

Dancing at Lughnasa

by Brian Friel directed by Loriann Schmidt

January 19 to February 10, 2018

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Michael	Jeff Sanders
Chris	Emily Johnson
Maggie	Leigh Enger
Agnes	Teresa Waite
Rose	Julianna Gibbons
Kate	Kari Trickey
Gerry	Marc Wassom
Jack	Walter Haight

SETTING

ACT ONE—Early August 1936, the home of the Mundy family, two miles outside the village of Ballybeg, County Donegal, Ireland.

ACT TWO—Three weeks later.

There will be a 20-minute intermission between acts.

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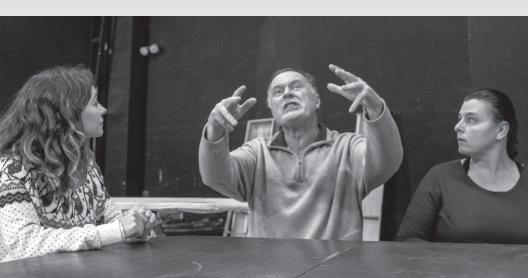
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PRODUCTION STAFF

Director	Loriann Schmidt
Technical Director	Chris Benham
Assistant Director	Karen McCarty
Set Design	Chris Benham
Lighting Design	
Sound Design	Hunter Rowland
Costume Design	Karen McCarty
Production Assistant.	Isaac Joyce-Shaw
Makeup	Isaac Joyce-Shaw
Props Priscilla	Lindsey, Megan Rosevear, Tony Zandol
Dramaturg.	Ann Peck-McBride
Dance Coaches	
Stage Manager	
Sound Technician	
Lighting Technician	
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	Jeff Sanders, Ross Waite
Set Construction David Ballant	
	rty, Rob Sim, Tony Zandol, Cast & Crew
Poster Design	
Program Design	
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elcome to Pentacle Theatre's production of Dancing at Lughnasa. The show begins with the words, "As I cast my mind back to that summer of 1936 ... " and instantly we are launched into the mind of our playwright as he remembers the end of his seventh summer. In this play, Brian Friel takes us back into Michael Mundy's childhood, filled with wonderful strains of music and the complicated love of family.

I first saw this lovely memory piece in Denver shortly after it was written and, while I don't remember any details of the show, I recall the feelings it evoked. Which is, after all, what we strive for in live

theater. A feeling that lasts across years and events and though details are long forgotten, the feeling lingers on.

We invite you to enjoy our journey back to 1936, into the Mundy home and meet our family. Feel the last, warm rays of August sunshine and be awash in the memories of this magical La Lughnasa time.

Loriann Schmidt, Director





DIRECTOR'S NOTES

CAST AND CREW • • • • • • • •



Loriann Schmidt Director

At Pentacle Theatre, Loriann has served as assistant director for To Kill a Mockingbird, Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, and

Lost in Yonkers. She was the costumer for several shows. She founded a community theater in Florida and had professional and community theater experience in Denver, including lighting design, costume design, directing, rehearsal and performance musician, and performer. Loriann is part of a theater-active family, administrator of a local school, science teacher, self-proclaimed geek and lover of all things tech.



Karen McCarty

Assistant Director Karen directed Lost in Yonkers, Educating Rita, and Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike at Pentacle Theatre. She was the assistant director

for many plays including Lend Me a Tenor,

Macbeth, Reckless, and Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge. Over the years, Karen has been a stage manager and light board operator, and the costumer for many plays including Macbeth, The Lion In Winter, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, and Fiddler On The Roof. Karen is active on many Pentacle Theatre committees, and has been the co-chair of the Hospitality Guild with her husband, Chris, since 2007. She has also served on the Pentacle Theatre Governing Board. When not at the theater, Karen works at DMV as the Business Manager, or can be seen zooming around Oregon in her Miata.



Leigh Enger

Maggie Mundy

Leigh has not been in a production at Pentacle Theatre in 30 years. She appeared in *The Prime* of *Miss Jean Brodie* and in *To Gillian on Her*

37th Birthday. More recent theater experience includes *The 7-Year Itch* at Aumsville Community Theatre and Jo Dodge's acting class in 2015. Leigh has four daughters, works at HDR Engineering, and lives in

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Salem. She is on the board of Children's Educational Theatre. She is rediscovering acting as the thing that brings her great joy and is very enthusiastic about working with such professional actors.



Julianna Gibbons Rose Mundy

At Pentacle, Julianna has appeared as Poppy in Noises Off, Sonia in Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, Lenny in Crimes of the Heart,

Hattie in *The Women of Lockerbie*, and Quince in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. She has also portrayed Ruth in *Blithe Spirit* and Ensemble in *Spoon River Anthology* for Aumsville Community Theater, and Kate in *Sylvia* at the Gallery Theater. In 2010, she spent a year in Capitol City Theater's crazy and creative Improv comedy troupe. Julianna has a rewarding job as a high school theater teacher. She would like to thank Dixie for the love and support, and Pentacle for the opportunity to bring this story to the stage. When not being dramatic, she enjoys fishing, cats, funny accents, and all humanity.



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Walter Haight Father Jack Mundy Walter's Pentacle Theatre credits include A Christmas Carol, Leading Ladies, Radium Girls, Guys and Dolls. At Gallery Theatre, he

appeared in *The Laramie Project, The Foreigner, The Music Man*, and *Reefer Madness: The Musical.* Walter is on Board of Directors for McMinnville Community Media and McMinnville Short Film Festival. His hobbies include classical music, baseball, Oregon history, and cartography. He lives in McMinnville with his wife Dawn.



Emily Johnson

Christina Mundy

Emily is new to Pentacle Theatre. Other theater credits includes-*Much Ado About Nothing, Leading Ladies, Our Town,* and *Arsenic and*

Old Lace at Dallas High School, and the summer seminar for high school juniors at The Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Emily lives in Dallas, Oregon.



Jeff Sanders

Michael Mundy Jeff is honored to be a Lifetime Member of Pentacle Theatre, where he began working in the box office at the age of 15. He has appeared

on the Pentacle stage in Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, Of Mice and Men, My Fair Lady, The Price, The Importance of Being Earnest, God of Carnage, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Jesus Christ Superstar, Romeo and Juliet, The Immigrant, and many others. Jeff has directed A Christmas Carol, Macbeth, Twelfth Night, Death of a Salesman, All My Sons, The Imaginary Invalid, Steel Magnolias, The Sound of Music, and more, all at Pentacle Theatre. He directed *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea* for The Verona Studio's 2016 season. In 2013, he appeared in Gallery Theater's production of *Born Yesterday*. At the Elsinore Theatre, Jeff has played Hamlet and directed *Macbeth*. He has appeared on stage at the Grand Theatre in *Bent* and has performed in *All in the Timing* at several area venues. Jeff is proud to share his love of theatre with his gifted and wonderful son Michael.



Kari Tricky

Kate Mundy

Kari is thrilled to be returning to Pentacle Theatre as Kate Mundy. She was last here as Dotty Ottly in *Noises Off* last year. Her first

stage appearance was in 2008 as Dr. Eve in Sordid Lives at Gallery Theatre in McMinnville. Other roles include Honey Raye in Christmas Belles at Mask & Mirror in Tigard, as well as Penny Sycamore in You Can't Take it With You (Gallery Theatre). She has also performed with Chehalem Players Repertory in Newberg. In real life, Kari works for a design studio and teaches yoga, both in McMinnville.



Teresa Waite

Agnes Mundy Teresa is thrilled to be back on stage with this wonderful ensemble. She has spent the last two years assis-

tant directing the final

shows of the 2016 and 2017 seasons, Other Desert Cities and A Christmas Carol, and



is excited to be opening 2018 on stage. Her other credits include Gallery Theatre's 2017 Readers Theatre production of *Frost/ Nixon*, Pentacle's productions of *All My Sons*, *Macbeth*, *The Women of Lockerbie*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Our Town*, and fundraisers *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *The Sound of Music*. She has also run lights and/or stage managed at least six other Pentacle shows during the last ten years. Teresa would like to thank her husband, Ross, her son Teddy, and her entire extended family and friends for all of the love and support she has received in pursuing her theatrical ambitions.



Marc Wassom

Gerry Evans

Marc returns to his newfound home, Pentacle Theatre, for his second show onstage. Other Pentacle experience includes working

on running crew for *Spamalot* and portraying Jimmy, Steve, and Chad in *Almost*, *Maine*. Recently graduated from South Salem High School, his previous roles there include Oscar Madison in *The Odd Couple*, Ferris Layman in *The Diviners*, and Jacob Marley in *A Christmas Carol*. He currently holds the title of Best in State (along with his scene partner, Ethan Elmore) for his Duo Dramatic scene from *All My Sons*,

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which he competed with at the Oregon State Thespian Festival. Since graduating, he took the stage in July alongside his former teacher and mentor, Julianna Gibbons, in his community theatre debut at Brush Creek Playhouse, and is excited to be working alongside her once more. An Oregon native, Marc enjoys everything Oregon has to offer, from the bustling city of Portland to the quiet serenity of King's Valley. Alongside work and college, he plans to continue to be an active participant in the Salem and surrounding area's theater community. He would like to give a special thanks to his mother and grandparents, for always believing in him and encouraging him to pursue his passions.



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elcome to Pentacle Theatre's 2018 season. We have a big start this year. Our Winter Fundraiser, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, hosted a sold out weekend at the Historic Elsinore Theatre. Thank you to everyone for making it such a success. Now we kick off our regular season with *Dancing at Lughnasa*. A bewitching dream-like memory play set in Ireland's County Donegal as told by narrator Michael Evans.

As an organization, we are in a season of change. We saw the retirement of our long-time production director, Tony Zandol, on Dec. 31. Tony dedicated more than 30 years to our organiza-



David Ballantyne

tion—23 as our employee—crafting beautiful stages, curating our grounds, designing the interior, shaping our policies and so much more. We were blessed to have him with us for as long as we did and wish him the very best. With his departure we welcome Chris Benham to the team as our new technical director! Chris's responsibilities at Pentacle Theatre will include set and lighting design, set construction and working with a wide variety of volunteers involved in the theater's nine productions per year. Benham, who has a degree in communications arts and theater from George Fox College, brings to Pentacle Theatre more than 20 years' experience in theater as a performer, director, producer, scenic designer, set construction coordinator, scenic consultant, and sound designer. *Dancing at Lughnasa* was Tony Zandol's first set design for us and it seems fitting that it is Chris's as well.

It's an exciting time for Pentacle Theatre. This season has a great mix of comedies, classic dramas and musicals, stories of a dystopic future and some of a mythic supernatural past. We start this season with a story like a warm story told 'round the fire. Sit down and warm up and thank you for joining us for *Dancing at Lughnasa*.

David Ballantyne, Pentacle Theatre Governing Board President



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Pentacle Theatre Season 2018

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Pentacle Theatre is an established non-profit theater company, providing an eight-play season. A nine-member governing board assisted by committee chairpersons and countless other volunteers run the theater. Membership is open to all.

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Calendar Girls • March 2-24

im Firth's stage adaptation of his own film script is inspired by the true story of a group of Yorkshire women who became famous after they posed nude for a calendar created to raise money for the local hospital.

Jill Sorenson is directing Pentacle Theatre's production of *Calendar Girls*, with the help of assistant director Mary Ann Potter. The cast includes Ken Hermens, Gloria Holland, Lyndsey Houser, Leslie Inmon, Kelli Jaecks, Deborah Johansen, Lesley Johnson, Fran Lattin, Zoe Oliver, Robert Salberg, Geri Sanders, Claire Snyder, and Bryan Toller.

Calendar Girls opens on Friday, March 2, and plays through Saturday, March 24. Tickets are available at the Pentacle Theatre ticket office located at 145 Liberty St. NE in downtown Salem or online at pentacletheatre.org. For more information, contact the Pentacle Theatre ticket office at 503-485-4300. *Calendar Girls* is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Jim and Joan Witt, State

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