



By Becky Hobbs and Nick Sweet

World Premiere

Lonnie Burns Fine Arts Center
Hart County High School
59 Fifth Street
Hartwell, GA

**APRIL 14 – APRIL 29
2012**



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Nanyehi– Beloved Woman of the Cherokee

Nancy Ward (1738-1822)

Act I

White Wolf on the Horizon– Lynne Glasco, Soloist

Song of the Nunnehi *-Noel Anders, Soloist

Stickball Song

O Great Spirit– Michelle Honaker & Bret Norman

Battle of Taliwa

Donadagohvi– Michelle Honaker, Soloist

Little Fellow My Son– Bret Norman, Soloist

Pass the Whiskey ***– Seth Howard, Soloist

By the Fire– Michelle Honaker & Seth Howard

This Land is not our Land ****– Ben Davis, Soloist

Act II

Nanyehi– Virgil Hobbs, Soloist

Long Way Over– Michelle Honaker, Seth Howard

The Same Thing *-

Emily Schleier, Kathy Gillcrist, Lynne Glasco

There Will Be Blood- Ben Davis, Soloist

War or Peace ** -Michelle Honaker & Ben Davis

Pale Moon– Michelle Honaker

Brave Little Soldier– Michelle Honaker

Let There be Peace- Michelle Honaker & Cast

All songs written by Becky Hobbs

* Co-written with Duane Sciacqua,

*** Co-Written with Nick and Peggy Sweet

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****Co-written with James Nihan

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By A.R. Gurney

Savannah River Playhouse

86 S. Forest Ave.

Hartwell, GA

June 1 & 2 @ 7:30

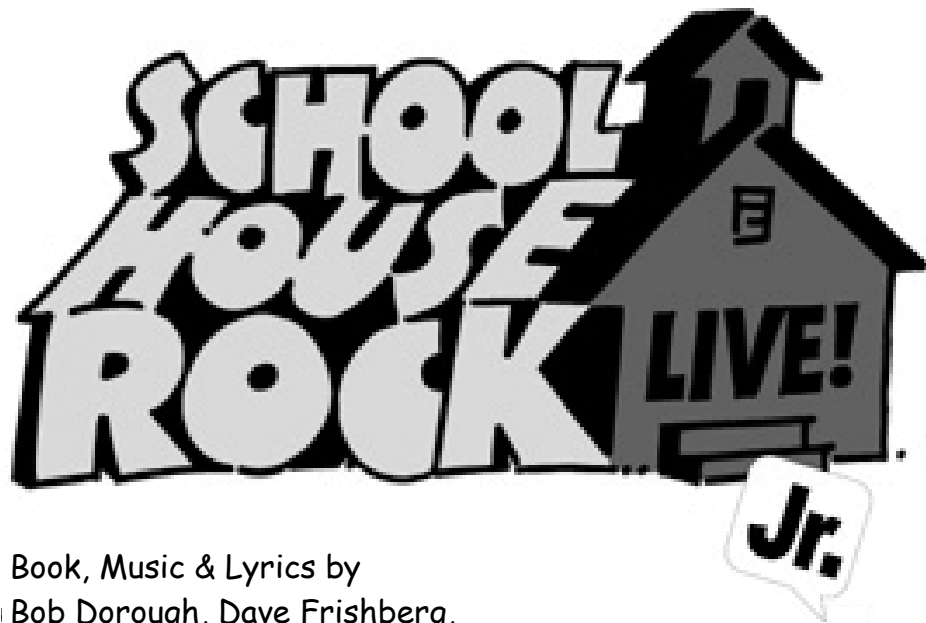
June 3 @ 3:00

Commerce Cultural Arts Center

June 8 & 9 @ 7:30

June 10 @ 3:00

Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and Melissa Gardner, both born to wealth and position, are childhood friends whose lifelong correspondence begins with birthday party thank-you notes and summer camp postcards. Romantically attached, they continue to exchange letters throughout their lifetime. Andy's last letter, written to her mother after Melissa's untimely death, makes it eloquently clear how much they really meant, and gave to, each other over the years -- physically apart, perhaps, but spiritually as close as only true lovers can be.



Book, Music & Lyrics by
 Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg,
 George Keating, George Newall, Kathy
 Mandry, Kyle Hall, Lynn Ahrens, Scott
 Ferguson, & Tom Yohe
 Directed by Rebekah Poss

Children going into
 Grades 6-12

Camp Dates: July 16th -20th 9 am-2 pm
 Performances July 20 & 21 @ 7:00
 Auditions/registration
 Saturday May 20 (9 am-12 pm)
 or by appointment: 706-376-7397

Registration is \$50
 and includes script,
 camp T-Shirt, props
 and snacks.



The Cast

Kiley Adams (Nunnehi/child) is 7 years old and is in the second grade. She is in Ta-Dah Dance Company. This is her first play with S.R.P. and she plans on being in a lot more. She performs in the Christmas programs at her Grandmother's church.

Noel Anders (Young Nanyehi/Dancer) is a freshman at Hart County High School. She plays clarinet in the high school concert band and she marched on the marching and competition band auxiliary. This is her debut theatre performance. She plans to go to the North Georgia R.O.T.C. program and become an officer in the U.S. Army.

Isaac Beckner (Five Killer) is a senior at Hart County High School. He has been in many productions including Honk!, Final Vinyl: A Rock Invasion, and Rikki Tikki Tavi. He loves working with Savannah River Productions! He hopes to attend Piedmont College to major in Musical Theatre with a minor in Education. Eventually he hopes to go to law school and become a trial attorney while working theatre groups as a hobby.

Jessi Bee (Katie) is a senior at hart county high school. She is active in theatre and has performed in Annie, Wizard of Oz, Ricki Tiki Tavi, Honk, Will Rogers Follies, and now Nanyehi. She plan on attending Piedmont and major in music and minor in art, and keeping the drama!

Ashley Chapman (Nunnehi/Child) is a 4th grade student at Hartwell Elementary. She loves to work with animals, is active in 4-H and the Methodist Church and sings with her children's group. Ashley is excited that her theater debut involves the Cherokee, as her grandmother is part Cherokee!

Austin Chapman (Nunnehi/Child) is 8 years old and loves to play video games. He is a member of Cub Scout pack 28. He enjoys collecting Knights, horses, and motorcycle models. Austin is a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Elberton.

Quansia Daniel (Sequina) is a senior at Hart County High School and will be attending Northwestern University in the fall in the hopes to earn a degree in psychology and continue her love of theatre in Northwestern's African American Theatre Ensemble. She has been a part of numerous productions ranging from Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, *The Crucible*, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and *Honk!* (Savannah River Productions). Qunsia is glad to be a part of something as monumental as the World Premiere of *Nanyehi: Beloved Woman of the Cherokee*.

Ben Davis (Dragging Canoe) is the Youth Director at Hartwell First United Methodist Church. He studied theatre in college and has been in many performances, including community theatre in Milledgeville and Commerce. Ben dedicates his performance to his new church, new life, and new friends in Hartwell. This has been a great year so far, and it's only going to get better. "Everybody has tasted defeat, but you went back to the top of the mountain, keeping your feet on the ground so you don't have too far to fall." -Randy "Macho Man" Savage

Zach Dorsey (American Soldier) is a sophomore in Hart County High School, and plays in the band. This is his acting debut. He plans to study Sound Design.

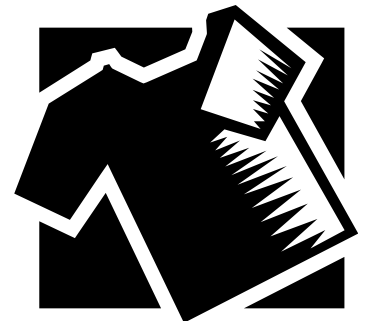
David Fossett (Chotan Warrior) was born in Jacksonville, Florida. He is 49 years old and resides in Calhoun Falls, South Carolina. Mr. Fossett served in the United States Army for fourteen years. He is now employed by Erskine College where he has served for ten years. He is owner of Fossett Enterprise. He also enjoys preaching, teaching, and understanding the Bible. Mr. Fossett has four daughters, two granddaughters and six grandsons. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, camping, acting and martial arts. He recently appeared as Hoke in Driving Miss Daisy with Savannah River Productions.

Richard Geuter (Thomas Jefferson) is an English teacher at Hart County High School, where he has taught since 1997. He has two sons John Paul and Christopher. Originally trained as a chef in Long Island, New York, Rich moved to Georgia in 1990 to pursue training in cross-cultural ministries at Toccoa Falls College. Through experiences in overseas missions in Haiti, Mexico and Africa, Rich felt a calling to become a teacher. In 2006, he completed an Ed.S. degree at the University of Georgia. He resides in Hartwell.

Kathy Gillcrist (Sali) received her formal theater training at Boston University's School for the Arts and The Alliance Theater School in Atlanta. Playing everything from classical Shakespeare to silly murder mysteries and improvisation, she has worked in and around Atlanta for the last twelve years. She also performs regularly with The Showoffs, a regional repertory troupe centered in Anderson, SC. This is the fourth time Kathy has worked with Savannah River Productions, and is she is proud to be part of this ambitious production. Kathy and her husband, Paul, have raised two very dramatic daughters and live on Lake Hartwell in Toccoa. She currently teaches English at Hart County High School.



Available in the Lobby!
Nanyehi-Beloved Woman of the Cherokee
T-Shirts \$15 each or 2 for \$25
Savannah River Productions Cast CD's
\$15 each or 2 for \$25





Mission Statement: Savannah River Productions, Inc. is dedicated to offering high-quality theatre productions to the Northeast Georgia region and to provide people of all ages valuable experience in the performing arts.

Andrea Bradford (President) is a native of Broken Arrow, OK and lives in Hart County, GA with her husband, Brian, and son, Colton. They are expecting another addition to the Bradford house in September. She graduated from Vanderbilt University and is a financial advisor with Bradford & Legg Wealth Management. She is President of Savannah River Productions and is also the choir director at Cokesbury United Methodist Church. She is a descendent of Nancy Ward and is proud to be a part of this production.

Kay Legg (Treasurer) is a financial advisor with Financial Network Investment Corporation. She graduated from The University of Tulsa Law School. She lives in Elberton, GA with her husband Ken. She has three children and 2 grandchildren. Kay enjoys working with the theatre and has directed *Smoke on the Mountain*, *Sander's Family Christmas*, *Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming*, *The Service at Rocky Bluff*, *Circuit Rider's Wife*, *Nonsense*, *HONK!* and many other productions.

Bruce Herring (Secretary) is a native of Elberton, GA. He and his wife, Debbie have two sons, Daniel, and Tyler. Bruce is employed full time with the Elberton Housing Authority, serves as organist at First Methodist Church Hartwell, and works part-time with Berry Funeral Home in Elberton. Bruce serves as a board member of Encore Productions and President of the Elbert Theatre Foundation. He has performed in *Sander's Family Christmas*, *Smoke on the Mountain*, and *Circuit Rider's Wife*. He was musical director for *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* and has built sets and helped with sound and lighting in many other productions.

Colin Galsco (Warrior) is a graduate of Hart County High School. He's now pursuing a degree in Computer Science as well as playing football at Valdosta State University. He enjoys playing the guitar, playing video games, scuba diving in his spare time! He has driven a LONG way this weekend to be in this performance! This is his first play with Savannah River Productions.

Lynne Glasco (Tenia) is originally from Virginia. She graduated from Converse College with a degree in Vocal Performance. She has been married to Rick Glasco for almost 34 years and they have three sons, twins Derek, and Evan, 24 and Colin, 20. She is the director of music for Hartwell First United Methodist Church,. She has worked there more than 23 years! Some of her favorite performances include: *Money*, *Power*, *Murder*, *Lust Revenge* and *Marvelous Clothes*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Smoke on the Mountain*.

Bill Griggs (South Carolina Governor) is a native Hartwellian. Partner/owner of Docks South. He has been in several productions at the Hart County Theatre and currently serves as the president of the Community Theatre Board. He is married to Cheri, and they have three children and five grandchildren.

Gloria Haywood (Nunnehi /Child) is in 5th grade at North Hart Elementary and is 11 years old. She attends First United Methodist Church. She loves horses. She is part Cherokee. She was in Oliver with the Hart Community Theatre.

Virgil Hobbs (Oconastota) was born in Fallston, Maryland and has an electrical engineering degree from The Citadel. He works in Elberton at the Department of Energy's Southeastern Power Administration. Virgil resides in Anderson with his wife, Mary Ann, and two daughters, Ali and Abigail. The Hobbs family attends Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Virgil has portrayed the characters of Will Rogers, Atticus Finch, Felix Ungar, Harold Hill, Dracula, King of Siam, Oliver Warbucks and Corny Collins in productions at Hart County Community Theater, Electric City Playhouse, Centre Stage, Mosaic Theater, Greenwood Community Theater, Alverson Center Theater and the Abbeville Opera House. Virgil is excited to be kindling a relationship with Savannah River Productions and considering the project's regionally historic significance, honored to be part of Nanyehi.

Michelle Honaker (Nanyehi) This is Michelle's debut performance with Savannah River Productions. She graduated magna cum laude from Young Harris College with a Bachelor's Degree in Musical Theatre. Raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i, Michelle started performing at an early age. A few credits include Mrs. Meers in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, The Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*, and Nancy in the outdoor drama *Unto These Hills*. She currently lives in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains and sings with the House of Prayer Church Choir and Praise Team. She enjoys teaching voice lessons, leading worship, and directing the *KidStuf* productions. She would like to give all the glory to the Lord and thank her family and friends for their loving support throughout the years.

Seth Howard (Bryant Ward) is a graduate of Piedmont College where he received a BA in Theatre Performance and a minor in Education. After Piedmont, Seth returned home to teach drama at Camden County High School for three years, and is currently in his eighth year teaching drama at Hart County High School. A veteran of nine years directing at the high school, college, community, and professional level, a few of Seth's career favorite on-stage roles are: Schroeder from *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, Harold Hill from the *Music Man*, Teyve from *Fiddler On the Roof*, and Mr. Bumble from *Oliver*.

Joan Hughes (Elizabeth) is a native of Hartwell, Ga. and is married to Gary Hughes, together they have 4 children and 8 grandchildren and expecting a new arrival in May. Joan has been employed as finance director with the City of Hartwell for 23 years. She enjoys traveling, line dancing, spending time with her family and girlfriend road trips. She recently played Louise Seger in *Always Patsy Cline*, Miss Myrtle in *Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming*, and played a comedy role in *I Love Country*. She has gained a love for the performing arts and enjoys every minute of it!!

Jerry King (Attakullakulla) was born in Shoal Creek of Hart County. He will tell you ham is his favorite food. Many believe he came into this world a "ham". He attended Emmanuel College, Piedmont College, the University of Georgia and Emory University. He has always worked in theatre. The past 4 years he has been a principle character in "Land of Spirit" Lavonia folk play. He is of Cherokee descent and is proud of his heritage.

Anna Lyon (Betsy) is a Freshman at Hart County High School. She has been in several plays including *Rikki Tikki Tavi*, *Little Women*, *Will Roger's Follies*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. She enjoys cheerleading, dance, cross country, reading, and music. If she could be any superhero, She'd be The Flash. She plans on pursuing a career in acting.

Barbara Landrum Honaker (Choreographer) has over 35 years of experience as a choreographer, director and teacher. She has received over 2,500 awards, including: Majorette Queen of America, Miss College Majorette of America, and Southern States Talent Champion. Her choreographing projects include *Billy Graham Children Crusades*, *Psalty the Singing Song Book*, Herb Moon's Spaceman Tour, Southern Centre's European Tour, *Carousel*, *Pirates of Penzance*, many musicals, House of Prayer's Berlin Tour, Christmas pageants and Easter productions for Mt. Paran Church of God in Atlanta, Spirit of Atlanta, and several colleges and high school musicals. She teaches at Young Harris College in the Musical Theatre Department. Mrs. Honaker holds Bachelor's and Associate's of Science degrees. She attended Liberty University, Berry College, Duke University, Floyd College, The Atlanta Ballet Education Centre, and many others. Barbara and her husband, Chuck, have five children. She is delighted to work with Savannah River Productions, Nick, Duane and Beckaroo. They are such an amazing team with enormous talent and skill!! She has been given such a unique gift in being a part of this journey of a lifetime with her daughter, Michelle. Barbara looks forward to witnessing the progression of this beautiful musical and is confident that the resounding honor will be given to the beloved Nanyehi.

Peggy Sweet (Director Assistant) has been acting, singing and dancing on stage since the age of four. She got an early education in theatre at the University of Oklahoma's Children's Theatre program and has been performing most of her life. She has been featured in numerous productions with her most recent leads being Aunt Martha in "Arsenic and Old Lace" and featured soloist in "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." Currently, she is assistant to her husband, writer/stage director Nick Sweet. She has helped as assistant stage manager, costume designer/costumer, and makeup artist at the Evan's Children's Academy of the Performing Arts in Ponca City, Okla. She and Nick helped co-write the show's Irish drinking song, "Pass the Whiskey," with Becky Hobbs. Peggy and Nick recently moved to the Houston, Texas area.

Becky Hobbs (composer, co-playwright/keyboard) was born and raised in Northeastern Oklahoma. She is a 5th-great granddaughter of Nancy Ward (Nanyehi) and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Her songs have been recorded by Alabama ("Angels Among Us"), Conway Twitty, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Glen Campbell, Emmylou Harris, Helen Reddy, Shirley Bassey, Wanda Jackson, the Cherokee National Youth Choir, and more. As a recording artist, she's had over 20 charted records, including "Jones on the Jukebox" and the Top Ten Duet with Moe Bandy, "Let's Get Over Them Together." The "Beckaroo" has performed in over 40 countries and lives in Nashville, TN. She is thrilled to work with Savannah River Productions and that the World Premiere of "Nanyehi" is in Hartwell, GA, where the Cherokee considered "The Center of the World."

Nick Sweet (Co-Playwright and Director) Nick Sweet has been a free-lance stage director since 1977 and has directed 130 productions for theatre groups in Oklahoma, Texas and Alaska. In 2002 he directed the historical outdoor drama, Trail of Tears, at the Cherokee Heritage Center in Tahlequah, Okla.

The previous year Nick portrayed the stockade doctor and understudied the role of Will Rogers, the Trail of Tears narrator under the direction of Joe Sears of Greater Tuna fame. During his stint as drama instructor for Institution Programs, Inc., Nick directed a dozen shows for inmate theatre groups at four Oklahoma state prisons. He also conducted drama residencies at Oklahoma School for the Deaf from 1987 to 2008, and co-founded the drama program at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. He directed the college's first five musicals and taught Literature, Communications, English, Humanities and Musical Theatre Direction. Nick has also written several historical plays including: In Our Own Words (Okla. School for the Deaf Centennial), City of Legends (Okla. Statehood Centennial in Bartlesville, OK), and Say, Have You Heard the Story (a celebration of Okla.'s Black Towns, co-written with Morris McCorvey).

Nick is an Artist-in-Residence for the Okla. Arts Council and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Nick Mayes (American Soldier, Warrior, White Settler) is a sophomore at Hart County high school. He plays trombone in the band. He has been in drama for about two years and performed in Rikki Tikki Tavi and Romeo and Juliet. He has run lights and sound for many other shows. He hopes to work on many other shows in the future. He plans to attend the art institutes of Atlanta for Culinary Arts and Interior Design.

Bret Norman (Kingfisher) is a native of Elberton, Georgia and a graduate of both Young Harris College and the University of Georgia. He currently works at Doves Creek Elementary School in Elberton and is the choir director at Woodlawn United Methodist Church. His recent roles include Jimmy in The Circuit Rider's Wife, Mr. Peters in Death and Deceit on the Nile, Foster Holmes in Murder at the Banquet, Smudge in Forever Plaid, Ugly in Honk!, and Dennis in Sander's Family Christmas and Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming.

Kenny Olaes (Warrior) is a senior at Hart County High School. He has performed in in Rikki Tikki Tavi, and Romeo and Juliet. He plans to go to Athens Tech to complete his Vet. Tech. Degree and then go to UGA and become a Veterinarian Doctor. He wants to be in many plays as the years progress and hopefully become really good at being a veterinarian and a performer.

Renae Pierce (Cherokee woman & white woman), is a native of Dewy Rose, Ga. She is married to Leon Pierce. She has 2 sons, 1 daughter in law and 1 grandson. She is the Adm. Asst. and Clerk of Court with the City of Hartwell Police Dept.. She is a member of Amazing Grace Missionary Baptist Church. Renae enjoys spending time with her family, line dancing and girl trips with Joan Hughes and Jean Turner.

Leon Pierce (Col. Arthur Campbell & Creek Warrior), is a native of Dewy Rose, Ga. He is married to Renae Pierce and the father of two sons, Brandon, 26 (wife Brittany) and Scott, 23. He is the grandfather of Gabriel, 1. Leon is employed at Tenneco Automotive and the pastor of Amazing Grace Missionary Baptist Church. He enjoys spending time with his sons and grandson and hunting, fishing and all outdoor sports.

Lauren Robinson (Nunnehi/Child)

Lindsey Robinson (Nunnehi/Child)

Drake Schaetzle (warrior) is a Junior at Hart County High. He is on the wrestling team and enjoys spending time in the recording studio. Drake works at Hartwell First United Methodist Church as a sound technician and plans to go to technical college after graduation. YES! YES! YES!

Ben Schleier (warrior) is in the seventh grade at Hart County Middle School. He had been in *James* in the Giant Peach, and *The Will Rogers Follies*. He is active in his youth group and enjoys running.

Emily Schleier (Lydia Bean) is from Hartwell, GA and is a senior at Hart County High School. She will attend North Georgia College in the fall. Previous plays include: *James and the Giant Peach*, *Shakespeare's Twelfth Night*, *Final Vinyl*, *One Good Thing*, *Honk*, and *Will Rogers Follies*. Favorite quote: "Today you are You that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you." -Dr Seuss.

Savannah Schleier (Lila) is a 5th grader at North Hart Elementary. She has performed in "James and the Giant Peach", "Nanyehi", and many children work shop programs at the Hart County community theater. She plays Basketball for the Methodist church, participates in running club, performed in dance class for five years. She is a member of 4-H and the honors chorus, loves to help animals.

Jason Segars (warrior) is a native of Hartwell, GA. He has worked with the City of Hartwell Natural Gas Department for the past six years. Jason is married to Audrey Segars. They have four sons. He enjoys fishing, boating and spending time with his family. After attending and enjoying many shows held in Hartwell, Jason decided to become involved. Nanyehi is his debut with Savannah River Productions.

Jean Turner (White Woman) has been a City of Hartwell employee since 1985 and serves as city clerk. She made her acting debut with Savannah River Productions as Miss Maude in *Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming*. Jean lives in the Bethany community near Hartwell with her husband, Ronald. She attends Bethany Baptist Church and enjoys singing in the choir.

Riley West (Nunnehi/Child) is 8 years old and in the 2nd grade. She is in Ta-Dah Dance and Cheerleading Company. Her first film was with Brothers Young Productions.

The Band

Jody Dimarco (Guitars) is originally from Hartwell, GA. He has toured with many professional groups as a guitar player. He works at Wal-Mart as a theft prevention specialist. He plays guitar and helps lead the First United Methodist Praise Band.

Kevin Long (Drums) lives in Elberton, GA and has one daughter, Ella. He is originally from Roswell, GA, and graduated from Kennesaw State University with a degree in Finance. He works at Stan's Music in Elberton and also owns Long's Electronics, which installs audio and visual equipment. He teaches drum lessons, volunteers with the music program at First United Methodist Church in Elberton, and enjoys playing tennis. He is the drummer for Looking for Jane.

Richard Reed (Bass) started playing pro in 1982 just after high school. He has played with Waylon Jennings band and was set to go on his last tour but his health started to get bad so it was canceled.. He played with K.C.'s sunshine band, and worked on projects with the Little River Band, Kansas, Roy Clark, Paul Revere and the Raiders and many more. Now he puts GOD is first in his life. He is a stay at home husband who loves his grandkids. He also plays in local churches and with the wonderful people at Savannah River Productions.

Duane Sciacqua (Guitars / Musical Coordinator) hails from Madera California where he started playing professionally in the 7th grade. He moved to Los Angeles in 1979 where he became a noted 'guitar slinger' for over 30 years playing with the likes of Glenn Frey, Joe Walsh (The Eagles), Paul McCartney (Beatles), Animotion, Vince Gill, Gary Morris, Rodney Atkins and many others. His playing has been featured on numerous television and motion picture soundtracks including Airwolf, Hotshots, Cobra, Navy Seals, Stone Cold and Hardball, just to name a few. He currently resides in Nashville Tn. where he owns and operates Rough Edges recording studio, writes, produces and works as a session guitarist.

Sound Technicians: Bruce Herring and David Gibson

Lighting Technician: Nick Sweet

Costumes: Kay Legg and Kathy Poss

Dance Coordinator: Sam Brown