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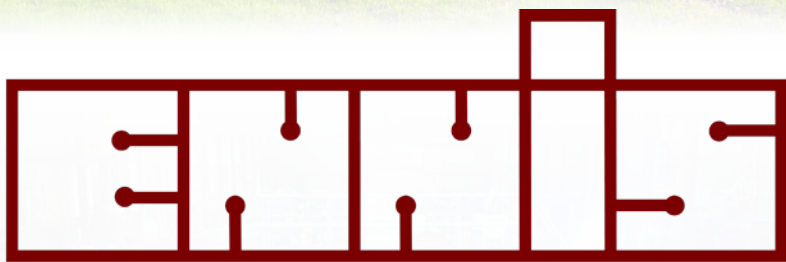
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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Thank you for joining us tonight at Ennis Public Theatre for tonight's performance of Neil Simon's *Rumors*. I have always been a big fan of Neil Simon's work and I am thrilled to get to direct this particular play. His writing says it all, and this cast plays it wonderfully. I would like to thank this amazing cast and my wife, Julie, and our children, Mae and Bennett, for putting up with me. We are excited for you all to see tonight's performance. Thank you for supporting live theatre.

-Markus Baldwin, *Artistic Director*

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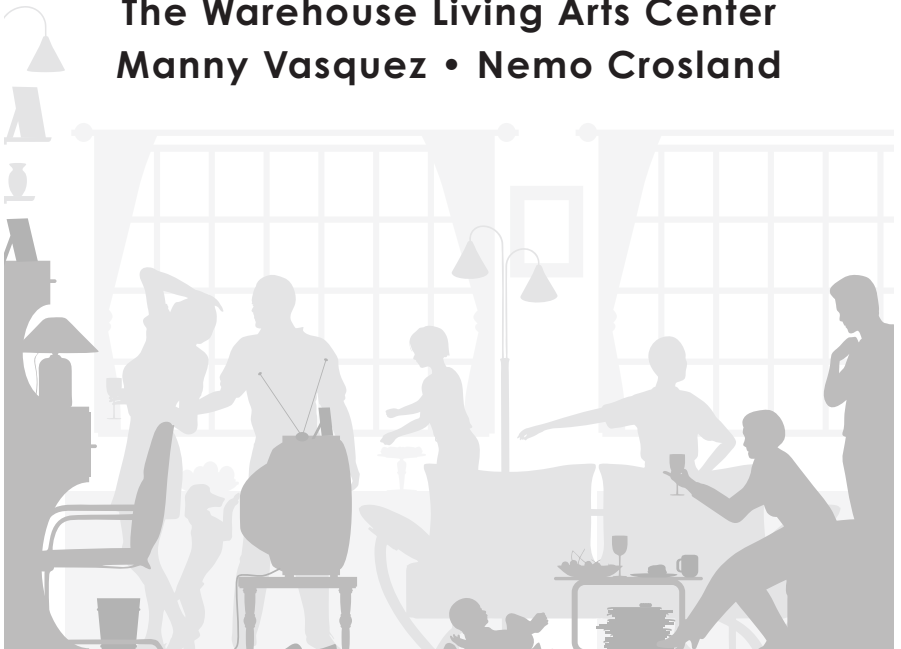
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ELENA DUKE, OFFICER PUDNEY This is Elena's second time appearing at the Ennis Public Theatre. She performed as Cee Cee Windham/Mama Doll Hargis in *The Red Velvet Cake War*. Elena is a licensed esthetician and is the Owner/Operator at Elegant Expressions where she provides various skin care therapies. She loves spending time with her son Jordan, family and friends. She is very excited to be a part of this talented cast and crew. Enjoy the show!



CAROL JONES, CHRIS GORMAN Carol is excited to be a part of *Rumors* with this talented cast. She fell in love with theatre as a child and has performed in *Almost Maine* and *All Together Now* here at EPT as well as several productions at the WLAC in Corsicana. Some of her favorite roles include *Becky-Becky's New Car*, *Alice-The Addams Family Musical*, *Judy-The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* and *Hope-Almost Maine*. She would like to thank her husband Jay for always supporting her and Markus for casting her in this show.



STEPHEN JONES, GLENN COOPER Stephen is thrilled to be part of his fifth Ennis Public Theater show after playing Mr Green in last year's *Clue*. He has performed for years at the WLAC, playing characters such as Ariel the Robot in *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, and Christopher in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. He earned his Associates Degree in Theater from Navarro College in 2021, and he hopes to continue his passion for acting and performing into the future.



ADAM MARTIN, LENNY GANZ Adam is excited to return to the EPT stage after previously appearing in *I Hate Hamlet!* and *Weekend Comedy*. Adam extends his gratitude to his children, Sam & Henri, for their love and support during this show.



RACHEL MARTIN, WELCH Rachel began her career as a conductor with the Cleveland Orchestra, and, at last, arrived at the New York Philharmonic. In 2013, Berlin elected Rachel as its principal conductor and she's remained there ever since. Rachel has also written music for the stage and screen. She is one of only 15 EGOTs, meaning those who have won all four major entertainment awards. Since 2022, Rachel has stepped away from the Berliner Philharmoniker to spend more time with her family.

CAST



DAKOTA RUSSELL, KEN GORMAN Dakota is once again returning to the stage in the role of Ken. He has worked with EPT since *Young Frankenstein*, mostly with lighting and house managing but occasionally on stage as well. Previous shows at EPT include *I Hate Hamlet* as Andrew Rally, *A Christmas Carol* as Fezziwig and the ghost of Jacob Marley, as well as Rob from *The Book Club Play*. Dakota is excited to once again share the stage with his lovely wife Lauren. Dakota wants to dedicate this performance to his wife and daughter, in hopes that they always pursue their dreams.



LAUREN RUSSELL, CASSIE COOPER Lauren has been involved with theater since high school. She even met her husband Dakota while doing theater in college and has now found a home at EPT. Whether working backstage or on stage, it just feels right. She is so excited to be returning to the stage after two years. She wants to thank her husband for always encouraging and supporting her in everything, her parents for always being willing to help babysit so she can be in a show again, and last, but not least, she wants to thank her daughter for always keeping her going.



SAMUEL STANLEY, DR. ERNIE CUSACK Samuel has acted in over a dozen shows, such as Ennis Public Theater productions of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Sound of Music*. He has also performed at Waxahachie Community Theater, in productions of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Once Upon a Mattress*. He has aspirations of performing Shakespeare. In addition to acting, Samuel also enjoys reading, martial arts, and playing the electric bass. He is from Midlothian, TX.



NAN UDELL, COOKIE CUSACK Nan was painfully shy as a child, and it was theater that brought her out of her shell. The director convinced her that she didn't have to be afraid of the audience because she was someone else when she was on stage. It worked. Over the years she has been in many wonderful productions; some big parts, some small parts, but in the end it's the working together of the team that's important. Thank you Ennis Public Theatre for letting me get back to the stage.



JODI VASQUEZ, CLAIRE GANZ Jodi has previously appeared in Ennis Public Theatre's productions of *Clue* and *The Red Velvet Cake War*. She has also performed at Corsicana's Warehouse Living Arts Center. A retired teacher and librarian, she is an avid reader who enjoys baking and traveling the world.



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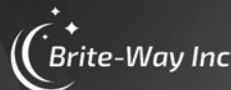
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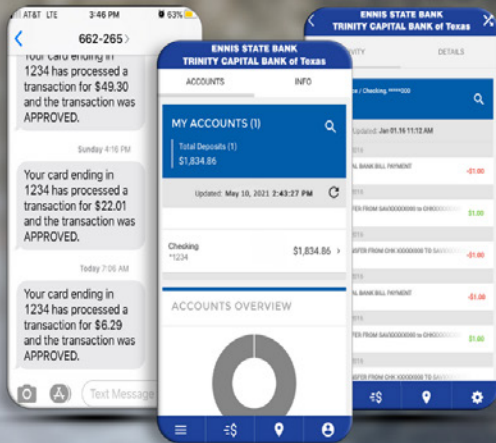
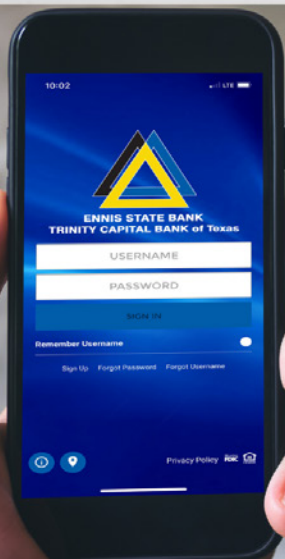


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