



# On Stage

Ames Community Theater Since 1956  
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## Trouble AT THE TALENT SHOW

**By Eileen Moushey**

(An Audience Participation Mystery)

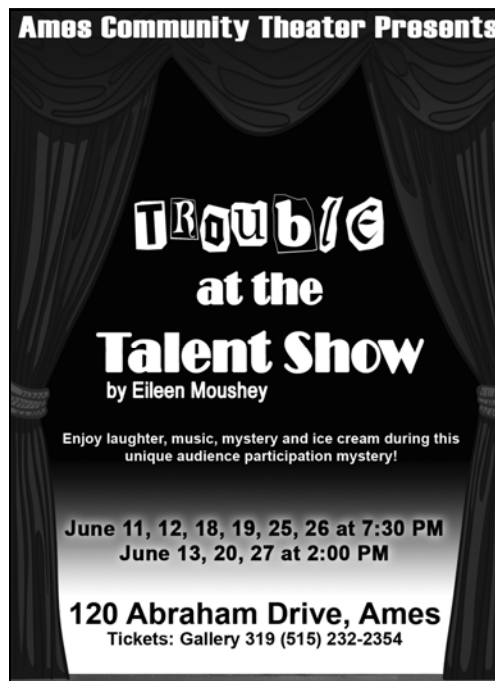
High school rivalries, black-mail, and a science experiment gone bad make this production both comical and suspenseful. As the choir director and the drama teacher host a talent show, fierce competition mounts within the student cliques and the staff. The maintenance guys harass the lunch ladies, but the lunch ladies know the maintenance guys are nothing without their keys. More trouble comes into play when a talent show contestant is mysteriously frozen solid. Who did it? You, the audience, can help solve the mystery by picking up clues and mingling with the cast over an ice cream social..

The cast for *Trouble at the Talent Show* is made up of over twenty local people. You will see many new faces, like John Flotho, a recent graduate of Iowa State University, and Patricia Walocko, who has been a part of other central Iowa community theaters.

"This show inspires creativity," says Co-Producer Angi Haen. "The actors are inspired to put forth their talents from singing, juggling, to fake foreign accents. And the audience will be inspired to join in the action".

Proud of her cast, director Lindsay Peters says, "They've put a lot of their own personalities into their roles. It's been a lot of fun to see the characters develop".

Cast member Kayla Pierce, playing the part of Madison, is most excited about the improvisation. "It keeps things fresh. You never know what will happen next".



Cast members include: Elijah Cunnolly, Jairus Davis, David Detlefs, John Flotho, Sonya Haskin, Odie-John Lofton, Barbara Lofton, Belinda Merritt, Mariah McGuire, Tommy Norris, Kayla Pierce, Jack Sanders, Ben Schnable, Ben Smith, Amy Schmidt, Anna Sunstrom, Emily Thurmaier, Patricia Walocko, Becca Wemhoff and Raven Wine.

Production dates are June 11-13, 18-20 and 25-27. Intermission will include a local treat from Anderson Erikson ice cream provided with the support of Temptations. Tickets can be ordered using the attached form and will be available for purchase at

Gallery 319 starting May 28th.

This is a show for all ages. Join ACTORS for laughter, music, mystery and suspense!

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~ *Trouble at the Talent Show, Continued*

## DETAILS:

**What:** *Trouble at the Talent Show*

**Where:** ACTORS Studio, 120 Abraham Drive, Ames

**When:** 7:30 PM June 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26  
2:00 PM June 13, 20, 27

All tickets are \$15.

**Sunday Promotion:** Buy one-get one free!  
(Not to be used in conjunction with any other special offers or discounts).

Use the attached order form to purchase tickets in advance.

Starting May 28<sup>st</sup> tickets can be purchased at Gallery 319, located at 310 Main Street in downtown Ames or by calling 232-2354.

More information about this, past, and future shows is available on our web site at [www.actorsinc.org](http://www.actorsinc.org).

# ACTORS GEAR

We are excited to present an entirely new line of ACTORS merchandise at the Annual Meeting on July 18th.

Shirts, hats, sweatshirts and more will be available for purchase—and there is a big surprise!

Reserve July 18th on your calendar to attend the Annual Recognition Event and Membership Meeting to see what all the fuss is about.

We think you'll be excited too!

## ANNOUNCING SEASON 55!

### *Harvey*

*A classic comedy*  
by Mary Chase  
September 17-October 3

### *Daddy's Girl*

*Laughter and tears*  
By Gary Ray Stapp  
November 26—December 13

### *The Kitchen Witches*

*A recipe for laughter*  
By Caroline Smith  
February 4-20

### *I Do, I Do*

*Sentimental musical*  
by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt.  
April 8-24

### *Art*

*What is Art?*  
By Yasmina Reza  
June 10-26

Season Tickets on sale during  
*Trouble at the Talent Show!*  
Early bird discount available if you  
purchase before July 1st.

## BRAVO! Membership

BRAVO (Building Renewal in Areas Vital to our Organization) is the membership program at ACTORS, Inc. Donations made through the BRAVO! program directly help all of our needs for the organization, including funding our mainstage productions, in-betweens, building maintenance and improvement, consumable supplies, publicity, marketing, and everything you can imagine necessary to keep our theater running. BRAVO! memberships are available for as little as \$10. So please, join BRAVO! today and help support YOUR community theater.

### Membership Levels

#### \$10-\$49 - Basic Member

*Benefits include OnStage newsletter, voting privileges, name listed in playbills, discounts on single tickets, and advance ticket sales (by mail only).*

#### \$50-\$149 - Stage Manager

*Includes all Basic Member benefits plus inclusion in the drawings for "Night on the Town" prizes.*

#### \$150 - \$199 - Supporting Role

*Includes all Stage Manager benefits plus discounts on ACTORS classes.*

#### \$200 - \$299 - Leading Role

#### \$300 - \$499 - Director

#### \$500 - \$999 - Producer

#### \$1000 and above - Entrepreneur

# Tickets For Trouble at the Talent Show

1) Enter your Name and Phone Number.

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

	Show Credits	+	Regular Price	=	Total Tickets
2) Enter desired Ticket Quantities:	_____		_____	=	_____

3) Check the desired show date.

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, June 11, 7:30 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, June 12, 7:30 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, June 13, 2:00 PM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, June 18, 7:30 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, June 19, 7:30 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, June 20, 2:00 PM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, June 25, 7:30 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, June 26, 7:30 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, June 27, 2:00 PM |

4) If you using Show Credit coupons you are not eligible for the Buy One, Get One Free offer. So, please go to step 8.

5) If you are ordering Regular Price tickets for a Sunday Matinee, you can divide the Regular Price Quantity above by 2. If that result is: 0.5 or 1, then Quantity is 1, 1.5 or 2, then Quantity is 2; 2.5 or 3, then Quantity is 3; etc.

Calculate SubTotal Due by multiplying this Buy One, Get One Free Quantity by \$15.00      SubTotal Due = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Go to step 8.

6) Calculate SubTotal Due by multiplying the Regular Price Ticket Quantity on line 2 by \$15.00      SubTotal Due = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7) Calculate Discount (Only one discount per ticket.)

7a) If you are an ACTORS' Bravo Member, subtract \$0.50 per ticket.      Member Discount = - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7b) OR, If Total Tickets is 20 to 49, subtract \$1 per ticket.      Group Discount = - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For Groups of 50 or more, all Tickets are \$12.

8) Please consider including a tax-deductible contribution to ACTORS' Building fund.      Contribution = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

10) Please indicate any special seating needs. \_\_\_\_\_

11) Send this form along with the appropriate number of Show Credit Coupons and/or a check made out to ACTORS and a **SELF-ADDRESSED-STAMPED-ENVELOPE** to: ACTORS Tickets, PO Box 1548, Ames IA 50014-1548

Tickets on sale at Gallery 319 located at 310 Main Street, Ames (515) 232-2354 on May 28th.



**ACTORS Inc.**  
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## Annual Recognition Event Sunday, July 18th.

### Details to Be Announced

All BRAVO members and  
 cast & crew from Season 54 are  
 invited to attend.

## *Night on the Town*

Congratulations to Nels & Patricia Lersten,  
 our "Night On The Town" winner for  
*Trouble at the Talent Show*. They receive  
 dinner for two at West Towne Pub,  
 flowers from Mary Kay's Flowers and  
 Gifts, a chauffeur driven car from Wilson  
 Cadillac-Toyota-Scion and two tickets to  
 the show.

Bravo members at the \$50 level and above  
 are eligible for this drawing.

**Studio**

120 Abraham Drive, Ames Iowa 50014

**Tickets**

Gallery 319, 310 Main St., Ames IA

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 through live theatrical  
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 ties for all ages.**

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