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#### The Flowertown Players' Presents...

# Over the River and Through the Woods

Written by Joe Dipietro Directed by Sue Vinick

## Cast

Chase Graham	Nick
Fred Hutter	Frank
Susie Hallatt	Aida
Larry Wineland	Nunzio
Mary Ann Dyne	Emma
Mary Ann Dyne Ashley-Ann Woods	Caitlin

# Setting

The Gianelli Home in Hoboken, New Jersey. The action of the play takes place several years ago.

#### Intermission

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## Crew

Director	Anicia D. Brown
Assistant Stage Manager	
Set Design	-
Master Carpenter	James Dyne
Construction Crew	Jeff Johnson & Ron Mayer
Lighting Design	Janet Peck
Lighting Design Consultant	Ernie Eliason
Lighting Board Operator	Ayla Camp
Follow Spot Operator	Jeff Wolf
Costume Designer	
Sound Designer	
Sound Operator	
Props Manager	
Revolve Operator/Backstage Assistant	
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# Meet the Director

Susan J. Vinick (Director) – Before arriving in Summerville in 2014, Sue was the Artistic Director of the Cirillo Theatre in Windsor, CT, where she directed full length musicals and cabaret performances and mentored newer directors in their children's division. Throughout her decades' long theatrical career, she lists Les Miserables, Parade, and Children of Eden among her favorite directorial credits. Sue especially enjoyed working with Broadway playwright and composer Jill Santoriello when she directed the New England regional premiere of Ms. Santoriello's musical, A Tale of Two Cities, following its Broadway run. Years earlier, however, Sue began her dramatic pursuits not as a director but as an actor. Her first endeavor, at age 8, was playing Chief Ug-Ug in a Girl Scout summer camp play. When she dropped to the ground, as directed, and subsequently hit her head on a rock without breaking character, she had an epiphany: she would pursue theatre as a lifelong gig! She has, playing such roles as Miss Hannigan in Annie, Fanny Brice in Funny Girl, and Beatrice in A View From the Bridge, to name but a few. For Flowertown Players, Sue played Ethel in Barefoot in the Park, and last year, she directed our very successful comedy, The Red Velvet Cake War. Sue considers theatre to be the height of insanity—and blesses the very rock that brought her to it.

# **Director's Notes**

Whether you called your grandmother "Grandma," "Bubbe," "Nana," or "Abuela," and whether your grandfather was "Grandpa," "Papa," "Zaydee," or a host of other names, it doesn't really matter. What matters are the feelings and emotions that the utterance of those names evoke. Over the River and Through the Woods is a very funny and often poignant show about a grandson, Nick Cristano, and his relationship with his endearing, but sometimes annoying, grandparents. It begs the age old questions of how much is owed to the people who raised you and sacrificed for you; and when is it time to forge a new path, creating for yourself a new life. In this play the grandparents live in Hoboken, NJ, and they are of Italian descent. As the play enfolds, it does so as a memory...a recollection...a remembrance not only of Nick Cristano's grandparents but of yours and mine, too. It doesn't much matter what we called them, what their nationalities were, or even where they lived. This is a love letter to grandparents everywhere.

# Meet the Cast



**Chase Graham (Nick) -** Chase is a Charleston native. Recently out of the Marine Corps, he decided to pursue acting. He held a small role in *The Diary of Anne Frank* and a supporting role in *A Doublewide Texas Christmas*. Chase is so thankful to Susan Vinick for having the confidence in him to trust him with the starring role in her production of *Over the River and Through the Woods*. He also thanks his family for their support.



**Fred Hutter (Frank)** - Fred has appeared previously with Flowertown in *Play it Again Sam, Mousetrap, Dracula, The Laramie Project,* and *Red Velvet Cake War.* He has also worked with several other theater companies in the Low Country. Most recently, he was seen as Dr. Fisher in *Vincent John Doe* during Piccolo Spoletto. Fred studied acting at HB Studios in New York. When not involved in theater projects, he spends his time reading, traveling, and painting landscapes.

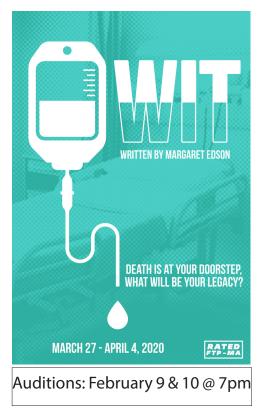


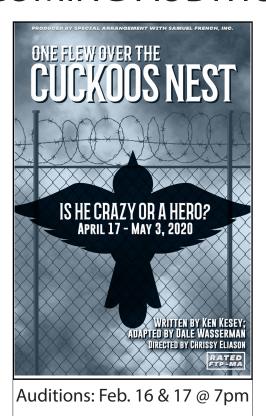
**Susie Hallatt (Aida)** - Susie is thrilled to be a part of *Over the River and Through the Woods* at Flowertown. Her local theater credits include *No Sex Please, We're British, Shakers* and *The Crucible* (Flowertown Players); *Oklahoma, South Pacific, The Importance of Being Earnest, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (Footlight Players); *Blithe Spirit, Noises Off* and *A Christmas Carol* (Charleston Stage) and *Souvenir, The House of Blue Leaves,* and *I'll Eat You Last* (Village/Wolfe Street Playhouse). When not prancing around onstage, Susie is Director of Graduate Admissions for the College of Charleston. She adores her husband David and blesses him for his constant support in her mad pursuit of acting.



**Larry Wineland (Nunzio)** - Larry has been in previous productions here in Flowertown: Cardinal Richelieu in *The Three Musketeers* and Gaston in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*. Originally from Pennsylvania, he was an actor, director, and board member with the Oyster Mill Playhouse, which gave him its Distinguished Service Award in 2012 and Best Director Award for *Steel Magnolias*. Retired from teaching French, English, and Theatre in 1999 and from two colleges teaching French and Language Methodology, he was also Pennsylvania State Director of the International Thespian Society, the honorary for scholastic theatre. Anthony Lefcourt in *The Butler Did It* and Doc in *Mr. Roberts* are two of his favorite roles. He enjoyed directing *A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum, Fiddler on the Roof, Enchanted April,* and *Steel Magnolilas*.

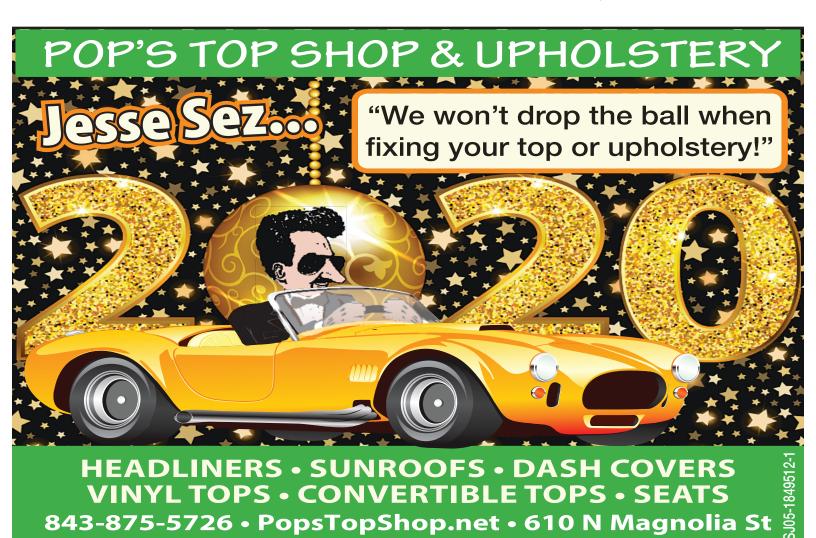
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Mary Ann Dyne (Emma) - Mary Ann is very happy to be performing for the first time on the main stage at Flowertown Players. She has previously played the role of Aida with the Cane Bay Players and is enjoying creating the character of Emma under Sue Vinick's excellent direction. Mary Ann is especially pleased to be performing on a set designed by her husband and built by her friends.



Ashley-Ann Woods (Caitlin) - Ashley-Ann (Dorn) Woods is a native of Charleston, and no stranger to the Charleston stage. She has previously appeared in RENT, Sound of Music and Annie at Flowertown, and has stage managed Oliver!, Pippi Longstocking, Seussical the Musical and upcoming Frozen Jr. A graduate of the College of Charleston with a BA in Creative Writing, she also holds an MA in American Literature from the University of New Orleans. She is a member of the English faculty at Trident Technical College. In her spare time she officiates high school football and works at the Center for Birds of Prey. She would like to thank her family, especially her husband, Jonathan, and daughter, Lex, for picking up all the slack and allowing me the luxury of performing.

## Meet the Crew

**Anicia D. Brown (Stage Manager)** - Anicia is thrilled to be involved in her first Flowertown Players production! She most recently was stage manager with The Actor's Theatre's production of *Clarence Felder's American Macbeth* also appearing in the second act as a witch! Newly transplanted from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Anicia has been involved with live theatre for over 40 years in almost all aspects. Currently she sings with the Joint Base Charleston Chapel Choir, teaches private voice and acting lessons at her home studio and is leading an audition clinic for the Reviva Performing Arts & Technology Program. Anicia would like to thank the cast and crew for all their hard work and dedication, Sue for this wonderful opportunity, and her family and friends for their love and support. "Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy!" (Psalm 33:3)

**Emma Wood (Assistant Stage Manager) –** This show is Emma's first assistant stage management position; however, she has worked in various positions in other shows at Flowertown. Some of those productions are *The Diary Of Anne Frank, Frontlines to the Homefront, Ghost Quartet,* and *A Doublewide, Texas Christmas.* Building sets and assisting in the costume area are two of her favorite ways to help out!

**James Dyne (Set Design & Master Carpenter)** – James has designed and built sets for over 50 productions for various theater companies in New York and New Jersey. The set for *Over the River and Through the Woods* is the fifth set he has designed and built with Flowertown Players. Kudos to an excellent cast and crew!

**Jeff Johnson (Set Construction Crew)** – Jeff has assisted in the building of numerous sets at the Flowertown Theater. As an apprentice carpenter, he has gained valuable experience at Flowertown. He enjoys all aspects of the build process and appreciates the tutelage of James Dyne.

**Ron Mayer (Set Construction Crew)** – Ron is happy to work with James and Jeff once again, building the set for this show. This is the fifth set he has had the privilege of building for the Flowertown Players.

**Janet Peck (Lighting Design)** – Janet began working in theater while in high school through college. Since moving to Charleston in 2008, Janet has worked on many productions for Flowertown Players, South of Broadway, Footlight Theater and Cane Bay Players as sound and light technician, assistant director and director. She directed Vagina Monologues, Dixie Swim Club, California Suite and Rumors. She has also designed the lighting for over 20 plays and assisted in sound and lighting design for such plays as A Midsummer Night's Dream, RENT, Charlie's Aunt, Christmas Story, Chicago, and Grease.

**Ernie Eliason (Lighting Design Consultant)** – Ernie is the Artistic/Technical Director at the Flowertown Players. He has been with FTP for over ten years and has been a Board of Directors member. He enjoys designing and building sets, and most of the sets that our audiences see have, in fact, been built by him. For this show, he is enjoying working with Janet Peck on the lighting as well as consulting in other areas. Wherever there is a need at FTP, you will find Ernie there fulfilling it.

**Ayla Camp (Lighting Board Operator)** – Ayla is excited to run the light board for Over the River and Through the Woods. Previously she has operated lights for The Diary of Anne Frank, Ghost Quartet, and A Doublewide Texas Christmas. She looks forward to working with the Flowertown Players during this season.

**Jeff Wolf (Follow Spot Operator)** – Jeff met Sue when he was operating the follow spot for A Chorus Line last season, and she immediately asked him if he would perform the same duties for her on this show. He happily consented, and has enjoyed working with this cast.

**Patti Kelly (Costume Design)** – Last season, Patti worked with Sue on the Hope, Jones, and Wooten comedy, The Red Velvet Cake War. She enjoyed that show so much that she agreed to design costumes this season for A Doublewide Texas Christmas, another farce comedy by the same playwrights. She has enjoyed as well working on Over the River and Through the Woods, and she wishes the cast and crew the very best.

**Courtney Bates (Sound Design)** – Courtney had an amazing three years as Executive Director of the Flowertown Players but departed in early January into her dream Master's program with Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh, Scotland. She will achieve her MA in Arts, Festival, and Cultural Management. We will miss her but wish her all the best in her studies!

**Eric Eickholz (Sound Operator)** – Eric would like to thank Sue for once again letting him work on one of her magical theatre creations. He is grateful to work with such a talented cast and crew, each of whom illuminates the stage with every performance. And he is humbled for having Fabiana in his life; she makes the stars shine brighter, the days more special and time stand still.

**Nicole Coke (Property Master)** – Nicole has entered her third season with Flowertown and is very excited to work on another show. She fell in love with theater at a young age and has worked backstage on multiple productions. Not only has Nicole worked on community productions, but she has also had the opportunity to work with the Columbia City Ballet and the Long Leaf Opera Company. She would like to thank her family for all their support and for coming to see every show.

**Brandon Bullock (Revolve Operator/Backstage Assistant) -** Brandon grew up with the dream of becoming a court jester. After one too many charges for contempt, he served a three year prison sentence. He now resides in the theatre's basement. We can't get him to leave.

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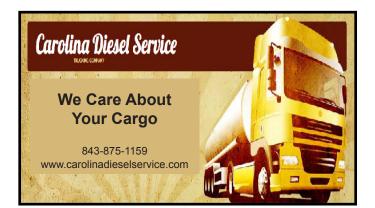




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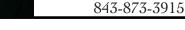














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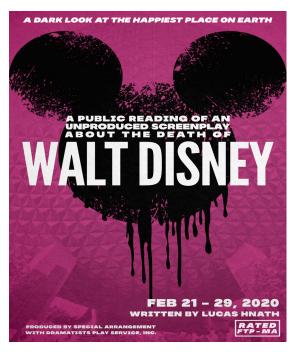
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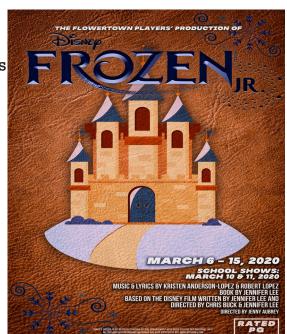
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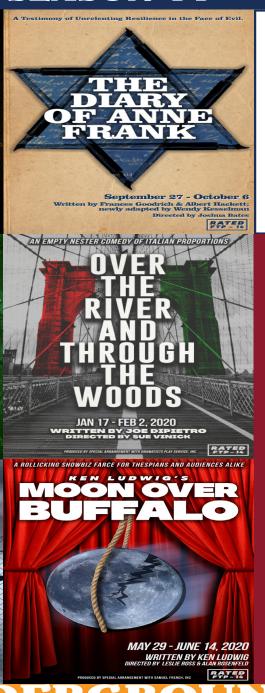
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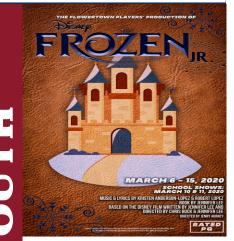




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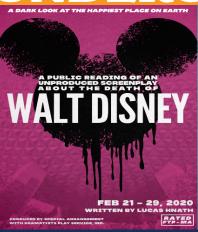
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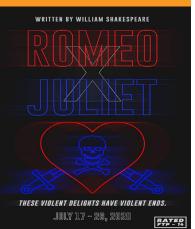
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