

Performances, Auditions & More



***As You Like It* by Thin Ice Ensemble**
May 8 & 9 / 2P in Devonshire Park

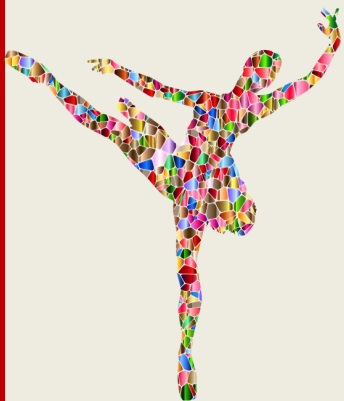
Devonshire Music Recital
May 16 / Noon-3P in Devonshire Park

***Company* by The Devonshire Playhouse**
June 5, 6, 12 & 13 / 2P in Devonshire Park

Devonshire Dance Recital
June 6 / 10A-Noon in Devonshire Park

Auditions for *Little Women*
June 21 & 22/6-8P

For Tickets or to Schedule an audition, call
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THE RADIO PLAY DISASTER

by Don Zolidis

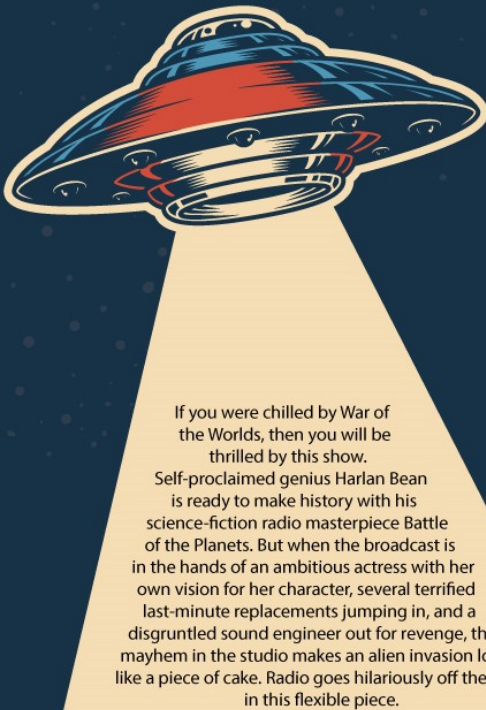
In-person performances

Saturdays
February 20 & 27 at 7P

Sundays
February 21 & 28 at 3P

Streaming
performances

Available beginning
March 5 at midnight
Streaming will cease promptly
at 11:59P on March 8.

A stylized illustration of a blue and red UFO with a white beam of light shining down from it.

If you were chilled by War of the Worlds, then you will be thrilled by this show. Self-proclaimed genius Harlan Bean is ready to make history with his science-fiction radio masterpiece Battle of the Planets. But when the broadcast is in the hands of an ambitious actress with her own vision for her character, several terrified last-minute replacements jumping in, and a disgruntled sound engineer out for revenge, the mayhem in the studio makes an alien invasion look like a piece of cake. Radio goes hilariously off the rails in this flexible piece.

This is the perfect show for virtual viewing but we can also accommodate a limited and distanced in-person audience. So you can arrive a ½ hour early for drinks and appetizers or make yourself comfortable in your own home for live theatre!

Tickets
Individual (in-person or streaming): \$20
Household (streaming): \$30

Streaming tickets available online at
skokieparks.org/Devonshire-playhouse

In person tickets available by calling
(847) 929-7410

The logo for Skokie Park District, featuring three stylized evergreen trees above the text "SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT".

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Cast of *The Radio Play Disaster*

Harlan Bean.....Bruce Lorie
Max.....Timothy Wolf
Trixie Flanders.....Karyn Doerfler
Otis Sheridan.....Ryan Bond
Samantha Powers.....Stephanie Raymond
Larissa Jacks.....Susie Perkowitz
Sir Brinsley Catamount.....David Laub
Josie O'Connor.....Jennifer Case
Adrienne Lucas(streaming).....Allison Fradkin
Adrienne Lucas.....Gayle Starr
Tonya Bristow.....Judy Duesenberg
Branford Bristow.....Jim Duesenberg
Maria Spumante.....Amber Bond
Furious Hamster.....Andy Gans

Meet the Cast

Bruce Lorie (Harlan Bean) is enjoying his first appearance at Devonshire Playhouse. He spends his days behind a microphone as a voiceover talent, so *Radio Play Disaster* is a natural voyage for him. It has been some time since his last theatre performance, but he has been in over 4,000 productions at theatres in Illinois—Apple Tree Theatre, Profiles Performance Ensemble, the Athenaeum and Conkin Players. Bruce is incredibly grateful for the support of his family, Sandra and Adrian.

Timothy Wolf (Max) is back for his 6th Devonshire show, most recently appearing in the pandemic-friendly outdoor musical *Sounds of Hope*. He serves as music director for Thin Ice Ensemble Theatre, working with very talented young homeschoolers. He has also been a Realtor for more than a decade. Originally from Royal Oak, Michigan, he and his family now call Skokie home. Timothy is always grateful for the unending support of his beautiful wife, Lisa and his son, future star Jack.



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Steel Magnolias by Thin Ice Ensemble
Live/In-person performance March 13 / 7:30P
Streaming performance March 20/7:30P

Devonshire Dance Ensemble Presents
DDE On Broadway
March 20 /8P & March 21/3P

Auditions for Company
March 21/5-8P & March 22/7-10P

Oklahoma by The Young Performers
April 17, 18, 24 & 25/2P in Devonshire Park

Devonshire Competition Dance Team Show
May 2/3P in Devonshire Park

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**Cultural Arts Spring Break
Camp**

March 29 - April 2

Summer Camp Registration Begins!

Resident Registration starts Noon, February 21

Non Resident Registration starts 8:30A, March 7

Summer Camps Featured at Devonshire

Summer On Broadway Junior, Senior & Teens

Behind The Scenes Camp

Circus Juniors, Seniors & Minis

Cooking Juniors & Seniors

Art Sparks

Little Travelers

Cultural Arts Camps

Cultural Arts Minis

Dance Intensive

Little Dancer Minis

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Karyn Doerfler (Trixie Flanders) is excited to be making her debut with the Devonshire Playhouse. A relative latecomer to the theater scene, Karyn stepped on stage for the first time in 2016. She has been making the most of it ever since, having appeared in *A Christmas Carol* (Ghost of Christmas Present), *Steel Magnolias* (Truvy), *Mamma Mia!* (Tanya) and *Legally Blonde—The Musical* (Pilar). Karyn thanks the cast and crew, along with her ever-supportive friends and hopes this show helps you find the humor in a sometimes disastrous world.

Ryan Bond (Otis Sheridan) is excited to act at Devonshire Playhouse in his first scripted performance. Ryan has appeared behind the mic on numerous podcasts, in unrehearsed productions by EDGE of Orion Theatre and as a voice actor on the audio-drama, *Our Fair City*. He currently serves on the Board for Otherworld Theatre, as a Scoutmaster and develops digital products & experiences. Ryan is indebted to his family/friends for their support & encouragement, especially with memorizing lines!

Stephiane Raymond (Samantha Powers) celebrates her 5th show at the Devonshire Playhouse. She has greatly enjoyed getting to work with old friends and make new ones on this show. She is an aspiring voice artist and is very grateful to family and friends for all their love and support, especially her husband Stuart who encouraged her to audition for *Working*, her first show at Devonshire as well first show in over 10 years thus reigniting her love for theater and the arts.

Susie Perkwitz (Larissa Jacks) is thrilled to join the Devonshire family in *The Radio Play Disaster*. Recent credits: *The Sound of Music*, *Chess*, *The Producers*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel in Concert* at Lincoln Center, *South Pacific*, *Anything Goes*, *Busytown: The Musical*, *Into the Woods*, *Angel Down at Love*, *Brigadoon* and *A Christmas Carol*. Susie also narrates an award-winning podcast of original bedtime stories for children that recently passed 3.5 million downloads. www.AhwayIsland.com She thanks Robin, Tyler and everyone in the cast and crew!

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David Laub (Sir Brinsley Catamount) has been haunting Devonshire Playhouse for almost a quarter century and sees no reason to stop. He has been seen here in *Sweeney Todd* and *South Pacific* and has appeared with the Savoy-Aires of Evans-ton in *The Pirates of Penzance* and *Thespis*. When not dazzling performance arenas with his warped world view, he can be seen as a Docent and second generation speaker at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Though he's retired from the binary world of software engineering he still finds time to feed his inner masochist, writing smartphone apps. He dedicates these performances to the memory of his late wife, Susan who always tolerated his thespian proclivities with a warm smile.

Jennifer Case (Josie O'Connor) Having spent the bulk of quarantine participating in table reads, Jennifer feels grateful and blessed to be performing in her first live-action play since the pandemic began. Previous Devonshire productions include: *Follies*, *Hello Dolly*, *Into the Woods*, *Working: The Musical* and *A Little Night Music*. She has also worked with LZP Productions, Wilmette Center for the Arts and the Glenview Theater Guild. Thank you to Tyler, my fellow actors and new friends. Your laughter is truly magical.

Allison Fradkin (Arianna Lucas-Streaming) aka Cyber space invader, comes in peace for this disastrous delight, her twelfth production with Devonshire. Previous roles in radio show re-creations include *Our Miss Brooks* (Miss Brooks) and *The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet* (Harriet Nelson). When not transmitting vintage vibes, Allison is amplifying accessibility and inclusivity. She serves as dramatist for Special Gifts Theatre, adapting scripts for actors of all abilities; and acts as Literary Manager for Violet Surprise Theatre, curating new works by queer women.

Gayle Starr (Adrienne Lucas) has an M.F.A. in Theater from the University of Texas and an M.S.W. from Jane Adams School of Social Work at University of Illinois-Chicago. A social worker for Chicago Schools, she also teaches and directs for Devonshire. Favorite shows include: *Follies* (Hattie Walker), *Pippin*, *Cinderella* (Portia), *Odd Couple* (Olive), *Sound of Music* (Mother Abbess). Favorite shows directed: *Annie Oakley*, *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.*, *Our Town*, *Miracle Worker* and *The Secret Garden*. Gayle thanks husband, Evans and daughters Dora and Joanna for their love and support.



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Acknowledgments

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Thanks to the families of the cast & crew!

Crew for *The Radio Play Disaster*

Artistic Director.....Tyler Skafgaard
Technical Director.....Evans Poulos
Stage Manager & Sound Design.....Paul Pint
Set Design & Videography.....Evans Poulos
Light Design.....Amanda Blatt
Sound Operator.....Becca Blatt
Costumes.....Cast
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Lorenzo Verdugo



Tyler Skafgaard



Evans Poulos



Paul Pint



Amanda Blatt



Becca Blatt



Robin Horwitz

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Judy Duesenberg (Tonya Bristow) is so happy to be doing theater during this time of Covid, especially with the most wonderful group of actors! This is Judy's 6th show with Devonshire Playhouse, including: *Our Town*, *The Secret Garden*, *Follies*, *Tom Sawyer* and *Annie Oakley*. She retired last year from the tech department at Niles North High School and loves spending time with her beautiful granddaughter, Sophie. Judy would like to thank the Skokie Park District for bringing theater safely to Skokie at this crazy time and of course, she is so grateful to perform once again with Jim!

Jim Duesenberg (Branford Bristow) is excited to perform for the 6th time with the Devonshire Playhouse, including: *Our Town*, *The Secret Garden*, *Follies*, *Tom Sawyer* and *Annie Oakley*. Jim has worked for the Village of Skokie as a Property Standards Inspector for 15 years. Participating in theatre with his wife, Judy, is something he cherishes. He is also blessed to be Papa to his granddaughter Sophie!!

Amber Bond (Maria Spumante) is excited to be back for her fourth production with Devonshire Playhouse. This is her first straight play in quite some time and she is enjoying bringing her experience with musical theater into the fun of this production. Amber is thrilled to share the stage with her husband, Ryan for the first time as performers. They met in high school working behind the scenes and are having great fun on stage together

Andy Gans (Furious Hamster) is thrilled to be back at Devonshire after a few years hiatus. He was last here in 2017 with *Sherlock Holmes: Almost Got Him* (Inspector Lestrade). Also in 2017, he appeared in a Chicago Halloween festival of one act plays where he was in *The Greatest Orchestra In The World* (Montresor) and *Untitled* (Bill). When not performing, Andy enjoys spending time with his wife and dog in the woods. Thanks to the cast, crew and audience for being able to put together a fun show to support live theater and hope everyone stays safe and healthy!

Meet the Crew

Tyler Skafgaard (Director) is a graduate of North Park University, holding a BA in Conflict Transformation with a focus in Theatre and Performance. Through studying and working with Theatre of Witness and Theatre of the Oppressed, he has experienced the importance of using theatre to empathize the real accounts of individual people and loves to incorporate that in every show he does. He enjoys directing and acting, having been a part of numerous shows throughout Chicago. He is also a company member of Akvavit Theatre based in Andersonville-Chicago.

Paul Pint (Stage Manager & Sound Design) has successfully supported several shows with Devonshire Playhouse as stage manager including: *Annie Oakley*, *Tom Sawyer* and *Follies*. He also served as Assistant Stage Manager for *A Chorus Line High School Edition* and even appeared front of curtain in *Follies* as Kevin!

Evans Poulos (Technical Director & Set Design) has built sets for: *Annie Oakley*, *Sounds of Hope*, *Tarzan*, *Follies*, *Fiddler On The Roof Jr.*, *A Chorus Line*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, *Pippin*, *Secret Garden*, *Hello Dolly*, *Into The Woods*, *La Petit Mousquetaire*, *Heathers*, *The Musical*, *Music Man Jr. Working*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *Cabaret*, *Treasure Island*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Urinetown* and *Sweeney Todd*. Evans has also acted in *Working*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Little House on the Prairie*. Evans operates lighting and sound desks when needed. He thanks family and his supervisor for putting up with his craziness. Long live the *Sweeney* chair!

Amanda Blatt (Light Design) is very excited to participate in *The Radio Show Disaster*! She is a Junior at Niles North High School and is heavily involved in their theater program. Her favorite shows include: *Matilda the Musical* (stage manager), *Clybourne Park* (light board operator) and *Tick Tick Boom* (construction/lighting crew). Amanda thanks her family and friends for their encouragement and support.

Becca Blatt (Sound Operator) is a freshman at Niles North. She was recently seen in *The Sounds of Hope* and as Young Annie Oakley with Devonshire Playhouse. Some favorite shows include: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (children's ensemble)-Music Theater Works, *A Chorus Line* (Judy Turner) and *Tarzan* (Turk)-Devonshire Playhouse. Becca thanks family and friends for the encouragement and support.

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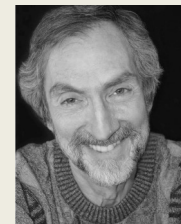
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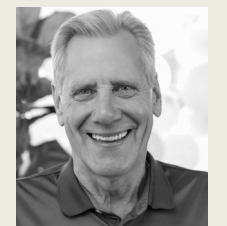
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