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The Actors Guild of Parkersburg Presents

# THE MISS FIRECRACKER CONTEST

By Beth Henley

The Miss Firecracker Contest is presented by special arrangement  
with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York

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The play takes place in Brookhaven, Mississippi in the summer of 1974.

ACT I: The living room of Ronelle Williams' home in late June

ACT II: The July 4th Carnival

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission.

The audience is invited to greet the cast after the show.

Director .....	GREGORY MERRITT
Technical Director .....	BETH LANE
Costumes .....	REINNIE LEAVITT
Sound .....	ZACHARY OFFENBERGER
Lights .....	SABRINA DYE
Props .....	GREGORY MERRITT, MELISSA ARNOLD, CHLOE ARNOLD, RANDI WILSON
Hair and Make-Up .....	ASHLEY FLUHARTY
Backstage Worker .....	ELIZABETH TOCK
Advisor .....	BARBARA FULL
Playbill Layout and Design .....	BRETT MEADE

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**SPECIAL THANKS: TERRI BORELLI, BEN WILSON, SHERRY BRAID, PETE MYERS**

## Who's Who in the Cast & Crew

*The cast and director offer a brief word of dedication to an AGP volunteer who has impacted them.*

**CHLOE ARNOLD** (Tessy) Chloe is finishing her freshman year at WVU-P, where she is majoring in elementary education. She has appeared in *Murder By Poe* and *Sense and Sensibility* at the AGP. She is excited to share the stage again with her mother, Missy. Chloe thanks Deanna Spring for guiding and encouraging her when she was still very new to theater.

**MELISSA ARNOLD** (Popeye) Melissa is delighted to be back on-stage at the AGP, having previously appeared in *Mary Poppins* and *Sense and Sensibility*. She works at Highmark WV as a support clerk and is also a pet-sitter. Melissa honors Chloe Arnold, her daughter, for her intelligence, perseverance, empathy, dedication, kindness, and love. Sharing this experience with her daughter is a true joy.

**ISAAC EASTWOOD** (Delmount): Ike is self-employed and runs The Locker Room Sports Bar in Marietta. He hosts a popular online talk show, "The Flex Zone," and is actively involved in cross-fit, having won his division two years in a row. He enjoys painting and spending time with his amazing daughter. Ike has appeared in local commercials and indie movies as well as numerous shows around the MOV, including *To Kill A Mockingbird* and *Murder By Poe* at the AGP. He honors Greg Merritt for his sense of humor and directing style.

**ASHLEY FLUHARTY** (Carnelle) Ashley is thrilled to be back on the AGP stage! She has been out of the area, working as a cosmetologist at the Walt

Disney World Company, and misses that magic. However, she is excited to bring theatrical magic to the Parkersburg area. She has appeared on-stage at the AGP in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Addams Family*, *Sister Act*, and other productions. Ashley dedicates this show to Pete, Beth, and Gwen Sour who make every theatrical experience fun and full of love.

**GEORGE LITMAN** (Mac Sam) This is George's return to the AGP stage after last year's *Clue: The Stay at Home Edition*, and he has appeared in many productions at the People's Bank Theater, Marietta College, MOV, and the AGP, including *Mamma Mia*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *The Game's Afoot*, and *Scrooge: The Musical*. George offers a dedication to his dear friend and mentor, Galen Smith.

**RANDI WILSON** (Elain) Randi is a Studio Art and Painting teacher at Parkersburg High, where she also advises the GSA. On-stage experiences at the AGP include *Love, Loss, and What I Wore*, *Legally Blonde*, and *Avenue Q*. Many x's and o's go to her supportive husband, Brian, and extraordinary daughters, Lily and Josephine. Randi honors Barbara Full and Brett Meade, who gave her a chance on the stage and are instrumental in changing lives through their dedication to the AGP.

**GREGORY MERRITT** (Director) Greg is an instructional coach for Wood County Schools. He has been active in the arts community in the MOV for 40 years, including appearing on-stage at the AGP in *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Cotton Patch Gospel* and others, and directing *Godspell* and *The Diary of Anne Frank* among other shows. Greg offers a dedication to two friends, Todd Stubbe and Randy Corbitt.



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