

Community Players Proudly Presents



The
Curious
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By John Patrick

Friday, November 9, 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 10, 7:30 pm
Thursday, November 15, 7:30 pm
Friday, November 16, 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 17, 7:30 pm

www.communityplayersnaperville.com

Director's Note

The Curious Savage has endured 68 years as a light comedy with heart. It was always the playwright's intention that the characters, in general, be viewed as warmhearted, charming - even quaint - individuals with their own 'coping mechanisms', and not as stereotypes or caricatures. Indeed, when the residents of *The Cloisters* are contrasted with the *Savage* children - narcissistic, entitled, greedy - the playwrights asks the question "Who's really crazy here?"

Director Biography



Kathy has had a busy year in area community theater. Before directing *The Curious Savage*, Kathy appeared in Albright Theater's *Necessary Targets* as Azra, Gallery Theatre's *Rose-Colored Glass* as Rose, and as Mildred Z. Maxwell in Community Players' *Done to Death*. Most frequently, she's appeared in

Shakespeare-at-the-Center's summer Shakespeare productions from 2013 to 2017, occasionally with her dog, Miro.

Acknowledgements

Jill Morrow for scene painting

The Community UMC "library that was," for the use of some books

Chris Garofalo for use of the piano

Community UMC for the use of the space

Shannon Craig for the violin

The Curious Savage is presented by special arrangement with
Dramatists Play Service, Inc, New York

Production Team

Producers.....David Hollander & Sarah Grace Hollander
Director.....Kathy Bright
Assistant Director Carol Craig
Set Design Ken Cox
Costumes..... Amy Hollander
Props Kay Lawson
Light Design Graham Wills & Suzanne Wills
Logo Beth Buffington
Photography..... Graham Wills
Program..... Suzanne Wills
Lights..... Dean Craig
Sound Nathan Hollander, Toby Elliott
Stage Manager..... Carol Craig
Set Construction..... Ken Cox, the Crew, and the Cast

Spring Show

Community Players' spring show will be *Dangerous Corner* by J B Priestley. While entertaining friends and business associates, Robert Caplan insists on uncovering the truth about his brother's suicide, leading to a series of revelations and shocks. Are some corners too dangerous to attempt? Visit www.communityplayersnaperville.com for details; auditions are planned for January 6 and 7; with show dates the weekends of March 8, 9, 10 and March 16, 17.



Cast

The Guests

Florence	Suzanne Wills
Hannibal.....	Nate Burke
Fairy May.....	Amber Miller
Jeffrey	Eddie Green
Mrs Paddy.....	Margie Gustafson
John Thomas.....	Braden Hagemeyer

The Family

Ethel Savage	Jean Morris
Titus	David Hollander
Samuel	Ken Cox
Lily Belle.....	Amy Hollander

The Staff

Miss Wilhelmina	Sarah Grace Hollander
Dr Emmett.....	Graham Wills

Scenes

The living room of The Cloisters sanatorium

Act 1

Scene 1: an evening in Massachusetts

Scene 2: the next morning

Scene 3: the same night, after dinner

15 Minute Intermission

[Water and cookies available, freewill donation towards Youth Mission]

Act II

Scene 1: a few nights later

Scene 2: a few minutes later

Biographies

Nate Burke [Hannibal]



Nate Burke is glad to be a member of Team Cloisters. When not reciting interesting facts, Nate enjoys 'making the internet go' working at an Internet Service provider, and playing French Horn with the Fox Valley Philharmonic Orchestra.

Ken Cox [Samuel Savage]



Ken is pleased to be in his 17th show with the Community Players. Past roles include Elwood P. Dowd in *Harvey* and Jonathan Brewster in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, so not being cast as a madman is a nice change of pace.

Carol Craig [Assistant Director]



Carol is very excited to be involved in this show as Assistant Director. She enjoys being on the production side as well as on stage. She has appeared in 10 Community Player productions. In real life Carol is the business manager for Edward Health and Fitness Center. Carol is thankful for the love and support of her husband, Dean, who she coincidentally met through Community Players.

Community Players has performed the same play 25 years apart. What was it? Visit communityplayersnaperville.com/past-shows to find out!

Eddie Green [Jeffrey]



Eddie Green is happy to be a part of Community Players production of *The Curious Savage*. Eddie has previously worked with Community Players as The Leopard in *Just So*, Gregory in *Done to Death*, The Cheerleader in *Bleacher Bums*, as well as many other shows. Eddie would like to thank Amber Miller for performing alongside him and making rehearsals even more enjoyable. Thanks love!

Margie Gustafson [Mrs Paddy]



Margie is back for her second show for Community Players, after *Paradise* (Pearline). Other shows include *The Boys Next Door* (Sheila), *Twelfth Night* (Maria), *Tartuffe* (Dorine), *The House of Blue Leaves* (Little Nun), *Bobby Gould in Hell* (Interrogator's Assistant), *Lysistrata* (Lysistrata), *Steel Magnolias* (Clairee) and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Helena/Flute). Margie's book of poetry, *Haiku Very Much* is available online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. All her love to Craig, her amusing muse.

Amy Hollander [Lily Belle Savage]



An active member of Community Players for the last 27 years, Amy recently directed CP's production of *Just So*. She's played myriad character roles, and has enjoyed interpreting Lily Belle for this production of *The Curious Savage*. She enjoys being on stage with her husband, Dave, and daughter, Sarah.

David Hollander [Titus Savage]



David returns to the Community Players stage after recently playing a Rhino (*Just So*). His favorite roles are Pseudolus (*A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*) and Matthew Harrison Brady (*Inherit the Wind*). David is also an eighth grade history teacher in Naperville. He loves his wife, Amy, and kids, Sarah and Nathan, and is grateful that theater is an activity they all want to do together.

Sarah Grace Hollander [Miss Wilhelmina]



Sarah is happy to be back for another show with Community Players. Recent performances with the group include the Kolokolo Bird (*Just So*), Nancy (*Oliver!*), and Jane (*Done to Death*, which she also directed). During the day, she teaches high school science at Plainfield Academy, and enjoys taking care of her small menagerie of pets. Much love and thanks to fiancé Kyle and her family for all their support. Enjoy the show!.

Amber Miller [Fairy May]



This is Amber's second production with Community Players, her first appearance being the Zebra in *Just So*. She is very excited to be in this show and portraying this fun loving character. Outside of performing with community theatres in the area, Amber studies vocal performance at the University of St. Francis in Joliet. She would like to thank her incredible boyfriend Eddie Green, friends, and family for all of their support throughout her performing endeavors.

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Jean Morris [Ethel Savage]



Jean is delighted to be back on stage with Community Players, a pleasure she first had in 1982. She especially thanks Kathy for providing this opportunity. It's been great to share the stage with old friends Amy, Dave, Sarah, Suzanne, Graham, Margie, Ken and Nate; and new friends Amber and Eddie. Thanks to everyone for the encouragement and support during the rehearsal process and to Carol for her unending help with those frustrating lines. Kudos to those who do all the backstage work without which there would be no show. And, as always, thanks to Bob for his love and support for this woman's crazy need to be a part of community theatre. Love you all!

Graham Wills [Dr Emmett]



Graham has acted in and directed nearly sixty shows over his career, playing roles ranging from Torvald Helmer in *A Doll's House* to Beaker (*The Muppet Show*), and directing shows including *HMS Pinafore*, *Bedroom Farce*, *Dracula*, *Macbeth* and *Oklahoma!* When not thespianizing or otherwise destroying the English language, he works at IBM, merging numeric and AI algorithms, or plays boardgames and roleplaying games with friends. He apologizes to any true Scots in the audience.

Suzanne Wills [Florence Williams]



Suzanne's first show with Community Players, and indeed ever, was in 1993, four months after moving to the USA from Ireland. With this troupe, Suzanne found friends, support, a wonderful hobby and an extended family. A favourite and challenging role was Nora Helmer in *A Doll's House*. When not on stage, Suzanne can be found working in Community UMC's office, running, playing bass guitar, and learning Spanish.