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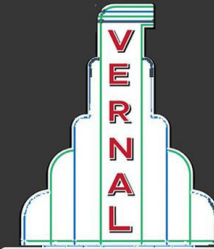
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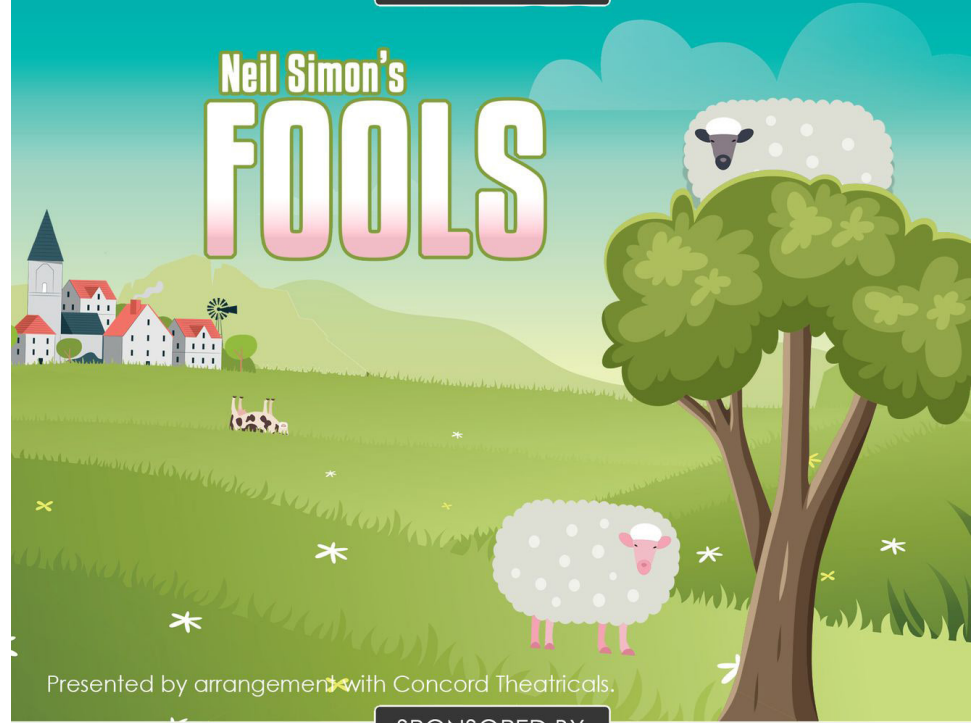
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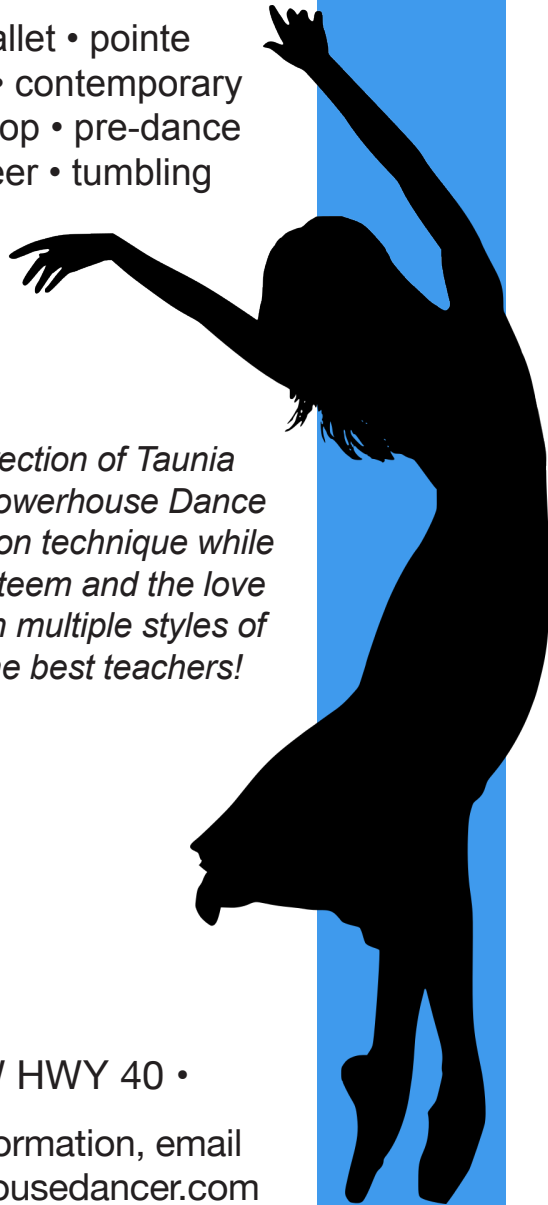


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Browse the playbill and learn about our sponsors, cast and crew.
Restrooms are located in the lobby at the front of the theatre.
Have conversations with your seat neighbors and friends.

WHEN THE LIGHTS GO DOWN...

Silence and store all electronic devices.
Respect actors and patrons by listening intently.
Take disruptive children to the lobby.
Save conversations for intermission and end of show.
Applause is appreciated at appropriate times!

WHEN THE SHOW IS DONE...

Remain in your seat until the house lights are on.
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FOOLS

by Neil Simon

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CAST LIST

LEON TOLCHINSKYIsaac Merrick
SNETSKY Spencer Johnson
MAGISTRATE Rachel Fuchs
SLOVITCH Sydnie Hanberg
MISHKIN.....Annabelle Johnson
YENCHNA Alex Gingell
DR. ZUBRITSKY Jeff Allen
LENYA ZUBRITSKY.....Andrea Wardle
SOPHIA ZUBRITSKY Kelsie Elena Pugh
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Kelsie Pugh
(Sophia Zubritsky)



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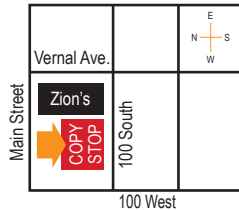
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PRODUCTION TEAM

Directors Koy and Makenzie Nielson
 Advising Director Russ Pearson
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 Set Construction Daniel Jackson, Justin Allred, Holly Allred, TC George,
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 Playbill Layout Andrea Wardle

Director's Note

Dear Valued Audience,

Welcome to our production of *Fools*, a journey into the whimsical and wacky world of Snern, a town cursed with chronic stupidity. As the directors of this delightful play, we are thrilled to share a few words with you.

Directing *Fools* has been an absolute joy from the very beginning. The hilarity, the absurdity, and the heartwarming moments woven into this play have made every rehearsal a burst of laughter and camaraderie. It's been a privilege to work with such a talented and dedicated cast and crew who brought this story to life with passion and creativity.

The arts have a unique power to transport us to different worlds, challenge our perceptions, and, most importantly, bring joy into our lives. In a world that often feels overwhelmed by the mundane, the arts remind us of the magic that exists in the everyday.

So, sit back, relax, and let us take you on a journey filled with laughter and heart. Enjoy the show, celebrate the talents of our incredible cast, and remember the importance of the arts in our lives.

Thank you for being here tonight. Your presence in our audience makes the magic happen.

With warm regards,

Koy and Makenzie Nielson

CAST BIOS



ALEX GINGELL *Yenchna*

Meet Alex. A 24 year old single girl who lives in her parents' shed. Alex likes taking naps and going on short walks to the fridge. Alex wanted to be a professional singer but settled with being a drug dealer (Pharmacy Technician). Alex's best friend's name is Wayne. Who also happens to be her Dad.



ANDREA WARDLE *Lenya Zubritsky*

Fools is Andrea's eighth acting gig with Vernal Theatre: LIVE and lucky number thirteen overall. She's excited to play only one character this time. Koy and Mackenzie trust her so much that she's been in every show they've directed at this venue! If Lenya could give you some small town motherly advice, she'd say, "I'm a mother. I know about these things". She'd probably write, "Thak u four coming 2 tha sho"!



ANNABELLE JOHNSON *Mishkin*

Annabelle has dabbled in theatrical performances throughout her life, and is a frequent theatergoer. Her last appearance was in Vernal Theatre: LIVE's production of *Clue: The Musical* as "The Pianist/Murderer". She is grateful for the opportunity she has had to be in *Fools* with many talented humans, including her dad. She has been looking forward to hearing the audience laugh!



ISAAC MERRICK *Leon Tolchinsky*

It's a rare occurrence for Isaac to be the smartest person on stage so trust him when he says he's milking it for all it's worth. Isaac is very excited to be playing "Leon Tolchinsky" and hopes you enjoy the show!



JEFF ALLEN *Dr. Zubritsky*

"I have many intuhrests. I like to do intuhresting things, like touching things. I also like drinking water. I like to do the running of the pitbulls in Pomona, which is like the running of the bulls in Pamplona, but for people on a bujet."

CAST BIOS

KELSIE ELENA PUGH *Sophia Zubritsky*

Kelsie is thrilled to make her theatrical debut in *Fools* here at Vernal Theatre: LIVE. For five years, she has been acting on screen in shows like *Yellowstone* and *The Chosen*. Tonight, it may look like she's acting but she's never been more at home in a role. Kelsie thanks her family for their undying love and support, and to all the fools in the audience: "Enjoy the show!"



RACHEL FUCHS *Magistrate*

Rachel has helped in some capacity for the last six years in the theatre community and is so excited to be back on stage. She was last seen as "The Dowager" in *The Slipper and the Rose* and is so excited to be an old lady again! She's so thankful for her mother for her love and support and the encouragement of her friends to make time to have fun. Being in this production as the "Town Magistrate" has solidified her feelings of being a fool. "I'm a fool for theatre! I love Vernal Theatre: LIVE!"



SPENCER JOHNSON *Snetsky*

"I appreciate the opportunity to be on stage at Vernal Theatre: LIVE again, and with my daughter this time! You may have seen me in a few other shows here, such as *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *The Foreigner*, and *The Music Man*. I love being in the funny ones and hearing the audience laugh. So I hope you will laugh a lot and have a great time tonight. Thanks for coming to see us! And most especially, thanks to my wife and family!"



SYDNIE HANBERG *Slovitch*

Who is this woman? Oh, it's just Sydnie Hanberg. A fun, loving, silly theatre kid who loves performing in plays and musical theatre. She has acted in fourteen shows so far and plans to do a TON more! She has enjoyed stumbling into this "cursed town" and working/laughing with her friends through it all. She hopes all of you enjoy the show! "Also shout out to my amazing friends and family. Thank you for supporting me through my journey. I love you to bits."



WOODROW SNOW *Gregor Yousekevitch*

"If you wished upon a star you would vaporize instantly due to the intense heat of its surface. Also if it's your birthday, happy birthday."

