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*Gunn Theatre Department Proudly Presents*

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*Thornton Wilder's*

# OUR TOWN

November 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 8:00 P.M. Nov. 20  
3:30 P.M. Gunn Studio Theatre - Tickets \$6.00

Welcome to Grover's Corners.

Each has his own favorite memories of *Our Town*... mine may be when I was teaching English in East Java in 1979, and my group of college seniors put on this play for their friends and families. Every time the Stage Manager said "Nice town, y'know what I mean?" in his wonderful Madurese accent, I thought about my own town thousands of miles away, feeling both impossibly far away from home as well as right at home where I was, marveling at how this (now) old play works its simple magic wherever people open up to it.

By the mid-nineteen-thirties, Thornton Wilder was tired and suspicious of tendencies towards realism in theatre, feeling that the emphasis on precious museum-like walls and sets boxed in and stifled life and truth. His response was *Our Town*: No curtain. No scenery... "Moliere said that for the theatre all he needed was a platform and a passion or two. The climax of this play needs only five square feet of boarding and the passion to know what life means to us."

He was writing in 1937 about a time thirty years earlier, and here we are sixty years later putting what he wrote on stage. Differences from today will be obvious, although more striking, perhaps, will be the similarities. Enjoy your stay.

Nice town, y'know what I mean?

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jim Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" and "K".



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# OUR TOWN

*by Thornton Wilder*

*Director*

*Student Director*

*Light Design*

*Sound Design*

*Costume Design*

*Set Design*

*James Shelby*

*Chisato Uno*

*Lynne Ellis*

*Malena Fitting*

*Alex Hanawalt*

*Tiffany Medina*

*Amber Blote*

*Lindsey Selden*

*Jeremy Katz*

*There will be two ten minute intermissions.*

*Please, no food, drinks, or flash photography in the theatre.*

*In spite of the Stage Manager's request,  
there will be no smoking on the Gunn campus*

# CAST

## CHARACTERS (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE):

*Stage Manager*

*Dr. Gibbs*

*Joe Crowell*

*Howie Newsome*

*Mrs. Gibbs*

*Mrs. Webb*

*George Gibbs*

*Rebecca Gibbs*

*Emily Webb*

*Wally Webb*

*Professor Willard*

*Mr. Webb*

*Simon Strimson*

*Mrs. Soames*

*Constable Warren*

*St Crowell*

*Martha Craig*

*Joe Stoddard*

*Laura Stinger*

*Alex Hanawalt*

*Rob Walsh*

*Curt Stege*

*Rachel Mills*

*Lauren McDantel*

*Nick Junkerman*

*Micky Dutta \**

*Hayden Rockson \**

*Anya Collier*

*Dan Enemark*

*Sarah Drasner \**

*Andrea Goldblatt \**

*Nat Pickering*

*Alex Merillo*

*Clatre McCabe \**

*Tiffany Medina \**

*Jeff Raymakers*

*Ben Brutlag*

*Erin Jacklin \**

*Cindy Selden \**

*Nick Miller*

\* *Alternating in the role.*

## ENSEMBLE

*Aislinn Bird*

*Annette Georgia*

*Jeff Green*

*Jaya King*

*Samara Melr-Levi*

*Penelope Van Tuyl*

*Cisa Warnke*

# CREW

<i>Stage Manager</i>		<i>Tamar Gubins</i>
<i>Assistant Stage Manager</i>		<i>Bobby Kamin</i>
<i>Light Board Operator</i>		<i>Meghan Gilroy</i>
<i>Sound Board Operator</i>		<i>Kara Bltz</i>
<i>Master Carpenters</i>		<i>Phillip Gragg</i>
		<i>Jacob Cehrbaum</i>
<i>Construction Laborers</i>	<i>Kara Bltz</i>	<i>Jeremy Katz</i>
	<i>Anya Collier</i>	<i>Jaya King</i>
	<i>Jeff Green</i>	<i>Alex Merilo</i>
	<i>Andrea Goldblatt</i>	<i>Nick Miller</i>
	<i>Nick Junkerman</i>	<i>Jeff Raymakers</i>
<i>Texture Engineer</i>		<i>Andrea Goldblatt</i>
<i>Light Brigade</i>	<i>Mandy Burton</i>	<i>Talia Kirschner</i>
	<i>Sarah Chapman</i>	<i>Mike Perry</i>
	<i>Mickey Dutta</i>	<i>Jeff Raymakers</i>
	<i>Shona Dutta</i>	<i>Curt Stege</i>
	<i>Meghan Gilroy</i>	<i>Laura Stinger</i>
	<i>Abe Helfits</i>	
<i>Sound Crew</i>		<i>Kara Bltz</i>
		<i>Jeff Green</i>
		<i>Alex Hanawalt</i>
<i>Costume Crew</i>	<i>Jessica Aldea</i>	<i>Megan Cillis</i>
	<i>Becca Ballon</i>	<i>Krista McDermott</i>
	<i>Whitney Brown</i>	<i>Penelope Van Tuyl</i>
	<i>Erin Jacklin</i>	<i>Irene Varfolomeeva</i>
<i>Musical Directors</i>		<i>Erin Jacklin</i>
		<i>Cauren McDaniel</i>
		<i>Tiffany Medina</i>
<i>Publicity</i>		<i>Emily Cessard</i>
<i>House Manager</i>		<i>Mandy Burton</i>
<i>Poster Art</i>		<i>Sarah A. Drasner</i>
<i>Text</i>		<i>Alex Hanawalt</i>
<i>Program</i>		<i>Adam Stein</i>
<i>Cast Mother/Goddess</i>		<i>Suzy Brown</i>



# SPECIAL THANKS

**Suzy Brown**

*Joan Medina*

*Gloria Goldblatt*

*Theatre Boosters*

*Elta Van Tuyl*

*Jill Bowers of Theatre Works*

*Aogh O Tuama*

*Samuel Mark Anderson*

*Chisato Uno*

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# THANK YOU

TO ALL THE THEATRE BOOSTERS MOMS WHO  
HELPED WITH THE REHEARSAL POTLUCKS

*Suzy Brown*

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*Chris Green*

*Brenda Jacklin*

*Jane McCabe*

*Petgi McDaniel*

*Joan Medina*

*Cinda Selden*

*Haltmah Van Tuyl*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## *Spring Musical*

*March 13, 14, 15 and 20, 21, 22*

## *Student Directed One Acts*

*May 15, 16, 17 and 22, 23, 24*

## *An Evening of Student Written and Performed Monologues*

*Mid-December*

# A SPECIAL THANKS

TO THE BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS IN  
OUR TOWN WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE  
OPENING NIGHT DINNER AND RECEPTION

*Barron Park Nursery & Florist*

*Steve Diddams, Diddams Party Store*

*Parvati Dutta*

*Robert Collins, Florentine Restaurants*

*Gloria Goldblatt*

*Chris Green*

*Brenda Jacklin*

*Peigi McDaniel*

*Beth Mills*

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*Cinda Selden*

*Halimah Van Tuyl*

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*Valerie Stinger*

*Gunn Theatre Boosters*