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**THE MYSTERY OF  
EDWIN DROOD**

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Rupert Holmes

WITH

CARINA GONYER      DAVID LESLIE      CRAIG DUDA

MONA TIGLIO      CAROLYN AVERILL

ALEXANDRIA ESCRIBANO      STEVEN CLOSE

GLENN LESLIE      JOHN FARRELL

CHRISTOPHER HARTEL      JAY LEE

DAVID BELLMAN      SHELLY CAPEN

PATTI COLKOS      KIERNAN CONE

BETHANY FITZGIBBONS      SYDNEY MILLS

DIRECTED BY DEBORAH TRIMBLE

MUSICAL DIRECTION BY BENJAMIN MANISCALCHI

CHOREOGRAPHY BY JACQUI PANASIAN

LIGHTING DESIGN BY JERRY ZALEWSKI

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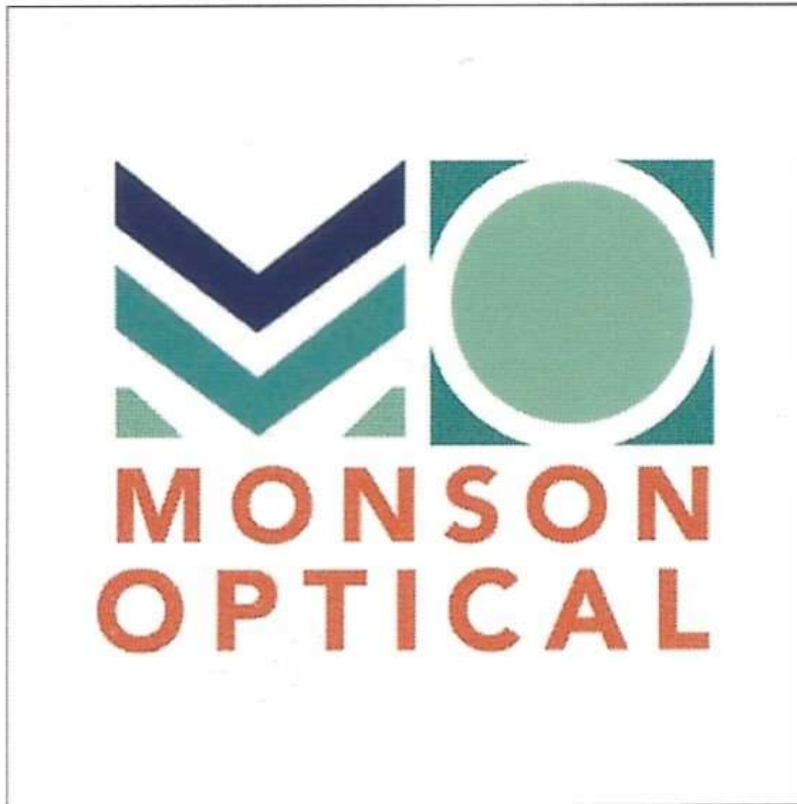
## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Chairman/Mr. *William Cartwright*.....CRAIG DUDA  
 Stage Manager and Barkeep/Mr. *James Throttle*.....JAY LEE  
 John Jasper/Mr. *Clive Paget*.....DAVID LESLIE  
 Edwin Drood/Miss *Alice Nutting* .....CARINA GONYER  
 Rosa Bud/Miss *Deirdre Peregrine*..... CAROLYN AVERILL  
 Helena Landless/Miss *Janet Conover* .....ALEXANDRIA ESCRIBANO  
 The Reverend Mr. *Crisparkle/Mr. Cedric Moncrieffe* .....GLENN LESLIE  
 Neville Landless/Mr. *Victor Grinstead* .....STEVEN CLOSE  
 The Princess Puffer/Miss *Angela Prysock* .....MONA TIGLIO  
 Durdles/Mr. *Nick Cricker*.....JOHN FARRELL  
 Deputy/Master *Nick Cricker*.....DAVID BELLMAN  
 Bazzard/Mr. *Phillip Bax*.....CHRISTOPHER HÄRTEL  
 Beatrice/Miss *Gwendolen Pynn* .....SHELLY CAPEN  
 Flo/Miss *Florence Gill* .....KIERNAN CONE  
 Miss Violet Balfour.....PATTI COLKOS  
 Miss Sarah Cook.....BETHANY FITZGIBBONS  
 Miss Isabel Yearsley .....SYDNEY MILLS

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**MUSICAL SYNOPSIS**

Setting

London's Music Hall Royale, 1895

- "THERE YOU ARE" .....Chairman & Company
- "A MAN COULD GO QUITE MAD" .....Jasper
- "TWO KINSMEN" .....Drood & Jasper
- "MOONFALL" ..... Rosa
- "MOONFALL QUARTET" .....Helena, Rosa, Beatrice, Florence
- "THE WAGES OF SIN" ..... Puffer, with Company
- "JASPER'S VISION/SMOKE BALLET"
- "CEYLON/A BRITISH SUBJECT" .....Helena, Neville, Drood, Rosa,  
Crisparkle, with Company
- "BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN" .....Jasper & Chairman, with Company
- "PERFECT STRANGERS" .....Drood & Rosa
- "NO GOOD CAN COME FROM BAD" .....Neville, Rosa, Helena, Drood  
Crisparkle, Jasper, Bazzard, Violet, Sarah
- "NEVER THE LUCK" .....Bazzard, with Company
- "OFF TO THE RACES"..... Chairman, Durdles, Deputy, with Company

**ACT II**

- "AN ENGLISH MUSIC HALL" .....Chairman & Company
- "SETTLING UP THE SCORE" .....Datchery & Puffer, with Company
- "THE NAME OF LOVE/MOONFALL (REPRISE)" ..... Rosa & Jasper,  
with Company
- "DON'T QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD" .....Puffer & Company
- "THE SOLUTION" ..... Company

## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

### THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD ORCHESTRA

PIANO – BENJAMIN MANISCALCHI

PERCUSSION – KEVIN BARKER

BASS – SHERRI JYRINGI

CELLO – SHANNON CARLSON

FLUTE – KYLE LAFLEUR

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**CAROLYN AVERILL (Rosa Bud/Miss Deirdre Peregrine)** grew up on the WUP stage having made her debut at the age of 8. Most recently Carolyn appeared as Pamela in THE 39 STEPS. Some favorite past credits include LITTLE WOMEN (Jo March), BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (Belle), 1940s RADIO HOUR (Anne), BAREFOOT IN THE PARK (Corie), DROWSY CHAPERONE (Janet), PLAY ON (Violet), THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA (Clara), THE GREAT GATSBY (Daisy) and CAMELOT (Guenevere). Carolyn would like to thank her friends and family for their constant love and support and is grateful and thrilled to be sharing the stage with such a wonderful cast and crew!

**DAVID BELLMAN (Deputy/Master Nick Cricker)** 11-year-old David's theatrical journey has already seen him in A CHRISTMAS STORY (Flick -Bradley Playhouse) and Ellington Community Theatre's production of BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (Ensemble). In A CHRISTMAS CAROL (Young Ebenezer Scrooge - Opera House Players), (William and ensemble -The Bradley Playhouse). Offstage, David's passions include dancing, playing the trumpet, and hitting the baseball field. He extends his heartfelt gratitude to his supportive family and friends for their unwavering encouragement, with a special shoutout to his friends at Fox Hill Music for their constant support.

**SHELLY CAPEN (Beatrice/Miss Gwendolen Pynn)** is excited to be a part of this unique show of endless endings. Some of her favorite past WUP shows include, 1940's RADIO HOUR (Ginger), DROWSY CHAPERONE (Kitty), LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA (Franca) and 1776 (Martha Jefferson). She admits her best times are often spent in the ensemble like in PIRATES OF PENZANCE, GUYS AND DOLLS, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, and of course the current MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD. Thanks to her husband who continues to support her hobby behind the scenes. Have fun voting on your favorite ending!

**STEVEN CLOSE (Neville Landless/Mr. Victor Grinstead)** is making his return to WUP after 10 years. His passion for theater and performing has led him to perform all over Massachusetts and Connecticut for the past 23 years. Most recently having acted in productions of THESE SHINING LIVES, and FIRST DATE in Connecticut. He would like to thank WUP for welcoming him back into the Players, as well as the cast for such a wonderful experience.

**PATTI COLKOS (Miss Violet Balfour)** is happy to have shared over 25 year's worth of productions with the WUP family. Favorite roles have been in GUYS AND DOLLS(Adelaide), ANYTHING GOES(Hope), CHICAGO (Kitty), and ARSENIC AND OLD LACE(Elaine). Last seen as Cecily Pigeon in Theater Guild of Hampden's THE ODD COUPLE. She is excited to share the stage with the talented cast of THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD. Thank you to John and Taylor for their love and support.

**KIERNAN CONE (Flo/Miss Florence Gill)** a late edition to the cast, Kiernan is thrilled to take the stage with her Wilbraham friends again. She was most recently seen with Wilbraham United Players as Joanna Lyppiatt in PRESENT LAUGHTER and with the Theater Guild of Hampden as Donna in MAMMA MIA.

**CRAIG DUDA (Chairman/Mr. William Cartwright)** is thrilled to be back on the WUP stage and part of such an amazing cast and crew. He was most recently seen in the Choir of OHP's THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME. Past roles include Bill Ray in WUP's production of ON GOLDEN POND, Harold Hill in THE MUSIC MAN, Pseudolus in FORUM, Mortimer Brewster in ARSENIC AND OLD LACE, Thurston Wheelis in GREATER TUNA, Ted Klausterman in 3 GUYS NAKED, Hines in THE PAJAMA GAME, King Sextimus in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS, and Ali Hakim in OKLAHOMA. Thanks to his fiancé, Stacey, for her love and support.

**ALEXANDRIA ESCRIBANO (Helena Landless/Miss Janet Conover)** is delighted to be back onstage with Wilbraham United Players. Having been involved in theatre for nearly 17 years, she has enjoyed experimenting with all aspects of the stage from crewing to acting and

directing. Her most recent endeavors include portraying Margaret in THE 39 STEPS, and Shelby in STEEL MAGNOLIAS. She would like to thank WUP for truly being a second family and continuing to make the stage her happy place!

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**JOHN FARRELL (Durdles/Mr. Nick Cricker)** is excited to be back on the WUP stage. He was last seen on stage in WUP's production of Little Women. John would like to thank his family and friends for all of their support, especially his loving wife Meaghan. Thank you all for coming and enjoy the show!

**BETHANY FITZGIBBONS (Miss Sarah Cook)** This is Bethany's first production with Wilbraham United Players and she is excited to be part of such an amazing cast and show. With many years of theater under her belt, and a brief period of time off for family, Bethany is excited to be back in the world of theater. She thanks her family and her daughter for their continued support.

**CARINA GONYER (Alice Nutting/Edwin Drood)** is thrilled to be a part of the cast of THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD for her first show on the Wilbraham United Players stage. In the past, Carina has enjoyed singing in choirs, in musicals, and at home with her family. Some of Carina's notable roles include Te Fiti/Te Ka in the stage rendition of MOANA, Mayzie LaBird in SEUSSICAL, Martha Jefferson in 1776, Patty Simcox in GREASE, and Rita in WHITE CHRISTMAS.

**CHRISTOPHER HÄRTEL (Bazzard/Mr. Phillip Bax)** has been performing music in Connecticut for more than 30 years. In addition to being the assistant conductor of the Farmington Valley Chorale, he is also a sought-after tenor who is currently a section leader at Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford. He is also a founding member of the Voices of Concinnity, Northeast Connecticut's premiere professional vocal ensemble. He has been a public and private school music teacher since 1995, and he is also an experienced piano tuner and repair technician. He has three amazing grown-up daughters and Marco, the best dog in the world.

**JAY LEE (Mr. James Throttle)** is thrilled to be back on stage once again with WUP in THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD. You may have seen Jay in a WUP roles such as The Beast in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST & Fabrizio in THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA. He is excited to join such a talented cast! Jay would also like to thank his wife for her constant support. Support local theater and enjoy the show!

**DAVID LESLIE (John Jasper/Mr. Clive Paget)** is delighted to be returning to the WUP stage where he previously performed in PRESENT LAUGHTER (Gary Essendine) and SOMETHING'S AFOOT (Nigel Rancour). Other favorite credits include THE PRODUCERS (Max Bialystock), ON THE TWENTIETH CENTURY (Oscar Jaffee), CAMELOT (Lancelot du Lac), MARY POPPINS (Bert) and BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (Beast/Prince Adam). The face on the other side of David's coin enjoys playing baseball.

**GLENN LESLIE (Reverend Mr. Crisparkle/Mr. Cedric Moncrieffe)** Worcester County - 7 years community theater... NYC - 5 years professional musical theater career plus 5 more doing box office work... Chicago - 10 years dance company member - Emmy-Award winning Jump Rhythm Jazz Project; overlapping with 21 teaching adult tap at Dance Center Evanston; including 5-year signature project RENDITIONS, a concert of recreations of dances of Astaire and Kelly... Back to MA - local productions of 12 ANGRY MEN (Juror 4), THE ODD COUPLE (Felix, opposite brother David), 1776 (Dickinson), WHITE CHRISTMAS (Waverly).



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**SYDNEY MILLS (Miss Isabel Yearsley)** is thrilled for this opportunity to make her debut with Wilbraham United Players and hopes for DROOD to be the first of many. She would like to thank Danielle Tipton and Devon Bakum, her first and most recent voice teachers.

**MONA TIGLIO (The Princess Puffer/Miss Angela Prysock)** is thrilled to return to the WUP stage where she last performed as Velma Kelly in CHICAGO (fun fact - her precious Rosa Bud was her cartwheel coach)! Mona most recently appeared as Kitty in THE DROWSY CHAPERONE and as Sonia in VANYA, SONIA, MASHA & SPIKE. B.A. Theatre Penn State. Special thanks to Deb, Ben & Jacqui for this glamorous opportunity! Love & hugs to her family and friends for their continued support!

**BENJAMIN MANISCALCHI (Musical Director)** has been part of the WUP family for almost 20 years - his favorite space to work creatively with local talent. He works at Miss Porter's School as the Music Department Admin Assistant and teaches voice and piano. He is an active singer and musician at St. John's Episcopal (West Hartford) - also serving as the Assistant Director of Operations for the non-profit arts organization, Music at the Red Door. Thank you to Deb, the cast, and Michael for supporting these artistic endeavors.

**JIM MARTIN (Producer/Stage Manager)** has been involved with the Wilbraham United Players since 2017's PETER AND THE STARCATCHER. Since then he has performed, constructed sets, produced, stage managed and generally rolled up his sleeves to do what needs to be done. Thanks to his wife Shannon and kids Catherine and James - Love you guys!

**JACQUI PANASIAN (Choreographer)** Jacqui is thrilled to join her WUP family once again; this time as choreographer! Jacqui has been the proud owner of Rising Stars School of Dance for 8 years where she's choreographed over 100 dances, medleys, and productions. Jacqui also credits a life long love for musical theatre to her experiences with the Wilbraham Summer Youth Theatre. Jacqui would like to thank Deb for always seeing something special, believing in her, and giving her a chance at her dreams. Many thanks to all her family and friends who continue to support her in this life. Let's go Off to the Races!

**DEBORAH TRIMBLE (Artistic Director)** has been directing shows for WUP for THIRTY YEARS!! Included in those 30 years of productions are 3 forays back to Gilbert and Sullivan, 4 musical revues, 28 plays (including 8 One Acts), and 18 musicals. She'd like to thank the Board of WUP for helping her make all of her onstage dreams come true, her family for realizing that if you want to see Deb, you go to the theatre, her daughter Carolyn for being her "emotional-support daughter" and fellow theatre-holic, her "second daughter" Jacqui for dipping her toes into the world of theatre dance with Drood, her friend Jim for taking all the wild crazy ideas on paper and making it come to life out of sawdust and dreams, her friend Shannon for being a sounding board for the details, and for just being her. Love and kisses to my "KS" up in heaven. "Again!"

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