



ABOUT US



Our Vision

DalekoArts will be a known destination for quality performing arts and education in New Prague and the surrounding southern metropolitan communities.

Our Mission

DalekoArts (pronounced DELL-uhkoh) works with professional artists to create ensemble-based live performances centered in and around New Prague, Minnesota. We are committed to being a positive force for high-quality theatrical performance and arts education. We train and work under a great and spirited legacy; the rich artistic heritage of the Midwest.

Our Journey

DalekoArts is a proud member of the Network of



Ensemble Theaters, a national coalition of ensemble theatre companies and artists.

Our Story

DalekoArts was founded in 2012 by theatre artists Ben Thietje and Amanda White as a way to help decentralize professional theatre in Minnesota. New Prague was chosen as the company's home due to the community's extraordinary interest in theatre, the regional growth and development it has experience in the last decade, its relative proximity to the Twin Cities, and its close ties to the founders. "Daleko" - a Czech word meaning "far away" - reflects New Prague's strong bohemian roots, its spatial relationship to the cultural hub that is the Twin Cities, and the ensemble's desire to step back and examine the world from a new point of view.

ABOUT THE SHOW

This 1938 Pulitzer Prize-winning play focuses on the lives of the residents of Grover's Corners – the quintessential, American small town – and has grown in reputation through the years as a true American Classic. It winds us through daily live, to love and marriage, and ultimately ends with the very essence of what it means to be human.

CAST

Joe Bombard Anne Byrd Kayla Dvorak Feld Pedro Juan Fonseca

> Jane Hammill Jillian Jacobson Patrick Kozicky* Angie Martin Corey Okonek Grif Sadow Andrew Scheiber Mike Swan

Joshua Vosberg Amanda White*

Simon Stimson Mrs. Webb Emily Webb Joe Stoddard / Constable Warren / Ensemble Mrs. Gibbs **Rebecca** Gibbs George Gibbs Mrs. Soames / Professor Willard Mr. Webb Dr. Gibbs Si Crowell / Joe Crowell / Wally Webb Howie Newsome / Sam Craig / Ensemble Ensemble Stage Manager

PRODUCTION TEAM

Amanda White* Sydney Achler Trevor Muller-Hegel Jacob Lee Hofer David Loose Anthony J Sofie* Samantha Kuhn Staneart Ben Thietje* Joshua Vosberg Abbee Warmboe* Director Scenic Designer Technical Director Lighting Designer Assistant Director Music Advisor Costume Designer Sound Designer Stage Manager Props Designer

*Denotes DalekoArts company member.

This production of *Our Town* includes two 15-minute intermissions. Concessions are available in the lobby and are welcome in the theatre.

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OUR TOWN DalekoArts

At first glance, *Our Town* presents like a valentine to small town life. And it is a love story of a kind.

Thornton Wilder wrote the play in time for the 1938 Pulitzer and theatre seasons, when he was just a year or two older than me. You likely know that 1938 was a tumultuous time for humankind--it was, actually, a year not unlike 2016. Churchill's "gathering storm" was brewing, and it was becoming more and more clear that yet another generation of humankind would face the horrors of World War. In the United States, agricultural life was on the decline, television was a new idea, and the Great Depression was still a reality of life for most Americans.

All that going on, and Wilder wrote what seems like a simple play about ordinary turn-of-the-century life in the small town of Grovers Corners, New Hampshire. That is, until you take a closer look. This American town counts storied families, newcomers, visionaries, and outsiders among its residents – people who contain passionate love, great humor, epic grief, and untold dimension – people whose lives seem very much like our own. There are people in Grovers Corners who suffer failure and loneliness, who experience life's great pleasures, who consider worlds far beyond their own scope. They impact and are impacted by current events and cultural shifts, and they are often touched by things they don't control. The residents of Grovers Corners are us: they are human beings, they are citizens of the world, and ultimately, they are tethered to the Earth by their connections to others.

Wilder's story is timeless. If you know the play, if you were in it in high school or read it for a class or saw a production of it a long time ago, you probably remember its sweetness, its folksy-ness, the gentle way it reminded you of those you love. We've learned some more about it in rehearsal: It has bite. Edge. There's a whiff of danger in its casual commentary that life is what's happening while we're waiting for life to start. *Our Town* speaks directly to the heart and pain of being alive: this is precious, it is fleeting, we are in it together, and at the end of it...there is only what we created together and gave to each other that remains. *Our Town* is filled with ordinary, radical love.

Here's the hammer on the nail: *Our Town* is New Prague. It's the towns around it, and it's the towns and cities and communities throughout the whole world, everywhere. And we're honored by the chance to share this story with our town.

With love and gratitude, *Amanda*

Sydney Achler (Scenic Designer)

Sydney is a Chicago transplant, Minneapolis-based scenic designer and painter. Professional design credits: The Wizard of Oz (Young Artists Initiative), Pluto was a Planet (Illinois Wesleyan University), Tarzan and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Crane River Theater). Paint credits: The Shining and Tosca (Minnesota Opera), Fiddler on the Roof, The Phantom of the Opera, and All my Sons (Artistry), Red (CRT), Hot Mikado, The Matchmaker, The Sound of Music, and A Raisin in the Sun (Hope Summer Repertory Theater). She holds a B.F.A. in Theatre Design and Technology from Illinois Wesleyan University.

Syd would like to thank Amanda and Ben for the opportunity to work with such a cool company on a show that really matters to her; Josh for your unending support and for calling us cats in all the reports; and the rest of the team for making this process far too easy. She looks forward to returning to DalekoArts to design *Stones in His Pockets* this winter! *sydneyachler.wix.com/scenicdesign*



Joe Bombard ("Simon Stimson")

DalekoĀrts: Our Town. Other theater credits: Walking Shadow Theater

Company: The Sexual Life of Savages. reasons to be pretty. The Crowd You're in With, The American Pilot, 10-Speed Revolution; Boom Theater: Based on a Totally True Story, Engaged: Gremlin Theatre: An Absolute Turkey; New Theatre Group: Compound/Complex; Minneapolis Musical Theater: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, The Great American Trailer Park Musical, Zanna, Don't!. Bright Lights, Big City, Jerry Springer: The Opera, Zombie Prom, Chess; Theater Latte Da: Floyd Collins; Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company: Chutzpah a go-go; Starting Gate Productions: Butterflies are Free, Godspell; MN Fringe Festival: Take Talkback, Yvette, Dog Tag, Bent; Boston Center for the Arts: City of Silence; American Repertory Theater: Cabaret; Hamel Road Theater Project: U Betcha! The Making of a Minnesota Boy Band (original cast); Hey City Theater: Tony n' Tina's Wedding.



Anne Byrd ("Mrs. Webb") Anne is delighted to return to DalekoArts. for whom she has directed Almost. Maine and Wait

Until Dark. Anne is primarily a director, having worked with the Old Log Theatre, the Minnesota Jewish Theatre, Table Salt Productions, and Yellow Tree Theatre, where she was recognized with an Ivey Award for her direction of The 39 Steps. Anne is also a faculty member in the nationally recognized Department of Theatre at Normandale Community College in Bloomington where she teaches performances classes. There, she recently directed Sarah Ruhl's The Clean House, which was honored with an invitation to perform at a recent Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Upcoming projects include Silent Skv at Lyric Arts and One Man. Two Guynors with Yellow Tree Theatre.



Feld ("Emily Webb") Kayla is a

Twin Cities actor and

teaching artist returning for her second show with DalekoArts. She was previously seen in last year's production of Wait Until Dark and is pleased to be back performing for the fine folks of New Prague. Kayla has also performed with companies such as Theatre Pro Rata, Theatre Unbound, Chameleon Theatre Circle, Walking Shadow Theatre Company, The Winding Sheet Outfit, Theatre in the Round, Park Square Theatre, Yellow Tree Theatre, among others. In her free time, Kayla is usually reading, sleeping, or looking lovingly at her perfect dog, Mira.



Pedro Juan Fonseca ("Joe Stoddard / Constable Warren / Ensemble'') Recent credits include The Palabras Project (Park Square Theatre),

daily shows with Science Live Theater (Science Museum of Minnesota), 20.000 Leagues Under the Sea (Children's Theatre Company), and Othello (Guthrie Theater). Television credits include commercials with Pepsi/Buffalo Wild Wings, Country Inns & Suites, and voice work on Monster Quest: Giant Squid Ambush (History Channel). He also wrote and produced Space Crew...in space and The Spooking Hour with Vincent Price. He holds a Theater B.A. from the University of Minnesota, and is an Equity Membership Candidate with Actor's Equity Association. He'd like to thank Amanda for inviting him to play.



Jane Hammill

("Mrs. Gibbs") This is Jane's first show with DalekoArts, and she is having a wonderful time working with these talented people! She has been an actress in the Twin

Cities for almost 20 years. Wow, that's a long time! You may have seen her in the Coen Brother's movie, *A Serious Man*, or in the movie, *Best Man Down*. She has a Lifetime movie coming out around Christmas titled, *Love Always*, *Santa*. After she closes *Our Town*, she jumps right into rehearsals for *The Crucible* for Theatre coup d'état.

Trevor Muller-Hegel (Technical

Director) Born in the mountains of Western Montana, Trevor has been pursuing his passion wherever it may lead him. After receiving his B.F.A. in Theatre in his hometown of Missoula, he has lived and worked in Creede, Colorado and Las Vegas, Nevada; and now calls the Twin Cities home. Working with DalekoArts has already proven to be a wonderful experience, and he is excited to see what dreams will be made realized here in New Prague.

Jacob Lee Hofer (Lighting

Designer) New to the Twin Cities area, Jacob is a lighting designer from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He holds a degree in Theatre from South Dakota State University and an M.F.A. in Lighting Design from the University of Arkansas. His credits include designing for Prairie Repertory Theatre and designing at The Lab Theater in Minneapolis. He is super excited to join the DalekoArts team for this production.



Jillian Jacobson ("Rebecca Gibbs") Iillian has worked with

River Valley Theatre Company, Artistry, Chesterton Academy, Children's Theatre

Company, Theatre Pro Rata, Holy Trinity Theatre Circle, Cerulean River Productions, MACMH, Guthrie Theater, Girl Friday Productions, Sabes Jewish Theater, Mixed Precipitation, The Catalysts/MN Fringe, and Chameleon Theatre Circle. She dances with the Wild Rose Cloggers and is a junior at Chesterton Academy. She'd like to give a special thanks to God, mom, dad, siblings, Amanda, Joshua, and David!



Patrick Kozicky ("George Gibbs")

Patrick is thrilled and honored to be part of this production. He was last seen in *Take Talkback* at the MN Fringe Festival. He has

been seen on stage with DalekoArts in Another Main Street Holiday, Main Street Holiday, The Philadelphia Story, and The Odd Couple. He also directed their production of Rancho Mirage. Other theater credits include: The Mechanical Division: CAT. Cannibal! The Musical: Walking Shadow Theatre Company: An Ideal Husband, Mr. Marmalade; BOOM! Theater: Next Fall, Based on a Totally True Story, Engaged; Children's Theatre Company: The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins. The Prince and the Pauper; Park Square Theatre: The Diary of Anne Frank; Theatre in the Round Players: Picnic; New Theatre Group: Compound / Complex, American Sexy; Theatre Unbound: Ferris Wheel; Bloomington Civic Theatre: I Remember Mama: Youth Performance Company: A Wrinkle in Time, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Patrick would like to thank his wonderful friends and family for their support and patience.

David Loose (Assistant Director)

David is so happy to kick off another season with DA! Past Daleko shows include: Urinetown (Asst. Director), The Shape of Things, Wait Until Dark, and Little Shop of Horrors (Asst. Stage Manager); New York: Pee Pee Poo Poo Pa Pa Face by Young Jean Lee (Ensemble), United Front (Wardrobe Supervisor), and Sisters Mine (Stage Manager); Fordham University: the dreamer examines his pillow (Director) and Brotherly Love (Director).



Angie Martin ("Mrs. Soames / Professor Willard") Angie recently moved to Minneapolis after 12 years on the East Coast. She has lived and cater-waitered in

some of the best cities in the world including New York, London, and Duluth, Minnesota! She is a graduate of the Perpich Center for the Arts and the University of Minnesota – Duluth. She has most recently been seen in *Take Talkback* and *Couple Fight II: Friends and Family* at the MN Fringe Festival. She is so excited to be on stage with this amazing group of people and sends a very huge thank you to her family who are the best ever.



Corey Okonek ("Mr. Webb") Corey is thrilled to be making his return to DalekoArts. Some of Corey's credits include: Fiddler on the Roof (Tevye),

Urinetown the Musical (Officer Lockstock), and Jesus Christ Superstar (Caiaphas). In his spare time Corey enjoys woodworking, camping, and being a grandpa. He would like to thank Amanda for her guidance; Janet for her continuing love; and you for your support of DA. Enjoy the show!



Grif Sadow ("Dr. Gibbs") Grif is excited to be back performing with DalekoArts as Dr. Gibbs. He was last seen as Victor Velasco in Barefoot in the Park

and Mr. Mushnik in Little Shop of Horrors. Grif is currently the Theatre Coordinator for Stillwater Area High School and Community Theatre. He has been a theatre artist and educator for over 25 years and was the Drama Director for Park Center Senior High and Artistic Director for Ensemble Productions. Grif has performed in Blithe Spirit, The Laramie Project, and Click Clack Moo for Lyric Arts; and does improv, commercial, and film work. Grif wishes to thank Amanda, Ben, and the "Our Town" cast and production team. He would also like to thank his wife Jenny, dog Winston, family, and friends for all their constant love and support!



Andrew Scheiber ("Si Crowell / Joe Crowell / Wally Webb") Andrew is excited to be part of DalekoArts' production of *Our Town*! He discovered his love of

theatre in 8th grade and has since been involved in several community and high school productions. Andrew is a senior at New Prague High School, where he participates in theatre, band, and choir activities.

Samantha Kuhn Staneart

(Costume Designer) Samantha has her M.F.A. in costume design from Ohio State University and her B.A. from Hamline University. She previously designed for DalekoArts' Urinetown and Little Shop of Horrors. Samantha is the Resident Designer and Costume Shop Manager at Lyric Arts in Anoka, Minnesota where she has designed for: Shrek The Musical, Grease, Into The Woods and many others. She has also designed for Theatre Pro Rata, Theatre Unbound, and Minneapolis Musical Theatre. Additionally, Samantha is an adjunct instructor of fashion construction at the Art Institutes International Minnesota.



Mike Swan ("Howie Newsome / Sam Craig / Ensemble") Mike is excited to return to DalekoArts this fall after appearing as

Adam in last season's production of *The Shape of Things*. Other recent credits include George in *All My Sons* (Artistry), Miles in *The Drawer Boy* (Theatre in the Round), Hal in *Henry IV Part 1* (Cromulent Shakespeare), and two seasons with the Commonweal Theatre Company in Lanesboro, Minnesota where favorite credits included Zack in *Tigers Be Still* and Ezra Chater in *Arcadia*. Mike holds a B.A in Theatre Performance from James Madison University.

Ben Thietje (Sound Designer) Ben

has been working as a professional theatre artist and educator in the Twin Cities metro area for fifteen years. He teaches and directs theatre at New Prague High School and holds a degree in Theatre Arts from Minnesota State University, Mankato. In addition to being Daleko's Co-Artistic Director, he's appeared in the company's productions of *The Odd Couple*, *Forever Plaid, Almost, Maine, Rancho Mirage, Little Shop of Horrors, Love Letters*, and Urinetown.

Joshua Vosberg (Stage Manager /

"Ensemble") A South Dakota native, Joshua is thrilled to be a part of his second DalekoArts Production! Having just come from *Urinetown*, he has thoroughly enjoyed his time with the company. Recently, Joshua has been seen stage managing for his company Rathaus Productions, Collide Theatrical, and SOAR Regional Arts. Soon he will be setting sail on Royal Caribbean Cruises pursuing his dream of travel and theatre around the world!

Abbee Warmboe (Props

Designer) Abbee is excited to join DalekoArts as an ensemble member for this season. Her recent DalkeoArts credits include: Urinetown, The Shape of Things, and Wait Until Dark. Recent work; Theatre Latte Da: Ragtime and Gypsy; Park Square Theatre: Realistic Joneses and The Liar; Artistry: The Drowsy Chaperone; Mu Performing Arts: TOT and You for Me for You; Mixed Blood Theatre: Charm. An Octoroon: Yellow Tree Theatre: Death of a Salesmen. Representative Theatres: 7th House Theatre, Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, History Theatre, Mad Munchkin Productions, Old Log Theatre, Stages Theatre Company, Stepping Stone Theatre, Theatre Pro Rata, and Walking Shadow Theatre Company among others. Training: St. Olaf College. Awards: 2015 Ivey Award Recognition "Production Design" for Crime and Punishment. Upcoming work: Barbeque and Orange with Mixed Blood Theatre and The Baker's Wife with Artistry.

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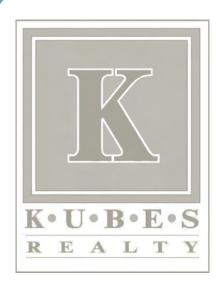
Amanda White (Director / "Stage Manager") Amanda is so proud to be a part of this Our Town

ensemble. She has directed Little Shop of Horrors, Barefoot in the Park, and The Odd Couple for DalekoArts. On the DA stage, she's played Dorothy in Main Street Holiday, Tracy Lord in The Philadelphia Story, Pam Caldwell in Rancho Mirage, and Catherine in Proof. Amanda was also recently in Artistry MN's production of Doubt, directed by Daleko favorite Joshua James Campbell. Amanda is honored to join the team at Normandale Community College this fall, where she is teaching in the Performance track and directing Hedda Gabler on the NCC mainstage. She has trained at Columbia University's Program in Arts Administration, MSU Mankato, Truman State University, and the School at Steppenwolf. Next up, you can see Amanda in Adventures in Mating this coming February in DalekoArts' "Friends of Friends Series." For DAW.

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