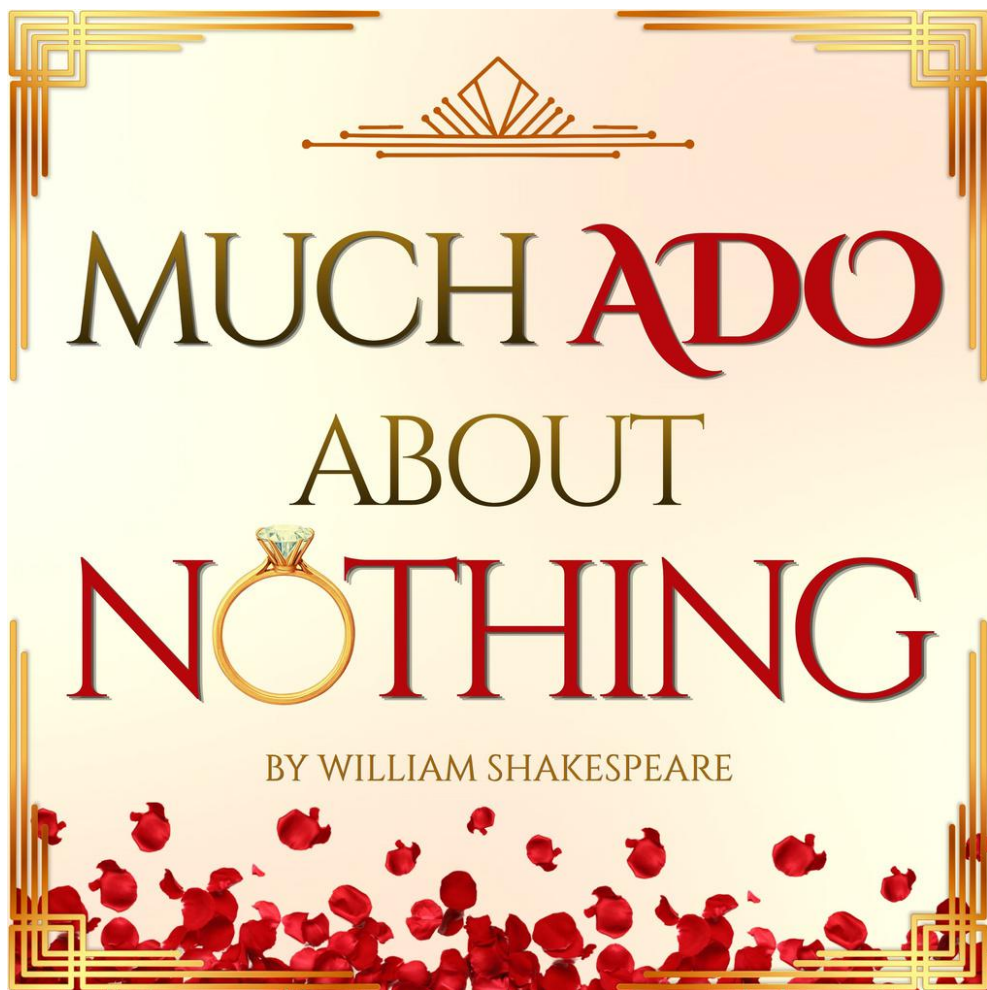
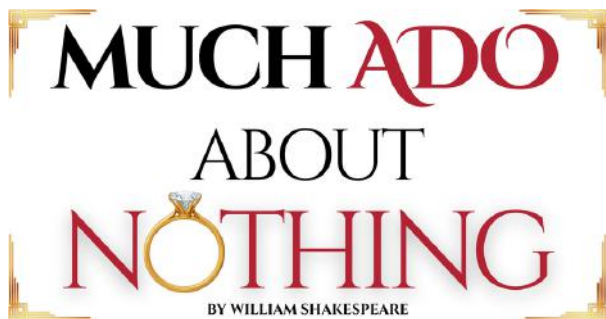


TWIN CITY  PLAYERS



AUGUST 21 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

600 W. GLENLORD RD., ST. JOSEPH, MI TWINCITYPLAYERS.ORG



DIRECTORS' NOTE

Welcome to the original Rom-Com "Much Ado About Nothing". We are thrilled to transport this text to the rum running Midwest of prohibition. Putting together a show of this scale requires a village, and we could not have asked for a more dedicated and talented group of people to bring this story to life. The Ensemble: From the very first audition, this cast has poured their hearts and voices into making these characters shine. Their energy is absolutely contagious! The Production Staff: Behind every great show is a tireless team. Our production staff has worked absolute magic, meticulously crafting the lights, sound, costumes, and set to transport you to the seedy late 20's of Prohibition. Thank you for supporting community theatre and being here to share this magical night with us. Enjoy the show!

Marty & Wendy Golob

DIRECTORS' BIO

Wendy and Marty Golob have been an inseparable theatrical team since a chance meeting during a 1983 production of *The Pajama Game*. For more than four decades they have bridged the worlds of onstage storytelling and backstage craft, directing and designing productions across the Midwest. Their shared life in the theater is truly a family affair, having raised their three children in the wings and rows of empty auditoriums during marathon set-building and painting sessions. They are proud to call Twin City Players one of their creative homes.

SETTING:

*In and Around Leonato's Speakeasy,
vineyard & adjoining surrounds*

ACT I

Scene I. - Soldiers Return

Scene II. - A False Rumor

Scene III. - The Malicious Disruption

ACT II

Scene I. - Masquerade Ball

Scene II. - A Dark Plot

Scene III. - The "Gulling" of Benedick

ACT III

Scene I. - The "Gulling" of Beatrice

Scene II. - Hero Accused

Scene III. - A Messina Street

INTERMISSION

ACT III continued

Scene IV. - Bridal Preparations

Scene V. - An impatient Leonato

ACT IV

Scene I. - A Wedding?

Scene II. - A Prison

ACT V

Scene I. - A Challenge

Scene II. - Benedick in Love

Scene III. - The Tomb

Scene IV. - A Wedding!

THE VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS PERFORMANCE
BY ANY MEANS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

CAST

in order of appearance

Leonato (Governor of Messina): **Bill Klein**
Antonio (Leonato's brother): **Steve Hamel**
Hero (Leonato's daughter): **Caitlin Sampsell**
Beatrice (Leonato's niece): **Juliet Golob**
Margaret (Waiting gentlewoman to Hero): **Katrina Wentzel**
Ursula (Waiting gentlewoman to Hero): **Beth La Fleur**
Messenger/Boy: **Colin Kirkdorfer**
Don Pedro (Prince of Aragon): **Allen Pille**
Benedick (A gentleman from Padua): **Jarad Medukas**
Claudio (A young lord from Florence): **John Golob**
Don John (Don Pedro's illegitimate brother): **Jacob Holmes**
Conrade (Follower of Don John): **Ethan Pawelski**
Borachio (Follower of Don John): **Mark Fluegemann**
Dogberry (Master Constable): **Megan Hamel**
Verges (Headborough, Dogberry's partner): **Quintin Sharpe**
First Watchman & Second Watchman (The Watch): **Tom Gess**
Friar Francis: **Kraig Kirkdorfer**
Sexton: **David La Fleur**
Balthasar (Attendant/singer to Don Pedro): TBD

CREW

Directors Marty Golob, Wendy Golob
Assistant Director Caitlin Sampsell
Tech Director Scott Bradford
Stage Managers Peggy Harrington, Kathryn Kirkdorfer
Set Design Johnna Bither
Costume Design Eni Buckhanan
Sound Design Peggy Harrington
Costumers Reta Trux, Laura Gomez, Betty Bauer
Scenic Painting Wendy Golob
Tech Crew Johnna Bither, Marty Golob, Kaley Schmidt
Set Construction Peggy H., James H., Jon H., Caitlin S.,
Thomas S., Graham S., Della S., Paul D.,
Mark F., Ethan P., Steve H., Scott S.,
Johnna B., Wendy G., Marty G.
Marketing Kim Kidd

CAST & CREW BIOS

Tom Gess (The Watch) is so honored to be a part of this wonderful cast and crew! Also, this is his 3rd Shakespeare! Tom also wants to thank his family for their support and love over the years.

Juliet Golob (Beatrice) After being a part of the TCP family for 26 years, helping with countless shows for props, stage managing, crew, and being onstage for many musicals, this will be Juliet's first time doing a straight play here. Not only is she excited for this experience, but doubly excited to portray a 'Beatrice' for the second time in a row, in a Shakespearean theme play, after her time as 'Bea' in *Something Rotten!* last year. Please enjoy "Beatrice Round Two: the Electric Boogaloo".

Laura Gomez (Costumes) is happy to be helping with costumes and has been a long time participant of TCP on and off stage.

Megan Hamel (Dogberry) was raised as a "theater rat" at Twin City Players, assisting her parents, Steve and Peggy, since she can remember. She is grateful to return to the stage with her father for the first time since 2014. Recent credits include Bella in *Angel Street* and Andreja in *Once*. When not on stage, you might see her assisting as an EMT with Medic1.

Steve Hamel (Antonio) was seen onstage, backstage, and in the light booth several times since his first performance as Reverend Hopkins in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in 1993. Most recently he participated in the Beckwith 10 Minute Play Festival as Leonard in *Old Men* and directed *The Choice*. He was Constable Thomkins in *Murdered to Death* at the Beckwith, and the Schoolmaster in *A Christmas Carol* at TCP. As always, thanks to Peggy and Bill who know why.

Peggy Harrington (Stage Manager) returns to the backstage realm once again. This time, she gets to brag about designing the sound for the show. It's been fun researching and coming up with fun ideas for music. Hope you enjoy the show!

CAST & CREW BIOS CONTINUED

Jacob Holmes (Don John) is thrilled to be performing in his very first Shakespeare play, just one year after playing Shakespeare himself in *Something Rotten!* Jacob would like to thank the directing team for giving him the chance to play the villain, as well as the opportunity to perform Shakespeare outside of a high school English class. Jacob would also like to thank Cassi for her never-ending support, as well as all who come to enjoy this show!

Colin Kirkdorfer (Messenger/Boy) Colin's first role was as Baby Cain in *The Apple Tree* in 2010, and he was last seen at TCP in *Miracle on 34th Street* in 2017. He also participates in the drama program at SJHS and is a member of their Chamber Orchestra. In his free time, he enjoys video games and comic books. He is very excited to share the stage with his dad and work with mom backstage.

Kathryn Kirkdorfer (Stage Manager) is excited to be back working behind the scenes at TCP, especially because she's once again learning the ropes from the amazing Peggy Harrington! She thanks Peggy and the Golobs for the opportunity. Kathryn is thrilled to be involved in this show with her favorite two guys, husband Kraig and son Colin. She loves them the most!

Kraig Kirkdorfer (Friar Francis) After his role in the Shakespeare-themed comedy musical *Something Rotten!*, Dr. Kraig decided to give legitimate Shakespeare another try. It helps that his wife Kathryn is co-stage managing, and that their son Colin is also playing a small role. His last role was sharing the stage with his daughter Natalie in Beckwith's 10 Minute Playfest. Off-stage, Kraig spends his days treating patients at Lake Michigan Chiropractic, and free time practicing the guitar and hanging out.

William Klein (Leonato) It started many years ago when a young lawyer agreed to take a part in a musical comedy at the Twin City Players. He has been playing his part ever since. Performing in a Shakespeare play is a special opportunity and this is one of his favorites. He hopes you enjoy this experience as much as we enjoy presenting it. He sends many thanks to the cast and crew and his wife who made the time and effort to bring this show to our stage.

CAST & CREW BIOS CONTINUED

Beth La Fleur (Ursula) is enjoying being in the cast of her first piece of non-musical theater, and Shakespeare no less. She has previously been in the *The Addams Family* & *Kris Kringle* with TCP. When not playing the attentive lady-in-waiting to a younger generation with a lot of drama, she is the mom of three teenagers (art imitates life). She works with Forever Books, St Joseph Public Schools, and enjoys reading and sleeping.

David La Fleur (Sexton) has had small parts in several recent TCP productions, including assorted gentlemen in *A Christmas Carol* and A.C. the cameraman in *The Outsider*. He also appeared in a handful of shows including *Mamma Mia* and *The Addams Family* way back in the 2010s. He's tempted to make a joke about how he's finally managed to become a Shakespearean actor, but it seems kind of obvious.

Jarad Medukas (Benedick) Jarad could not be more overjoyed To perform Shakespeare here at Twin City. Jarad thanks the Bard for putting his quill to parchment, for just this moment in time. Also, his, most excellent, Directors, For trusting him to bring the tale to life. He gives special thanks to his one, true, love, Rebecca, for making his dreams come true. Aside; have you ever tried writing in iambic pentameter? what a pain! Is it really worth all the hassle? Meh...

Ethan Pawelski (Conrade) usually spends his time bringing puppets to life, having performed in children's ministry for the past 15 years. When he's not on stage - or behind one - he works as a mild-mannered software developer. He is thankful for the wonderful cast and crew and hopes you have as much fun watching the show as they had creating it.

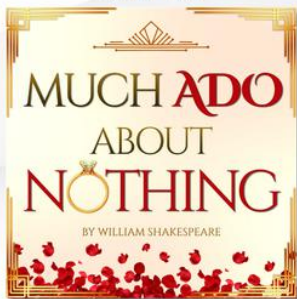
Caitlin Sampsell (Hero/Assistant Director) is excited to be performing in her third role in *Much Ado*, previously playing Beatrice (LMCHS) and Don Pedro (Ghostlight). She most recently played Emma in *Emma* (TCP) and a Phantom/Transylvanian in *Rocky Horror* (GhostLight). Caitlin leads the team of Berrien County's 911 heroes under the headset and loves the magic and connection of theatre. She is also a member of Rotary of St. Joseph – Benton Harbor and Women's Service League.

Katrina Wentzel (Margaret) This is Katrina's fourth production with TCP, having played Eleanor in *Sense and Sensibility*, The Ghost of Christmas Past in *A Christmas Carol*, and Jane Fairfax in *Emma*. She is so grateful for the sense of community and friendships that being part of TCP has brought her.

TWIN CITY  PLAYERS

26/27 MAINSTAGE SEASON

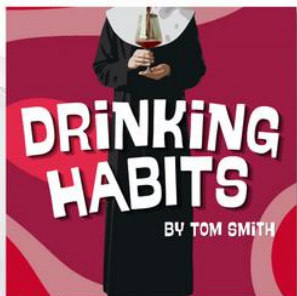
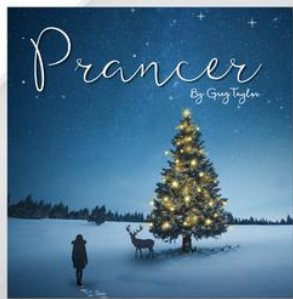
8/21 - 9/6



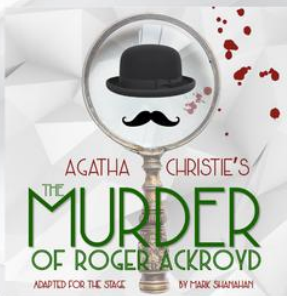
10/9 - 10/25



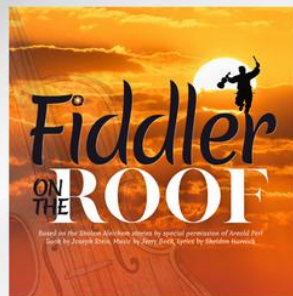
12/4 - 12/20



2/19 - 3/7



4/9 - 4/25



6/4 - 6/27

BRAVE NEW WORLD IS PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY OF WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS. PRANCER IS PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH PLAYS FOR NEW AUDIENCES. DRINKING HABITS IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS ON BEHALF OF PLAYSRIPTS, WWW.CONCORDTHEATRICALS.COM. THE MURDER OF ROGER ACKROYD IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS ON BEHALF OF SAMUEL FRENCH, INC., WWW.CONCORDTHEATRICALS.COM. FIDDLER ON THE ROOF IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL, (MTI). ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI. WWW.MTISHOWS.COM

26/27 MAINSTAGE SEASON SPONSORS



WWW.TWINCITYPLAYERS.ORG

COOK PLANT

269-429-0400

**2026-2027
MAINSTAGE
SEASON**
6 Ticket Flex Pass

AVAILABLE
UNTIL
OCTOBER 31
TWINCITYPLAYERS.ORG

TWIN CITY  PLAYERS

BRAVE NEW WORLD

BY DOUGLAS POST

BASED ON THE BOOK BY
ALDOUS HUXLEY

OCTOBER 9 - 25, 2026

twincityplayers.org



TWIN CITY  PLAYERS

AUDITIONS

9/20 @ 4 pm & 9/21 @ 5 pm

DIRECTOR'S FORUM 9/9 @ 6 pm

Prancer

By Greg Taylor



www.twincityplayers.org

● THE STUDIO AT TCP, 600 W. GLENLORD RD., ST. JOSEPH, MI

2026 - 2027

SEASON CONTRIBUTORS

SUPERSTARS

Beth & Tom Fanning
Margaret Schmieding
Christine Wright

DIRECTORS

Mary Douglas

PRODUCERS

Nicole Kaminski
Tim & Monica Langlois

ANGELS

Mark & Lynda Acker
Tom & Judy Carson
Joanne Gustafson
Marikaye & Katie Long
Mary Kay Moore
Tom & Prudy Nelson
Peter & Raejene Shaffer
Pat Taplick

FANS

Dale Banks
Paul Byrne
Cris Gibbons
Michael Horner
Pamela Keller
Debra Montcalm
Henry Nelson

FANS

Ilene Nemitz
in memory of Joel Trapp
Jerome Radenbaugh
Ed & Claudia Staude
Paul Stortz
Ann Weber
James Wright

IN MEMORY OF JOHN ROGERS, JR.

Taylor Drefcinski
Theresa & Robert Hall
Barb & Bill Klein
Bryan Mets
D.J. & John Rogers, Sr.
Mary Tansill

PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TO TCP

Our success is due to your support!

TCP is a 501(c)3 nonprofit

General Operation Donations

Mail to: Twin City Players, PO Box 243,

St. Joseph, MI 49085;

lobby donation box; scan QR code;

or online @ twincityplayers.org

Endowment Fund Donations

Mail to: The Berrien Community Foundation,

211 Hilltop Road, Suite 117, St. Joseph, MI 49085

THANK YOU!

CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

Superstar \$1,000 & up

Director \$500-\$999

Producer \$250-\$499

Angel \$100-\$249

Fan up to \$99



VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Attend an audition & fill out a form for a show to help
backstage! Set painters, carpenters, tech & stage crew,
costume assistants, all types of volunteers needed!

Ushers & box office helpers signup @
www.twincityplayers.org

IT'S
back!

TWIN CITY  PLAYERS

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2026

COSTUME SALE

TCP, 600 W. GLENLORD RD., ST. JOSEPH, MI
BENEFITING TCP'S BRIAN SWIGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Lake Michigan Chiropractic, LLC

Kraig Kirkdorfer, DC

4082 Red Arrow Highway - St. Joseph, Michigan
(269)408-8729

www.lakemichiganchiropractic.com



A BRIGHTER COMMUNITY TOGETHER

I&M Cook Plant is proud to come together with our community and play our part to support the Twin City Players.



COOK PLANT™



**Bradford
Insurance
Agency**



2900 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085

269.982.5262

sabradford@acg.aaa.com

Glenn & Kathy Ward

CHARITABLE TRUST

Know What to See
...and what NOT to miss!

Scan to see our latest
print & digital deals.



From movie reviews and gallery listings to
local events and critics' picks, be the first to know
what's happening in your area with a little help
from **THE HERALD-PALLADIUM**.

Subscribe by phone or online in minutes!

269-429-1396

www.thehp.com

The Herald-Palladium
hp



Compassionate & Professional

3408 Niles Road, Saint Joseph
(269) 429-3324
admin@trilogycounselingmi.com

Five *Star*
Heating & Air Conditioning



**Planned
MAINTENANCE**
Serving all of Berrien County

Call Today!
269-428-0004
fivestarheat.com



26/27 MAINSTAGE SEASON SPONSORS

Bradford Insurance Agency

Five Star Heating & Air Conditioning

Glenn & Kathy Ward Charitable Trust

The Herald Palladium

Indiana & Michigan Power's Cook Nuclear Plant

Lake Michigan Chiropractic

Trilogy Counseling

TCP *Uncorked!*

Opening Night
complimentary wine from
Lemon Creek Winery



Tickets



TWIN CITY  PLAYERS

TikTok



FB Group



Instagram



Website



Facebook Page

Twin City Players-St. Joseph, MI

