

Presents

Holidazed

A Comedy by Bailly Morse

Directed by Glenn Reese

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A Note from the Director

Welcome everyone!

We have another very special production for you this evening. It's the world premiere of a comedy by Enfield's own, Bailly Morse. She has crafted a story with eight wonderful characters, provided them with witty dialog, and put them in outrageous situations, which I'm sure you'll all find thoroughly entertaining. We'll be entering the world of Francine Waldroop, who is grappling with her "new normal" as her children head off to college. We've all managed through transitions in life, and even if you've never sent kids off to college, I'm sure you'll find several "truths" in Bailly's work (I know I did). I feel blessed to have the opportunity to bring this story to life for the first time, and I would like to thank our talented actors, and the rest of the dedicated Valley Rep team for joining me on this journey.

Enjoy the show!

Glenn Reese

A Note from the Assistant Director

My favorite part in the process of building a beautiful production from the playwright's written words is finding the "moments". When a cast gels so perfectly while developing their characters, these moments begin to appear. Moments crystallize when the actors are no longer thinking of their blocking or their next cue. Once those become second nature then we identify, grab onto and hone the moments that are born out of the hearts of the actors' characters. Watch for those that might tickle your funny bone, warm your heart or wet your eyes a little bit. If that happens for you then we have done our job.

Enjoy!

Patty Coope Piellucci

A Note from the Author

Welcome! I am so glad to be able to share this play with you, and hope it brings some laughter to your heart. I wrote this show a few years ago, inspired to create something a little funny and a little heartwarming. Never could I have imagined seeing it performed, let alone by actors I have long admired and some new faces who blew me away with their talent. It has been a rare gift to have this experience.

This show is ultimately about family, and about the relationships that parents share with their children. It can be such a special bond and I am so fortunate to have an incredible and supportive family. I would list them all but we are Italian and Irish so we'd be here all night. I also have a fabulous network of friends and chosen family.

Now that I have my own baby girl, Emmeline, the themes of this show are all the more special to me as I witness these actors and the wonderful directors, Glenn and Patty, bring it to life. Cast and crew, thank you for all that you do to bring your artistry to the stage.

Enjoy the show!

Bailly Morse

We would like to dedicate this show to two amazing women who were so special to the Valley Rep family:

Elizabeth "Betty" Gualtieri and Gail Maloney.

Betty and Gail's laughter in the audience was one of the most rewarding parts of performing, and their laughs and light will be greatly missed.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director	Glenn Reese
Assistant Director	
Technical Director	Jordan Liddell
Stage Manager	Sydney Hamre
Assistant Stage Manager.	Brandon Hosig
Writer/Producer	Bailly Morse
Costume Design	
Prop Master	Jordan Liddell
Set Dressing	Patty Coope Piellucci
Box Office	Lisa Eaton
Webmaster & Program	Bailly Morse
Set Construction	Jordan Liddell, Jill Liddell, Ed Beckwith,
/Set Painting	Donna Hamre, Joshua Madison, Jacob
	Madison, James Madison, Jennifer Madison,
	Jason Black, Joel Ketchale, Lisa Eaton, Andy
	Neild, Joie Beckwith, Brandon Hosig, Steph
	Macgillivary, Bailly Morse, Glenn Reese,
	Sydney Hamre, Patty Coope Piellucci

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CAST

(in order of appearance)

FRANCINE	Lisa Eaton
GERTRUDE	Steph MacGillivary
BEN	Andy Neild
ALEXIS	Joie Beckwith
HANK	Joel Ketchale
CARL	Jason Black
SHELLEY	Jennifer Madison
	Brandon Hosig
SCENES	

Setting: A home in New England, Summer, Present Day

Act 1, Scene 1: Afternoon
Act 1, Scene 2: Morning
Act 1, Scene 3: The following morning
Act 1, Scene 4: A new day

~ INTERMISSION ~

We will have a brief 10-minute intermission

Act 2, Scene 1: The next day
Act 2, Scene 2: That evening
Act 2, Scene 3: Late that night
Act 2, Scene 4: The following night
Act 2, Scene 5: The next morning

CAST and **CREW**

Joie Beckwith (Alexis) has helped out backstage in a few Valley Rep shows, and loves doing her school's spring musical. Joie is so happy to be able to be on stage with this cast, and hopes the audience will see the love put into this show. Joie's favorite holiday is Halloween, because making a costume and wearing it is always the best project of the year.

Jason Black (Carl) is happy to play the ex-husband in this show since he has plenty of experience with this role. Jason would like to thank his partner Tonya for helping him to memorize his lines! Jason's favorite holiday is the one where we eat too much.

Lisa Eaton (Francine) has worked with Valley Rep since 2001 as an actor, director & stage manager, and also served on the Executive Board for several seasons as Artistic Director. Lisa is excited to be given the chance to bring Francine to life. She would like to thank her husband, Rick, for both his support and for not being afraid of her 'process'. Lisa dedicates her performance with much love to her Mom & Dad, who are watching from the "balcony seats". Lisa's favorite holiday has always been Christmas, because it's the only time the whole family is together and she enjoys all the holiday baking.

Sydney Hamre (Stage Manager) started helping backstage with the Enfield Lamplighters at EHS, and she is so glad to be able to continue with Valley Rep. She thanks her family and friends for all continuing to support her love of theatre, and she is glad to have met and worked with so many other theatre lovers. Between the cocoa, movies, snow, and decorations, Christmas has always been Sydney's favorite holiday (though the intense game of scrabble that comes with every holiday is an added bonus).

Brandon Hosig (Walter/Asst. Stage Manager) has acted previously with the Valley Repertory Company, appearing in "The Witch in 204". Brandon was also the stage manager for the two one act shows "The Death of Me" and "My Narrator". Whether he is on or off stage, being a part of Valley Rep has been a truly rewarding experience for Brandon. Halloween is Brandon's favorite Holiday because he enjoys spooky yet fun nature of the holiday; and eating a bunch of candy.

Joel Ketchale (Hank) This is Joel's first on stage endeavor after assisting back stage with several Enfield Lamplighters productions. Joel would like to thank his daughters Lucie and Haleigh for their love and support. Joel's favorite holiday is Christmas, because the world just seems to fill with love for a day.

Jill Liddell (Costumes) Jill designed the costumes for 13 years for the Enfield Lamplighters shows and this is her sixth show with Valley Rep Co. She would like to thank her long suffering husband Bobby for his love and patience during show season. Thanksgiving is her favorite holiday because it's a medley of close family and good food.

Jordan Liddell (Tech Director/Props) has been involved in several shows for Valley Rep and her favorite part is the laughter of an audience. Jordan wants to thank her dad for supporting her and her mom through the long hours and endless talking about the show, and she loved working with her mom behind the scenes for the first time in a long time. Jordan loves Halloween because she loves to do special effects make-up, which lets her make things as cute (or gruesome) as she wants!

Steph MacGillivary (Gertrude) has been involved in community theater for several years now, and it has been an absolute joy to be a part of this vibrant and creative community. Her favorite productions with VRC include Unexpected Guest, Bedtime Stories, and Little Old Ladies in tennis shoes. She was honored to be involved in workshopping Gert, and is thrilled to be able to bring her to the stage. She wishes to thank her dad, sisters Erin and Heather, her brother-in-law Jeremy, and her husband Ryan for all of your support. Her performance this evening is in honor of her mom, Gail Maloney, who they lost in January of 2022. Gail loved theater and seeing VRC shows.

Jennifer Madison (Shelley) This is Jennifer's first time on stage since she graduated college (nearly a quarter-century ago!) and she is overjoyed to be on stage again! She is grateful to her family for all their help practicing lines and building the set... and warns them to be prepared for theatre to be a more regular part of life! Jennifer's favorite holiday is a toss-up between Christmas and Thanksmas (which itself is a family tradition blend of Thanksgiving and Christmas), when she gets to spend extra time with family, listen to music imbued with years of memories, eat yummy food, and enjoy love and laughter with loved ones!

Andy Neild (Ben) has been in several VRC shows, but his most memorable role was of Spike in "Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike." Andy would like to thank his fiancé, James and his cat, Kiggy for being his biggest supporters and a special shoutout to Auntie Lisa for keeping him sane. Andy's favorite holiday is Christmas because it's all about faith, family, and food and those are the only f's he gives.

Visit the ValleyRep.com website for more information about the cast and crew, and for some fun videos with the cast!

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Contact Artistic Director Patty Coope Piellucci at ppiellucci56@gmail.com and join us!

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Thank you.

Valley Repertory Company Past Productions

2022 Stories from Sweater Season

2019 The Death of Me / My Narrator / It's A Wonderful Life

2018 The Witch in 204 / Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

2017 Bedtime Stories / You Can't Take It with You

2016 Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes / Calendar Girls

2015 You Have the Right to Remain Dead / Murder, You Must Be Kidding! / Ordinary Voices

2014 Things My Mother Taught Me / Cabaret Show / Eleemosynary / Graceland

2013 Bone Chiller! / Cabaret Show / A Night of Improv II / Labworks: Play Contest

2012 The Unexpected Guest / Cabaret Show / A Night of Improv / Labworks: Play Contest

2011 The Golden State / Romeo and Juliet / Labworks: Play Contest

2010 Almost, Maine / Proof / Labworks: Play Contest

2009 The Curious Savage / Rock for Food / Buried Child / LabWorks: The Dining Room

2008 The Latest Mrs. Adams / Lust N Rust - The Trailer Park Musical / Labworks: Over the River and Through the Woods / Rock for Food

2007 Cahoots / Out of Order / LabWorks: Going to St. Ives

2006 Cat on a Hot Tin Roof / Man Alive

2005 Wait Until Dark / On Golden Pond

2004 Run For Your Wife / Don't Drink the Water

2003 All My Sons / Play On!

2002 Play It Again, Sam / A Streetcar Named Desire

2001 Knock Em Dead / Steel Magnolias

2000 The Elephant Man / Let's Murder Marsha

1999 The Odd Couple (Female Version) / Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got The Will?/ Suitehearts

1998 LabWorks: An Evening of Romance: Love Letters

1997 The Nerd / Don't Dress for Dinner

1996 Murder at Rutherford House / Tribute / LabWorks: Theatre Experience

1995 The Night Hank Williams Died / Labworks: Voices

1994 Western Roundup / Rumors

1993 Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes / Lend Me A Tenor / LabWorks: Shakespearean Theatre Workshop

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1991 On Borrowed Time / The Foreigner / LabWorks: Old Friends, The Marriage Proposal / 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

1990 Love, Sex, and the IRS / The Mousetrap / LabWorks: One Egg, Silent Endings, The Day After Forever / 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

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1988 The Pajama Game / LabWorks: Stage Makeup, Stage Movement & Dirthe Workshop / Blithe Spirit / 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

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