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# FARCE OF



# NATURE



Paul Ansell, Director  
Michele Whelan, Assistant Director

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**The Pelican Players Community Theater** has been a Kings Point Club since 1981. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization with proceeds from our shows going to scholarships. In 2013, we began making sizable donations to **Community Foundation Tampa Bay (CFTB)** to establish a life-long endowment. Jointly, we created **The Pelican Players Scholarship Fund** to support students in our community. The Fund is administered by CFTB professionals and is open to all interested donors. We are proud of its legacy of giving.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for attending *Farce of Nature*, our first Main Stage production of 2026. Director Paul Ansell has done a terrific job crafting this into what will be a delightfully funny evening of comedy entertainment. The cast of nine has been working hard to learn lines and blocking, all while continuously developing their characters.

We have also been busy recording Old Time Radio shows. Some of these programs will be presented live starting on June 18th. Our complimentary Readers Theater season will kick off with *Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar: The Case of the Medium, Well Done* and then resume on August 13th. These shows are all held live right here in the Veterans Theater. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the performances begin at 6:30 pm. They are offered free of charge as our way to say thank you for your support.

Our next Main Stage production, *Let's Murder Marsha*, will take to the boards July 24-26. Marsha, a happy housewife addicted to murder mysteries, overhears her husband discussing her birthday surprise and mistakenly thinks they are plotting to kill her. You won't want to miss the fun that ensues.

On opening night of every main stage show we make a donation to a worthy non-profit. We are pleased to announce that our donation of \$1,000 is being given to The Literacy Alliance. Pelican Players has partnered with The Literacy Alliance since 2023. Many of their volunteers are our volunteers. We share stories and songs with preschool children all while encouraging them to reach their highest potential through increased literacy.

Enjoy tonight's performance, keep sharp, and watch out for the salamanders!

Guy Bailey, President



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## *The Cast*

(in order of appearance)

Wanelle Wilburn.....	Carol MacAlister
D. Gene Wilburn.....	Wayne Keyes
Jenna Sealy.....	Diane Keyes
Maxie Wilburn Suggs.....	Nina Rago
Carmine DeLucca.....	Guy Bailey
Ty Wilburn.....	Bob Horvath
Lola Barbosa.....	Alesia Bischoff
Sonny Barbosa.....	Ron Banaszak
Roxanne Thorne.....	Michelle Horvath
Special Guest.....	James Williams

## *Setting*

The Reel 'Em Inn, a struggling fishing lodge on Lake Lorraine in the Ozarks, Arkansas.

## *Time*

One non-stop, chaotic day.

## *Act One*

## *Intermission*

## *Act Two*

## *The Production Team*

<b>Director</b> .....	Paul Ansell
<b>Assistant Director</b> .....	Michele Whelan
<b>Stage Manager</b> .....	Laurie Failing
<b>Properties Managers</b> .....	Gwen Brown and Marylaine Donnell
<b>Assistants</b> .....	Linda Adams, Tammy Bowler, Barbara Streeter
<b>Set Designer/Construction Leads</b> ....	Kevin Steinke and James Williams
<b>Crew</b> ....	Laurie Failing, Paul Kendrick, Claire McColl, Julie Ramsey .....George Ross, Ken Winter, Sharon Wise and Sandy Yosha
<b>Make-up Leader</b> .....	Carol Johnsen
<b>Artists</b> .....	Barbara Boyle, Dawna Gantvoort and Marilyn Warbach .....Mary Anne Mosley-Sapia, Jana Roberts and Julie Ramsey
<b>Publicity</b> .....	Mary Banaszak and Cathy Stevens
<b>Press Release</b> .....	Carol MacAlister
<b>Curtains and Lights</b> .....	Paul Failing

## *The Production Team (continued)*

**Photographer**.....Kevin Steinke  
**Videographer and Sound Effects**.....Bob Dealmeida  
**Sound**.....George Ross  
**Mics**.....Ruth Lake, Julie Ramsey and Mary Anne Moseley-Sapia  
**Playbill Ads**.....Mary Banaszak, Beth Brooks and Shirley Walker  
**Graphics, Playbill Design & Preshow**.....James Williams  
**Proofreading**.....Barbara Boyle and Kevin Steinke  
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## Who's Who



**Carol MacAlister (Wanelle Wilburn)** Carol has been an active performer with PPCT since 2010, beginning with her role as Nancy, the mischievous upstairs maid in *Angel Street*. Since then, she has appeared in numerous mainstage productions, including *Bermuda Avenue Triangle*, *The Witch in 204*, *Jack of Diamonds*, *2 Across*, *Calendar Girls*, *Harvey*, *Love Letters*, and *Blithe Spirit*.

In addition to her stage work, Carol has been involved in murder mystery performances, Readers Theater, and Radio Theater productions.



**Wayne Keyes (D. Gene Wilburn)** Wayne Keyes returns to the Pelican Players main stage for his second production, having previously appeared in *The Odd Couple (Female Version)* and *A Head in the Game Murder Mystery*. He has also performed in the Readers Theater production *A Logic Named Joe* and has volunteered on our Sound Team for several shows.

Wayne enjoys tennis, softball, and golf, and was recently elected to the SCC Community Association Board of Directors. He and his wife, Diane, have three adult children and three grandchildren who live nearby. Wayne is thrilled to be part of this talented Pelican Players cast.



**Diane Keyes (Jenna Sealy)** Diane most recently appeared in *Bermuda Avenue Triangle* and *A Head in the Game Murder Mystery*, and served as assistant director for *Love or Best Offer*. Her past performances include *The Witch in 204*, *Flamingo Court*, and *Drinking Habits*. She previously co-directed *Cirque de la Morte Murder Mystery*.

A former Youth Services Librarian, Diane fostered a love of reading and theatre through childrens programs and a teen theatre group. She now works with her nonprofit, The Literacy Alliance, partnering with the Pelican Players to inspire young readers.

She extends her thanks to her family, cast, and crew for their continued support.

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**Nina Rago (Maxie Wilburn Suggs)** Nina Rago is thrilled to be making her theater debut with the Pelican Players. Her performing background includes both ballet and contemporary dance. Prior to moving to Sun City Center, Nina was a member of the Falmouth Theater Guild, Jim Blue Dance Project, Footworks, and the David Shields Ballet.

Currently, she continues to pursue her passion for the stage through theater improv classes and play readings. Nina extends heartfelt thanks to her family, friends, and mentors for their endless support.



**Guy Bailey (Carmine DeLucca)** Guy moved to KP in 2020 to be near family and joined PPCT's sound team in 2021 and is now the Pelican Players President. His first acting role was Rusty Bentnail in *Fool Me Once*, leading to roles in *Murder at Flontrachet Vineyard*, *Cinder's Goes Disco*, *Cirque de la Morte*, *A Facility for Living*, and *Desperate Housewives of Shakespeare*. Whether backstage or onstage, Guy loves being part of PPCT and thanks Paul for casting him and his wife Cathy for her support.



**Bob Horvath (Ty Wilburn)** You may have seen Bob in our last two main stage productions, *Odd Couple: Female Version* and *Bermuda Avenue Triangle*, or in the murder mystery *A Head in the Game*. He is thrilled to be back, bringing life experience and a passion for acting.

He and his wife, Michele, moved to Sun City Center three years ago from Joliet, Illinois, after a career as a basketball official. Bob's early acting included fifth-grade *Tom Sawyer* and eighth-grade roles. Fun fact: he was the tallest kid in his class!

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**Alesia Bischoff (Lola Barbosa)** This is Alesia's second main stage show, after playing the cop in *The Odd Couple: Female Version*. She has performed and worked stage crew for Plant City Entertainment and Carrolwood Players. With a degree in Motion Picture and Television Production and over twenty years of film experience, she enjoys bringing her skills to community theater. Many thanks to Pelican Players and her family for supporting her love of the stage!



**Ron Banaszak (Sonny Barbosa)** Ron most recently appeared as Captain Albert Wiles in *The Trouble with Harry*. He is no stranger to the stage, having performed in productions such as *Love Letters* and *Enchanted April*. Ron has also directed and acted in numerous Readers Theater productions.

He dedicates this performance to his wife, Mary, and their four children: Theresa, Ron Jr., Dawn, and Kathleen.



**Michele Horvath (Roxanne Thorne)** Michele is delighted to make her stage debut. Her journey began as an usher, quietly admiring the stage before finding her footing in the troupe's lively improv sessions. Inspired by watching her husband perform—and encouraged by both him and the welcoming Pelican Players community—she auditioned for *Farce of Nature* and was thrilled to be cast. She extends her sincere thanks to everyone who supported her leap into the spotlight.



**James Williams (The Bear)** James moved to SCC from Provincetown in 2014 and began volunteering with PPCT in 2015. He served eight years on the Board of Directors and has directed numerous shows, including *On Golden Pond*, *Calendar Girls*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Boeing Boeing*, *Flamingo Court* and *Bermuda Avenue Triangle*. Recently, he appeared as Lord MacBeth in *Desperate Housewives of Shakespeare*.

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**Paul Ansell (Director)** Paul is a veteran of the Chicago-area community theater scene as well as Off-Off Broadway in New York City. He is delighted to return to The Pelican Players, directing his second production with the company, following *Drinking Habits*.

Since relocating to Florida, Paul has remained active in the performing arts, appearing in several radio dramas and most recently portraying Rabbi Levine in *Bermuda Avenue Triangle*. He has also served as host of *National Storyteller Championship*.

Paul has an extensive background both on stage and behind the scenes, having directed and performed with the VL Players. Before retiring, he enjoyed a successful career in public broadcasting in Chicago.

He and his wife, Ursula, reside in Valencia Lakes.

### Director's Thoughts

We hope you enjoy *Farce of Nature* as much as the cast and crew have enjoyed working on it and now performing it for you! Just step inside the Reel 'Em Inn fishing lodge and forget your troubles and cares for a couple of hours as you meet an unforgettable cast of characters. Enjoy the show!



**Michele Whelan (Assistant Director)** Michele moved to SCC in August 2021 from the Philadelphia area, where she enjoyed performing in a local Readers Theater group. She was excited to find a similar community in Kings Point and has been hooked since playing in *The Aldrich Family* and *Fibber McGee and Molly, Sorry, Wrong Number, and The House in Cypress Canyon*

Her recent main stage credits include being assistant director for this show as well as *A Facility for Living* and playing Roberta in *The Kitchen Witches*. She also enjoys working behind the scenes on set design and props.

After a career in real estate—which she says involved plenty of acting—Michele is grateful to be part of the Pelican Players and looks forward to many more productions.



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**Laurie Failing (Stage Manager)** Laurie moved to Florida in 2001 and settled in Sun City Center in 2009. She joined Pelican Players in 2021 and is thrilled to be part of this show. Laurie brings a wealth of experience, having been Stage Manager during the run of *Flamingo Court*. She also served as assistant director for *Scorned in Sun City Center*, which was part of a murder mystery dinner theater production.

In addition, Laurie has worked with the sound team on other main stage plays, as well as on Readers/Radio Theater productions. She is always ready to help wherever and whenever needed, making her a valued member.

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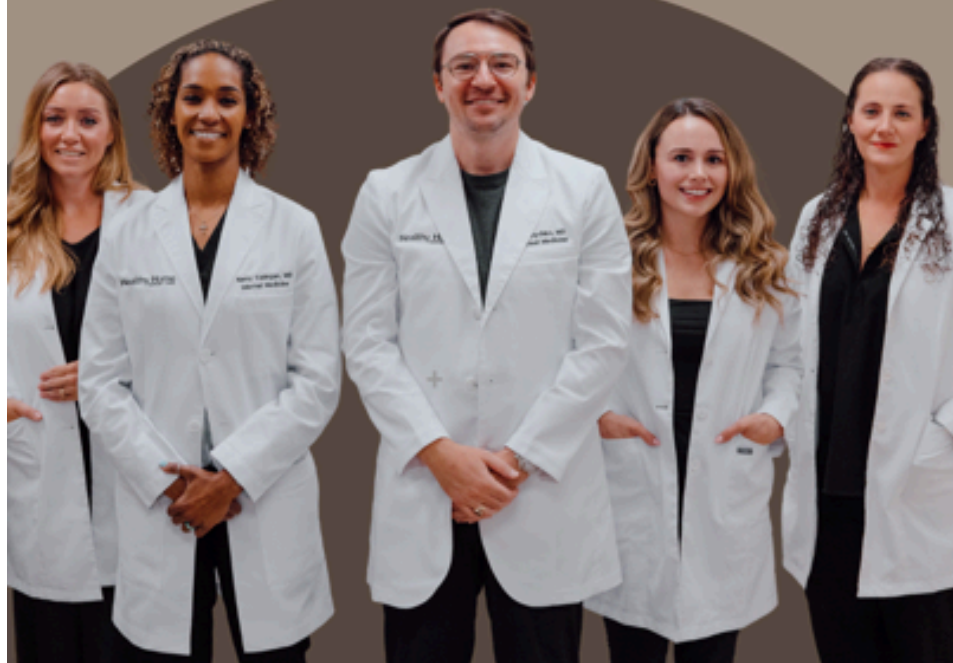
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