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The **2009** Season will be announced very soon.

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Kudzu Playhouse, 10743 Alpharetta Highway, Roswell, GA 30076

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Kudzu Playhouse

Presents

Neil Simon's
RUMORS



Written by Neil Simon

Directed by Greg Fitzgerald

August 29-September 28, 2008

Each Friday and Saturday night at 8 pm

Sunday, August 31, September 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 2:30pm

For reservations call 770-594-1020

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Tickets are also available online



2008 SEASON OF PLAYS **Kudzu Playhouse** 2008 SEASON OF PLAYS

10743 Alpharetta Highway, Brannon Square, Roswell, Georgia 30076

Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm

* \$18 + tax Adults=\$19.50 \$16 + tax Senior Citizens and Students=\$17.25

Sunday at 2:30pm

* \$14 + tax Adults=\$15.00 \$12 + tax Senior Citizens and Students=\$13.00

Same Time Next Year

January 25-February 24, 2008 Every Fri and Sat at 8
Sunday, January 27, February 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 2:30pm

By Bernard Slade

Little Shop of Horrors

March 14-April 13, 2008 Every Fri and Sat at 8

Book and Lyric by Howard Ashman Sunday, March 16, 23, 30, April 6 & 20 at 2:30 pm
Music by Alan Menken

Taking a Chance on Love

May 2-June 1, 2008 Every Fri /Sat at 8pm
Sunday, May 4, 11, 18, 25 & June 1 at 2:30 pm.

By C. Robert Jones

Enchanted April

July 11-August 10, 2008 Every Fri and Sat at 8 pm
Sunday, July 13, 20, 27, August 3 & 10 at 2:30 pm

By Matthew Barber

Rumors

August 29-September 28, 2008 Every Fri and Sat at 8 pm
Sunday August 31, September 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 2:30 pm

By Neil Simon

Bedside Manners

October 10-November 9, 2008 Every Fri and Sat at 8 pm,
Sunday, October 12, 19, 26, November 2 & 9 at 2:30 pm

By Derek Benfield

When Ferris reluctantly agrees to look after his sister's seedy hotel he could not possibly foresee the wild comings-and-goings that were about to burst upon a sunny evening in Spring. Two young couples descend, unsuspectingly, upon this bleak hotel. Roger has arranged an assignation with Sally, leaving his wife, Helen at home to look after the goldfish, Sally leaving her husband, Geoff to dig in the garden. However, Helen and Geoff are not at home. They have also made plans for a naughty weekend – together! They have all seen the same advertisement and the two couples all end up at the same hotel – each with the wrong partner. This is a witty, ingenious, hilarious martial comedy.

A Christmas Carol

November 28-December 24, 2008 Every Friday and Saturday at 8pm
Thursday, December 4, 11 & 18 at 8pm \$15/\$13
Saturday, December 6, 13 & 20 at 2:30pm \$15/\$13
Sunday December 7, 14 & 21 at 2:30pm \$15/\$13
Tuesday, Dec 23 at 8pm & Wednesday, Dec 24 at 2:30pm \$15/\$13

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 warm your heart.

NOTICE:

Please note that our ticket prices for the 2008 season remain the same. However, the Georgia Department of Revenue is requiring that we add sales tax for each ticket purchase. As always Kudzu Playhouse strives to produce the very best quality shows at the most affordable prices.

Information about

Kudzu 3rd Stage

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

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

Kudzu 3rd Stage

Please call Jeannie or Wally Hinds for details
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SPROUTS SHOWS, CLASSES

and our **BOX OFFICE** will remain

At our 608 Holcomb Bridge Road location.

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.

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.



E-mail: kudzuplayhouse@aol.com



2008 Kudzu "Sprouts" Shows 2008

All seats are \$6.50

2008 ~~~~~For children 3 to 9 years old~~~~~2008

The Emperor's New Clothes February 7-March 1, 2008
Thursday-Saturday at 11 am

Aladdin April 3-April 26, 2008
Thursday-Saturday at 11 am

The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse October 2-October 25, 2008
Thursday-Saturday at 11 am

A country mouse, bored with rural life at home is visited by his city cousin and learns that he has been invited to the big city. Joyfully, the two depart and run a gauntlet of adventures -- among them a dangerous cat, poisons, traps, the wiles of two tricky twin mice. At last, a wiser country mouse returns home, grateful to settle down in his rural paradise.

A Chris MESS Carol December 3-December 20, 2008
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 always have audience participation.

Reservations strongly suggested for all "Sprouts" shows

Group rates available for pre-schools and groups of 15 or more

Notice:

We are always looking for people to be involved in the Sprouts program. We need adults, homeschooled children, Moms or Dads with children in school or people who work at night to act, help with costumes, props, run tech and be stage managers. We rehearse in the daytime and all the performances are at 11am. If you have always thought you would like to be onstage or back stage, our Sprouts shows are a great way to get your feet wet and see if you like it. It's FUN! We will train you. Call Jeannie Hinds or Suzanne Clark if you are interested at

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2008 Kudzu Family Playhouse 2008

\$8.75 10743 Alpharetta Highway, Brannon Square, Roswell, Ga. 30076 \$8.75

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse February 2-March 2, 2008
Adapted from the book by Kevin Henkes by Kevin Kling

Anne of Avonlea March 22-April 20, 2008
Adapted from the books by L. M. Montgomery

Charlotte's Webb May 3-June 1, 2008
Adapted from the book by E.B. White by Joseph Robinette

Virtue Triumphs Over Villainy or Curses, Foiled Again
By Wally and Jeannie Hinds June 14-July 27, 2008

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

Adapted from the book by Judy Blume by Bruce Mason.
August 30-September 28, 2008

Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm Saturday evening, September 20 & 27 at 7:30pm

Peter Hatcher has some problems at home. But it isn't his mother, who's always studying art history. And it isn't his father, who watches TV just for the commercials. No, Peter's biggest problem is Fudge, his disgustingly adorable baby brother. Fudge is always in Peter's way and messing up everything he sees, whether he's scribbling all over Peter's school project, trying to fly off the jungle gym, or stealing the limelight in the Toddle Bike commercial. And when Peter's pet turtle Dribble turns up gone... all gone... everybody's only worried about Fudge, who ate him, instead of Dribble, who got eaten! Based on the acclaimed novel by Judy Blume, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing reminds us that sibling rivalry isn't always sweet... especially when your brother is Fudge!

Sarah, Plain and Tall

Adapted from the book by Patricia MacLachlan by Joseph Robinette
October 11-November 9, 2008

Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm Saturday evening, November 1 & 8 at 7:30pm

Adapted from the Newbery Award-winning book by Patricia MacLachlan, this play, set in the early 1900s, brings to life the charming, heartwarming story of a Kansas farmer, Jacob Witting, a widower with two children—Anna and Caleb, who places an ad in the newspapers seeking a wife. He receives a letter from a Sarah Wheaton of Maine who says she will visit the family for a month to see how things work out: "I will come by train. I will wear a yellow bonnet. I am Sarah, plain and tall."

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

By Barbara Robinson
November 29-December 24, 2008

Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm

Saturday evenings, December 6, 13 & 20 at 7:00pm

December 24, Christmas Eve (Wednesday) 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.

Congratulations to Kudzu Playhouse's

Leading Actor, Musical

Reed Higgins – “Seymour Krelborn” – *Little Shop of Horrors*

Leading Actress, Play

Gloria Szokoly – “Tess” – *Bermuda Avenue Triangle*

Major Supporting Actor, Musical

Jason Meinhardt – “Orin; Wino; Customer; Bernstein; Snip; Luce; Patrick Martin” – *Little Shop of Horrors*

Major Supporting Actor, Play

Chris Arapoglou – “Mike Francisco” – *Breaking Legs*

Major Supporting Actress, Musical

Aretha Burton – “Crystal” – *Little Shop of Horrors*

Minor Supporting Actor, Play

Jay Croft – “Frankie Salvucci” – *Breaking Legs*
Paul Komorner – “Rabbi Levine” – *Bermuda Avenue Triangle*

Set Design, Musical

Wally Hinds – *Little Shop of Horrors*

Set Design, Play

Wally Hinds – *Breaking Legs*

Sound Design, Musical

Rob Roy Hardie, Kelly Lane, & David Shelton – *Little Shop of Horrors*

Sound Design, Play

Greg Fitzgerald – *Bermuda Avenue Triangle*

Music Direction

Spencer G. Stephens – *Little Shop of Horrors*

Moira Thornett Director's Award, Play

Greg Fitzgerald – *Bermuda Avenue Triangle*

Overall Performance of a Musical

Little Shop of Horrors

Fall classes!!

Theatre Basics (ages: 4-6)	Instructor: J. J. Swann Sept 2-Nov 4 (10 weeks)	5:30-6:30pm	\$170.00
Acting and Improv (ages: 11-16)	Instructor: J. J. Swann Sept 2-Nov 18 (12 weeks)	6:30-7:30pm	\$200.00
Acting for Adults (ages: 17 thru adult)	Instructor: J. J. Swann Sept 2-Oct 21 (8 weeks)	7:30-9:30pm	\$180.00
Technical Theatre (ages: 13 thru adult)	Instructor: David Shelton Sept 3-Oct 8 (6 weeks)	5:30-7:30pm	\$200.00
Playwriting (ages: 11-15)	Instructor: Cathy Ray Sept 3-Oct 22 (8 weeks)	5:30-7:30pm	\$220.00
Theatre Basics (ages: 7-11)	Instructor: J. J. Swann Sept 4-Nov 13 (11 weeks)	5:30-6:30pm	\$190.00
Acting for Film and TV (ages: 11-15)	Instructor: J. J. Swann Sept 4-Nov 20 (12 weeks)	6:30-7:30pm	\$200.00
Speech For the Stage (ages: Intergenerational 6-99)	Instructor: Mary Sittler Sept 6 (Saturday)	3:00-5:00pm	\$45.00
Speech For the Stage (ages: Intergenerational 6-99)	Instructor: Mary Sittler Sept 13 (Saturday)	3:00-5:00pm	\$45.00 \$85.00 for both Classes

See website for more details and bios on all Instructors
www.kudzuplayhouse.org

All of the Fall Classes will be at 608 Holcomb Bridge Road
in the Roswell Town Center Shopping Center.

Please turn onto Commerce Parkway (from Alphretta Highway)
(the street that runs behind the shopping center)
and look for the Mall doors that say
ROSWELL TOWN CENTER over the door.

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OUR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

Children who participate in the arts learn skills they will value throughout their lives, in school, in work and in play. In addition to developing artistic skills, they learn creative thinking, communication, and they have a chance to practice cooperation, teamwork and self-motivation. This balanced approach encourages children to develop their unique talents and fosters self-confidence.

Kudzu Playhouse Contributors 2007-

ANGELS

\$2500-5000+

Donald and Kathleen Boyce
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Greg Fitzgerald
Jerry Harlow and family
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Lane Teilhaber

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Bob Smith
Kate Whitlock

Kudzu Playhouse needs people to work in the concession stand and 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.

Kudzu Playhouse is looking for an ensemble of actors
who can perform during the day for school shows
and daytime matinees for the 2009 season.

Call 770-594-1020 or email us at

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The original art on the stage set was created by Lance Carlson

This acrylic and collage on canvas piece, "roundabout", is also available for sale. \$850, with 50% going to Kudzu Playhouse. Lance is a practicing architect working in his own firm, Carlson & Mosley Architects, in Atlanta, Georgia. He has been studying painting, drawing and collage among other creative pursuits with a renewed enthusiasm for the past 11 years. He is also showing pieces in "a 'paper' performance" with the ACS in the Kudzu lobby. You can see more of his work at:

www.lcartist.com

www.lcartist.blogspot.com

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A "paper" performance

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Thank you for your patronage at Kudzu Playhouse and we hope you will continue to be a part of

a great stage manager, David for being the go to guy, and to you, the audience, for coming out and supporting the arts. Enjoy the show!

Kelly Grady (*Stage Manager/Officer Pudney*) Kelly is thrilled to be back on stage at Kudzu Playhouse! She was last seen here as Ronette in their production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Other favorite credits are *Blood Brothers*, *Godspell* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Along with performing on stage Kelly also is blessed in performing at her second home StoneCreek Church. Her wish is to always have the opportunity to perform but first and foremost cherishes the wonderful people God has put in her life and the support she receives from them all. She truly feels blessed to be constantly surrounded by such incredible talent, family and friends. A big shout out to Wally and Jeannie – for keeping this awesome theatre going and for always working over and beyond what they have to, you guys are the Best! Also to the best cast and director, thanks for a Great show. Most importantly, Kelly would like to thank her loving husband Mike, for his love, support, dedication and loving spirit!

David Shelton (*Lighting, & Set Design, Board Operator*) David has been involved with theater from a very young age thanks to his supportive parents and family. It has become apart of his life and soul, and a place where he can let his creativity fly free while still being grounded in the world of reality. Ever since David has entered into the realm of theater, he has had the opportunity to work in almost every role, from Master Electrician and Stage Manager to Director and Actor. Since he joined Kudzu Playhouse in October of 2007, David has worked on seventeen Kudzu productions in addition to the productions for other groups. In that short time, he has even been nominated for the MAT Awards in Kudzu Playhouse's production of *Little Shop of Horrors* for the category of Best Sound Design – Musical. He wishes to thank everyone he has worked with, those who have supported him, and you for coming to watch this show.

Wish list: Picnic Tables,

Paper (regular white and card stock for printing), **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, silk flowers & greenery (especially trees), odd or unusual furniture pieces, **Corporate Sponsors**, **Grant Writers** and oh yeah: **volunteers!**

Kudzu Playhouse Staff

Managing Director	Jeannie Hinds
Artistic Director	Wally Hinds
Artistic Director of Kudzu Sprouts	Leslie Kelley
Assistant Technical Director	David Shelton
Box Office Manager	Suzanne Clark
Web Host	Snapper Morgan
Web Master	Rial Ellsworth
Volunteer Coordinator	David Shelton
Drama Teacher s	J.J. Swann, David Shelton, Mary Sittler and Cathy Ray
Outreach Drama Teacher	Leslie Kelley
Adult Acting	Adriana Warner
Summer Camp Lead Counselors	David Olson, Karen Rooker and Lindsay Olson
Junior Camp Counselors	Mitchell Miller, Caleb McCracken and Kimberly Maxwell
Friends of Kudzu Secretary	Marlene Kraich
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Costume Team Leaders	Sheri McGuinness
	Kathryn Fortson
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Brandy Meinhardt (*Cassie Cooper*) Brandy is excited to be returning to the Kudzu stage after a two year hiatus. She was last seen as Corrie Bratter in *Barefoot in the Park*. Some of her favorite roles include Wanda in *Maggie's Getting Married*, Catherine in *The Foreigner*, Penelope in *See How They Run*, Beth in *Jerry Finnegans Sister*, and Eileen in *Moon Over Buffalo*. After taking some time...ok a long time...to figure out what she wanted to be when she grew up, Brandy went back to school and is currently pursuing a degree in education and plans to teach middle school social studies. Brandy has been married to her amazingly talented husband Jason for four years and they have a beautiful daughter Rena who will be two this winter. Brandy would like to thank Wally and Jeannie for always caring, Greg for casting her, Kelly for being a great stage manager and great cousin, and all the cast for making this so fun and interesting. Brandy would also like to thank her family for all their love, support, and help with watching Rena. Most of all she would like to thank Jason for cooking such yummy meals, and for being the best hubby a girl could ask for. To Bean, thank you for hanging with daddy at night so mommy can have "me" time. Brandy would like to dedicate this performance to her mom who does more than is asked...love and thanks. Last but not least...laugh, relax, and enjoy the show!

Dan Verboski (*Officer Welch*) Dan Verboski recently moved to Atlanta and is returning to the theater for the first time since high school. As a former Marine, he has lived in several states and countries, most recently calling Texas home. He enjoys watersports, learning new things, working ridiculous hours, and making people laugh. Dan is very excited to be here, and would like to thank Rachael for her unwavering support!

Kelly Grady (*Officer Pudney/Stage Manager*) See Production Staff bios.

Production Staff Biographies

Greg Fitzgerald (*Director/Sound Design*) Greg is delighted to be back at Kudzu to direct *Rumors*. He made his directorial debut last year with Kudzu's production of *Bermuda Avenue Triangle*, which earned Greg nominations for Best Director and Sound Design at this year's Metropolitan Atlanta Theatre Awards. Greg also directed the Polk Street Players' production of *Postmortem* earlier this year. In addition to his directing credits, Greg has appeared in several productions in the Atlanta area including *Enchanted April* (Mellersh Wilton), *Breaking Legs* (Tino DeFelice), *Not Now Darling* (Harry McMichael), *I Take This Man* (Officer Jud Keegan), *June Groom* (Uncle Harvy, *Funny Money* (Henry Perkins), *Barefoot in the Park* (Telephone Man), *A Christmas Carol* (Bob Cratchit/Fred) and *Heaven Can Wait* (Joe Pendleton). Greg would like to thank Wally and Jeannie for giving him the opportunity to take on such a challenging production, the cast for all their hard work, Kelly for being such

Gordon Giddings (*Lenny Ganz*) Gordon is pleased to return to Kudzu. He was previously seen here last fall as Nate Moody in *Breakfast with Les and Bess*. He has also appeared locally with Rosewater Theatre as Junior in *Dearly Departed*. He has been seen on television with Gilbert Gottfried on USA channel's *Up! All Night* when he lived near Manhattan, as well as in the movies *Private Parts* and *Money Train* in extra roles (he's the blur in the background). His favorite roles include Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Sheldon Kelinski in *Only Kidding!* and Nicely-Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls*. Thanks to a talented cast, crew and director. "It was the best time I ever had in my life!"

Jeff Boyce (*Ernie Cusack*) Jeff is grateful and excited to be performing with such a talented and fun group of people. He may be the only person in Roswell who actually lived in Poughkeepsie! He was last seen "up" in the pit playing bass for *Little Shop of Horrors* and last time on stage was as The Narrator in *A Christmas Carol*. Some of Jeff's favorite roles include Frank Sweeney in *Molly Sweeney* and Tom Davenport in *Inherit the Wind*. Roles in Baltimore; Greg in *Sylvia*, Alexandria (winner of Best Play Washington DC Area); Mr. Akins in *Send Me No Flowers at Kudzu*. Thanks to Greg and God bless Jeannie and Wally for all the good things they do for our community with this theater.

Melissa Tracy (*Cookie Cusack*) Melissa is happy to be back on the boards again after a five year absence from the stage. A recent transplant to Georgia, Melissa spent many years performing at theatres in her hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Some favorite roles include Louise in *Gypsy*, Marty in *Grease*, Mary in *Run for Your Wife*, and Annelle in *Steel Magnolias*. In her "other life" Melissa is a practicing family law attorney with Bovis, Kyle & Burch, LLC. She wishes to thank her husband, Will, and son, Seth, for putting up with her rehearsal schedule, and Greg for giving her the chance to reclaim her passion for the theatre.

Jim Butler (*Glenn Cooper*) Jim is just back from a multi-year sabbatical from the theatre, though in his career as an attorney, he often had to act like his client was right. He studied theatre at Mississippi State University where his roles included Foxwell J. Sly/Judge in *Sly Fox*, Charley Wykeham in *Charley's Aunt*, Jonathan Harker in *Dracula*, Cristoforou in *Public Eye*, and Elwood P. Dowd in *Harvey*. Jim directed John Dye (well before he became known as Andrew, Angel of Death in the long-running television show *Touched by an Angel*) in one of his first stage roles. He lives in Sandy Springs and fights Internet crime as the Director of Trust and Site Security at CareerBuilder.com. Jim would like to thank his daughter Samantha for running lines ("not again!") and his family for their love and support.

Director's Notes:

With everything that is going on in the world these days, sometimes it's hard to find much to laugh about. War, a slumping economy and rising fuel and food prices are the reality we live in today. My hope is that, for just this evening, you can forget about all that is wrong with the world and just sit back and enjoy yourselves. Neil Simon has graced us with many hilarious stories over the years and "Rumors" is arguably his best work. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this delightful little farce.

Greg Fitzgerald



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is proud to be a member of the
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We wish to extend our most heartfelt thanks to the many parents, 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

Managing Director—Jeannie Hinds

Managing Artistic Director—Wally Hinds

Presents

Rumors

Written by Neil Simon

Directed by Greg Fitzgerald

Crew

Stage Manager..... Kelly Grady
Costume Design Jeannie and Wally Hinds and the cast
Set Design Wally Hinds
Lighting Design..... David Shelton
Sound Design Greg Fitzgerald
Board Operator..... David Shelton
Set Construction..... Wally Hinds, David Shelton, Greg
Fitzgerald, Gordon Giddings, Jim Butler, Jeff Boyce
Props..... Kelly Grady

Cast

Stacy Bowers.....Chris Gorman
Lane TeilhaberKen Gorman
Dana Barrett Claire Ganz
Gordon Giddings.....Lenny Ganz
Jeff BoyceErnie Cusack
Melissa TracyCookie Cusack
Jim Butler.....Glenn Cooper
Brandy Meinhardt Cassie Cooper
Dan Verboski Officer Welch
Kelly Grady.....Officer Pudney

TIME: The present

PLACE: Sneden's Landing, New York
The home of a deputy New York City mayor,
Charley Brock and his wife Myra

Rumors is presented through special arrangement
with Samuel French, Inc.

Cameras and Recording Devices are absolutely prohibited in the theatre. Also, as a courtesy to the actors as well as the other patrons, please make sure all cell phones and pagers are turned off.

Cast Biographies in order of appearance

Stacy Bowers (*Chris Gorman*) Rumors marks Stacy's third appearance on the Kudzu stage and she is very happy to have a role where she isn't wearing a strange hat or carrying a gun. You may have seen her last summer in *June Groom* as the incognito criminal, Sister Susan. Stacy began doing community theatre at the age of seven and has a particular passion for musicals. Some favorite roles include: Lily (*Carnival*), Mary Sunshine (*Mary Sunshine*), Lizzie (*Baby, The Musical*), Mrs. Soames (*Our Town*) and Maria (*Twelfth Night*). Prior to performing at Kudzu, Stacy spent seven years performing and competing at the international level with Sweet Adelines International as a member of Song of Atlanta Show Chorus. She would like to thank Greg for his patient direction while she grew into her character; her husband, Scott, for taking over Mom duties while she was at rehearsals; and all her girlfriends who read lines with her - you know who you are.

Lane Teilhaber (*Ken Gorman*) This is Lane's third show on the Kudzu stage, and he would like to thank Greg for letting him be a part of this show. Lane's other two shows here were *Postmortem* and *Fast Girls*. Lane has spent more time at Kudzu directing having done six shows including *Steel Magnolias*, *Run For Your Wife*, *Caught In The Net*, *Beau Jest*, *Play On*, and last years *June Groom*. Lane will be directing the next show here at Kudzu; *Beside Manners*, and he hopes you will come back to see it because it's going to be a lot of fun. Lane would like to thank his wife Kris for all her love and support, and thank all of you for coming out to the show!

Dana Barrett (*Claire Ganz*) Dana is excited to be making her Kudzu Playhouse debut. She has always loved theater and entertainment and has managed to fit something creative into her life while raising her wonderful and talented daughter Lauren and working at more practical jobs. Dana most recently owned Coffee Buy The Book in Roswell and hosted a daily morning radio show. Dana has done stand up comedy and voice overs and is now hosting *The Dana Barrett Show*, Saturdays on Radio Sandy Springs. Dana would like to thank Greg for this amazing opportunity and thank the cast for making her feel right at home.