

Persimmon Tree Players presents

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BEST OFFER

by Phil Olson

Directed by Chip Staples

Historic Victory Hall Theater
Scottsville, VA

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SCOTTSVILLE'S CENTER
FOR THE ARTS AND THE
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SETTING:

Cheryl's home, stage left. Stan's office, stage right.

Present day. The play takes place over a seven-month period.

There will be one 15-minute intermission

SHOW SYNOPSIS:

Cheryl is a widow of two years; Stan is newly divorced. After failed blind dates, their best friends, Lori and Dave, convince them to try online dating with the new dating website, "Friends, Love or Whatever." With the worst dating advice in the world from their friends, Cheryl and Stan set out to find happiness and true love - online. All the trials and tribulations of online dating come to the forefront, including overcoming heartbreak and rejection, all in an effort to find love... or best offer.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS (in order of appearance):

CHERYL: Professional; businesswoman

STAN: Nerdish; computer multi-millionaire

LORI: Cheryl's best friend

DAVE: Stan's best friend and chief operating officer of Stan's company

CAST:

CHERYL	Andrea Kojan
STAN	Tom Green
LORI	Jennifer LaFleur
DAVE	Jim Scott

PRODUCTION STAFF:

DIRECTOR	Chip Staples
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	Pat Macomber
STAGE MANAGER	Susan Rigby
PROMPTER/BACKSTAGE	Lori Scott
SOUND ENGINEER	Mike Montgomery
LIGHT TECH	Wayne Nye
BOX OFFICE AND TICKETING	Jen Starkey
ADDITIONAL LIGHT TECH	Sophie Freshwater
SET DESIGNERS	Chip Staples and George Gaige
GRAPHIC DESIGN	Kristi Behl

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CAST & CREW BIOS (In order of appearance):

ANDREA KOJAN (Cheryl)



Andrea is thrilled to be back at Victory Hall and is very excited to be working with such an amazing cast and crew! Andrea was last seen cavorting about as **Sorel Bennett** in Persimmon Tree Players' *Death by Design* earlier this year. Prior to that, she played **Toby** in PTP's *Duets* and was many characters in Victory Hall Players' *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. Offstage, Andrea enjoys living in Lake Monticello with her sweet "doggy daughter" Cinnamon and volunteering in the community. She feels incredibly lucky to be doing what she loves and having so much fun with her theatre family!

TOM GREEN (Stan)



Tom is thrilled to be back on the Victory Hall stage. He has previously appeared at Victory Hall as **Jody Varner** in *Long Hot Summer: The Musical*, **George Bailey** in *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, **Ebenezer Scrooge** in *A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play*, **Edgar Allan Poe** in *The Edgar Allan Poe Afterlife Radio Show*, **Jonathan** in *Duets*, and as **Walter Pearce** in *Death by Design*. When not appearing at Victory Hall, Tom can be found teaching fifth grade at Ivy Elementary School, or somewhere in the world on a quest to find new and interesting birds.

JENNIFER LaFLEUR (Lori)



Jennifer loved her chorus roles in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Naughty Marietta*, and *Will Rogers' Follies*, way back in high school and college, yet somehow twenty years had passed before she returned to the stage as **DeeDee West** in Live Arts' 2019 production of *Follies*. She is so excited to be joining her fourth production with Persimmon Tree Players after a turn as **Charlotte Hay** in *Moon over Buffalo*, **Abbie** in a virtual production of *Birthday Club* and **Shelley** in *Duets*.

JIM SCOTT (Dave)



This is Jim's first foray into the theatre world as a performer. He and his wife moved to Virginia a year ago to begin their retirement. His career in broadcasting included 21 years as a producer at Major League Baseball Productions, followed by 20 years in the satellite and fiber transmissions of live sports events including MLB, the NBA, the NHL and the PGA TOUR.

CHIP STAPLES (Director)



After performing as Oberon in PVCC Theatre's production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and as **James Barr** in Live Arts Waterworks staged reading of Byron Harris's *Hither, GA*, Chip has returned to the director's chair for the first time since Persimmon Tree Players' production of Ken Ludwig's *Moon Over Buffalo*. This is his first time directing in Victory Hall, and he is very excited to see this stage come to life with this awesome cast!

PAT MACOMBER (Assistant Director)



Such a fun show and what a talented cast! What else could anyone ask for? LOBO is Pat's second full-time production with PTP. Last spring, she began learning the ins and outs of stage managing with *Death by Design*. This time around she is learning what it is to be an assistant director. She has loved every minute of this production. A special shout out to Chip for giving her the opportunity to continue to delve into the wonders of community theatre. "There is some good in this world, Mr. Frodo, and it is worth fighting for." – Samwise Gamgee

SUSAN RIGBY (Stage Manager)



Susan jumped into the role of stage manager with both feet. After 30 years plus as an educator she is learning that a career in middle school and zoo education is unique preparation for working on a stage production! Susan is excited to work with the exceptional and hilarious cast of LOBO. Each rehearsal brings joy and laughter!

MIKE MONTGOMERY (Sound)



Mike started working in theater sound in 1995 at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center on *Singing in the Rain*. He has done plays and musicals there and with Heritage High School ever since. Mike moved to Fluvanna in 2014 and found Persimmon Tree Players soon after that. He loves working behind the scenes, helping the players be heard, and making theatre a fun experience for everyone listening. Mike loves being a part of such a great group of people at PTP and looks forward to continuing this for many years to come.

Enjoy the show!

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