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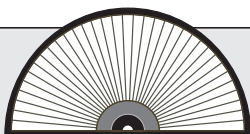
CHOREOGRAPHY: Laura Annett-Webster, Michelle Wolgamot,
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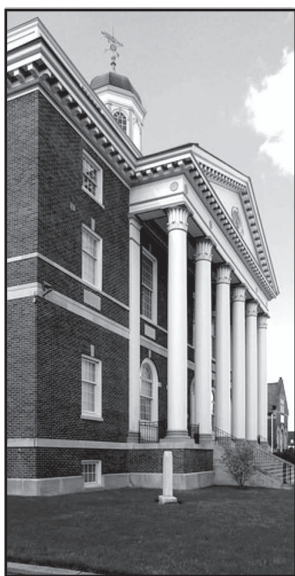
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Director's Note



"The unknown may be frightening, the darkness overwhelming, but if we don't run from it, we may see our mysterious, miraculous lives finally illuminated. If we move toward the darkness, we might find love and acceptance. For when it is dark enough, we can see the stars."

- Rick Elice, book writer for *The Addams Family*

As a director, I listen for clues and bits of dialogue to help establish the tone and pace of a show. When I took on the challenge of bringing *The Addams Family*

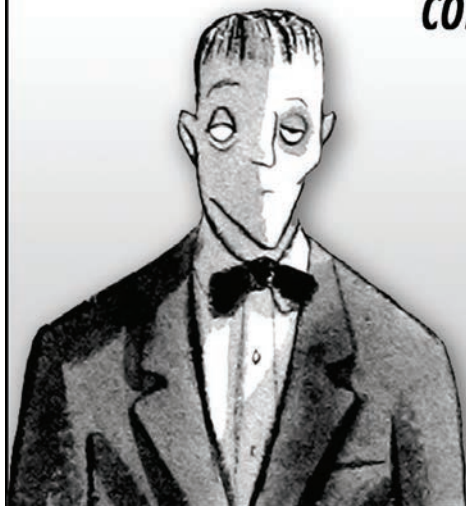
to our community stage, I used this quote as inspiration to guide the overall feeling of the production. This show is a campy, fun-loving musical that draws us into a family of "unique" characters that we all know from their cartoon forms, TV series, or movies. The objective was to reveal the common bond of the characters and how an outsider could relate to them. By peeling away their macabre exterior, we expose their struggles that would make them seem like any normal family.


Wednesday is not a little girl anymore, and she is starting to find her own place, but still wants her parents' approval. Pugsley is learning that he may lose someone he thought would always be by his side. Gomez and Morticia struggle with their relationship, as any couple does. However, through those darkest moments, they find themselves, and discover that love will always triumph—love for family, love for each other, and love for the unknown. Something we should all look toward as humans in a world of chaos: some semblance of peace in the darkness.

- Bruce Jacklin, Director

BRUCE JACKLIN has directed and acted in more than 150 productions in the last 30 years. This includes professional, summer stock, collegian and community theater productions. Bruce began his acting career while stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. It was during his enlistment in the U.S. Army that he first stepped on stage, and it was alongside film legend Dana Andrews. Bruce is a certified adjudicator for the Ohio Community Theater Association and American Association of Community Theater. He has received awards in acting and directing at both regional and state festivals from OCTA, AACTfest, Columbus Theater Roundtable and OTA festivals for productions including *Of Mice and Men*, *Trip to Bountiful*, *Wally's Café*, *Hidden In This Picture*, *Donkey Baseball*, *'Nietzsche' Ate Here*, *The Bad Seed*, and others. Bruce is a member of AFTRA/SAG (American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Screen Actors Guild) and has appeared in numerous national and local television films and commercials. Bruce was also in the film treatment of Roy Berkowitz' *'Nietzsche' Ate Here*. The film premiered in Columbus, Ohio, and in Washington, D.C. The film was featured in the 2013 Montreal International Film Festival. He won Best Supporting Actor at the San Francisco Actor's Film Festival and in 2014 he received the Red Cross Education Hero Award. Bruce is the artistic director for both MTVarts and The Alcove Theater productions.

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Cast Members



KENNEDY AIKEY (Ancestor) will be a junior at Newark Catholic High School. She is excited to return to the MTVarts stage.

She has really learned so much from her experiences here at MTVarts and has made many great friends and memories! Most recently she played the role of Helen Keller here in Mount Vernon. Kennedy has danced competitively for Garrett Dance Arts in Newark for many years. She hopes you enjoy the show.



DANIEL BARICH (Ancestor) has sung in many musical productions both in college and in the Mount Vernon community. A Kenyon College

'05 music major who is legally blind, he also sings at church, and writes music. Daniel thanks God for giving him the ability to sing, and also thanks everyone who has supported him and driven him to and from rehearsal.



JOSELYN BATES (Ancestor) is homeschooled and has just completed 11th grade. She has been in numerous productions with MTVarts, Fredericktown

High School, Orange Barrel Productions, and The Chancel Players. She was most recently seen screaming her head off as a Teenage Fangirl in MTVarts' *Bye Bye Birdie*. She has also worked many shows backstage since then. Her favorite roles include Agent Klack in *Larceny* and *Old Lace* with Fredericktown High School and a screaming Fangirl. Joselyn wants to thank her friends and family for always supporting her and hopes that you enjoy the show!



FREDI BOCKOVER (Ancestor) just finished her freshman year at the Columbus College of Art and Design where she studies Advertising and Graphic Design.

She has loved being onstage for as long as she can remember, and some of her favorite past roles include Ursula Merkle in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Scuttle in the *Little Mermaid Jr.*, Winifred in *Once Upon A Mattress*, and Iago in *Aladdin Jr.* When not onstage, Fredi adores listening to records, all things artistic & vintage, funky socks, puns, and wearing a hairflower every single day. She hopes you enjoy the show!



KYLE BOUCHER (Ancestor) is a senior at Knox County Career Center. This is Kyle's third time on stage with MTVarts.

Previously, he was adult Simba in *Lion King Jr.*, and in the chorus for *Bye Bye Birdie*. Kyle also participates in theater at Mount Vernon High School.



ALEX DIEHL (Ancestor) will be a freshman at Ohio Northern University. He has enjoyed being involved with MTVarts over the years. He has been a part of *Fiddler on the Roof*

Jr., *The Jungle Book Jr.*, *Lost in Yonkers* dinner theater, *The Music Man*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Bye Bye Birdie*. In his spare time, he likes to read, run, draw, and play upright bass and piano.



IAN FRASER ERNSBERGER (Gomez Addams) Is once again performing on the Memorial stage in one of his favorite roles. Gomez is a dream to portray and it's more fun to

be surrounded by such a great supporting cast (even Matt and Aaron). Thank you to Kelly for being such a wonderful stage wife and putting up with all my attempts to throw you off. And to my real wife, Kate, for being my costar for life. Enjoy the show.



KATE ERNSBERGER (Alice Beineke) is thrilled and honored to be a part of this production of *Anne Frank*. She's grateful for MTVarts allowing her to indulge her theater habit. Favorite

roles include Sister Amnesia in *Nunsense*, Mrs. Brill in *Mary Poppins*, Frenchy in *Grease*, Janet in *Wally's cafe* and *Sunny* in *The Last Might of Ballyhoo*" She'd like to thank the cast and crew for their hard work. Also, thanks to her family for their support, and to Ian for putting up with her.



SEAN FELDER (Lucas Beineke) is excited to be involved with MTVarts for *The Addams Family*. Sean has directed, as well as acted, in many shows around central Ohio, both

community and professional. Recent roles include: Buddy in *Side Show*, Malcolm in *The Full Monty*, and Bobby Strong in *Urinetown*. Sean thanks his best friend, Eryn, for putting up with him all summer long!

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JOEY FERGUSON (Pugsley Addams) will be going into his first year of middle school. This is Joey's MTVarts debut and hopes to do more in the future. He enjoys spending time with his family, swimming, playing video games, and in-line roller skating. Joey hopes to become a doctor one day. Enjoy the show!



HANNAH "CHELLE" FRYE (Ancestor) is a student at Ashland University where she studies Musical Theatre and Graphic Design. She also participates in University choir, marching band, and concert band. Some of her previous roles include Jasmine in *Aladdin*, Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, and a Bird Girl in *Suessical*. This is her first production with MTVarts and she hopes you enjoy the show!



MARY HARRIS (Ancestor) has just graduated from Mount Vernon High School. Mary has been a part of other MTVarts shows including *Peter Pan*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Annie*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Bye Bye Birdie*. She enjoys singing, science, and spending time with friends and family. This fall Mary will attend OSU to study neuroscience on a pre-med track.



ERYN HOLLOBAUGH (Wednesday Addams) is thrilled to make her MTVarts debut in *The Addams Family*. Recent roles include: Violet Hilton in Gallery Players' *Side Show*, Sister Mary Robert in *Imagine's Sister Act* and the Central Ohio premier of *Heathers: The Musical* as Veronica Sawyer. Eryn is so excited to have already met so many new friends through the course of the show! Lastly, she would like to thank her friends and family for always being so supportive of her love for theatre and a busy schedule!

KELLY YERXA LAUTH (Morticia Addams) has appeared in over 40 productions throughout the past 20 years. She was last seen as Mrs. Frank in the Classics Series production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, as Lucinda in the *Alcove*



dinner theater's *Saving Up for Saturday Night*, and as Belle in MTVart's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. She has a BA in communications and drama, with minors in music and philosophy. Kelly has received several awards and recognition for her acting and musical talent. In her free time, she loves being outside, making music, and enjoying time with friends and family. She is so thankful for the support of her husband Kevin, and daughters Maura, Rona, and (the newest addition) Zaeva.



JAY MAHAN (Ancestor) is returning to theatre after 20 years to share the experience with his lovely and talented wife Kerri and their son Mark. He has appeared in *Rooted-Stories of Knox County* and *How I Became a Pirate* with MTVarts.



KERRI MAHAN (Ancestor) is delighted to be performing on stage with her family this summer. Her recent shows include *Bye Bye Birdie*, *How I Became a Pirate*, *Rooted: Stories of Knox County*, and her dinner theater debut as the mischievous Sister Robert Anne in *Nonsense*. When not on stage, Kerri enjoys teaching math to 5th graders at Pleasant Street Elementary School. She is grateful to her family for their love and support.



MARK MAHAN (Ancestor) is an 18-year-old incoming Freshman at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville. This is Mark's third show with MTVarts and fifth show overall. Mark is incredibly thankful for all he has been able to learn with MTVarts. Previous roles include chorus in *The Secret Garden*, *Godspell*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and Timon in *The Lion King Jr.*



ABIGAIL MILLER (Ancestor) is the Kenyon College archivist and is happy to be performing in another MTVarts show. She received her Bachelor's in Theatre from Ball State University and Master's in Library & Information

Cast Members

Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh. She grew up listening almost exclusively to musicals and still rather does. She has been acting since she received the lead in Miss Benham's 2nd grade classroom production of *Sleeping Beauty* and no one told her to stop. Favorite roles include Anna in *The King and I* and Rosie in *Bye, Bye Birdie*. Love to family and friends.



BEN MOORE (Ancestor) is 18 and has graduated from Mount Vernon High School. Ben will be going to the University of Toledo to study pharmacy. He has participated in musicals including *Bye Bye Birdie*; *The Secret Garden*; *Yes, Virginia*; and *Elf Jr.* He's glad that you have come and he hopes you enjoy the show.



AARON MORELAND (Mal Beineke) is glad to be back on the stage. Aaron's former roles in MTVarts productions include: Albert in *Bye Bye Birdie*, the Beast in *Beauty and the Beast*, Donkey in *Shrek*, The Scarecrow in *The*

Wizard of Oz, Biff in *Death of a Salesman* and many others. When he's not on stage he enjoys hanging out with his wife and two wonderful kids and destroying anyone who opposes him in a boardgame!



LUNA MORELAND (Ancestor) is a 7th grade homeschooler. She's excited to be performing in her 5th MTVarts production. Her most recent roles include Teen Chorus in *Bye Bye Birdie* and The Caterpillar in MTVarts' *Alice In Wonderland Jr.* Luna loves art, singing, contemporary dance, playing her violin, and helping animals. She hopes you enjoy the show!



SUSAN MORELAND (Grandma) is feeling happy to be back on the Memorial Stage after playing Mae Peterson in last year's *Bye Bye Birdie*. Susan serves as president of MTVarts and is Grandma to five fabulous real grandchildren. Love and thanks to my husband Bob who puts up with my theater madness.

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ELLE PAVAO (Ancestor) is a junior at Northridge. Elle has been active in community theater since the ripe old age of 6. Some of her favorite roles to date are Jasmine in *MTVarts*

Aladdin Jr., Annie in *Annie*, Duffy in *Annie*, and Amaryliss in *Music Man*. Elle participates in voice, dance and acting workshops as her schedule allows. Other than performing in front of an audience, she enjoys fashion, traveling, baking, any and all musicals, and Hugh Jackman! She loves to spend her “me” time watching old movies from the 1950s. Enjoy the show!



JARED PIERCE (Ancestor) is thrilled to be in his third MTVarts show. He has been involved in 11 community theatre shows over the last five years. He has also worked with Highland High School and Orange Barrel Productions in the past. He is currently involved with his church’s youth program using his acting talent to teach the kids’ stories. Jared is also part of a new YouTube show called *The Bolts*, about a super-powered family that fights crime and everyday family problems. Jared thanks you all for coming and for supporting the arts. He also gives praise to God for the gift of acting and singing. Please enjoy the show!



CAROLINE PLETCHER (Ancestor): Before tragically being squashed by the Sphinx’s falling nose, Caroline was a math teacher and track coach at Fredericktown (the Egyptian branch). She leaves behind her husband, son, and two dogs.



LILY RHEINSCHELD (Cousin Itt) is performing in her fifth MTVarts production, ten year old Lily Rheinscheld also sees the world as her stage, enjoying singing and dancing wherever she goes. She’s a member of the Knox Co. Youth Choirs and has had solos in several school and church plays.

ANDREW RUCKMAN (Ancestor) is a senior in high school from Mount Vernon Ohio. This will be his sixth performance with MTVarts.



He spends his time (when not obsessing over theatre) working on his El Camino, showing sheep, and making chainmail armor and jewelry. He has enjoyed making new friends and reconnecting with old ones. He hopes you enjoy the show and thanks you for coming to see it.



MATT STARR (LURCH) is an award-winning producer/director for Kokosing River Productions, an author, and Councilman for the City of Mount Vernon. His film productions include *The JJ Project*, *Uncommon Brilliance*, *Looking for the Jackalope*, *‘Nietzsche’ Ate Here*. He has enjoyed other roles on stage such as Lennie (*Of Mice and Men*), Gaston, Sharktooth, Cowardly Lion, Daddy Warbucks, and many others. Matt is represented by CAM Talent in Columbus and lives with his wife, Joanne, in Mount Vernon.



BUCK THOMPSON (Uncle Fester) is enjoying his first show with MTVarts. He teaches 8th grade social studies at East Knox. He appeared in several plays and musicals in high school and college. This past year, he restarted the theater program at East Knox. He hopes that you enjoy the show.



LAURA ANNETT-WEBSTER (Ancestor) is a Knox County native who enjoys dance and has over 20 years experience. She has also won platinum and several gold awards during her dance career. This is her first year to perform with MTVarts and she has enjoyed being part of an awesome group of volunteers. Laura has previously choreographed “Lion King Jr.” for MTVarts and “Nonsense” for Bruce Jacklin & Company. This is her first time choreographing for a summer musical with MTVarts. Laura is the 911 Operations Director for Knox County and resides in Mt. Vernon. Laura enjoys spending time with her 3 children, family, and spoiling her 3 dogs.

Cast Members



ANNIKA KANUCKEL-WOLFE
(Ancestor) is a recent graduate of Mount Vernon High School. This fall, she will attend Denison University. She has been a part of several productions over the years, both on stage and off, including *Bye Bye Birdie* as Kim McAfee, *Once Upon a Mattress* as Lady Larken, and *The Diary of Anne Frank* as Margot Frank. She thanks you for coming and hopes that you enjoy the show!

Did You Know?

Cartoonist Charles Addams created his famous “creepy and kooky” Addams Family and they debuted in *The New Yorker* in 1938 and ran until his death in 1988.



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Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

Overture/Prologue.....Orchestra
“When You’re An Addams”.....Ensemble
“Fester’s Manifesto”.....Fester
“Two Things”.....Gomez
“Wednesday’s Growing Up”.....Gomez
“Trapped”.....Gomez, Morticia
“Honor Roll”.....Pugsley
“Pulled”.....Wednesday, Pugsley
“Four Things”.....Gomez, Morticia
“One Normal Night”.....Ensemble
“But Love” (Reprise 1).....Fester, Ancestors
“But Love” (Reprise 2).....Fester, Ancestors
“Secrets”.....Morticia, Alice, Female Ancestors
“Gomez’ ‘What If’”Gomez
“What If”.....Pugsley, Grandma
“Full Disclosure” (Part 1).....Ensemble

“Waiting”.....Alice, Mal, Lucas, Lurch, Ancestors
“Full Disclosure” (Part 2).....Ensemble

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ACT TWO

Entr’acte.....Orchestra
“Just Around the Corner”.....Morticia, Ancestors
“The Moon and Me”....Fester, Female Ancestors
“Happy Sad”.....Gomez, Wednesday
“Crazier Than You”.....Wednesday, Lucas,
Mal, Alice
“Not Today”.....Gomez, Lurch, Fester
“Live Before We Die”.....Gomez, Morticia
“Tango De Amor”.....Gomez, Morticia
Finale “Move Toward the Darkness”.....Lurch,
Ensemble
Bows “When You’re An Addams”.....Orchestra

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Cast of Characters

GOMEZ ADDAMS Ian Fraser Ernsberger
MORTICIA ADDAS Kelly Lauth
UNCLE FESTER Buck Thompson
GRANDMA Susan Moreland
WEDNESDAY ADDAMS Eryn Hollobaugh
PUGSLEY ADDAMS Joey Ferguson
LURCH Matt Starr
MAL BEINEKE Aaron Moreland
ALICE BEINEKE Kate Ernsberger
LUCAS BEINEKE Sean Felder

**ANCESTORS/
ENSEMBLE** Kennedy Aikey
Daniel Barich
Joselyn Bates
Fredi Bockover
Kyle Boucher
Alex Diehl
Hannah Chelle Frye
Mary Harris
Annika Kanuckel-Wolfe
Anthony Koch
Jay Mahan
Kerri Mahan
Mark Mahan
Abigail Miller
Ben Moore
Luna Moreland
Elle Pavao
Jared Pierce
Caroline Pletcher
Andrew Ruckman
Tyler Scowden
Laura Webster

Orchestra

Conductor – Dane Heuchemer

Reeds.....	Gary McCutcheon Bob Milnikle	Flute.....	Luane Campbell
Trumpet.....	Carol McCutcheon	Guitar.....	Andrew Clarkson Jr.
Trombone.....	Bob Pelfrey	Keyboard 1.....	Rebecca Abbott
Violin.....	Meg Litteral Jill Hawkins Jeanne Griggs	Keyboard 2/Synthesizer.....	Joe Jancura
		Bass.....	Andrew Clarkson
		Drums.....	Chris Miller



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Music Director.....	Diane Dinger		Bob McNamara
Assistant to the Directors.....	Mary Harris	Stage Crew.....	Abigail Miller
Conductor.....	Dane Heuchemer		Tyler Scowden
Producers.....	Janis Stone, Scott Swingle		Ancestors
Assistant to the Producers.....	Kyle Boucher	Load-In/Strike Crew:	
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	Megan Evans	Kyle Boucher, Hannah Chelle-Frye, Megan	
	Mary Harris	Evans, Bill Harris, Mary Harris, Bruce Jacklin,	
	Leah Miller	Steve Jefferson, Jay Mahan, Mark Mahan,	
	Bonnie Pickett	Fred Mayville, Leah Miller, Ben Moore, John	
Stage Manager.....	Fred Mayville	Nixon, Dan Parsons, Bonnie Pickett, Caleb	
Ancestor Stage Manager.....	Abigail Miller	Rheinscheld, Lily Rheinscheld, Rhonda	
Choreography Coordinator.....	Bonnie Pickett	Rheinscheld, Craig Rheinscheld, Emily Teeter,	
Choreographers:		Buck Thompson, John Wolfe	
“When You’re An Addams”		Information Management.....	Scott Swingle
“One Normal Night”		Ticketing.....	Scott Swingle
“Anything Else But Love 1 and 2”		Marketing.....	Eryn Hollobaugh
“The Moon and Me”.....	Laura Annette-Webster		Fredi Bockover
“Secrets”			Becky Lauth
“Full Disclosure”			Ian Ernsberger
“Just Around the Corner”.....	Megan Bell		Megan Evans
	Leslie Bell	Program.....	Black Cat Creative
“Crazier Than You”		Orchestra:	
“Let’s Live Before We Die”		Rehearsal Pianist.....	Rebecca Abbott
“Tango De Amor”.....	Michelle Wolgamot		Rebecca Keck
Set Designer.....	Bruce Jacklin	Rehearsal Percussionist.....	Chris Miller
Set Construction.....	Joseph Bell	House Managers.....	Tami Ruckman
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	Kyle Boucher, Mary Miller, Luna Moreland,		Devon Campbell
	Buck Thompson, Mary Harris, Mark Mahan		Megan Campbell
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Light Operator.....	Emily Teater (Team Lead)		Amy Parsons
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	Isabel McDonald	Audition Coordinator.....	Kristen Campbell
Sound Coordinator...Rodney Cheek (Team Lead)		Audition Assistants.....	Carrie Haver
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MEGAN BELL (Choreography) is a sophomore studying Art Therapy at Ohio Northern University. She is very excited to be back this summer with MTVarts. She has performed in many of their productions as part of the cast and is excited to find herself as part of the production crew this year. Megan has been dancing for 16 years and has played the role of choreographer in several productions and concerts around Mount Vernon, her favorites include, *Godspell* and *Once Upon a Mattress*. She gives her best to the cast and hopes you all enjoy the show.



LESLIE BELL (Choreography) will be a senior at Mount Vernon High School. She has been dancing for 12 years, as well as taking piano lessons for the past six. She is in the Mount Vernon Yellow Jacket Marching Band where she plays the snare drum. Leslie is excited to be a part of this production as a choreographer and take part in this wonderful experience. She hopes you enjoy the show!



SUSAN S B BROWN (Costumer - Ancestors) has had several adult lives since finishing college and her first masters' degree, both in theatre. She then pursued a Ph.D. while keeping house and carting her young daughter to school and starting a gourmet kitchenware store. She lived in Princeton, NJ, for three years where she costumed a non-equity summer stock company for two years, and then the NY Renaissance Fair for two before returning to Columbus where she pursued an MFA in theatre design. Following Columbus, she taught theatre at Ashland University for 15 years and then retired to tend bees and raise vegetables. She has done several MtVarts shows, starting with *The Wizard of Oz*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Annie*, *Music Man* and *The Crucible*. She's happy to do this favor for Bruce, but especially for Leah.

KRISTEN CAMPBELL (Audition Coordinator/ Props) is a first grade teacher at Twin Oak. This is Kristen's 3rd production as the parent coordinator for MTVarts. She enjoys helping with the organizational tasks, but her real love is working with all the kids. She says she is always

impressed with the talent of everyone involved and their excitement is contagious.



RODNEY CHEEK (Sound Coordinator) is pleased to be part of *The Addams Family*. He was recently seen as Juror #9 in *12 Angry Men* and Maurice (Belle's father) in *Beauty and the Beast*. He has also had roles in *Lizzie Borden*, *Sweeney Todd* and *Patsy Cline*. Rodney has worked tech crews for many productions and events and currently serves as MTVarts' audio technician/coordinator. He formed and sang in two southern gospel quartets for 17 years. Rodney serves as Music Minister at Pleasant Grove Community Church in Bellville. He is the director of Mount Vernon's Upward Basketball and the stadium announcer for Mount Vernon High School football and girls basketball games. Rodney is married to Brenda and they have a daughter, Emma, also involved in MTVarts.



DIANE DINGLER (Vocal Director) delighted to be the vocal director for this great show. She has been privileged to be the vocal director for MTVarts' summer musicals since this company began. Diane is an adjunct at Kenyon College where she teaches voice, has a private studio for voice and piano and is Director of Music at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.



RUTH FRADY (Wig Mistress) is proud to be wig and hair advisor for the talented cast of *The Addams Family*. She is wig mistress for MTVarts, managing approximately 400 wigs and hairpieces. This summer's musical features 25 wigs, numerous hair styles and lots of white and gray hair spray! Ruth has worked as wig designer, dresser, makeup artist in many locals productions, and is an operating board member for MTVarts.



DR. DANE HEUCHEMER (Conductor) is a Professor of Music at Kenyon College, where he teaches music history and directs the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Early Music Ensemble. *Bye Bye Birdie* represents his twelfth

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straight year conducting the summer musical for MTVarts, and his sixteenth summer production since moving to the area in 1995.



FRED MAYVILLE (Stage Manager) is a recent graduate of Mount Vernon High School and will be attending Grove City College this fall. This will be his fifth time participating back stage for MTVarts.



LEAH MILLER (Production Management Team) is a graduate of Ashland University with her Bachelors in Theatre. She has worked with MTVarts since the beginning and plans to stay with them until the end.

TRISTAN NEVSKA (Sound Effects) is a guru of all forms of multimedia production. This is his seventh MTVarts show.



BONNIE PICKETT (Production Management Team) is excited to once again be apart of an MTVarts summer musical. She has been involved in theatre for over 15 years and has stage managed 30+ productions. Bonnie is a graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene University with a bachelor's in communications/theatre. She currently works at MVNU in Information Technology and at The Spotlight Dance Studio.

JESSICA SMARRELLA (Costumer) is a third year Family and Consumer Science teacher at Danville Local Schools. In college, Jessica worked in the University of Akron Costume Shop where she was the student assistant wardrobe mistress for all of the theatre and opera productions. At Danville, Jessica is the costume mistress for all of the fall plays (*Pride and Prejudice*, *Flowers for Algernon*, *Harry's Hotter at Twilight*, and *A Café Murder*) and spring musicals (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *Aladdin*, *Bring It On*). Jessica wishes the cast and crew good luck.

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JANIS STONE (Producer) has been the Volunteer Business Director for MTVarts since its inception in 2007. Her responsibilities include operational oversight to ensure stability and sustainability, a fancy way of saying pay the bills. Show people are her favorite kind of people and contributing to a thriving community is a dream come true. She lives in Mount Vernon with her husband Steve.



SCOTT SWINGLE (Front of House) has enjoyed electronics from a very young age. He enjoys learning new innovations and technologies as he has moved into videography. He owns and operate Westie Productions and Derr Designs in Mount Vernon.

EMILY TEATER (Lights) Emily is a substitute teacher for Danville, East Knox, and Fredericktown Local Schools. Currently, she is in the process of earning her teaching certificate to teach full-time. However, theater has always remained a passion project of hers, and she has worked in several backstage roles over the years. She has participated on the tech crew for *Cinderella*, *Grease*, *Shrek The Musical*, and *Mary Poppins* for MTVarts. She has also been involved in the tech and stage crew for Mount Vernon Players productions of *Oklahoma* and *The Drowsy Chaperone*.



LAURA ANNETT-WEBSTER (Choreography) is a Knox County native who enjoys dance and has over 20 years experience. She has also won platinum and several gold awards during her dance career. This is her first year to perform with MTVarts and she has enjoyed being part of an awesome group of volunteers. Laura has previously choreographed *Lion King Jr.* for MTVarts and *Nunsense* for Bruce Jacklin & Company. This is her first time choreographing for a summer musical with MTVarts. Laura is the 911 Operations Director for Knox County and resides in Mount Vernon. She enjoys spending time with her 3 children, family, and spoiling her 3 dogs.

Did You Know?

In the 1991 "Addams Family" movie, Thing was played by Chris Hart, a Canadian magician. They had to shoot every scene twice: first with Hart being wheeled around on a cart so his hand could run around, then again without him. Afterwards, they'd erase Hart's body from each scene. Hart would be under a table for hours at a time and his hand would go completely numb.



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Originally, Lurch wasn't supposed to have any dialogue. However, when Ted Cassidy ad-libbed the famous "You rang?" line and the audience erupted with laughter, the writers gave him more lines. Thank goodness!

Teenage girls thought Lurch was cuter than The Beatles! Ted used to get fan letters from teenage girls who were infatuated with him and his character. This was at the height of Beatlemania, so saying that he was even cuter than those four rock-star Brits was quite the lofty claim.



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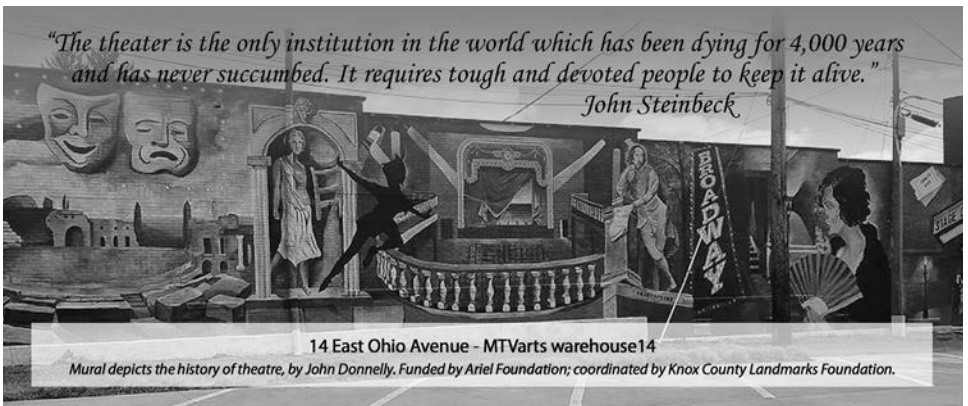
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