



A Comedy by Ken Ludwig

A silhouette of a man in a top hat riding a horse, holding a sword aloft, is centered against a large, glowing full moon. The scene is set against a dark purple night sky with a city skyline silhouette at the bottom. Two beams of light emanate from the moon, shining down on the city. The title "Moon Over BUFFALO" is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline, positioned in the foreground.

**Moon Over
BUFFALO**

- Directed by -

Lanny Langston & Jeff Lathrop

SYNOPSIS

In the madcap comedy tradition of *Lend Me a Tenor*, the hilarious *Moon Over Buffalo* centers on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s. At the moment, they're playing *Private Lives* and *Cyrano De Bergerac* in rep in Buffalo, New York with five actors. On the brink of a disastrous split-up caused by George's dalliance with a young ingénue, they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his movie remake of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. Unfortunately for George and Charlotte, everything that could go wrong does go wrong, abetted by a visit from their daughter's clueless fiancé and hilarious uncertainty about which play they're actually performing, caused by Charlotte's deaf, old stage-manager mother who hates every bone in George's body.

DIRECTOR NOTES

It has been a privilege to have directed such a wonderful cast.

I have worked with a lot of talented cast members over the years and this by far has been one of the best.

They understood their characters and tackled their parts with zest and gusto. You will enjoy an evening at the theater beyond your expectations.

Be prepared for laughter, excitement and most of all an enjoyable evening. Make sure you bring family and friends 13 and over to see this farcical show.

Lanny Langston

OUR MISSION

To tell good stories well, in an atmosphere of trust, respect, personal growth and challenge.

Moon Over BUFFALO



CAST

George Hay	Ryan Pullen
Charlotte Hay	Kate Barba
Rosalind Hay	Lorin Torbitt
Ethel	Jan LePouvoir
Paul	Evan Taylor
Howard	Odin Rasco
Richard	Rick Gaylord
Eileen	Caitlyn Miller

PRODUCTION TEAM

Directors	Jeff Lathrop & Lanny Langston
Set Design	Peter Wolfe
Sound Design	Marc Bonham
Lighting Design	Sean Conley-Widing
Costumer	Kim Havercroft
Seamstress	Stevie Sobelman
Stage Managers	Jeff and Barbara Cameron
Production Assistant	Marsha Myers
Stage Crew	Lori Whittle
Property Manager	Robin Clark
Tech Crew	Kelsi Havercroft, Meg Dockter
Set Construction	Barbara Cameron, Jeff Cameron, Stephanie Carlson, Rick Gaylord, Jeff Lathrop, Jan LePouvoir, John LePouvoir, Caitlyn Miller, Ryan Pullen, Paul Sobelman, Bob Steele, Evan Taylor, Lorin Torbitt, Peter Wolfe, Karen Wolfe, IT! Interns.

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CAST

(in alphabetical order)

Kate Barba - *Charlotte Hay*

Kate is thrilled to play Charlotte in this amazing ensemble cast. The dramatics of the "world's oldest living ingenue" bring out a side of her usually hidden- for everyone's safety! Kate has been with IT! since **Grease** 2005 and has loved learning, growing, and performing with her CAST family. Favorite past roles at Imagination Theater! include Meg in **Little Women**, Rose in **The Secret Garden**, and the title role in **Mary Poppins**.

Most recently she performed as Melissa Gardner in **Love Letters**, an IT! Reader's Theater production. In real life Kate manages festivals and events for Cedar Springs Waldorf School, and is also the Chief of Operations of the Barba household. Kate wishes to thank her friends and family for their support, especially her husband Pete and their children Drew and Gwyn.

Rick Gaylord - *Richard*

Grateful to Lanny for the opportunity to join this talented cast, Rick has participated in at least 16 IT! plays and has been performing since about 1960. Favorite roles include Bertha Bumiller in 3 different **Tuna** lampoons, Scrooge in **A Christmas Carol**, Charlie in **The Foreigner** and George Banks in **Mary Poppins**. Awards: T.E.D.'s 2000, Best-Supporting & Best Actor; SARTA's 2017 Outstanding Achievement, Leading Male in a Comedy; and IT!'s 2012 Rodney Roberts Theater Achievement. Rick thanks his wife, Marsha, for her endless support & love.

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Jan LePouvoir - *Ethel*

Jan's thespian ride continues with this, her 10th IT show. Memorable roles have included Lady Catherine in **Camelot**, the migrant/narration ensemble in **The Grapes of Wrath**, and Charley Parkhurst in **South Fork Confessions**. Her breakout and most endearing role came as Miss Skillon in **See How They Run**, for which she received the SARTA Elly Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy. She gives gratitude to Lanny for allowing her to tap into her inner irritable, grumpy, old-lady self. WHAT?!

Caitlyn Miller - *Eileen*

Caitlyn Miller is so happy to be back for her 6th show here at IT. Her first role here was the Ghost of Christmas Past in **A Christmas Carol**, and more recently she played the Mother in **A Christmas Story**. Imagination Theater has always been a large part of Caitlyn's life and she's so glad to be able to be a part of this production.

Ryan Pullen - *George Hay*

With Buffalo, Ryan Pullen is making his debut appearance with Imagination Theatre. Upon graduating with his B.A. in Drama from UC Irvine, Ryan Pullen went on to share his passion for the theatre by teaching, first in Visalia and now "up the hill" in El Dorado at Union Mine High School. Previous acting credits include: Macbeth in **Macbeth**, **The Taming of the Shrew** as Tranio, **Cinderella**, **the Panto!** Princess Kourtni, Officer Lockstock in **Urinetown**, Bob in **Beyond Therapy**. Ryan would like to express his most heartfelt thanks to his family for their enduring support of his creative endeavors, his teachers, friends, professors and students for their playfulness, inspiration and love, and finally to the cast, crew, management and creative teams at Imagination Theater. "Thank you for welcoming me into the IT! family! With love, Ryan"

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(A Comedy)

by Sam Bodrick & Ron Clark

Directed by Holly Salvestrin

-Story -

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Odin Rasco - *Howard*

Odin Rasco is a comedian (citation needed). He also has been known to do lighting design and sound, and stage crew, and act, and direct occasionally. He isn't sure what to say in this bio section so just wants to thank you for taking the time to read this and also, presumably, seeing the play this program is associated with.

Evan Taylor - *Paul*

Evan is so happy to be playing Paul in **Moon Over Buffalo**. Farces were Evan's introduction to theatre back in high school and he is glad to be doing comedy again. Evan most recently performed with See The Elephant in their original production called **Gold Hill Samurai** at the Wakamatsu Festival. He also performed in IT! Reader's Theatre production of **12 Angry Jurors** as Juror #3, and on the Langston stage as Tom Joad in **Grapes of Wrath**. We hope you enjoy the show!

Lorin Torbitt - *Rosalind*

Lorin grew up with a love for the performing arts and recently performed at Imagination Theater as Cousin Itt in **Addams Family**, Juror 11 in **12 Angry Jurors**, and Fiona in **Shrek the Musical**. She is grateful to Lanny and the production team for the opportunity to debut in her first farce, which has been a rewarding and challenging experience. She feels blessed to be surrounded by cast members, crew, family, and friends who are incredibly supportive.



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2002

- Little Red Riding Hood
- Cinderella

2003

- Rumpelstiltskin
- Fiddler on the Roof
- Sleeping Beauty
- Christmas Carol

2004

- Indians
- Steel Magnolias
- Armorous Ambassador
- Annie

2005

- The Music Man
- Grease

2006

- Big River
- You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
- Peter Pan

2007

- Godspell
- Jack in the Beanstock
- Breaking Legs
- Lil' Abner

2008

- Little Women
- Hansel & Gretel
- The Wizard of Oz

2009

- Man of La Mancha
- Greater Tuna
- Disney's Beauty & the Beast

2010

- The Foreigner
- The Diary of Anne Frank
- Dracula
- Grease

2011

- Charlotte's Web
- Quilters
- Father of the Bride
- White Christmas

2012

- Goldilocks & the Three Bears & Little Red Riding Hood
- Camelot
- The Secret Garden
- A Little Princess

2013

- Run for Your Wife
- Disney's Little Mermaid
- Deathtrap
- Les Misérables

2014

- You Can't Take It With You
- Our Town
- Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs
- Oliver!

2015

- Red White & Tuna
- Spamalat
- See How They Run
- Mary Poppins

2016

- Lend Me A Tenor
- Disney's 101 Dalmations
- Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)
- A Christmas Story (Musical)

2017

- The Adventures of Alice
- Tuna Does Vegas
- Southfork Confessions
- Shrek the Musical

2018

- The Grapes of Wrath
- Tom Sawyer
- The Complete History of America (Abridged)
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2019

- Vanities
- Disney's Aristocats Kids
- Noises Off
- Addams Family the Musical

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