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About The Thurston Players

In the Beginning

In the spring of 1974, John and Nancy Keller suggested to the Thurston PTO that it sponsor a musical comedy featuring Thurston Elementary School parents and teachers. The Kellers agreed to produce and direct the production, and that summer the original script and musical scores were written, the dances were choreographed, and the sets were designed. The Kellers' enthusiasm caught on, and others joined the project. In March 1975, "The Great Cat-B" played to capacity crowds at Clague Middle School Auditorium.

Elated by this first success, the PTO agreed to continue sponsorship of this project in 1976 and 1977. As this annual production became a tradition, those involved decided to organize and become the Thurston Community Players.

Current Times

The Thurston Play became an annual fundraiser, and over time, other adults, including Thurston neighbors who did not have children at the school, joined the fun. In 1997, Thurston students were included in the cast. As those children grew up, middle school, high school, and even college students began participating in the plays, making this a truly multi-generational group. A typical cast for a show runs to well over 100 actors ranging in age from 5 to past 75; many more people work backstage and in other production areas.

Each year a group of volunteers first concocts the plot for a play and then writes the original script. The Lyrics Committee selects songs and writes lyrics, and the choreographers create dance numbers. Auditions are low stress; everyone who auditions gets a part as long as they are willing to work hard, be team players, and have fun. Traditionally from January to March we rehearse in the Clague Middle School Auditorium three nights a week, and performances are typically held the last weekend in March. This year is our second year back after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, and we were no able to access the Clague Auditorium until February. We are grateful to have been able to use Thurston and then Clague to practice and Huron for our performances.

About The Thurston Players

Why We Do It

Our objective initially was to provide a fun social opportunity for Thurston parents and teachers to get to know each other. The results have been both in the form of tangible support for the PTO with additional funds, as well as many more intangible benefits. These plays have brought the community together and has formed bonds of friendship and cooperation with those in our community. It is an annual tradition that cannot be missed.



<u>Synopsis</u>

This year's original musical production takes us back to the early days of Ann Arbor and features tall tales, talking salamanders, and townspeople determined to put their new City on the map.



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Directors' Note

I believe this season's show can be summed up with one word. Transition. You'll follow our characters through several years as the town of Ann Arbor grows and prospers to the amazing "bubble" it is today (events embellished for dramatic purposes).

I can't help but notice how fitting the theme is to our Thurston Community Players as well. As with everything else in the world, Covid brought this long-standing program to a grinding halt in 2020. Last year, upon our return, we had an amazing opportunity, as well as a challenge in front of us.

Our veterans came back because they knew how important this time-honored tradition is to everyone involved. It was also time to get some new blood in the mix (hint hint - register for next year!). This is where the magic started to happen. With patience, understanding, and a bit of hand holding, the next generation of Thurston families are working hard to live up to expectations and bring it back to its full glory.

Kevin and I are excited to be making our directorial debut. Kevin's family has been involved for six years, and for my family, this is our second year. We are looking forward to continuing next year and making this community's tradition one of ours as well.

We are so excited to see all the hard work and sacrifice (of bedtimes) pay off. Please enjoy the show!

Kevin Cox and Katie Gilkey, Co-Directors

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Cast and Characters

(Alphabetical by Character)

Maya Pearson
Barbara Zaret
Avery Cox
Irene Colone
Maddy Surerus
Adam Muehlhauser
Alisa Cox
Jennifer Connell
Laurin Tuxbury-Elliott
Janet Heaton
Kendra McLeod
Jacey Zuo
Abby Muehlhauser
Kara Samulak
Penny Magar
Andrew Ramsey
Kristin Muehlhauser
Ada O'Reilly
Theodore Lemon
Laura Hannaford
Taara Ozdemir
Jolene Sasena
Amelia Schneider
Jeff Bonevich
Claire Stevens
John Wyman
Alice Kato
Phil Zaret
Annabelle Goebel

Cast and Characters (Continued)

Julia Nichols	Lillian Fox
King Bulbasaur	Saumil Agarwal
Kitty Carson	Lyla Cox
Levi Strauss	Hannah Briggs
Luzena Wilson	Leela Ramaswami
Marcia Moneybags	Nikki Bonevich
Mary Ann Rumsey	Amanda Gebhardt
Michelle Buffer	Amy Mees
Miss Scarlett	Sreshta Arcot
Mortimer	Zora Westwalewicz
Mrs. Mills	Amelie Sasena
Ned	Dave Barnett
Newt	Erica Dierkens
Nitpicker Bruns	Dara Westwalewicz
Originalia Guy	Vasudha Chandramouli
Pat Bunyan	Melody Mei
Percy Duffy	Tracy Briggs
Poliwag	Sadhya Arcot
Poliwraith	Jamie Lawler
Principal Cucu	Samantha Cucu
Red	
Rema	Josephine Morehead
Rose Harris	Jamie Zuo
Sal Surveyor	Max Bonevich
Siliasaur	Leah Weiner
Snorlax	Bobby Fox
Spruce Wooden	Elenor Stricker
Starr	Ben Muehlhauser
Stacy Wilson	Avery Fentriss

Cast and Characters (Continued)

Toxicroak	Janie McInnis
Viola	Siri Ibarguen
Wooper	Adina Schoem
Zeb	Madhan Ramaswami

Explorer Kids: Eleanor Cantley, Jack Concannon, Evan Fentriss, Ezra Gabison-Gross, Max McInnis, Izza Muneeb, Lucas Rosero, Isabel Samulak

Salamander Kids: Basil Cianfrocco, Mackenzie Connell, Elena Fridman, Healey Gabison-Gross, Evelyn Gebhardt, Delilah Gilkey, June Golembiewski, Eloise Goodspeed, Walter Joque, Riley Lawler-Ernt, Cindy Li, Liesl Naguib, Lucy Oram, Felicity Oswalt, Maya Rodera, Noa Schoem-Vainner, Greyson Tuxbury-Elliott

Telegraph Kids: Rimonah Bricker, Juniper Cianfrocco, Arlie Holcombe, Zelda Joque, Libby Krohn, Ved Nagarajan, Leah Pearson, Adaline Rutan, Sadie Surerus, Ginny Vial



Directors/Producers

Co-Directors:

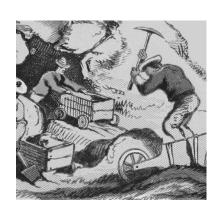
Kevin Cox & Katie Gilkey

Music Director:

Carol Collins

Internal Producer:

Tracy Briggs



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Scenes and Musical Numbers

ACT I

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Prologue: Outhouses near train stop		
Scene 1Shore of Loch Thurston		
Song A: Happy		
Scene 2: Interscene Community well at town center		
Scene 3Camp with three fires, tents, telegraph office		
Song B: Takin' Care of A-Square		
Scene 4: IntersceneCommunity well at town center,		
including Salamander rock garden		
Scene 5Inside Washtenaw Coffee House		
Song C: Michigan Capital City (Coffee House Song)		
~ Intermission ~		

ACT II

Scene 1: Interscene	Outhouses near train stop
Scene 2	Shore of Loch Thurston
Song D: Just You Wait (Scar	y Crow Song)
Song E: Flowers	
Scene 3: Interscene	Community well at town center,
	including Salamander rock garden
Song F: Raining Gold	
Scene 4	Outhouses near train stop
Song G: Maize and Blue	



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Song A: "Happy" (Act I, Scene 1)

In the style of Pharrell Williams

Can you believe our life's so wonderful Hanging on rocks we're cute 'n colorful Here in the shade, where we prefer Cuz you know, from head to toe we're salamanders

Because we're happy!
Clap along if you like to splash in Loch Thurston!
Because we're happy!
Clap along if you like to eat bugs just for fun!
Because we're happy!
Clap along if you love it here in Michigan
Because we're happy!
Clap along to all of my fellow amphibians

There's no bad news here, life's just great If we lose a limb, we just regenerate Life's a red-letter day, all month and year Slimy, cool, and chill, let's give a cheer

(here's why)
Because we're happy!
Clap along if you like to splash in Loch Thurston!
Because we're happy!
Clap along if you like to eat bugs just for fun!
Because we're happy!
Clap along if you love it here in Michigan
Because we're happy!
Clap along to all of my fellow amphibians

Song B: "Takin' Care of A-Square" (Act I, Scene 3)

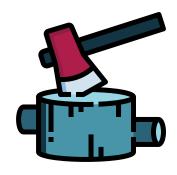
In the style of BTO, "Takin' Care of Business"

Well, it's really such a thrill
To be a lumberjack or jill
It's the best living you could ever find
And we're never discontented
That the chainsaw ain't invented
Cuz we've always got an axe to grind

Gotta be a quick clicker
When you click for Nitpicker
You really gotta be a go-getter
It can sometimes be a grind
But we really don't mind
Because we're getting paid by the letter

And when the trappers start to trappin' And the snares start to snappin' You never know just what you'll find there Could be a beaver or a skunk Or someone's old discarded junk Sometimes we only catch Pierre And we'll be takin' care of A Square
Every day
Takin' care of A Square
Every way
Takin' care of A Square
Got the goods
Takin' Care of A Square
We're tearin' up the woods
Timber!!

And we'll be takin' care of A Square
Every day
Takin' care of A Square
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Takin' care of A Square
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Takin' Care of A Square
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Timber!!



Song C: "Michigan Capital City (the Coffee House Song)" (Act I, Scene 5)

In the style of "Everything's Coming Up Roses" from Gypsy

We'll be swell! We'll be great! Gonna be number one in the state!

County seat? Move aside! For the Michigan capital city!

Stunning lakes! Railroad tracks! You got nothin' to do but relax! Take a risk! Take a chance! On the Michigan capital city!

We'll be grinning, With a capital G! Take your winnings! That'll be just the beginning!

Make a deal! Take a loan! How our own little hometown has grown!

Shake your hand! You shake mine!
Sign right here, on the line!
This land will be the one to wear the crown!
It's the Michigan capital city for

Ann Arbor town!

We'll be grinning,
With a capital G!
Take our winnings!
That'll be just the beginning!

Make a deal! Take a loan! How our dear little hometown has grown!

Shake your hand! You shake mine!

Sign right here, on the line! This land will be the one to wear the crown!

It's the Michigan capital city for Ann Arbor town!

REPRISE:

Leave your shame on the shelf! They got no one to blame but themself! We'll be rich! Sittin' cute! Dig that gold! What a hoot!

We'll see you when your interest is due!

It's a gold rush in Ann Arbor city for me and for you!

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Song D: "Just You Wait (Scary Crow Song)" (Act II, Scene 2)

In the style of My Fair Lady

Just you wait, scaredy miners, just you wait! You'll be sorry, but your tears'll be too late! You'll be frightened like a bunny; It's so scary that it's funny! Just you wait, scaredy miners, just you wait!

Just you wait, scaredy miners, with your picks, Digging dirt and cracking rocks, it makes us sick! You'll run off, and we'll do a dance, You're so scared, that you'll wet your pants! Oh, ho ho, scaredy miners, just you wait.

<u>Amelia</u>

You bring us a-lotyl smiles, and waves of joy every day. Hope that you have a fin-tastic show as Hermione the salamander. Break a leg!

We love you, Dad, Mom, Aspen, & Oliver





Song E: "Flowers" (Act II, Scene 3)

In the style of Miley Cyrus

We were good
We were gold
Thought our future was foretold

One more trick
Up our sleeve
It is one you won't believe

Blew it all Wealth and fame On a single cornhole game. Time to call
Our friend newt
It is time to get the loot

We wanted you to leave!
We wanted you to flee!
Started to cry, but then remembered we...

We're the best city we decree Top place we guarantee Thought you beat us but then remembered we...

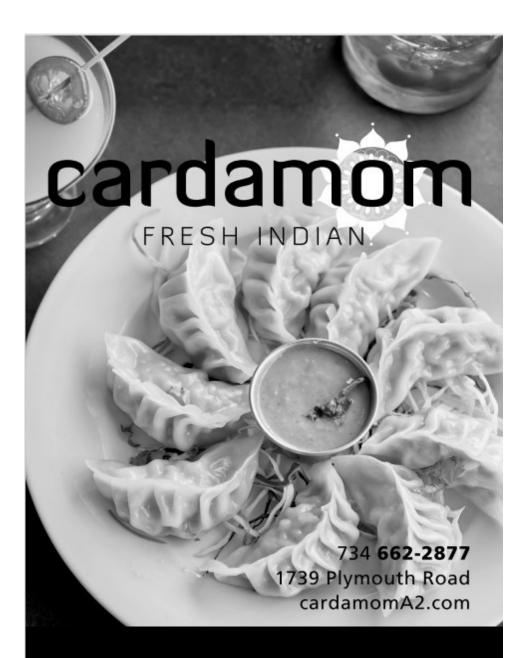
We still live in Ann Arbor
This is our kind of town
They might be strong but we're
smarter
Soon they won't be hanging around

We still live in Ann Arbor
This is our kind of town
They might be strong but we're
smarter
Soon they won't be hanging around

We'll get rid of them miners Make our home so renowned Yeah we can be the best town in Michigan We'll get rid of them miners
Make our home so renowned
Yeah we can be the best town in
Can be the best town in
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(Can be the best town, yeah can be the best town. Can be the best town, yeah can be the best town)





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Song F: "Raining Gold" (Act II, Scene 3)

In the style of The Weather Girls, "It's Raining Men"

They say all that glitters isn't gold, but that's not the forecast here in Ann Arbor!

Mercury's in retrograde,
We were feeling low.
According to Jed's sources,
The loch's the place to go.
Thanks to Newt's special potion
We've got a plan that's bold.
It's no tall tale for us to say
It's gonna start raining gold!

It's raining gold! Hallelujah! It's raining gold! Behold! Thanks to alchemy these rocks will be One hundred percent shiny. It's raining gold! Hallelujah! It's raining gold, riches so untold! Dust, bars, nuggets too, Think of what this wealth can do.

By working together
We'll outsmart our common foe.
Those greedy prospectors
Must find another place to go.
We all love our hometown,
And there's so much at stake,
It's a golden opportunity
To save our greatest lake.

It's raining gold! Hallelujah! It's raining gold! Behold! Thanks to alchemy these rocks will be One hundred percent shiny. It's raining gold! Hallelujah! It's raining gold, riches so untold! Dust, bars, nuggets too, Think of what this wealth can do.

It's raining gold, behold!



Song G: "Maize and Blue" (Act II, Scene 4)

In the style of Dolly Parton, "9 to 5"

Prospectors out of town on a new mission,

Lookin' for gold was their ambition. Diggin', blastin' only got them pyrite.

Train in the station, whistle is blowin' Out on the streets everything's golden, For folks like us glad to be Ann Arborites.

We're now maize and blue, What a welcome new addition University life, Hail to the victors.

We can use our minds And earn some college credit It's enough to drive you Crazy if you let it.

Now our debts are paid No fear of destitution. Newt provided us An alchemic resolution.

Want to move ahead Now we got a little money I swear sometimes We feel so gosh darn lucky. We had a dream to make our town grander

Got some help from a golden Salamander.

Now we have dreams you can never take away.

Out on the street with a lot of new friends

Waitin' for the day your train will roll in.

Now the tide has turned and it's gonna roll our way

We're now maize and blue, What a welcome new addition University life, Hail to the victors.

We now have a place
To earn our college credit
It's enough to drive you
Crazy if you let it.

Now our debts are paid No fear of destitution. Newt provided us An alchemic resolution.

Want to move ahead Now we got a little money I swear sometimes We feel so gosh darn lucky.





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Production Crew

Musicians



Director: Carol Collins

Pianists: Dan Oram, Takae Nakanoh

Bass: Ryan Matthews Drums: Lawrence Krass

Synthesizer: Doug Wochna Guitar: Nate Dubetz



<u>Choreographers</u>: Laurin Tuxbury-Elliott (Lead); Vasudha Chandramouli, Laura Hannaford, Janet Heaton, Kamala Meader, Amy Mees

<u>Writers</u>: **Jeff Bonevich (Lead)**; Nikki Bonevich, Tracy Briggs, Amy Bunker, Stacy Davis, Bobby Fox, Patrick McLeod, Kamala Meader, Dick Vail, Zora Westwalewicz, Mike Zielinski

<u>Script Committee</u>: Nikki Bonevich, Tracy Briggs, Amy Bunker, Stacy Davis, Patrick McLeod, Kamala Meader, Dick Vail, Zora Westwalewicz, Mike Zielinski, Phil Zaret, Nisha Gudal, Sarah Pusilo, Kristen Muehlhauser, Elizabeth Druga, Kevin Cox

<u>Lyrics Committee</u>: Nicole Aruda, Tracy Briggs, Carol Collins, Elizabeth Druga, Bobby Fox, Avery Jenkinson, Jamie Lawler, Chris Martin, Laurin Tuxbury-Elliott, Phil Zaret

<u>Arrangement/Recording</u>: Tracy Briggs, Carol Collins, Katie Gilkey, Avery Jenkinson, Jamie Lawler, Chris Martin, Takae Nakanoh, Dan Oram, Doug Wochna

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<u>Production Crew</u> (Continued)

Co-Backstage Producers: Lizzie Hish & Kami Meader

Co-Stage Managers: Peter Andruskiewicz & Dick Vail

<u>Set Building</u>: Peter Andruskiewicz & Dick Vail (Leads); Patrick Bellard, Zoe Bellard, Ellie Choi, Katie Choi, Amelia Golembiewski, Ed Golembiewski, Henry Golembiewski, June Golembiewski, Armi Gorsich, Finnegan Hish, Lizzie Hish, Jaeseung Kim, Elizabeth Kline, Boyoung Lee, Kami Meader, Andrew Ramsey, Megan Sabato, Theodore Sabato, Zac Sabato, Chloe Sasena, Jolene Sasena, Cecelia Wentworth, Dave Wentworth, Jessica Wentworth, Sullivan Wentworth

<u>Stage Crew</u>: Peter Andruskiewicz & Dick Vail (Leads); Sathish Arcot, Patrick Bellard, Derek Gilkey, Amelia Golembiewski, Henry Golembiewski, Finnegan Hish, Lizzie Hish, Kami Meader, Megan Sabato, Theodore Sabato, Zac Sabato

<u>Props</u>: Boyoung Lee (Lead); Ellie Choi, Katie Choi, Stacy Davis, Jaeseung Kim, Elizabeth Kline, Chloe Sasena

Sound: Dennis O'Reilly

<u>Lighting:</u> Liliana Franzese, Elliot Gray, Oliver Gray

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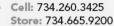
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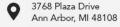
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<u>Costumes</u>: Regina Schneider (Lead); Madhur Agarwal, Robyn Anspach, Erin Bailey Naguib, Libby Benton, Emma Concannon, Jennifer Connell, Barbara Figaj-Fridman, Lillian Fox, Allison Jeter, Elizabeth McBrearty, Laura McInnis, Alison Nix, Zhe Pan, Holly Rosero, Kelly Sager, Jolene Sasena, Amelia Schneider, Sharon Weiner

Also, a big thanks to the Salamander parents for their extra work on the Salamander Costumes!

<u>Make-up</u>: **Zora Westwalewicz (Lead)**; Alisa Cox, Madison Fentriss, Sarah Pusilo, Praveena Ramaswami

<u>Cue Runners</u>: Madhur Agarwal (Lead); Rich Cantley, Emma Concannon, Barbara Figaj-Fridman, Elizabeth McBrearty, Richard Pearson

<u>Childcare</u>: Kristin Muehlhauser (Lead); Becky Kato, Kelly Krohn, Alice Sanderson, Kaitlyn Sims, Ramona Stricker

<u>Program/Ad Design</u>: Caroline Gross (Lead); Emma Concannon, Katie Gilkey, Jamie Lawler, Laura McInnis, Susan Wyman

<u>Advertising & PR</u>: Libby Benton (Lead); Amanda Gebhardt, Erica Dierkens, Neeki Rad, Barbara Zaret

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Webmasters: Rob Goodspeed & Luis Rosero

Video Production: Holly Rosero

Photography: Mark Weiner

Cast Party: Kevin Cox, Kristin Muehlhauser, Mayeesha Muneeb

Cast Refreshments: Hannah Smith (Lead); Jeremy Bricker, Bo

Bunnell, Mayeesha Muneeb, Zhe Pan, Adina Schoem

<u>Ticket and Concession Sales</u>: Laura McInnis (Lead); Ed Golembiewski, Sven Holcombe, Erin Naguib, Yani Qian, Ellen Schultz-Fox

Josephine:

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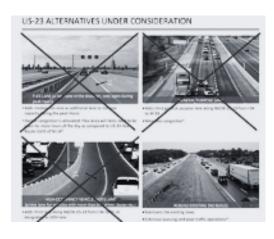
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Love, Mom and Dad

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The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is proposing to widen US-23 through the Thurston neighborhood.

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Contact Dr. Baker to set up a time to meet margaret@bakerstrategy.com 734-996-2337 (voice only)



DelilahBreak a leg little salamander! With love from Mommy, Daddy, all your grandparents, aunts, uncles, and Rocco!



Summers at OHAC Pools, Winters with the Thurston Players! Love this Community!





Eloise! Break a leg to our favorite kitten turned salamander and her friends! Love, Mama, Daddy and Henry



Break a leg, Janie & Max!

You are our favorite Toxicroack and Kid Explorer!

Love, Mom & Papa





Break a Leg Thurston Players!!! From Olivia, Eli & Abby





Thanks for stepping up! Susan – Thurston Players President, John – acting as "Jeb"

Love, Vicki



GOOD LUCK!

VIOLA AND RED

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE, LEAH, KAL, LUKE, KOKO, AND ROXIE



We are seeking individuals to join our board and help plan for next season's play. If interested please contact:

ipthurstonplayers@gmail.com

Who is it for?

Everyone! All are welcome and there are many ways to get involved! A typical cast includes actors ranging from ages 5-75+ and includes Thurston students, family members, teachers, and community members.

We have opportunities for many different talents: actors, writers, organizers, prop makers, stage builders, choreographers, musicians, lighting, costumes, and more!

GET INVOLVED



EDUCATION

Summer camp opportunity for incoming 6th - 8th graders!











July 8 - 19

Washtenaw Community College Ann Arbor







Proud sponsor of the Thurston Players!

CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

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I care about our community!

- 21 Years experience #1 Individual Realtor at Reinhart for 7 years in a row!
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