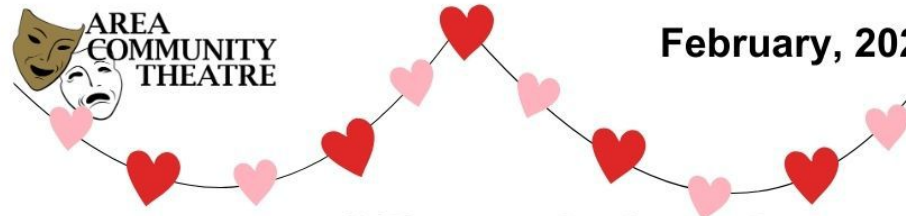


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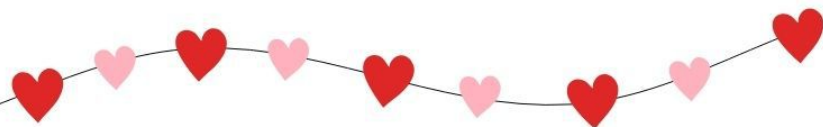
# NEWSLETTER

### ACT OFFICERS

President -- Jerry Fushianes  
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Secretary -- Amy Kleespies  
Treasurer -- Barbara Sullivan

### BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Sharon Larkin, Brian Shutter,  
Lori Ripley, Bonnie Dana,  
Amanda Schmock, Shannon Wilcox



New Office Hours: 10am - 5pm  
Monday - Friday



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## DRIVING MISS DAISY

By Alfred Uhry

Directed by Sharon Larkin & Lori Ripley

SHOW DATES:

MARCH 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 AT 7PM

MARCH 16 & 23 AT 1PM

### SYNOPSIS:

The place is the Deep South, the time 1948, just prior to the Civil Rights movement. Daisy Werthan, a sharp-tongued 72 year old Jewish widow (played by Lenna Chaffee and her understudy, Molly Shields) has just demolished another car. Her son, Boolie (played by Greg Mason) is determined to hire a chauffeur (played by Will Hicks and his understudy, Spencer Stephens) to drive his mother around. Over a number of years, Hoke, the chauffeur, slowly and steadily breaks down the stern defenses of the ornery old lady and they discover they have more in common than they ever believed possible or would admit.

Tickets at [www.tomahact.com](http://www.tomahact.com) or call 608-374-7469

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**ACT Presents**

# “DRIVING MISS DAISY”

**By Alfred Uhry**

**Directed by Sharon Larkin & Lori Ripley**

### THE CAST:

Lenna Chaffee.....Daisy Werthan  
Understudy.....Molly Shields  
Will Hicks.....Hoke Colburn  
Understudy.....Spencer Stephens  
Greg Mason.....Boolie Werthan



### Show Dates:

- **Opening Night:** March 13 at 7pm
- **Regular Performances:**
  - March 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 at 7pm
  - March 16 & 23 at 1pm

### From the Director:

ACT is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year and planning to entertain you by bringing parts of our past into our future! I am so excited that Miss Daisy, Hoke and Boolie will be on our stage in March! I had the privilege of directing the show in 2012 and have been asked to present it once again. Lori Ripley has agreed to be my co-director. We are looking forward to bringing you one of the most wonderful plays to grace any stage. Will Hicks, Lenna Chaffey, and Greg Mason, as well as Lenna's understudy, Molly Shields and Will's understudy, Spencer Stephens, will make you laugh and possibly shed a tear or two as they bring this heartwarming story to life. We will be looking forward to seeing you in the audience. Get your tickets early. They will go fast!

## We would like to thank the following for donations from November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025

These donations will be put towards ACT's building fund to help pay for the new parking lot at 920 Kilbourn Avenue and to help cover costs of putting on shows.

### Saints (\$5,000 and Up)

Burnstad Family Foundation  
Terry & Sharon Larkin  
David Rezin

### Archangels (\$3,000 - \$4,999)

Richard, Jason & Lindsey Gerke  
Bernadette M. Otto Charitable Trust  
Pete & Elaine Reichardt

### Angels (\$1,000 - \$2,999)

Diana Gerke  
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Susan Murphy  
Christine Schreier  
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### Standing Ovation (\$500 - \$999)

Dr. Richard Ahn in Memory of Helen Ahn  
Wesley & Martha Klatt  
Dr. Michael & Tess Saunders  
Ann Thompson

### Super Stars (\$200 - \$499)

Chris & Myra Anderson  
Dean Blegen in Memory of David Schreier  
Pam Buchda  
Kay Mark  
Scott & Dorothy Nicol  
Kurt & Louise Olson  
Oakdale Electric Coop Federated Youth Foundation  
June Potter  
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### Show Stoppers (\$100 - \$199)

Active Health Chiropractic Center  
Bonnie Dana  
Amy Hedrick  
Karen Rapp  
Anna Mae Rudolph  
John Rusch  
Barb Sullivan

### Spot Lighters (\$50 - \$99)

Edward Grygleski  
John Haeberlin  
Lyda Lanier

### Curtain Pullers (\$25 - \$49)

Lorna Rosenow  
Monica Stenerson

*Thank you* 

Donations at any level are greatly appreciated and help to defray the operational costs of our theatre. If you would like the opportunity to have your name on our beautiful sculpture, a cumulative donation of \$3,000 through 2025 is required.

### Thank you for donating to the Theatre Flooring Project:

Frank Andres Grant  
Thomas B. Earle Grant  
Aleda Moseley  
Sue Murphy  
Kurt & Louise Olson  
Marie Wiedl



Click on the QR Code to Donate Today!





Play Written by: Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer & Henry Shields

Call ACT Box Office with any questions  
608-374-7469

## Auditions:

Saturday, February 15 at 4-6pm

Sunday, February 16 at 3-5pm

## Show Dates:

May 8-11 & 15-18, 2025

Directed by Jerry Fushianes

### Casting:

2 Females: 1 older & 1 younger

6 Males: Various ages

Must be able to do physical comedy



## ACT'S 4TH ANNUAL MR. LEGS CONTEST AND TASTE OF TOMAH

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD AT 5:30PM

MURRAY'S ON MAIN

**TICKETS ON SALE SOON:**

**\$45 IN ADVANCE/\$50 AT THE DOOR**

**\$400 TABLE OF 10PPL**

**LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE**

**Bring someone you love to the theatre!**

### Gift Certificates

Tickets to a Show (\$20 Individual Ticket plus \$2 taxes & fees)

Can be redeemed on any performance throughout the year!

**Flex Pass (\$100 for 6 Tickets plus \$6 taxes & fees)**

Can be used together or separately on any performance!

Can even be carried over to the next year! Save over \$4 a ticket!

Go to [www.tomahact.com](http://www.tomahact.com) or call 608-374-7469 for more information or stop in at the Box Office at 901 Kilbourn Avenue, Tomah.

**AN EVENING OF FOOD, FUN & SHENANIGANS!!**



Featuring delicious food from many local restaurants included in your ticket price!

**ACT**

**ACADEMY AWARDS**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025  
7PM - DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**

**Reserve Your Team:  
www.tomahact.com  
or call 608-374-7469**

**\$5.00 Admission  
Maximum 10 per Team**

**Prizes for  
1st, 2nd & 3rd Place**

**BONUS POINTS:  
TEAM PERFORMS AN  
OSCAR WINNING BEST  
SONG GET  
40 BONUS POINTS**

**Dress up in  
your Formal Wear**

**BBQ with Chips & Water \$5  
Hot Dog or Chili Dog with Chips & Water \$5  
Bar & Concessions Open at 6pm**



**ACT 50th Anniversary - 2025**

Do you have a favorite memory from ACT? Maybe it was from a show you were in? Or you saw a performance at one of our past locations? So many wonderful memories from the past 50 years. Could you help us out with these memories? We want to share and preserve these memories in something we are calling "Throwback Thursdays" where we will share your memories on Facebook. To share thoughts and even photos, email Lisa at [boxoffice@tomahact.com](mailto:boxoffice@tomahact.com).

Escanaba in Da Moonlight



Sound of Music

Into the Woods



Willy Wonka



Godspell



# "Canceling Christmas"



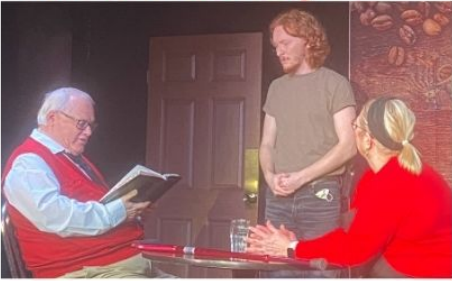
Loved the Story!!



Great play!



Fabulous Cast!



All actors did a fabulous job!



Wonderful, original show!



**January 9-12 & 16-18, 2025**

## **FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT,** **SHARON LARKIN**

What does the Director of Development do? Well.....first I want to say that I have proudly held the title for nearly twenty years. Time flies when you're having fun! The DOD is the person responsible for working with our patron friends and donors to secure funds for all the things necessary to keep our theatre financially strong. Shows and ticket sales are so important to the success of ACT, but we still couldn't function without grants, donations, sponsors and underwriters. That's where the DOD fits into the structure. It's a fun job, working with so many generous folks who believe in ACT's mission. There aren't enough words to express our appreciation. It seems like there is always another project that needs funding, since we purchased the building. We finished the beautiful new flooring in the theatre and will be setting monies aside to improve the sound system as well as purchasing NEW SEATS!!! Both are exciting projects that I will be securing grants for as well as accepting any donations you feel that you can help with. Thank you so very much for your support in all that we do. You make my job such a pleasure! Enjoy the upcoming shows in 2025.

**SAVE THE DATE**



- "The Play That Goes Wrong" Auditions: February 15 4-6pm & February 16 3-5pm
- Academy Awards Trivia Night - February 21
- "Driving Miss Daisy" March 13-16 & 20-23
- Mr. Legs & Taste of Tomah - April 3
- "Little Shop of Horrors" Auditions - April 27 2-5pm, April 28 4-6pm, & April 29 4-6pm. Callbacks April 30 4-6pm
- Spring Show "The Play That Goes Wrong" Show Dates: May 8-11 & 15-18



# ACT SCHOLARSHIPS

ACT Scholarship Information will be released in March to all local high schools regarding the scholarships for students about to complete high school (or anyone who is currently attending college.)



## ACT Members

January 1 - December 31, 2025

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Chelsea Brohaugh  | Shelly Gasper     | Lisa McCormick     | Donna Shuck       |
| Liz Brown         | Diana Gerke       | Joe Minney         | John Shuck        |
| Pam Buchda        | Deb Gilles        | Mara Mednis        | Brian Shutter     |
| Kristi Cossette   | Amy Hedrick       | Kim Miller         | Dan Smithburg     |
| Mike Cossette     | Shannon Hogie     | Amanda Mills       | Kelly Smithburg   |
| Bonnie Dana       | Sandy Humphreys   | Susan Murphy       | Monica Stenerson  |
| Justin Derhammer  | Nancy Jacob       | Dawn Pierce        | Rose Storkel      |
| Natalie Divyak    | Steve Jones       | Elaine Reichardt   | Susan Stump       |
| Bruce Fischer     | Lisa Kirschbaum   | Pete Reichardt     | Barb Sullivan     |
| Kathy Fischer     | Amy Kleespies     | Lori Ripley        | Lynne Trainor     |
| Renee Fletcher    | Lyda Lanier       | Michael Saunders   | Shelly Trowbridge |
| Melanie Frei      | Sharon Larkin     | Tess Saunders      | Brayden Tupper    |
| Tom Frei          | Terry Larkin      | Ann Scheckel       | Latisha Walker    |
| America Fushianes | Alice Leis-Murray | Larry Scheckel     | Anne Wallus       |
| Jerry Fushianes   | Alto Leuthold     | Amanda Schmock     | Shannon Wilcox    |
| Brent Garringer   | Mary Maas         | Christine Schreier | Leland Wildes     |
|                   |                   | Molly Shields      |                   |



Click on QR Code to become a Member of ACT!



## ACT Work Days

It's too cold outside so why not help us inside! We need to go through all of the spaces where things just get "placed" throughout the year. Come help us for 1 day or everyday, a few hours or all day. We need to sort, throw away, clean, repair and just put in the right spots.



- Organize & Clean:
    - Garage-put away large props, lumber, flats
    - Back Stage/Theatre-furniture, wigs, props, makeup, lumber, paint
    - Basement-props, hats, furniture, clothes, shoes
    - Kitchens-put away items, sort
    - Library-file, organize photos, history records
    - Common & Rental Spaces-deep clean, change light bulbs
- Email Lisa at [boxoffice@tomahact.com](mailto:boxoffice@tomahact.com) or call 608-378-7469 to sign up to help!

Dates will be scheduled once a committee is put together to work! We are hoping to get started in February/March.



A great night of laughter, friends and winners!!

# Dr. B's Cabin Fever Bingo Photos