In Memoriam

John Thomas Ward

10/24/43 - 4/26/24

Their kindness, warmth, and love touched the lives of all who knew them. Though they may no longer be with us, their spirit lives on in our hearts and memories.

Thunderous Productions Presents

June 22 - 7:oopm
June 23 - 1:00pm
June 23 - 7:00pm

Howard County Center for the Arts
8510 High Ridge Road
Ellicott City MD 21043

Ah Wilderness

by Eugene O'Neill

Directed by Rick Starkweather

Artwork: Heather Martin

Coming Attractions

Sep 28-29, 2024

One Act Festival

A collection of original short plays

Feb 1-2, 2025

A Doll House by Henrik Ibsen
Directed by Emily Canavan

June 28-29, 2025

Saint Joan by George Bernard Shaw
Directed by Rick Starkweather

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Awards

2012 MCTFA Stage Manager's Award
Thunderous Productions for *Stagehand*
2012 MCTFA Best Escape From a Locked Prop Closet Award
Thunderous Productions for The Doorknob in *Stagehand*
2011 MCTFA Outstanding Performance
Graham Pilato for *Labor Day*
2010 MCTFA Adjudicator Award for Ensemble Acting
Dexter Hamlett & Allison Plourde for *Merry Christmas, Darling*
2010 MCTFA Adjudicator Award for Original Script
Rick Starkweather for *Merry Christmas, Darling*

Setting

The play takes place in the Miller family home in a small town in Connecticut on July 4, 1906.

Scenes

ACT ONE Sitting-room of the Miller home in a large small-town in Connecticut—early morning, July 4th, 1906.

ACT TWO Dining-room of the Miller home—evening of the same day.

ACT THREE
Scene One : Back room of a bar in a small hotel—10 o'clock the same night. Scene Two : Same as Act One—the sitting-room of the Miller home—a little after 11 o'clock the same night.

ACT FOUR
Scene One : The Miller sitting-room again—about 1 o'clock the following afternoon
. Scene Two : A strip of beach along the harbour—about 9 o'clock that night.
Scene Three : Same as Scene One—the sitting-room—about 10 o'clock the same night

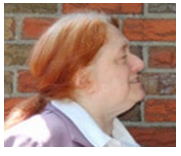
Characters

Nat Miller
Essie Miller
Arthur Miller
Richard Miller
Mildred Miller
Terry Miller
Sid Davis
Lily Miller
David McComber
Muriel McComber
Wint Selby
Belle
Norah the Maid
Bartender
Salesman

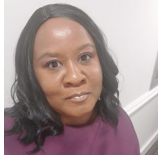
Rick Starkweather, Director
Rick is the President of Thunderous Productions. He is a veteran actor, director, producer, playwright and teacher with over 40 years o f theatrical experience. Among the many plays he has directed are Pygmalion, Black Coffee, Murder on the Nile, the Unexpected Guests and many others.

Ariel Casey, Asst. Director
Ariel returned to theatre after a quarter of a century to join Thunderous Productions in 2023. She is a stand up comedian and performs throughout the DMV. She deeply thanks her son Michael for understanding her long days, and her friends for accepting texts as “proof of life”. From actor to director, she has been a great contributor to the Thunderous family.

Trix Whitehall, Producer
Trix has over 40-plus years in acting, directing, backstage, and technical experience. She has retired twice from being a lawyer and then teacher. She is currently pursuing a degree in homeopathich studies.



Leilani Cartledge, Producer
Leilani has always been an entertainer in one way or another. But in 2016, she attended an action workshop hosted by David E. Talbert. She has since had many acting classes, performed on several stages in the DMV, and can be seen on film and TV.



Tech Crew
Lights – Leilani Cartledge
Sound – Sarah Odette Mitchell

Performances from Soundtrack
“Dearie" by Claire Kummes
“Then You'll Remember" (from "The Bohemian Girl") by William Balfe & Alfred Bunn.
"Waiting At The Church" by Vesta Victoria.

Vocals: Joy Bowen
Piano: Evie Browne

Cover Artwork - Heather Martin

Special Thanks for Rehearsal Space
Ariel Casey & Trix Whitehall

CAST

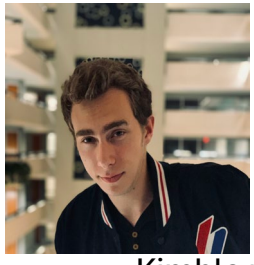
Nat Miller, **Steve Carfagno**
Steve lives in Washington,DC with his wife and dog, whom he is eternally grateful for their love and encouragement. He rediscovered theater in 2020 and has been acting since. Steve thanks his friends and family who are coming out to support the production.

Essie Miller, **Kelly Gillespie** is excited to be back! She recently appeared in the One Act Festival show When Couples Collide, Daisy Miller, and was an extra in House of Cards. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support and hopes you all enjoy the show!

CAST

Arthur Miller, **Casey Piparo**

Casey Piparo is making his debut performance with Thunderous Productions. He has recently started acting again after performances in high school theater and at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Casey would like to thank his parents for their continued support, his teacher Max Hambleton, and all of the friends that have had his back for years.



Richard Miller, **Kimble Walls-Kaufman**

Kimble returns to Thunderous for another full feature show. Kimble has been acting for almost a decade. His notable roles include Professor Callahan in Elizabeth Seton's *Legally Blonde,* King Pellinore in the DeMatha Players' *Camelot,* and as Charles Reverdy in Thunderous Productions' *Daisy Miller*. Besides acting, Kimble is also a singer/songwriter. Kimble is thrilled to be a part of this production and owes his thanks to his parents, his high school buddies, and his dogs.

CAST

Norah, **Molly Dunn**

This is Molly's sixth production with Thunderous. Recent roles include Magistrate in *Trial of Abraham* and Tinsel in *Christmas Crisis*. She thanks her family for their support. B.A. Electronic Film and Media Towson University.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The cast and crew would like to thank our friends and family for their support of our show.

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Wint Selby/Salesman, **Daniel Dausman**

Dan has appeared in a number of local amateur productions, most recently playing Connie in *The Grapes of Wrath* at Rockville Little Theatre. Previous roles for Thunderous Productions include Henry Higgins in *Pygmalion* (2024) and Christopher Wren in *The Mousetrap* (2019).

Belle, **Sarah Locander**

Sarah is happy to be returning to Thunderous Productions after first joining them 2 years ago to play the role of Eliza Doolittle in ”Pygmalion”. Sarah’s acting career began 12 years ago when she played the role of Ruth in her middle school’s production of “The Pirates of Penzance“. Her acting continued throughout high school and college with appearances in Netflix’s ”Stranger Things” and ”Cobra Kai”. She has also been in short films, music videos and currently works as a scare actor at Maryland‘s Field of Screams haunted attraction. Sarah would like to thank the director and cast for welcoming her back with open arms. She hopes everyone has a great time and enjoys the show!

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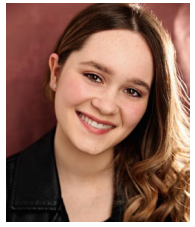

Mildred Miller, **Joy Bowen**

Joy Bowen is full of talent. She is a Latin American 17-year-old who loves to sing, play cello, and act. She is starting her senior year of High School in the fall and plans to graduate Summa Cum Laude. Joy started acting at a young age, through summer camps and other fun activities. In middle school, she was featured in the Hispanic Heritage Cartoon Network shorts. At the beginning of her high school experience, she attended a summer intensive for the Broadway Artists Alliance and was coached by professional actors including Broadway star Paul A. Schaeffer. Joy is excited to put her skills to the test as Mildred Miller in *Ah, Wilderness*. She is immensely thankful for this experience. She would like to thank God, her parents, her brother, her friends, Ariel Casey, Kimble Walls-Kaufman, and the rest of the cast for all the support and guidance. She wants to give a special thanks to the director, Rick Starkweather, for the opportunity to play Mildred.

Terry Miller, **Evie Browne**

Evie Browne (Terry Miller) is thrilled to make her debut at Thunderous Productions after starring in shows including Hero Zone and The End of the World at Imagination Stage and Apple Dumplings at Black Rock Center for the Arts. Offstage, she is a writer, artist, and proud full-time geek.

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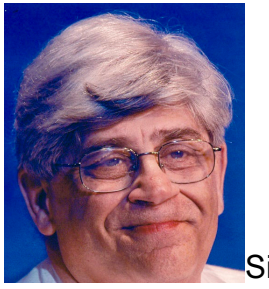
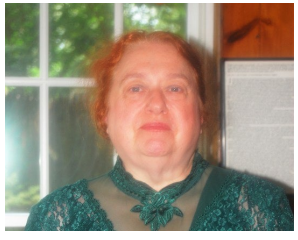


Sid Davis, **Marc Rehr**

MARC is happy to be returning to Thunderous Productions, where he last appeared as Wink in “Art Heist Redux,” the first place winner in Thunderous’ One Act Play Festival of 2022. Please come and see him play Dr Einstein in the popular “Arsenic and Old Lace” at the Bowie Playhouse, August 16 through Sept. 8."



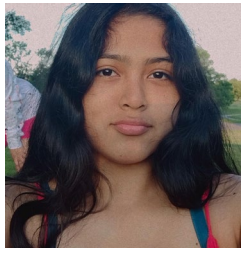
Lily Miller, **Trix Whitehall**

Trix) has been involved with community theater since 1980. She has played roles ranging from a concentration camp survivor, a destroyer captain in the Navy, and a lion tamer to a drunken knight and a magician. She recently retired for the second time and hopes to further her education by studying homeopathy in the near future.

CAST

David McComber/Bartender, **Alex Bastani**

Alex Bastani has been pounding the boards of community theater in the DMV since the turn of the century - NOT that century. This is his second appearance with Thunderous Productions as he previously appeared as tech billionaire Jeffrey Sinclair in Laurence Peters' "The Apartment" during the October 2022 One Act Festival. This past fall he portrayed Galileo for a children's science educational program with Fairfax County Public Access. Alex would like to thank his acting coach Martin Blank for his continued guidance and direction, and YK for her long day's journey into night to see me perform this evening.



Muriel McComber, **Geralyn Rivera**

Geralyn Rivera, this is her first time doing anything related to acting and she is very grateful to the cast for all the advice she received to improve.