



# On Stage

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## DOUBT

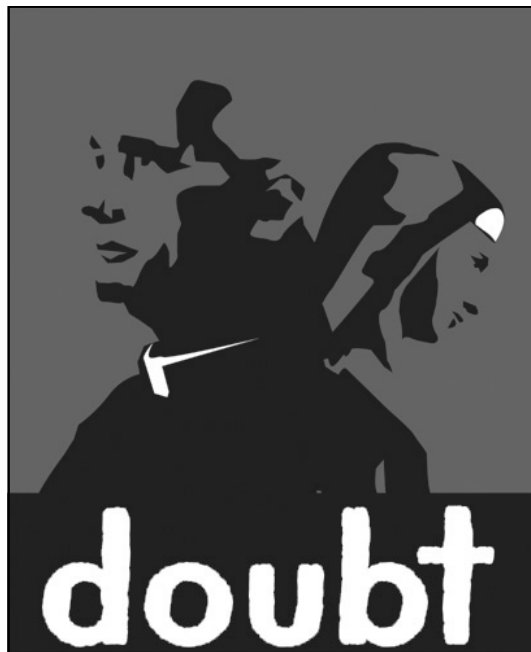


**By John Patrick Shanley**  
**Directed by Adam Moeller**

"What do you do when you're not sure?"

This simple question is at the core of John Patrick Shanley's award-winning drama.

Doubt is set in a 60's Bronx Catholic school presided over by principal Sister Aloysius (veteran Becky Voas), who is a self-appointed and unwavering moral compass for everyone around. She does not approve of teachers offering friendship over discipline. This brings her into conflict with Father Flynn (Kevin Woodard) who believes in a friendlier, more relaxed approach to dealing with students. Virtually everyone involved in this gripping tale of suspected sexual indiscretion in a small Catholic school asks the same central question of themselves and each other -- everyone except for Sister Aloysius, who has her "certainties".



Shanley also clearly and repeatedly asks this same thought-provoking question of his audiences. Over and over again throughout the evening you will find yourself caught in a tension between certainty and doubt and

wondering where to place your faith.

Scheduled evening performances are April 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. with two matinees at 2:00 p.m. on April 20 and 27<sup>th</sup>. First time ACTORS' director, Adam Moeller has assembled a stellar four person cast which in addition to Becky Voas and (Kevin Woodard is completed by Amanda Green as school teacher Sister James and LaTosca

Goodwin as a black student's mother, Mrs. Muller.

The play focuses on the role of faith in our life. Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of the show is its proven ability to provoke conversation and dialog. Doubt will not give you easy answers; it raises difficult questions and then allows us the dignity to decide for ourselves.

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Director Adam Moeller says that he and the cast are working hard to remain true to the spirit of Shanley's script and it is his intention that the issues will be clearly raised.

Co-producers Stan Rabe and Dennis Dake hope the Ames community will support this important theatrical offering. Stan adds, "I saw the show over two years ago, and it has stayed with me. It is the kind of theater that challenges the audience to think. What makes this play great is that it makes no value judgments. The audience is left to make their own decisions. I can see why it won a Pulitzer Prize."

Discussion forums with members of the cast and possibly leaders of Ames' religious communities, on the issues raised in the play, will be offered in the theater following the 90-minute intermission-free drama.

## Musicians Needed

ACTORS will present the musical *Leader of the Pack: The Ellie Greenwich Musical* as the finale to our 52nd season. We are currently looking for musicians who would like to be a part of the show. Specifically, we are looking for:

- Pianist (Accompanist and/or Performance)
- Electric Keyboardist (Synthesizer, OB, DX)
- Guitar
- Electric Bass
- Drums
- Percussion
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Alto, Tenor, and Baritone Saxophone

If you are interested, please contact producer Becky Voas at [bvoas@mchsi.com](mailto:bvoas@mchsi.com) or leave a message at ACTORS at 292-2073.

## Coming Soon

# *Leader of the Pack*

The Ellie Greenwich Musical

Music and Lyrics by Ellie Greenwich and friends  
Performances: June 13-29  
Directed By Dan Chase

This hit Broadway musical retrospective celebrates the life and times of Ellie Greenwich, whose doo wop sounds skyrocketed to the top of the sixties charts. The story of Ellie's rise to fame and fortune is punctuated with the virtual Hit Parade of her music: "Chapel of Love," "Da Do Ron Ron," "Be My Baby," "Hanky Panky," "Do Wah Diddy," "And Then He Kissed Me" and, of course, the title song.

## AUDITIONS

April 13, 14, 15, 2008 at 7:00PM  
At 120 Abraham Dr., Ames.

Many singing roles available

## 2008-09 Season

The ACTORS play selection committee has recommended the following productions for 2008-2009 and it has been met with approval from the Board of Directors.

Season tickets will go on sale during *Leader of the Pack*.

- *Big –The Musical* (September 26—October 12)
- *Proof* (November 28—December 14)
- *Run For Your Wife* (February 6 - 22)
- *A Nice Family Gathering* (April 3-19)
- *Blood Brothers* (June 12 - 28)

We will also be presenting three shows during the summer. *Day of Birth*, *Farmer's Song*, and a musical review.

## Volunteer Database Update

ACTORS is currently updating its volunteer database. If you would like to help with a production by being a set painter, usher, house manager, producer, newsletter labeler, or any one of a hundred other positions, please visit our web site at [www.actorsinc.org](http://www.actorsinc.org) and click on Get Involved.

There you will find a form you can fill out and we will add you to our volunteer list. If you were previously on one of our volunteer lists, please take the time and update your information by sending in a new form.

Paper forms are also available at every performance, just ask an usher.

# Doubt Ticket Order Form

To Order Tickets: 1) Enter your Name and Phone Number

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

	Season Ticket	Student Or Senior	Regular Price	Total Price
2) Enter desired Ticket Quantities	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday April 11, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$13.00	\$15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday April 12, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$13.00	\$15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday April 18, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$13.00	\$15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday April 19, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$13.00	\$15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday April 20, 2:00PM	1 Coupon	\$13.00	\$15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday April 25, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$13.00	\$15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday April 26, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$13.00	\$15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday April 27, 2:00PM	1 Coupon	\$13.00	\$15.00	

3) Enter Desired Ticket Cost \_\_\_\_\_ Coupons, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4) Calculate Totals by multiplying the Ticket quantities by the price.

5) If you are a BRAVO Member, subtract \$0.50 per ticket. Member# \_\_\_\_\_ Discount = -\$ \_\_\_\_\_

6) OR, if Total Tickets is 20 or more, subtract \$0.50 per ticket. (Only one discount per ticket)  
Group Discount = - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7) Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to our new chairs fund. Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8) Enclose a check made out to ACTORS for the Total Due. Total Due=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

9) Please indicate any special seating needs: \_\_\_\_\_

10) Send this form along with the appropriate number of coupons and/or a check with a **SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** to: ACTORS Tickets, PO Box 1548, Ames, IA 50014-1548.



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**Disney's High School Musical**

**Don't Hug Me Christmas Carol**

**Doubt**

**Who's On First**

**Leader of the Pack The Elle Greenwich Musical**

*Night on the Town*

Congratulations to Isabel Hendrickson, the Night on the Town winner for *Doubt*.

She receives dinner for two, flowers from Mary Kay's Flowers and Gifts, a chauffeur driven car from Wilson Cadillac-Toyota-Scion as well as two tickets to the show.

Drawings are held for each production.

BRAVO members at the Stage Manager-level and up are qualified to win.

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 120 Abraham Drive, Ames Iowa 50014

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 Gallery 319, 314 Main St. , Ames

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Our Mission

The mission of ACTORS is to provide leadership in the performing arts for the people of Central Iowa through live theatrical presentations and educational opportunities for all ages.

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