

Vagabond Players Presents

# MOON Over Buffalo

By Ken Ludwig

Directed By Miles Lavkulich



February 19 - March 8, 2026

Thursday - Saturday 8:00pm, Sunday 2:00pm

**Bernie Legge Theatre**

Queen's Park, New Westminster

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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Old Comedian Ed Wynn, while on his deathbed, was asked 'Is it hard, dying?'. He paused and said 'Yes, but not as hard as comedy'. Great Comedy hits at many levels and needs people who are fearless to both be onstage and behind the scenes. The crew here at Vagabond's is getting used to me asking for furniture to be reinforced, door handles to be durable and lights and sound to guide the audience. And the cast for the show, well that's a matter of trust. Actors put a lot of trust in their Directors and the ones who have no fear, trust and leap without a safety net. I've been lucky to have such a cast for this show. So please let them know how much you enjoy the show, and the bits you don't... well that's on me. Enjoy.

## SCENE SYNOPSIS



Act 1 - 1953 Buffalo New York, Green Room of a Theatre

Act 2 - scene 1 the same moments later

Act 2 - scene 2 moments later onstage for 'Private Lives'

Act 3 - Green Room of a Theatre 4 hours later

## PRODUCTION CREW

Director .....	Miles Lavkulich
Production Manager .....	Cindy Dean
Stage Manager .....	Al Zystra
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Frederick Popowich
Set Design & Decor .....	Warren Johnson
Lighting Design .....	Hailey Gil
Sound Design .....	Manon Ducos
Costumes .....	Cindy Dean
Props .....	Denise Brookson & Susan Rae
Stage Crew .....	James Christopherson & Peter Godman
Set Construction .....	George Edwards, David Dodge, Craig Premack, Stacy Restiaux, Warren Johnson, Doug Joel, Rob Moser, Jason Harris & Steve Charboneau
Set Painting .....	George Edwards, Pam Bennett, Cindy Dean, Sandra Walton, Stacy Restiaux, James Christopherson, Anne Rhodes, Ted Drabyk & Warren Johnson
Publicity .....	Valerie Lawlor
Social Media & Photos .....	Samantha Hussey
Poster Design .....	Michael McCray
Program .....	Cassidy Lynch



# CAST



## John Cousins - George Hay

John is thrilled to be jumping back on the BL stage, in such a great role, just after closing The Maltese Reindeer, a very successful holiday season show that he wrote and directed. In the past we have seen John in the following productions; When The Reaper Calls, Christmas Belles, Drinking Habits, This Is A Play and Hidden In The Picture. When not acting, directing or writing, John works in the set dec department for film and TV and plays acoustic and bass guitar. John sends a huge thanks to the cast and crew for this fun adventure. And an even bigger thanks to Colleen, for her love and support.



## Julia Chayko - Charlotte Hay

Julia is thrilled to be back with Vagabond Players. She has walked the stage for 40 years as a dancer and actress. A few of her previous shows are Lend Me A Soprano, Rabbit Hole, Lend Me a Tenor, Next Fall, Other Desert Cities, Pack of Lies, Guys and Dolls, Here on The Flight Path and Let's Murder Marsha. In 2016 she sailed on the Titanic to Theatre B.C. Mainstage with the award-winning The Last Lifeboat. In 2023 she stepped behind the curtain to choreograph The Marvelous Wonderettes. Julia is also a writer and international arthritis advocate.



## Deb Tom - Ethel

2026 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Deb as a Vagabond Player. Her first role was in 1990 in "Time to Kill", followed by "Run For your Wife" and many more, receiving a CTC Award for "Seduced by Moonlight". Her last Vagabond show was in 2019 "Toward Zero" directed by Miles. Deb is also known for set decorating and painting, beginning with the Haunting of Hill House in 1986 and received rave reviews for the mural of the Sierra Madres in Other Desert Cities. Last year, Deb performed at Metro in "Sinners" and is happy to be back on stage at the Bernie Legge.



## Abigail Walkner - Rosalind

Yep, she's back! Fresh off the resounding success of The Maltese Reindeer in December, Abigail hit the ground running for her second crack at Moon Over Buffalo - having stage managed DCSS' rendition in 2022! Prior to Maltese Reindeer, she was seen in One For the Pot (DCSS) and Knotted (RCTC), and enjoyed stage managing The Merry Wives of Windsor (BIV). Much like Rosalind, Abigail grew up in the theatre world, with both parents involved in everything both on and off stage - and she's incredibly grateful they brought her into it too.



## Doug Perri - Howard

Doug has acted, managed box office, and designed costumes for theatres in Victoria, Whistler, Vancouver, Tsawwassen, Burnaby and North Vancouver. Doug's most recent credits include, "Mothers and Sons" (2025) with Pivot Theatre, "The Long Weekend" (2024) with Sidekick Players, and "Next Fall" (2024) with Deep Cove Stage. Doug is happy to get the chance to act with Vagabond Players again and is looking forward to working with Miles and the rest of the "Moon over Buffalo" cast and crew. Thanks to Norman for all his love and support.



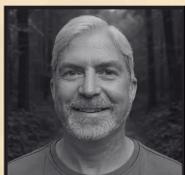
## Jenna Leigh - Eileen

Jenna or known by her friends as Murphy, Murph, or JMO, is a multidisciplinary artist based on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations otherwise known as "Vancouver." She is a graduate of Studio 58's acting program where she had the honour of acting in a variety of shows as well as developing her own shows. She's grateful to the Vagabond Players for providing such a fun stage opportunity with a lovely cast and crew to work with.



## Thane Buckingham - Paul

Thane is back with the Vagabond Players as Paul in Moon Over Buffalo—and if there's a wild plan to be hatched, you can bet he's at the center of it! Audiences may have caught him earlier this season as Marty in Making A Killing, or rocking the stage as Electric Skate in The SpongeBob Musical with Fraser Valley Musical Theatre. When he's not scheming onstage, Thane is tearing up local venues on the drums with his band, Saving Grace. He's thrilled to bring Paul's chaos to life!



## Dwayne Campbell - Richard

Dwayne has been a Vagabond Players member since 1977. From that time, he has performed on stage for 55 shows, directed 38, and built over 250 sets for most of the Community Theatre groups within the area. He has not kept track of how many shows he has been Set Designer, Stage Manager and Production Manager. He feels truly lucky to have been part of it all. After a several-year break to work in Film as a Set Dresser he is very happy to be back on stage. He is grateful to his amazing wife Tina for her support.

COMING SOON

Vagabond Players Presents

*The*  
**Birds** *and*  
*the Bees*



By Mark Crawford

Directed By Samantha Alexandra



April 30 - May 17, 2026

Thursday - Saturday 8:00pm, Sunday 2:00pm

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