

Community Players Proudly Presents



Friday, March 9, 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 10, 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 11, 2:00 pm

Thursday, March 15, 7:30 pm

Friday, March 16, 7:30 pm

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**Please note that there will be
gunshots during the performance.**

Dangerous Corner is presented by special arrangement by special
arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Director's Note

J.B. Priestley was born in Yorkshire, England (about 40 minutes drive from my mother's home town) in 1894 and had a prolific and varied career; he wrote over 120 books and plays, served in the infantry in World War One and was the second most listened-to broadcaster on the BBC in World War Two (Churchill beat him out for the number one spot). He had a strong moral sense which comes out in much of his work, and refused both a knighthood and a peerage, but he helped found both the National Arts Council and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. He died in 1984.

Dangerous Corner was Priestley's first play. It was written in 1932, but I have updated the action to take place today. Its story and themes are timeless: What is truth and how honest can - or should - we be with our friends and family? It is one of his three *Time Plays* which take a conventional play structure, but add a tweak. I don't want to give away anything, but let's just say that despite not having a time machine as in H.G. Wells or Doctor Who stories, the play allows us to imagine what might happen if things had been just slightly different.

This is a show I have been interested in directing for over a decade; it is tightly-written, exciting, and I get wrapped up in the stories of each of the characters every time I work with the stellar cast who bring them to life. It has been a pure joy to direct!

The play takes place over a single evening at the country home of Robert and Freda Caplan just outside London. They have invited family and friends, all of whom are involved in the same publishing firm, over for a social evening. The action is continuous, and we present it with a single intermission.

– Graham Wills, Director

Production Team

Producers.....	David Hollander & Sarah Grace Hollander
Director.....	Graham Wills
Assistant Director	Carol Craig
Set Design	Ken Cox
Costumes.....	Amy Hollander
Props	Kay Lawson
Light Design	Graham Wills
Logo	Beth Buffington
Photography.....	Graham Wills
Program.....	Suzanne Wills
Lights/Sound	Dean Craig
Set Construction.....	Ken Cox, Jim Gaddis, Janet Lumsden, the Cast, and the Crew

Cast

(in order of appearance)

Freda Caplan.....	Suzanne Wills
Miss Mockridge	Margie Gustafson
Betty Whitehouse	Liz Gaddis
Olwen Peel	Sarah Grace Hollander
Charles Stanton	Ed Green
Gordon Whitehouse	Chris Karnes
Robert Caplan	Bob Capetta

Biographies

Bob Capetta [Robert Caplan]



Bob is pleased to return to Community Players appearing last in the 2017 production of *Paradise*. In recent years he has performed with Theatre of Western Springs, North Riverside Players, Summerplace and School for the Performing Arts. During the day he entertains undergraduates while teaching mathematics now at UIC and previously at COD. Bob thanks his wife, Kathleen, for her love and support.

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.

Liz Gaddis [Betty Whitehouse]



Liz is excited to be back on stage with community players. She has previously been seen in *Just So* and *My Son is Crazy, but Promising*. Outside of the stage, Liz enjoys spending time with her family, game nights with friends, and hanging out with her dog. Liz would like to thank her husband, mom and the cast for their support as she takes on the *Dangerous Corner*. Enjoy the show!

How many musicals have Community Players produced? Visit communityplayersnaperville.com/past-shows to find out!

Ed Green [Charles Stanton]



Ed has been involved in a number of Community Players' productions over the years, as an actor and director. He was last seen playing Miles Gloriosus in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. When he's not on or around the stage, Ed is busy playing in the praise band here at CUMC and being a high school and college football official. Ed would like to thank his wife June for her continued support of his indulgence in the theatre.

Margie Gustafson [Mrs Mockridge]



Margie is back for her third show at Community Players, after *Paradise* (Pearline) and *The Curious Savage* (Mrs. Paddy). Other shows: *The Boys Next Door* (Sheila), *Twelfth Night* (Maria), *Tartuffe* (Dorine), *The House of Blue Leaves* (Little Nun), *Bobby Gould in Hell* (Interrogator's Assistant) and *Steel Magnolias* (Clairee). Margie's book of poetry, *Haiku Very Much* is available on-line at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Margie dedicates her performance to the memory of her friend Jeanne Bergner.

Sarah Grace Hollander [Olwen Peel]



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!

Looking at the photos/programs on communityplayersnaperville.com/past-shows, which show had the biggest cast?

Chris Karnes [Gordon Whitehouse]



Memphis TN native Chris made his Community Players debut in *The Lion in Winter* as Geoffrey. Past roles include Ali Hakim in *Oklahoma!*, Harry MacAfee in *Bye, Bye Birdie*, E.K. Hornbeck in *Inherit the Wind*, and Mr. Sowerberry in *Oliver!* among others. Chris works in insurance, collects comic books, podcasts about Batman and occasionally hosts trivia events. Chris thanks wife Joleen, family, and co-workers; Graham, Carol, cast and crew for their support, and you for coming to the show.

Graham Wills [Director]



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.

Suzanne Wills [Freda Caplan]



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.

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Acknowledgments

Community for the space

Jim & Liz Gaddis for the area rug

Jill Morrow for the music box

Sarah Hollander for the curtains and speakers

Ed Green for the iPod

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Youth Fundraising

This summer, Community's Senior High kids will be going to the Bahamas with Bahamas Methodist Habitat. They are raising funds for this trip by serving mocktails and hors d'oeuvre. Drinks and food are available both before the show and during intermission.