



FRI, FEB. 5, 12, 19 • 7:00 PM SAT, FEB. 6, 13, 20 • 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM SUN, FEB. 7 • 2:00 PM Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum

# A Note from the Director

Hello all! I personally would love to welcome each and every one of you to this performance of Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park*! This classic romantic comedy is filled to the brim with laughs, newlywed drama, and a whole lot of heart. I believe that this lighthearted, charming comedy is a refreshing break from the hectic world we face today. Great theatre should exist as that escape. A 2-3 hour break to sit back, relax, and breathe, and a chance to leave the chaos of daily life at the door, laugh troubles away, and enjoy live, curated performances. I think we all could use that respite after the troubles of 2020.

Barefoot in the Park, set in 1963, features Corie and Paul Bratter, newlyweds of 6 days, who have just moved in to the top floor of a New York City brownstone. Six steep flights to be exact. Straightlaced Paul and impulsive Corie are the definition of opposites attract as seen during the course of the play. Stay tuned to see their story unfold, and meet the other wonderful characters in Barefoot in the Park!

Community theatre takes a village and this production would never have come to fruition without my cast, crew, and production team who I must thank from the bottom of my heart. To Diane, Kerri, and Marissa: for allowing me to direct this amazing piece, enduring long set design conversations, building the beautiful windows, and everything you do to make directing at Tarpon Arts a seamless process; to Rebekah and Carli: for being absolute rock stars behind the stage; finally, to my cast of INSANELY talented actors Lisa, Bryan, David, Leah, Chris, and Rebekah: you all are an incredible team to work with and have brought so much heart and life to this script, and I, a lover of words and stories, am forever grateful to what you all have put into this work. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. A special thanks to Jason Fortner and Francis Wilson Playhouse, David Fraga and Carrollwood Players Theater, Georgia Kosloski, and Jeanene MacLean for the borrowing of crucial set pieces and props!

I hope you all enjoy this performance of *Barefoot in the Park*. I sincerely hope you all get the break from the harsh realities of the every day, have many laughs, and that you all enjoy the work and joy we have put into this production of *Barefoot in the Park*.

Shama Shama! Madison Claire, Director



# **CAST & CREW**

# Crew:

Director	Madison Claire
Stage Manager	Rebekah Stevenson
Assistant Stage Manager	,Carli Kosloski

# Cast:

Corie Bratter	Lisa Malloy
Paul Bratter	Bryan Lane
Ethel Banks	Leah Conway
Victor Velasco	David Mackinson
Telephone Repair Man	Chris McDermott
Delivery Man	Rebekah Stevenson

"Barefoot in the Park" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com



# Madison Claire, Director

Madison is honored to have the opportunity to direct this incredible, zany, and heartfelt production of *Barefoot in the Park* with Tarpon Arts and with an astonishing cast/crew to boot! Madison has directed and performed in the

Tampa Bay area for the last 10 years and also runs the performance group, Tarpon Sings! Some favorite credits include: directing *The Crucible* (Carrollwood Players), and *The Wild Women of Winedale* (Tarpon Arts), performing as Josie in *A Moon for the Misbegotten* (CWP), Aldonza in *Man of La Mancha* (Tarpon Arts), Ruth in *The Pirates of Penzance* (Tarpon Arts), and Nadia in *BARE: A Pop Opera* (CWP). Madison thanks the team at Tarpon Arts, Rebekah Stevenson, Carli Kosloski, her extremely talented cast, and friends and family for their continued love and support.

Rebekah Stevenson, Stage Manager as the Delivery Man Rebekah is excited to be working backstage in her third production at Tarpon Arts. She's very grateful for Tarpon Arts and Madison for this opportunity.



Carli Kosloski, Assistant Stage Manager Carli is ecstatic to be a part of the *Barefoot in the Park* crew! Other notable backstage experiences include *The Wild Women of Winedale* and *Sorry! Wrong Chimney!* She hopes you enjoy the show!



# Lisa Malloy as Corie Bratter

Lisa graduated with her BFA in Theatre from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2017. She is an active performer in the Tampa Bay Area and has been seen on stage as Meg in *Brigadoon*, Mary Warren in *The Crucible*, Molly in *Peter and* 

the Starcatcher, and Don Pedro in Much Ado About Nothing. She thanks her family for their never ending support, including her cat, William Shakespurr.



### Bryan Lane as Paul Bratter

Stage manager, actor, and aspiring director Bryan is thrilled to be a part of this wonderful cast. Previous roles include Reverend Hale in The Crucible, Patrick Dennis in Auntie Mame, Joe Qualley in Come Back to the Five and Dime,

and most recently the Policeman in *Sorry! Wrong Chimney!* He also made his directorial debut earlier this year with *Angel* for Carrollwood Players' One Act Weekend and is now stage managing the upcoming *Godspell* (CWP). He thanks his family, Jai Harris, and David O'Hara for inspiring him to work in live theatre.



# **Leah Conway as Ethel Banks**

Leah is delighted to join this gifted cast, crew, and director for this well-known and enjoyable play. Leah has been seen on several stages in community theater. Her favorite roles include Mama in *Mama Won't Fly*, Susan in *Denying* 

Gravity, Tiny Tim with ukulele in A Corset Line and Ethel Banks in Barefoot in the Park. She thanks her wonderful husband, John, for his support of her new life in acting and writing. She is especially grateful to her audience, you, for your support of community theater.



# **David Mackinson as Victor Velasco**

David was the International Baccalaureate theater teacher for 35 years at Rufus King and Bay View High Schools in Milwaukee, WI. He also acted and directed with Sunset Playhouse in Elm Grove, WI, where he had lead roles in *West Side* 

Story, Bye Bye Birdie, Hello Dolly, The Mousetrap, The Zoo Story, and Hay Fever. David has directed Godspell, West Side Story, Pippin, Cabaret, Guys and Dolls, Grease, and Neil Simon's plays: The Good Doctor, Prisoner of Second Avenue, and Barefoot in the Park. His most memorable directorial experience was directing and producing the Wisconsin High School premiere of Jesus Christ Superstar. Presently, David is a tournament pickle ball competitor and instructs fencing.



# Chris McDermott as the Telephone Repair Man

Chris is honored to be performing in his first show with Tarpon Arts. He was most recently seen as Doctor Bessner in *Murder on the Nile* at Carrollwood Players. Chris holds a Bachelor's

degree in Theatre Studies and Arts Management and a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Wisconsin. He would like to thank everyone for their support of the arts during the COVID pandemic. He would also like to thank the cast and crew for a warm welcome and amazing first experience with Tarpon Arts.















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One cold, clear winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected, hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend - almost - in this delightful midwinter night's dream.





# **Knowledge & Nibbles Tarpon Springs Distillery**

TUES, MARCH 16 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum

Tarpon Springs Distillery is family-owned and embraces the unique Greek-American coastal heritage of Tarpon Springs. Learn their story and how their flagship spirits are distilled and bottled right here in Tarpon Springs! Complimentary light refreshments.

A Bad Year for Tomatoes FRI, APRIL 9, 16 • 7:00 PM SAT, APRIL 10, 17, 24 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM SUN. APRIL 11. 18 • 2:00 PM Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum

Dealing with her nosy neighbors is a never-ending struggle. In an attempt to shoo them away, Myra invents a mad, homicidal sister who is kept locked in an upstairs room but who occasionally escapes long enough to scare off uninvited visitors. The ruse works well at first, but hilarious complications result.

