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BYE BYE BIRDIE



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Lyrics by - Lee Adams

February 10 - 12 & 17 - 19, 2023

Director - *Lori Maxwell*

Music Director - *Ed Conrad*

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Act 1 -



- Scene 1 Office of Almaelou Music, New York
An English Teacher.....Rosie
- Scene 2 Sweet Apple, Ohio
The Telephone Hour.....Teen Chorus
- Scene 3 MacAfee Home, Sweet Apple
How Lovely to Be a Woman.....Kim
- Scene 4 Pennsylvania Station, New York
Put On a Happy Face.....Albert & Sad Girl
A Healthy Normal American Boy.....Albert, Rosie & Ensemble
- Scene 5 Railroad Station, Sweet Apple
One Boy.....Kim, Teen Girls & Rosie
- Scene 6 Courthouse Steps, Sweet Apple
Honestly Sincere.....Conrad & Teen Chorus
- Scene 7 MacAfee Home, Sweet Apple
Wounded.....Teen Girls
Hymn for a Sunday Evening.....Four MacAfees & Ensemble
- Scene 8 Backstage, Central Movie Theatre
- Scene 9 Stage, Central Movie Theatre
One Last Kiss.....Conrad & Ensemble

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Refreshments available



Act 2 -



- Scene 1 MacAfee Home, Sweet Apple
What Did I Ever See in Him?.....Rosie & Kim
- Scene 2 Street Outside MacAfee Home
A Lot of Livin' To Do.....Conrad, Kim & Ensemble
- Scene 3 The MacAfee's Back Door
Kids.....Mr. & Mrs. MacAfee
- Scene 4 Maude's Roadside Retreat
Baby, Talk to Me.....Albert & Ensemble
A Mother Doesn't Matter Anymore ...Mae
Reprise: Kids.....Mr. & Mrs. MacAfee & Ensemble
- Scene 5 The Ice House
- Scene 6 Railroad Station, Sweet Apple
Rosie.....Albert & Rosie

Cast of Characters

Conrad Birdie	<i>Derick Wiesinger</i>
Albert J Peterson	<i>John Keefrider</i>
Rosie Alvarez.....	<i>Laura Shapella</i>
Hugo Peabody	<i>Andrew Ericsson</i>
Ursula Merkle	<i>LeeAnne Krauskopf</i>
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Deborah Sue / Understudy for Kim	<i>Reegan Burns</i>
Mrs. Doris MacAfee	<i>Heather Black</i>
Mr. Harry MacAfee	<i>Tony Inverso</i>
Mrs. Mae Peterson	<i>Anita Defrancesco</i>
Randolph MacAfee	<i>Caetlyn Stover</i>
Mrs. Edna Johnson	<i>Betty Piazza</i>
Mrs. Merkle	<i>Linda D. Wiesinger</i>
Gloria Rasputin	<i>Miriam Novicki</i>
Sad Girl / Helen	<i>Katie Shapella</i>
Maude	<i>Doug Burns</i>
Policeman	<i>Connor Cherby</i>
Margie	<i>Haven Burns</i>
Reporters	<i>Kelsey Reish, Doug Burns, Linda D. Wiesinger</i>
Teens	<i>Haven Burns, Connor Cherby,</i> <i>Katie Shapella, Caetlyn Stover</i>
Ensemble	<i>Doug Burns, Michael McDermott,</i> <i>Betty Piazza, Kelsey Reish, Linda D. Wiesinger,</i> <i>Emmariah Zetsche, Chris Donahue</i>





Crews



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Doug Burns
Reegan Burns
Haven Burns
Lori Maxwell



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Zak Krauskopf

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PROGRAM

Miriam Watts



Orchestra



Ed Conrad - Conductor

Reed 1 - Lois Russo

Reed 2 - Eric Streckfuss

Reed 3 - Donna Higgins

Reed 4 - Jen Monaghan

Trumpet 1 - Rob Johannesson

Trumpet 2 - Neil Goldberg

Horn - Kim Newell

Trombone 1 - Greg Lucado

Trombone 2 - Allan Berk

Percussion - Kate Sheaffer

Percussion - Cindy Reese

Violin - Erica Milbourne

Violin - Daniel Oh

Violin - Kaylee Reichard

Violin - Catie Scott

Cello - Sue Basalik

Cello - Bebe Thompson

Bass - Ben Basalik

Guitar - Tom Zaneski

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

Once again I find myself in a position with little more to say than "Thank You". But those who know me will admit that having little to say will seldom stop me from talking.

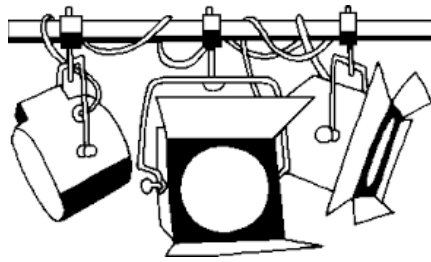
Thank you to our audience and patrons. Without you, our efforts to help the needy in the community would be impossible. To the cast, the crew, and the musicians who give freely of their time and talents, indeed we could not do this without you. To my wife, who has the patience of a saint, thank you for allowing me to participate in this important mission. And to my friends, thank you for putting up with all of my stories of what is going wrong (or right) with the tech equipment. As I have watched this show come together, I have felt a great deal of pride. Not pride or hubris as in one of the seven deadly sins. But rather pride in watching two of my children, who have become wonderful adults, performing on stage, and understanding the reasons we all do this. And now to see my Granddaughter following in her Mom's footsteps, what can I say. Anybody want to see some pictures? I've got a bunch in my wallet.

I realize that some of our audience may not be familiar with the story of Bye Bye Birdie. In fact, some may not even know who Elvis Presley was. Alas, enjoy this somewhat campy look back at American culture from a time gone by. These are some classic characters initially brought to life by Dick Van Dyke, Paul Lynde, and Ann Margret, and I have come to grips with the fact that a portion of our audience has no idea who any of these people are either. We, The Laymen Playmen, come here to perform, to entertain, and above all to change lives. But our mission can only move forward with the help of you, our audience. Through your purchase of a ticket to this show, there are families who are warm and safe in their homes tonight right here in the North Penn area.

Thank you for coming and God Bless you all. Please travel safely as you leave us we want to see you again next year, and I'm honestly sincere about this.

Fred Wiesinger
President, The Laymen Playmen

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Dave passed away after a long and hard fight against cancer. He was our president for 17 years and a guiding light for all, during his 29 year "run" with Laymen Playmen. He kept the mission of the group foremost to help those who couldn't help themselves through the Hatfield Pastors' Fund and local charities. "We never know what tomorrow brings, but you will be best remembered for what you have done until today. Just as those who boarded Titanic years ago, live the dreams you have and take all that life gives you. If there is no tomorrow, leave nothing undone today. And, if you have the chance, make sure you dance with the first class. God Bless You. Dave Krum, President, 2005"

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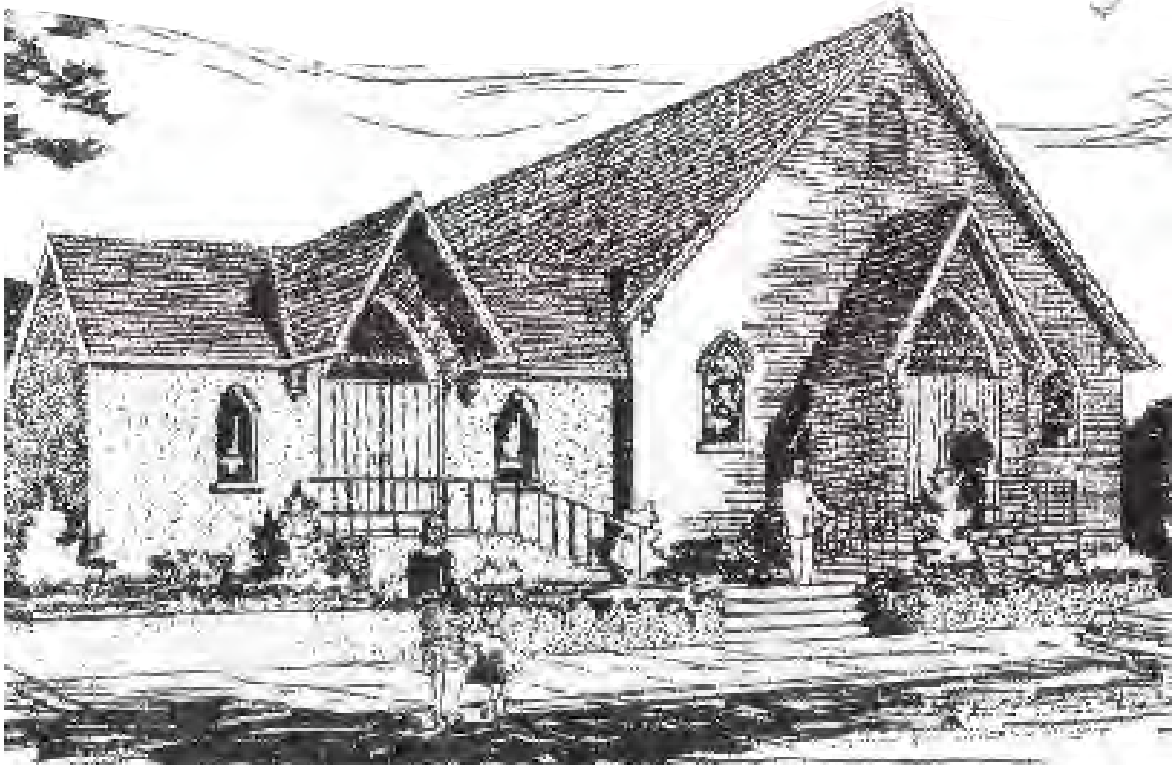
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and unknowable in creation; you have
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In Jesus name. Amen*



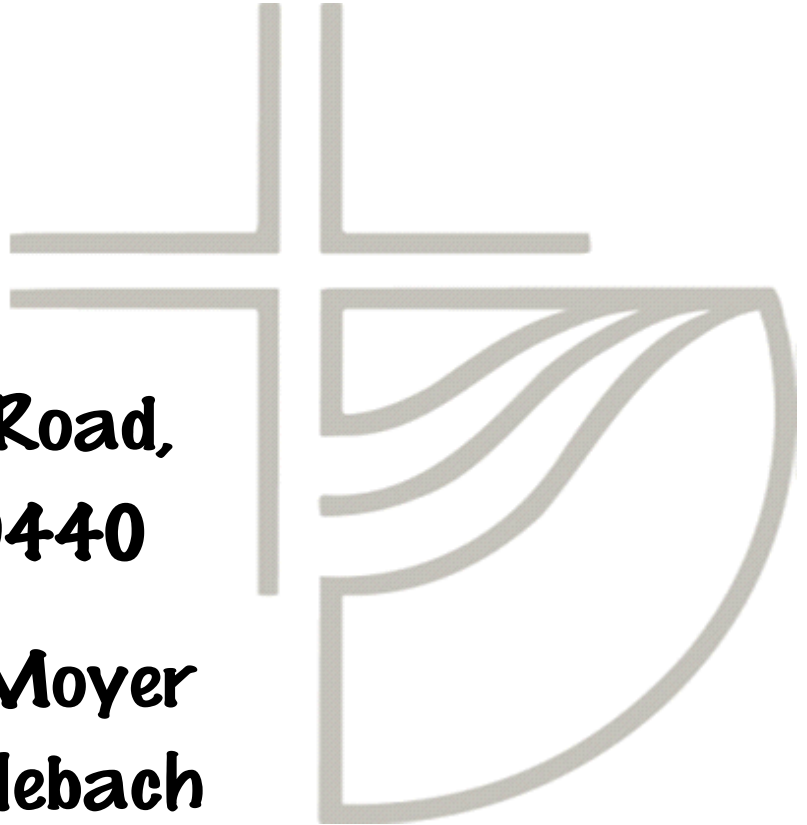
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Heather Black (Mrs. Doris Macafee) This is her 5th production with LP and has become a home away from home, since joining in 2018. By day, she is an adjunct English professor. Favorite roles include Stepsister Portia (Cinderella), Jacks' mom (Into the Woods), Erna Prindle (The Runner Stumbles), and Margie (The Enchanted Bookshop). Thank you Lori and Ed for this opportunity and her husband Dan for his support of her passion for theatre. Enjoy the show!



Doug Burns (Maude, Reporter & Ensemble) This is his first musical and he's excited to join two of his daughter's in this production. Doug has been a wedding photographer for 20 years and loves all creative endeavors.



Haven Burns (Margie & Teen) This is Haven's third musical. Previously she performed in Newsies Jr. and Matilda Jr. Haven is in 7th grade at Pennfield Middle School.



Reegan Burns (Deborah Sue, Understudy for Kim) She is a tenth grader at North Penn High School and is new to Laymen Playmen. She has previously performed in Newsies and Legally Blonde Jr. Reegan is very excited with the opportunity to understudy for Kim.



Connor Cherby (Policeman, Teen) He has been doing theater for 8 years now. His first roll was Jetsam in Pennfields The Little Mermaid and his most recent roll was Rusty Charlie in Laymen Playmen's Guys and Dolls.



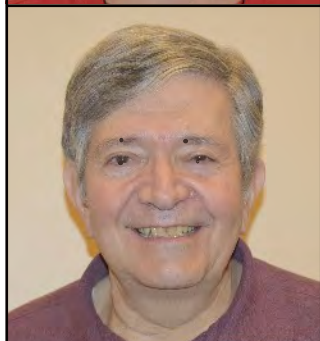
Anita Defrancesco (Mrs. Mae Peterson) She started with LP to contribute to their cause of helping those in the community. The plays include Annie Get Your Gun, Oliver, Shrek, Wizard of Oz, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella, Guys and Dolls and now ~ Bye Bye Birdie! Enjoy the show!



Chris Donahue (Mayor Johnson/Harvey Johnson & Ensemble) He has been with Laymen Playmen for many years. He's excited to do Bye Bye Birdie for the second time. After the show, Chris is taking on his debut role as a stage manager at Playcrafters. Thank you to the family, Lori and Charla as always.



Andrew Ericsson (Hugo Peabody) Andrew is a chemist and newcomer to the Laymen Playmen cast. But he's no stranger to theater. After our shows inspired him as a kid he's been acting ever since. He hopes you can sit back and enjoy the show. Thank you!



Tony Inverso (Mr. Harry MacAfee) I'm delighted to be back for my 8th show with Laymen Playmen. I always enjoy working with our very talented actors, crew, and staff. Special thanks to Lori, Charla, Ed, Trina, Betty, Anthony, and JR for believing in me.



John Keefrider (Albert J Peterson) This is John's 12th production with Laymen Playmen. He also performs with other companies. Favorite recent roles were Donkey (Shrek), Lumier (Beauty & the Beast). He hopes this show helps all to put on a happy face. John owns a mobile men's custom clothing business. Be well and well dressed.



LeeAnne Krauskopf (Ursula Merkle) This is LeeAnne's 10th year with LP. She enjoys singing, dancing, and helping with hair and makeup. She loves the comradery with her family and LP family together.

*"Think of the one thing you've always wanted,
now find it in your minds eye and feel it in your heart."*



Michael McDermott (Ensemble) is a seasoned actor having performed in various theatres. His debut was playing Gladhand in West Side Story at the Keswick Theatre and was also in Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up, Jesus Christ Superstar. LP's production of Guys and Dolls in 2022 will forever have a special place in Michael's heart.



Miriam Novicki (Gloria Rasputin) This is her first show with Laymen Playman and her second time performing Bye Bye Birdie. She works for a case company sewing cases and is the assistant costumer for SAHS musicals.



Betty Piazza (Mrs. Edna Johnson & Ensemble) This is Betty's fourth show with Laymen Playmen. Her favorite role was Pinocchio in Shrek. She is a retired special education teacher who also enjoys singing with the choral group, Celestia.



Kelsey Reish (Reporter & Ensemble) I am excited to be doing another show with Laymen Playmen. I am very thankful to share the stage with my daughter, brother, and Aunt.

A special thank you to all of our veterans.



Katie Shapella (Helen & Teen) She has been in theater for 6 years and started vocal lessons with Marie Spidale at Academy of Music and Vocal Arts. She was cast as Ariel in The Little Mermaid and is now in Julia's Joy Voice Idol Competition. Favorites include Sharpay Evans (High School Musical Jr.), a Fairy (A Midsummer Night's Dream), Jojo (Seussical Jr.), Sour Kangaroo (Seussical Jr.). Thanks to everyone in the cast and crew!



Laura Shapella (Rosie Alvarez) She was most recently seen here at LP as Miss Adelaide in last year's Guys and Dolls. Other favorite roles include Mrs. Potts (Beauty and the Beast) Lady Toby Belch (Twelfth Night), Ursula (The Little Mermaid), Pfeni Rosensweig (The Sisters Rosensweig), Nancy (Pursued by a Bear), and Rosalind (Love's Labour's Lost). She is thrilled to once again be performing alongside her extremely talented daughter, Katie! Much love and thanks as always to Brian, Katie, and Danny.



Caetlyn Stover (Randolph MacAfee & Teen) She is no stranger to the stage, having performed as an Irish dancer, musician, actor and vocalist. She enjoys theater in the community and at Souderton Area High School where she is a freshman. Favorite productions have been Frozen Jr. (Sven) and High School Musical, Jr. (Gabriella).



CAST



Shannon Stover (Kim MacAfee) She enjoys creating art and performing. She performs in community theater and at Souderton Area High School where she is a sophomore. Favorite productions have been Frozen Jr. (Queen Iduna) and Footloose (Ensemble). Shannon is looking forward to her upcoming participation in the PMEA Regional Choir Festival.



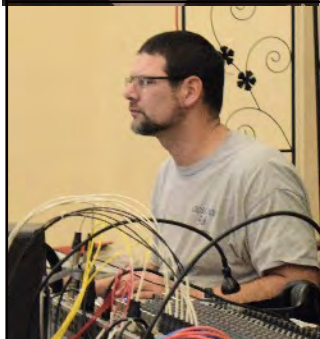
Derick Wiesinger (Conrad Birdie) He has been involved with LP he made his debut in Anything Goes in 1998 at the ripe old age of 9. Some of his favorite roles have included Prince Farquaad in Shrek, The ♥ Tinman in Wizard of Oz, and Cogsworth in Beauty and the Beast. When he is not performing he enjoys being with his girlfriend Cait, his pup Allan and rescue kitty Morris.



Linda D. Wiesinger (Mrs. Merkle, Reporter & Ensemble) Her first performance with Laymen Playmen was in State Fair (2002) – and she was hooked. For 15 consecutive years, Linda was in every show! After a brief hiatus, she is happy and blessed to be back on the stage with this wonderful group of talented humans!



Emmariah Zetzsche (Ensemble) This is Emma's 4th play with Laymen Playmen. She really does love Conrad because it's her Uncle!



Wayne Wylie - lighting technician, studied lighting design and set up under John Stangl, apprenticed during Laymen Playmen shows of Wizard of Oz, Peter Pan, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella and Guys and Dolls. A lot happens at the tech table, enjoy the show!

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1997	Sound of Music
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2001	Cinderella
2002	State Fair
2003	I Remember Mama
2004	Kiss Me Kate
2005	Titanic
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2009	The Wizard of Oz
2010	Bye Bye Birdie
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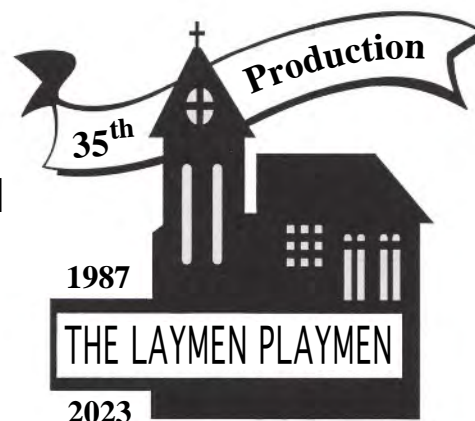
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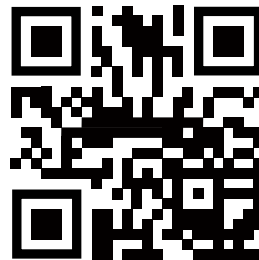


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