Alexander (*Girl Scout*) This is Clee's sixth production at Kudzu. She had a great time performing in *A Christmas Carol*, *Stuart Little*, *I Think I Can*, *Peter Rabbit*, and *Froggie Went a Courtin'*. She is an 8 year-old homeschooler who enjoys singing and playing with her friends. She would like to thank her mom, dad, brother, and sisters, and all of her fabulous fellow cast members for their wonderful support!

Lyda Adams (*Lead Girl Scout*) This is Lyda's first play at Kudzu Playhouse. She also played Queen Jezebel in Alpharetta Presbyterian's performance of *Elijah*. She is a fourth grader at Alpharetta Elementary, and loves acting, singing and dancing. Playing a Girl Scout came easily to her, since she is also one in real life! She wants to thank her parents, her sister India and her brother Aidan for helping support her.

Marisa Meyerowitz (*Assistant Director*) This is Marisa's first time assistant directing a show, and WOW, what an experience. Marisa has performed in many Kudzu productions as well. Some including: *The Frog Prince*, *The House at Pooh Corner*, and *Stuart Little*. She was very excited to help assist the wonderful Jerry Harlow in bringing the Beverly Cleary series, Ramona Quimby, to life on the stage. She must also recognize our stage manager, Paul Komorner, for bringing tons and tons of laughter to our rehearsals, the cast of the show for being great actors and actresses, and of course Jeannie and Wally Hinds, the owners of the Kudzu Playhouse. She hopes that you all enjoy this performance of Ramona Quimby!

Paul Komorner (*Mr. Frost/Stage Manager*) Ramona Quimby is Paul's third show at Kudzu Playhouse. He was previously seen as Fred Narracot in *And Then There Were None*, and Santa Claus in *The Littlest Elf*. He is also appearing as Rabbi Levine in the Kudzu Playhouse production of *Bermuda Avenue Triangle*. Some of his other credits include: Alfred Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, Nicely-Nicely Johnson in *Guys & Dolls*, Mayor Shinn in *The Music Man*, Mr. Potter in *It's A Wonderful Life*, Mr Baker in *Come Blow Your Horn*, Marley's Ghost/Fezziwig in *A Christmas Carol* & Juror #10 in *Twelve Angry Men*. He has been Stage Manager for: *The Music Man*, *The Butler Did It*, *Into The Woods*, *A Christmas Carol*, *And Then There Were None*, *The Rainmaker* and *The Brief And Violent Reign Of Absalom*.

Spencer G. Stephens (*Sound Design*) Spencer is a local actor/singer/puppeteer/composer who also dabbles in the world of Sound Design. His soundscapes have appeared in many shows for The Process Theatre, Essential Theatre, 7Stages, Theatre Gael, the Center for Puppetry Arts and Horizon Theatre. Thanks to Jerry for another chance to do sound together.

Jerry Harlow (*Director*) Jerry has directed over a dozen productions in recent years, including *Into the Woods* at ACT1; *The Zombie*, *Twelve Angry Men* and *Romeo and Juliet* at the Cobb Playhouse, *The Red Shoes* at the Big Top Theatre and *The Curious Savage* with the Curtain Call Youth Players. At Kudzu Playhouse, Jerry directed *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* twice and performed in *The Odd Couple* and *Stuart Little*. He last worked as a stage manager with the Essential Theatre in Atlanta. Jerry thanks Wally and Jeannie for the opportunity; Paul and Marisa for their advice and support; Francis, Spencer, and the Henry girls for their back-stage help; and Katy and the girls for their love.

Barbara McFann (*Mrs. Kemp*) Barbara is happy to be a part of the life of the very intriguing Ramona Quimby and the entire Quimby clan. This cast and crew are unique and wonderful and it has been an honor to watch director Jerry Harlow spin his special magic as he brought each character to life. Barbara has enjoyed many hours in Kudzu productions including *Heidi*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Littlest Elf*, *Father of the Bride*, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, *Tom Sawyer*, *Anne of Green Gables*, and *The Secret Garden*. Recent performances at other theaters include Miss Maple in *The Butler Did It*, Ethel in *On Golden Pond*, Dr. E. M. Ashford in *Wit*, Emma in *Over the River and Through the Woods*, and Sophie Greengrass in *Social Security*.

Martha Kennedy (*Mrs. Griggs*) Martha is making her debut at Kudzu with *Ramona Quimby*. She has performed in numerous plays in the past, the most recent being *The Butler Did It* at Act 1 Theatre where she played the part of Rita Eyelesbarrow, and *A Christmas Carol* at Act 1 where she played the part of a Charity worker. She is excited about performing at Kudzu. Oddly enough, at one time she considered becoming a teacher. Maybe it is a good thing she didn't.... She thanks the director, Jerry, for giving her this opportunity and thanks her husband who is always so patient with her desires to be on stage.

Victory VanTuyl (*Susan*) Victory Van Tuyl (Susan) Victory is 11 years old and this is thrilled to perform at Kudzu Playhouse. Victory has been in Hansel and Gretel (Gretel), High School Musical (cheerleader), A Christmas Carol (Ghost of Christmas Past/Emily) and Will Rogers Follies (Mary Rogers) to name a few. She thanks Jerry, Paul, Marissa, the entire cast, her family, and most of all, God, for making all of this possible. Love to Gram, Papa and Trey!

Laura Henry (*Tammy*) Laura is excited to be in another play at Kudzu. Her favorite part was Beth Bradley in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* which, coincidentally, Jerry also directed. She would like to thank her mom for driving her to rehearsals, the cast for being M-azing, and Jerry for letting her wear rollerblades on stage. Enjoy the Show!

Sally Henry (*Tammy*) Sally is so happy to be in the first play at the "New Kudzu"! She has been in many other plays at Kudzu since 2003. Favorite roles include, Mimsy, (*A Christmas Carol*) and Imogene, (*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*). She would like to thank the cast for making this a fun experience, and Jerry for casting her in this show. Enjoy!

Rene' Voige (*Selma*) Rene is excited to work with everyone here at Kudzu Playhouse. Some of her favorite roles were in *Nunsense*, *Jerry's Girls*, *Deathtrap*, *Sound of Music*, and *Love Letters*. Rene' thanks Jerry and the cast and crew for making this production so much fun. A special thanks to **you** for spending your precious time with us. God Bless and enjoy the show!

Paul Kormorner (*Mr. Frost*) See Stage Manager

Hugh Chapman (*Old Man/Minsiter*) Hugh is enjoying his role as the mysterious metaphor in the life of the Quimby family. He is pleased to be a part of this great cast and crew and has been delighted by the ingenious and energetic direction of Jerry Harlow. Hugh has performed in numerous family theater productions at Kudzu and was stage manger for *A Christmas Carol*, here last year. You may have seen him recently in *The Music Man* at ACT1 Theater. Favorite roles include Jules in *My Three Angels*, at Class Act Theatre, Juror Number Nine in *Twelve Angry Men*, at Stage Door Players, Mr. Kraeler in *The Diary of Anne Frank* at Big Top Theatre, the Constable in *Fiddler*

Kudzu Wants YOU!!!

If you can wield a hammer or a paintbrush, or climb a ladder to hang a light; or if you know which end of a drill holds the bit, or how to run lights or sound or be a stage manager; or if you can help with set dressing , or hunt for props, or hem a skirt, or be a crew member; or man the concession stand, or if you would like to learn to do any of these things.....

Call Jeannie Hinds or Suzanne Clark at **770-594-1020**, It's a great way to meet and have fun with new people, and you may find that the world of community theatre is right up your alley.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who worked so hard to make the move possible! Thanks to everyone who has given their time, money and encouragement. Opening Night for *Bermuda Avenue Triangle and Ramona Quimby* marks a very special goal that we have all worked for. It is not over, however. We will have more work if we are to keep the 608 location. We are interested in people to be involved in Kudzu on any level that appeals to you.

COSTUMES.....PROPS.....STAGE MANAGING....TECNICAL.....SET BUILDING
ANSWERING THE PHONES.....PUBLICITY.....MARKETING.....DIRECTING
ACTING....FUNDRAISING....PAINTING....CONCESSIONS...TAKING TICKETS
CLEANING OUT THE BACKSTAGE.....PACKING BOXES.....ETC.....ETC

Volunteer forms are available in the lobby



Kudzu Playhouse

is proud to be a member of the
Atlanta Coalition for the Performing Arts

Wish list:

Paper, (white and Card stock for printing) two line cordless phone, **Volunteers**, vintage clothing, unique costume items, **Volunteers**, small tables, chairs, wooden chairs, **Volunteers**, stools, pictures, mirrors, children's Halloween costumes (especially fairy tale costumes for our classes and camps) table cloths, curtains,

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Managing Director
JEANNIE HINDS

Managing Artistic Director
WALLY HINDS

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Based on the book by **Beverly Cleary**
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DIRECTOR.....Jerry Harlow
STAGE MANAGER.....Paul Komorner
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.....Marisa Meyerowitz
SOUND DESIGN.....Spencer G. Stephens
COSTUMES.....Francis Weissert
PROPS.....Marisa Meyerowitz
TECH PRINCESS.....Sally and Laura Henry
LIGHTING DESIGN.....Wally Hinds
SET DESIGN.....Jerry Harlow/Wally Hinds
SET CONSTRUCTION.....Jamie Agler/Paul Komorner/
Hugh Chapman/Martha Kennedy

Cast

Ellie Agler.....Ramona Quimby
Samantha Weissert.....Beezus Quimby
Jacquelyn VanTuyl.....Dorothy Quimby
Brian Kahl.....Bob Quimby
Robin Thornett.....Aunt Bea
Nik Jinan.....Howie Kemp
Jay Croft.....Uncle Hobart
Barbara McFann.....Mrs. Kemp
Martha Kennedy.....Mrs. Griggs
Victory VanTuyl.....Susan
Laura Henry/Sally Henry.....Tammy
Rene' Voige.....Selma
Paul Komorner.....Mr. Frost
Hugh Chapman.....Old Man/Minister
Clee Alexander.....Girl Scout
Lyda Adams.....Girl Scout
Spencer G. Stephens.....Doctor
Jim Dailey.....TV Director
Willie Ballard.....TV Boy
Laura Adams.....TV Mom
Lyda Adams.....TV Girl

Time : Autumn, Winter and Spring
Settings: Klickitat Street

There will be one fifteen minute intermission

No Flash Photography, Video, or Sound Recording devices are permitted in the theatre. For the convenience and comfort of all patrons, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the performance.

**“Produced by special arrangement with
THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois”**

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST AND CREW

In No Particular Order

Ellie Agler (*Ramona Quimby*) Ellie is in 4th grade. She was previously seen as Ellie Herdman in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. When not at practice, Ellie loves watching Meerkat Manor or playing with her Webkinz. Thanks to Mom and Dad for driving her to rehearsals. Thanks to Michael for five minutes of peace two weeks ago. Thanks to Jerry for casting her.

Samantha Weissert (*Beezus Quimby*) Samantha is thirteen years old and an 8th grader at Mabry Middle School. She has been acting since she was nine. Some of her favorite roles have been *Alice in Alice in Wonderland*, Tessie in *Annie* and dancing in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade last year. Along with acting, she is in the Preparatory Division at The Georgia Ballet. In her spare time, she likes to hang out with friends and watch movies.

Jacquelyn VanTuyl (*Dorothy Quimby*) Jacquelyn Van Tuyl (Mrs. Quimby) This is Jacquelyn's first play at Kudzu Playhouse. She is grateful to be part of such a fine production at such a wonderful theatre. Jacquelyn has enjoyed working with Jerry, a great (and very patient) director, Paul, a funny and hardworking stage manager, Marissa who is great with costumes, and a very talented cast. Enjoy the show!

Brian Kahl (*Bob Quimby*) This is Brian's first play at Kudzu. Previously, he has been in such productions as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Hayfever* and *12 Angry Men* where he won a MAT award for his performance as Juror #7. Brian is currently a senior pre-law student at Kennesaw State University. He would like to thank his family for all their support in all his endeavors.

Robin Thornett (*Aunt Bea*) This is Robin's first play on the Kudzu stage but she is no stranger to Community Theater. Previous performances included *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Annie*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Dearly Departed* and several One-Act Melodramas by the ACT1 Theater. After this show, she will be directing her first One Act called *Goldilocks on Trial*. Robin owes everything she knows and loves about theater to her mother and guardian angel, Moira Thornett.

Nikunj Jinan (*Howie Kemp*) Nikunj Jinan is a eleven year old 6th grader and this is his first performance at Kudzu. He has previously performed in a play at the State Finals of Destination Imagination where he and his team secured the first place. Nikunj loves math, tennis, cooking and playing with his little brother Niraj. Nikunj is very excited about his first official stage performance in a full length play.

Jay Croft (*Uncle Hobart*) Jay is pleased to be in his second play on the Kudzu Family Theatre stage; *Heidi*, earlier this year, being his first. Jay has been seen on the Kudzu Theatre stage in *Breaking Legs*, *And Then There Were None*, and *Beau Jest*. Other plays elsewhere have been *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and *The Sunshine Boys*. Jay would like to thank Jerry Harlow for accepting him into this wonderful opportunity. He would also like to thank his wife Tammy and his six kids (felines) for allowing him out to play.