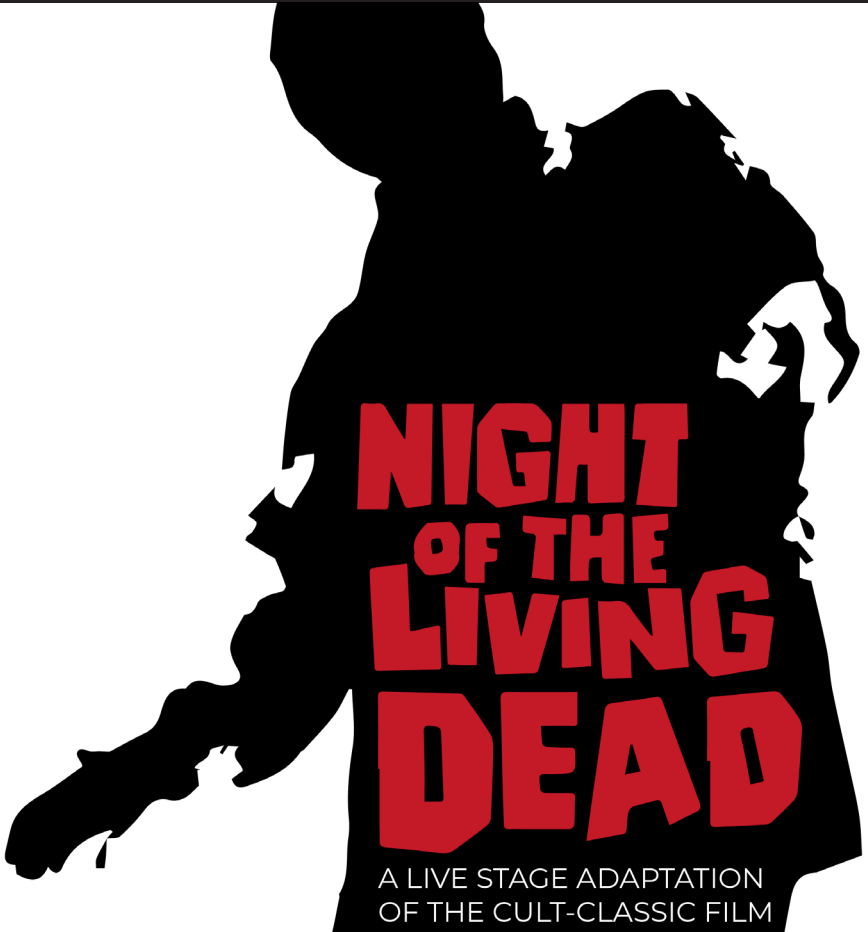


PLAYBILL



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**BASED ON GEORGE ROMERO AND
JOHN RUSSO'S ORIGINAL FILM**

KELBY LORENZ
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

SUSIE SMITH
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

FROM THE MCT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Welcome to our production of Night of the Living Dead!

We are incredibly excited to bring you this show in our 20th Anniversary Season. Before we celebrate, we need to thank you for being a supporter of the arts and helping us reach this milestone year. It's the support from our amazing community that allows us to continue our mission of providing a creative outlet for the performing arts.

At each show we produce, know that every member of the cast, crew and production team has put their heart into creating a beautiful story and experience for you. Our goal at MCT is to continually entertain, educate and enrich our community through the stories we tell on stage. And for our 20th season, we are excited to bring stories new and old to you.

With that said, as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, we depend on the support of community members like you to continue doing what we do. For our 20th season, we're asking that you consider making a donation to support your Theatre with Heart to set us up for the next 20 years.

You can make a donation online at marshfieldtheatre.org or by mail at:
P.O. Box 344
Marshfield, MO 65706

There are other ways you can support MCT, as well, including:

- Becoming a member: MCT memberships are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults and \$25 for families, plus MCT members get extra perks throughout the year
- Volunteering: You can volunteer to work with MCT at any time throughout the year, and we will happily find the place that fits your specific talents
- Auditioning for shows: We are a theatre troupe, after all! We're always looking for talent, so take a leap of faith and audition for one of our upcoming shows this season.

Thank you for your support of MCT. We appreciate you being here, and we hope you enjoy the show!

Thank you to the following
for making this show a success:

Papa and Nana's Corner
Gunter Farms
The Jubilee Theater Center & The Wright Family
Sue Esquivel
Kelly Williams

CAST

Ben	Kris Hunter*
Barbara	Samantha VanWyhe
Harry Cooper	Elijah Biggers
Helen Cooper	Maureen Wilson & Dylan Bradley
Karen Cooper	Mila Abella
Tom	Dalton Young
Judy	Teanna Smith & Sierra Smith
Johnny	Oliver Floyd*
Sheriff "Chief" McClellan	Brendan DePriest
Deputy	Steve Jacobsen*
Radio Newscaster (Voiceover)	Elijah Biggers
News Anchor/Bill Bardough (Voiceover)	Ben Brewer
Dr. Grimes (Voiceover)	Kelby Lorenz
Zombie #1	Savana West
Corpse on the Stair	Angie Hoffman
Ben Understudy	Chante Michaud*
Barbara Understudy	Sierra Smith
Harry/Tom/Johnny Understudy	Dylan Bradley

Zombie Horde

Angie Hoffman, Grace Harris, Hailey Milligan*, Sierra Smith, Dylan Bradley, Savana West, Maureen Wilson, TeAnna Smith, Jenn Smith, Zac Salsig*, Rachel Salsig*, Randy Hoffman*, Abbie Hoffman, Alison Abella, Steve Jacobsen*, Brandy Rice, Chante Michaud*

*Denotes MCT mainstage debut

PRODUCTION TEAM

Production Manager	Brandy Rice
Artistic Director	Kelby Lorenz
Assistant Director	Susie Smith
Technical Design	Kelby Lorenz
Costume Design	Julia Powell
Makeup Design	Kristen Walker
Properties Manager	Brandy Rice
House Manager	Toni Lorenz
Box Office Manager	Cindy Uchtman

BIOS

Alison Abella - Zombie Horde

Alison Abella lives in Marshfield and works as a paraprofessional at Shook elementary. She has helped with several shows at MCT in the past and is excited to be a zombie in her first on-stage role!

Mila Abella - Karen Cooper

Mila Abella is 12 years old and goes to Marshfield Jr High. She's been involved with many shows and classes at MCT over the past four years. 101 Dalmatians, Frozen Jr, and The Lion King Jr. are a few of her favorites. She is currently participating in MCT's middle school troupe. She has also been a part of Marshfield Jr High's spring production of James and the Giant Peach playing the part of Aunt Sponge. In her free time she loves being involved in school activities and clubs and dancing on her team with Dance Works studio. Mila is very excited to be in her first spooky production. She would like to thank Kelby and Susie for giving this opportunity to grow. She would also like Toni Lorenz for always supporting her.

Elijah Biggers - Harry Cooper

Elijah Biggers is an actor based in the Kansas City area. He is excited to be able to return and bring his craft to his hometown in his second show this season at MCT, most recently as Jay Gatsby in The Great Gatsby. His recent roles include Adam in Miss Nelson is Missing (Theatre for Young America), Jake Laurents in War of the Worlds (Avila University), Peter in Diary of Anne Frank, Pierre In Murdered to Death, Don Browning in Leaving Iowa (Brownville Village Theatre). Peter in The Diary of Anne Frank, Prince Delong in The Unsinkable Molly Brown (Avila University).

Ben Brewer - News Anchor/Bill Bardough

Ben Brewer is a Kansas City & Milwaukee based actor who recently graduated from UW-Parkside with a Bachelor of Art (Theatre Arts-Acting concentration). Recent credits include Cyclopedic Ensemble's Naked Mole Rat at KC Fringe (Venti), Spring Awakening (Melchior), As You Like It (Oliver), Indecent (The Middle: Mendel), and The Thanksgiving Play (Jaxton) at UW-Parkside. Some other of Ben's selected credits include The Diviners (C.C. Showers), Mr. Burns: A Post Electric Play (Gibson/Homer Simpson), and First Date (Aaron) at State Fair Community College, as well as Bang Bang, You're Dead (Josh) at Springfield Little Theatre & Monty Python's Spamalot (King Arthur) at The Coterie Summer Theatre. When Ben is not acting he is recording voice-over work, recording podcasts, and singing with his rock band Goodbrew.

Dylan Bradley - Helen/Harry, Tom, Johnny Understudy

This is Dylan Bradley's second time performing with MCT, the first being Jordan Baker in The Great Gatsby. But, they have worked on shows like Descendants,

The Lion King Jr. and The Addams Family doing set design and painting. They have previously been on stage as Aunt March in 'Little Women', Pamella in 'Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps', as well as directed the one act play, 'The 146 Point Flame'. They would like to thank their parents for their undying support through the crazy schedule and late nights. And finally they want to thank the incredible cast and crew for making MCT a second home for them.

Brendan DePriest - Sheriff "Chief" McClellan

Brendan DePriest has performed in many shows with MCT for 20 years. Some of his past roles include The Art of Murder (Rupert York), It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play, Disney's Descendants (Maurice), Clue on Stage (Wadsworth) and Suessical the Musical (Wickersham Brother).

Oliver Floyd - Johnny

Oliver Floyd is 18 and so excited to be making his MCT Mainstage debut! Most recently Oliver has been seen in Peter Pan Jr. as Captain Hook, Beauty and the Beast, and The Spongebob Musical as The Mayor of Bikini Bottom! Oliver loves performing and is so excited for this opportunity. He plans on attending college at Columbia College Chicago for the 2024-2025 school year! He wants to thank his mom, dad, brother Garrett, sister Ashley, and his number one supporter Wesley!

Grace Harris - Zombie Horde

Grace Harris is 19 years old and has been working with MCT for about 2 years, they have performed in ensembles for Grease, Lion King Jr, and Little Mermaid Jr. They're excited to be with MCT again and hope their skills here will help them become a great voice actor some day.

Abbie Hoffman - Zombie Horde

Abbie is in 8th grade and has been in several productions with MCT, most recently Peter Pan Jr. with MCT's Education Institute. Abbie would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.

Angie Hoffman - Corpse on the Stair

Angie Hoffman has been involved with MCT since 2017 and is currently serving as the board vice president. She wants to thank her family for their love and support and her theater friends that make these shows so much fun!

Randy Hoffman - Zombie Horde

This is Randy's first performance with MCT. He was recruited by his wife who assured him this would be fun and as usual she was right.

Kris Hunter - Ben

This is Kris Hunter's first time hitting the stage with MCT! Kris has been a part of high school shows with Fair Grove schools. Kris is playing Ben and couldn't be more excited to have this amazing opportunity! He'd like to thank the directors

Kelby and Susie for putting in the time to make this happen and believing in him. This may be his first show with MCT but he sure hopes it won't be his last!

Steve Jacobsen - Deputy/Zombie Horde

Steve Jacobsen is excited to be in his first MCT production! He has been interested in film from an early age, and is glad to be a part of this production, where he can bring his love of film and theatre together.

Kelby Lorenz - Dr. Grimes

Kelby Lorenz has been involved with MCT for several years and is the organization's Marketing Director. Kelby has been seen recently on stage at MCT in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (Charlie Brown) and Mamma Mia! (Eddie). Kelby has also worked behind the scenes at MCT the last 7 years for shows including directing The Great Gatsby, It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play and Clue on Stage and, of course, Night of the Living Dead! Kelby is the Marketing Manager for the not-for-profit Heart of America, an organization that works to bridge the education equity gap by providing education resources in underfunded districts across the country.

Chante Michaud - Zombie Horde

Chante Michaud is excited to be on stage for her first ever show, previously working backstage in the hair and makeup crew for Marshfield High School's theatre program. She is now looking forward to taking part in more shows for MCT in the future!

Hailey Milligan - Zombie Horde

Hailey Milligan is a high school student at Strafford. She is involved with Girl Scouts, Competitive Speech, and Book Clubs outside of theater. She has been a costume's assistant for Strafford's theater program. The shows she's helped with include Little Shop of Horrors and The Wedding From ?. This is her first show she has been onstage for and she is very excited to do

Brandy Rice - Zombie Horde

Brandy Rice has been with MCT for 5 years. She absolutely loves being involved with MCT. She was recently seen on stage at MCT in Mamma Mia, You have the Right to Remain Dead, and The Great Gatsby. She has also worked backstage in The Addams Family, and You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. She has also helped with painting and building set pieces for different shows. Halloween is her favorite time of year and she is so grateful to be able to be involved in Night of the Living Dead, both producing and being onstage.

Rachel Salsig - Zombie Horde

Rachel Salsig, along with her husband Zac, has been involved with MCT for 2 years, when their girls, Hayleigh & Emma, joined the production of Lion King Jr. After volunteering to help with each show the girls were a part of, Rachel is now ready

to be in her 1st production as a zombie! She wants to thank her family for their love & patience as she transitions out of her comfort zone.

Zac Salsig - Zombie Horde

Zac Salsig has been part of MCT for 2 years with his family, watching his girls perform in numerous plays. Now it's his turn to go. This is his first performance ever. His hobbies are making handmade dice and playing DND.

Jenn Smith - Zombie Horde

Jenn Smith has been a part of MCT for 13 years. Although she is normally behind the scenes, occasionally she ventures out to be on stage. Jenn is happily coupled to the most wonderful man in the world, Vance. They are the proud parents of Chainy, Chelsea, Holly, Tuff, Roman, & Cricket. Jenn spends her daylight hours hanging out with the awesome kiddos of Webster Elementary. She is very excited to be involved with this production. Jenn would like to thank Susie for convincing her to come out & play!

Sierra Smith - Judy/Barabara Understudy

Sierra Smith is 16 years old and in the 11th grade at Strafford High School. Sierra has previously been seen in 13 MCT's productions, most recently Peter Pan, Jr., The Little Mermaid, Jr. and Almost Maine. Sierra has also performed in Branson Regional Arts Council Staccato Show Choir, Conway High School's productions of Freaky Friday and Frozen, and Strafford High School's production of Little Shop of Horrors. Sierra is an all A honor roll student who plans to go into the field of Education for Theatre and/or Choir. Sierra would like to give a special thanks to her parents for always supporting her in all that she does.

Teanna Smith - Judy

After taking a 6 year hiatus from performing, Teanna Smith is excited to be getting back on the stage. In her time off from performing, she has joined the Air Force, starting as Active Duty then transitioning to Reserves. She has two children who are her world - Astrid and Finn. This will be her ninth show with MCT. Previous shows include; Shrek The Musical, Alice in Wonderland, Beauty and the Beast, Jungle Book Jr.

Savana West - Zombie #1

Savana West is 17 years old and has been involved with MCT for over 3 years now. Savana has previously been seen in MCT haunted houses, Disney's Descendants, Comedy Tonight: Halloween!, Grease: School Version, The Lion King Jr Experience, You Have The Right To Remain Dead, Almost, Maine and The Little Mermaid. Savana has also stage managed and costume designed for 101 Dalmatians, KIDS! When Savana isn't at rehearsal or on stage, you can find her cooking in the kitchen at Dairy Queen, or spending time with her loving boyfriend. Savana would like to thank her coworkers, her parents Beth and Brian, and all of her friends. She would also like to thank her amazing boyfriend, James Greene. as well as his fam-

ily, Cathy, Kenny, Michelle, Chad, Nick, Mackenzie, Arcadian, Hayden and Melaney.

Samantha VanWyhe - Barbara

Samantha VanWyhe is delighted to be back at MCT as Barbara in Night of the Living Dead. She has previously been on stage at MCT as Lucille McKee in The Great Gatsby. She has also been seen as Ouiser in Steel Magnolias, ensemble in Annie Get Your Gun, and part of the pit orchestra for Music Man, all at Evangel University. She has a BM in Music Education and was previously a choir teacher before becoming a stay-at-home mom to two beautiful little girls.

Maureen Wilson - Helen

Maureen Wilson has been enjoying the theater, and acting, for the past year and a half, proving that you can start a new hobby no matter what your age! She's "dying" to please you on stage, during this production of Night of the Living Dead.

Dalton Young - Tom

Dalton Young is still relatively new to theater, with Night of the Living Dead being his third show. Starting with Little Shop of Horrors at Strafford High School, he has also performed as Nick in The Great Gatsby and has written a one-act titled "With Love, Always." Dalton is an English Education major at Missouri State University and plans to continue with theater during and after college.



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