



Calliope Productions Presents:

the Cemetery Club

A Comedy by
Ivan Menchell



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**March 20, 21, 22, 23,
28, 29, & 30**

Thu.- Sat. at 7:30 pm; Sun. at 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$20 for Regular Adults; \$17 for Youths & Seniors

**Calliope Theatre
150 Main Street
Boylston, MA**



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CAST

(in order of appearance)

Ida Laura Steele
Lucille Carol Allard Vancil
Doris Pat Delano
Sam Evan Graber
Mildred Cindy Graber

Setting:

The action of the play takes place in the living room
of Ida’s house and at a cemetery in Forest Hills, Queens, NY.
The time is mid-Autumn, 1990.

Act One

Scene One Ida’s house, one afternoon
Scene Two The cemetery, immediately after
Scene Three Ida’s house, immediately after
Scene Four The cemetery, several weeks later

Intermission (15 Minutes)

Act Two

Scene One Ida’s house, two weeks later
Scene Two Ida’s house, late that night
Scene Three Ida’s house, the next morning
Scene Four The cemetery, several days later

PRODUCTION STAFF

Producer Dave Ludd
Director Matthew J. Carr
Stage Manager Cynthia A. Nardella Ciullo
Costumes Donna Reidy, Cast
Wigs Bethany Arsenault
Props Kim LiPuma
Set / Lighting Design Dave Ludd
Sound Design Rob Killeen
Set Construction Dave Ludd, Bob Reidy
Box Office Karen Josbacher

Special thanks to Scott Lyerly, Adrienne Nys, and Karen White,
as well as our team of volunteers helping in the lobby.

WHO'S WHO

Matthew J. Carr (Director) is proud to direct Calliope's production of Ivan Menchell's moving tale of love, loss, resilience, and friendship. As usual, he is blessed with a cast and crew of talented, dedicated individuals who give themselves to the work with passion and creativity. Matt sincerely thanks Dave Ludt and the staff at Calliope for their support in bringing this production to the stage. And as always, he is grateful to his wife, Linda, and his family for their never-ending patience and support.

Finally, a heartfelt "Thank You" to our audience, for your support of live community theatre. Now, more than ever, the arts bring us together to recognize and celebrate our shared humanity. If you take away only one message from tonight's performance let it be this: No matter what sorrows life sends your way, no matter what sufferings you may endure, no matter what challenges you must overcome, always remember: "Ya gotta have friends!"

Cynthia A. Nardella Ciullo (Stage Manager) has been dramatic for many years, over fifteen of them being with Pilgrim Soul Productions. She has enjoyed each show with which she has been associated - in the capacity of stage manager, assistant stage manager, costume designer, or actor. During her 30-plus years as an educator, she also directed and adapted many of Shakespeare's plays. Books containing these plays are available on Amazon, under her pen name - C.C. Beechum.

Pat Delano (Doris) – is honored to be a part of Calliope's production of *The Cemetery Club*. She would like to thank Matt, Cindy, her fellow castmates, and the entire production team for their hard work and support. Regionally, Pat has performed with Stepping Stones Theater, Pilgrim Soul Productions, Worcester County Light Opera Company, Barre Players, Wachusett Summer Theatre, Stageloft Repertory Theater, Marymount Drama, and Valhalla Summer Theater. Pat would like to dedicate her performance as a gratitude for the power of the relationships that support and sustain us and to the memory of those who are no longer here. "They were all wonderful wo/men. I wonder what they're doing now."

Cindy Graber (Mildred) is extremely happy to return to the stage for the first time since COVID cut her last performance short in *The Lady Vanishes*, right here at Calliope. It's been a long time since she began performing with her young family in musicals at Wachusett Theatre Company over thirty years ago, but she credits that opportunity with getting her over any stage fright, and she's been drawn to the stage ever since. She is grateful to have the chance to work with Matt again after many years, and to be joined with this talented and fun cast (even if she's not part of "the Club"), and especially to be on stage with Evan again. Hope you enjoy this funny, poignant show!

Evan Graber (Sam) is a local community theatre veteran of over 35 years. His favorite roles include Tevye (*Fiddler on the Roof*), Capt. Hook (*Peter Pan*), King Arthur (*Camelot*), Nathan Detroit and Sky Masterson (*Guys and Dolls*), Ed (*Curious Incident*), George (*Moon Over Buffalo*), Smokey (*Damn Yankees*), the Kralahome (*The King and I*), Reuben (*Joseph...Dreamcoat*), Lyman (*Other Desert Cities*), Robert (*Don't Dress for Dinner*), Sidney (*Deathtrap*), and now, he adds Sam Katz in *The Cemetery Club* to that list.

He is extremely grateful to be a charter member of the Central Mass theatre community and to have performed with and befriended so many talented people, including the wonderful cast and crew of *The Cemetery Club*! Evan is so glad to share the stage with his better half, Cindy, and sends his love to family and friends for their unwavering support - especially Bethany, Kelsey, Brienne, Mike, Mom, Andy, and Tommy, Charlie, and Emily!

Laura Steele (Ida). Once the acting bug bit Laura Steele as a child, she has performed in dozens of plays and musicals in three states over the decades and never looked back. She has earned three EMACT DASH Best Supporting Actress nominations along the way. Favorite roles include Madame Arcati (*Blithe Spirit*), Berthe (*Boeing Boeing*), Costanza (*Enchanted April*), Miss Maudie (*To Kill a Mockingbird*), Gert (*The Porch*), and Helga Ten Dorp (*Deathtrap*). Behind the scenes, she has directed *Anne of Green Gables*, *London Suite*, and *Charlotte's Web*; and she was featured in the Goldie Award film *Faux Pas*. For several years, Laura enjoyed teaching drama to young children in after-school programs and acting camps. Alas, there is no cure for the acting bug...so thank you, family and friends, for indulging my passion and coming to my shows!

Carol Allard Vancil (Lucille Rubin) is thrilled to bring the vibrant and witty Lucille to life in *The Cemetery Club*! A seasoned performer, Carol has previously appeared in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (Nurse Ratched), *Big Maggie* (Maggie), *Mothers and Sons* (Catharine), *Steel Magnolias* (Ouiser and Clairee), and *Nunsense* (Mother Superior). Carol has also directed numerous productions including *Sunshine Boys* here at Calliope. When not on stage, she enjoys judging the yearly METG Drama Festival, as well as judging theatre for EMACT. Her recent spare time has been spent raising a litter of Golden Doodle Pups! Carol also works as a realtor/appraiser for REMAX. She extends her heartfelt thanks to the cast, crew, and her wonderful family and friends for their endless support. This one's for you Bob! Enjoy the show!

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Music by Mitch Lee Lyrics by Joe Darion

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Summer Teen Production



Music by Mary Rodgers
Lyrics by Marshall Barer

July 16, 17, 18, 19

Wed - Fri at 7:30 pm; Sat at 2:00 & 7:30 pm

Summer Pre-Teen Production



July 30, 31; August 1, 2

Wed - Fri at 7:00 pm; Sat. at 2:00 pm

Musical Theatre Development Workshop Production

*A Connecticut Yankee
Fan in King Arthur's
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By Steve Murray

Aug. 15 at 7pm; Aug. 16 at 2pm



A Thriller
by Ira Levin

October 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26

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Winner of 11
TONY AWARDS

**Fiddler
on the Roof**

Book by Joseph Stein
Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick Music by Jerry Bock

December 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14

Thu - Sat at 7:30 pm; Sundays at 2:00 pm



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