

Cast and Production Bios - *The Sound of Music* - SMASH Productions

Pinky Bigley - Maria

Pinky is excited to be working with SMASH Productions after her debut with *Broadway's Heroes and Villains* in September. Pinky was in the Broadway National Tour of *Les Misérables* (Eponine/Cosette) and toured Europe in *Evita* (Eva Peron). Other leading roles include Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* (Village Musical Theatre), *42nd Street* (Peggy Sawyer) and *Annie* (Annie). She sang with the New York City USO Troupe and continues to sing for local charities. She has had so much fun working with the talented and energetic young actors during *The Sound of Music*. Audiences won't want to miss Pinky's dynamic one-woman show *Divas Through the Decades* in January 2023 at Temple Shalom of Central Florida (tscfl.org). SMASH Productions is proud to announce that Pinky will be playing the lead role of Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors* in March 2023. Get to know Pinky by visiting www.pinkysings.com. Thank you to all who continue to support and encourage Pinky on her journey, especially her husband, Ollie.

Lee F Mueller - Captain von Trapp

Originally from PA, Lee spent six years with the Opera Co. of Philadelphia Chorus and performed in various community theater productions. Since moving to Florida seven years ago, he has been seen in various Opera Orlando productions, and been a guest soloist with the Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra. This past fall he made his Villages debut as Bill Austin in *Mamma Mia* produced by Pro-Am & KC Productions. Since then he has performed in various benefit concerts including Mary Jo Vitale's MS Fundraiser *Elephant in the Room*. This is Lee's first production with SMASH Productions, and he is very grateful to Susan Feinberg and Bob Stehman for casting him as Captain von Trapp. Future engagements include The Innkeeper in *Man of La Mancha* in March 2023 at the Savannah, and Opera Orlando's production of Donizetti's *The Daughter of the Regiment* in April in Steinmetz Hall.

Bonnie Williams - Mother Abbess

Bonnie has been active in community theater for 40+ years. She has performed with VTC, VMT, MIMO, and as a featured performer with the Villages Pops Chorus. She has appeared in all the previous SMASH Productions including the three *Nunsense* shows as Mother Superior. She is glad to be "back in the habit" in this classic musical. She also has worked set design for SMASH in *The Honeymooners from New York to The Villages* and in the upcoming *Little Shop of Horrors*. Along with her partner, Barry, she performs with Broadway & Beyond Entertainment.

Tim Casey - Max Detweiler

Tim grew up in the theater playing his first role in *Teahouse of the August Moon* at the tender age of 11. Educated at Temple University, he studied as a Television/Theater major which led to a 25+ year career in corporate television before focusing on technology during the latter part of his career. Tim has appeared as Paul in the Villages Musical Theater's production of *Company*, starred as Max Bialystock in *The Producers* and recently starred in *The Beast in Beauty and the Beast*. With KC Productions he appeared in *Les Misérables*, as the Padre in *Man of La Mancha*, Nicely-Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls*, Pontius Pilate in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Juan Peron in *Evita*, and played two roles in *Sweeney Todd*: Judge Turpin and Adolfo Pirelli. Tim also directed KC Productions' *Young Frankenstein*, appearing as the Hermit, *1776* appearing as Edward Rutledge, and *Carousel* appearing as Enoch Snow. He starred in and co-directed SMASH Productions' *Broadway Heroes & Villains*. Next spring, Tim looks forward to Directing and appearing in VMT's production of *Spamalot!*

Kathy Chelsey- Williams - Elsa Schraeder

Kathy has been performing and choreographing musical theater since the age of 14. Here in The Villages, she appeared in *Music Man*, *Crazy For You*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *South Pacific*, and *Carousel*. She was also Nickie in *Sweet Charity* and most recently, a Silly Girl in *Beauty and the Beast*. She is a board member, dancer and choreographer for Evolution Dance Company. *She has appeared in several SMASH Productions.*

Janet Maloney-Brobst - Frau Schmidt

Janet is a National Credit Manager from upstate New York. Her theatrical credentials are extensive at both the professional and charitable levels. Her performances include all three Village Squares, The Savannah and other Village Entertainment venues, along with neighboring communities. Janet has also served as Vocal Director for seven musical productions. She has had character roles in numerous Villages musical productions including *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Music Man*, *Grease*, *Sweeney Todd*, *My Fair Lady*, *The Producers* and, this year, *Sound of Music*. Janet recently starred as Alice Kramden in *The Honeymooners from New York to The Villages* for SMASH. Janet is also currently preparing future performances that will include *Harvey* and *Man of La Mancha*.

Denis J. Milonas - Franz

Denis is a 36-year musical theater veteran who has recently moved to The Villages with his wife, Kay. With more than 50 stage production credits to his name, he is happy to be joining such a talented cast and crew of dedicated stage crafters with SMASH. He will be appearing in the Spring as "Patsy" in *Spamalot* with the Village Musical Theater Company.

Sherry Mistler - Sister Bertha

She has been a resident of The Villages for two years since moving from New Jersey. Past credits in theater include Susan in *Company*, Ensemble in *Les Miserables*, *Godspell*, and Sister Berthe in *The Sound of Music*. You can see Sherry playing tenor drum in The City of Mt Dora Pipe Band and The Villages bagpipe band, The Sounds of Scotland. In addition, Sherry also sings in and around The Villages as part of the duo, Pat and Sherry. She's thrilled to be making her debut with Smash Productions and will appear in *Little Shop of Horrors* Spring 2023!

Holly Jeske - Sister Margareta

Holly Jeske was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She performed on stage dancing, singing and acting from the age of 4 through 17. She studied classical voice as well as tap, ballet and drama. She moved to The Villages in 2012, and has sung and danced in several shows with The Villages Musical Theater and KC Productions. Holly has appeared in every SMASH Productions Show including the three *Nonsense* Shows as Sister Amnesia and as Snow White in *When You Wish Upon A Mouse*. She is also a member of Music in Motion and The Villages Pops Chorus.

Marilyn Duncan - Sister Sophia

She is thrilled to be returning to SMASH PRODUCTIONS as Sister Sophia. Her initial appearance with SMASH was in *Rhapsody in Rhythm*. She has performed as a soloist in The Villages with the New Horizons band, the Christian Chorus, Christian Chorale, various churches, and many women's retreats. She is also a member of the Villages Pops Chorus. Her singing and acting date back to high school where she was featured in numerous musical reviews. A native of Illinois, she had the honor of competing in the Miss Illinois pageant.

John Muller - Admiral Von Schreiber

John has been performing consecutively for 65 years in a variety of venues including radio, television, movie, musicals, and notably as Henry Higgins in *My Fair Lady*, John Adams in *1776*, Finian in *Finian's Rainbow*, Tevya in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Mayor Shinn in the *Music Man* and Emile DeBeque in *South Pacific*. He resides in the Village of Fenney with his wife, Susan. They have six children and 11 grandchildren. John is very happy to be performing in this SMASH Production of *The Sound of Music*.

John Byers - Herr Zeller

John has been in several shows since moving to The Villages in 2012. He has had roles in *Brigadoon*, *Music Man*, *Crazy For You*, and *The Producers*. After joining Smash Productions as a Dancer in *Love and Marriage*, he had roles in *When You Wish Upon a Mouse* part 1 and 2, *Rhapsody In Rhythm* and *The Honeymooners from New York to The Villages*. Prior to moving to The Villages, he was a Commander in the U.S. Navy and a Security Manager at the Walt Disney Company. He also helped his wife, Barbara, at her Dance Studio in Tampa, Florida, which she had for 26 years.

Paul Young - Baron Elberfeld

Paul has performed in a number of musicals in The Villages. He also enjoys singing with "Bach with a Beat" and performing with Evolution Dance Company. Paul also enjoys a number of sports here in The Villages.

Deb Barkelar - Nun

Deb fondly remembers singing *The Sound of Music* with her family at the holidays when she was a very little girl. She's been singing ever since, and is very proud to be part of this show.

HC (Helen Clare) - Nun

She arrived in The Villages in 2016. Hailing from Kentucky, she has performed solo work since high school. Besides church choirs, she has been a member of the York Singers (ME), The Yale Glee Club and The Lexington Singers where she performed with the Mozart Orchestra in Vienna. She was in *Evita* with KC productions, followed with *Sweeney Todd*, *My Fair Lady*, *Carousel* and *The Producers*. She also sings with The Village Voices and Pops Choruses and The Madrigals and Guys.

Susan Bartlett - Nun

Susan was hooked on theater after her first performance in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, so she followed that with *Young Frankenstein*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Sweeney Todd*, *South Pacific*, *Carousel*, and *Mamma Mia*. She plays a variety of instruments in The Villages Pops Orchestra, Symphonic Winds, The Villages Concert Band and Celebration Brass Band, and plays golf and pickle ball in her free time.

Patti Card - Nun/Assistant Director

Patti performed in several musical productions in Heidelberg, Germany, while living overseas in the 1980s with her military husband. Moving to The Villages in 2010 presented the opportunity to revive her performance skills, and she is excited to have been a part of The Villages Musical Company's *Brigadoon*, *Crazy for You*, *Sweet Charity*, *The Producers*, Broadway Bound's *Sensational Sixties* and *Promises, Promises*, KC Productions' *Cabaret* and *Les Miserables*, and SMASH Production's *When You Wish Upon a Mouse 2*, *Nunset Boulevard* and *Rhapsody in Rhythm*. Patti currently sings in The Villages POPS Chorus and dances with the Orlando Magic Classic 407 and Music in Motion. She's truly living the good life!

Liz Dorsett - Nun

The Sound of Music will be soprano Liz Dorsett's fourth musical, with her first being in 1968 when she played Bloody Mary in *South Pacific* at age 11. From 1980 to 2005, she sang with various bands and played many private parties and weddings all over New England. A few years after she retired from the band, she joined a community choir based in Rochester, NH and sang with them until 2019. While in the choir, she was fortunate to be cast as a housewife in the musical *Damn Yankees*. Since moving to The Villages in May 2021, Liz has joined The Villages Pops Chorus and is enjoying getting back into singing again.

Carol Geiler - Nun

Carol is new to performing in The Villages. She currently performs with The Village Pops Chorus and sings with St. Vincent DePaul Church Choir. Back home in Connecticut, her passion was singing and ringing bells with The St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir and Diocesan choir with the accompaniment of the Eastern Conn Symphony Orchestra.

Faith Giguere - Nun

Faith has been in musical theater most of her life but this is her first musical in The Villages. This is Faith's third time portraying a Nun. The first time was 20 years ago in Vermont; the second was 10 years ago in North Carolina. Faith has also been in productions of *Oklahoma*, *My Fair Lady* and other shows.

Penny Kintz - Nun

This is Penny's first musical with Smash Productions. Since retiring to The Villages from Iowa 13 years ago, she has performed in Off Broadway productions, sings in Joyful Sound, in Loving God Mixed Quartet, God's Echo Mixed Ensemble, and the Chancel Choir at Community United Methodist Church. At Drake University, she played viola in the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra, and danced and sang in at The Des Moines Community Playhouse and in the melodrama Fireman's Flame. She works part-time in the golf shop at Bonifay Country Club and enjoys swimming and making jewelry.

Chi Chi Stastny - Nun/ Dancer

Chi Chi has been a happy resident of the Village of Fenney for four years. Leaving the beauty of Colorado behind in search of a "new" life of nothing but FUN. Her past accomplishments include working with many well-known stars such as Donny and Marie, Mel Brooks, Ann Margret, Gwen Verdon, Kris Kristofferson and Rita Coolidge, Bob Hope, and Betty White. Then she toured with New York's company of *A Chorus Line*. She left her exciting career in Hollywood to raise a family, and then "accidentally" found the depth and joys of her youth and place on stage again here in The Villages.

Lynn Weddle - Nun

Lynn was a voice major at Indiana University School of Music. She sang as a soloist and was in many stage productions. After moving to Florida 10 years ago, she has been a member of Toast of Tampa Show Chorus, a small a cappella double quartet women's group,. She is music director of a very large bible study group, a church soloist, and performed major roles in church productions.

Jill Cain - Dancer

Jill has been in a few musicals and has been a dancer for Evolution and Music In Motion. It brings joy into her life to be a part of these awesome productions.

Jim Cain- Dancer

Jim is a musician, was band member for several years and enjoys the performing arts. This is his first adventure dancing on stage. Hopefully he will get the bug and add more shows to his list.

Gary Kress - Ensemble

*This is Gary's second production for SMASH, having appeared in *The Honeymooners from New York to The Villages* earlier this year. Gary has also appeared in *Chicago*, *Promises Promises*, *South Pacific*, *The Producers*, *Judgement at Nuremberg*, *Tickets Please*, and *Speakeasy the Musical*. Outside The Villages, Gary has appeared in *The Odd Couple*, *Sylvia*, and *Arsenic and Old Lace*.*

BILL KRONE - Dancer

Bill, a former High School Principal from a suburb of Buffalo, New York, has appeared in 16 Broadway musicals in The Villages since 2008 starting with the first SMASH USO Tribute Show. Featured roles have included Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Billy Flynn in *Chicago*, Jigger in *Carousel*, Julian Marsh in *42nd Street*, and Lank Hawkins in *Crazy You*. He is thrilled to be in his eight SMASH Production in the company of so many talented performers. Bill recently appeared as Ed Norton in *The Honeymooners from New York to The Villages* and will be Mr. Mushnik in *Little Shop of Horrors*. As always, he thanks his wife, Martie, for her constant support in his theatrical adventures.

Student Roles

Emily Veri - Liesl

Emily is a 17-year-old Junior at The Villages Charter High School. She started singing and dancing six years ago. She has been a member of the VHS Golden Girls and been a part of many school musicals, including *Hunchback of Notre Dame* and *Curtains*. She plans to pursue musical theatre as a career.

Shea Yael - Rolf Gruber

Shea is a 16-year-old sophomore at The Villages Charter High School. Shea has participated in shows such as *Curtains* as Bobby Pepper, *The Addams Family Jr* as Gomez Addams, and *High School Musical Jr* as Troy Bolten. Shea enjoys singing and musical theater, and participates in plays and choir at his school. Shea is excited to participate in the show and is thankful for the opportunity.

Paige Ellison - Postulant

Paige Ellison is a 15-year-old homeschooled sophomore. She has been in many theatrical productions, including Gabriella in *High School Musical Jr.*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and *The Lion King Jr*. She enjoys reading, drawing and writing. Her goal is to become a Disney Imagineer.

Natalie Wolgamott - Louisa

Natalie found her love for the theater when, at six years old, she played Gretel in a production of *The Sound of Music* in Leesburg, Florida. She is excited to participate in this show again as Louisa! She has been active in her church music program, school choirs and theater programs. Most recently she performed in *Beauty and the Beast* and she will perform in an upcoming production of *Shrek the Musical*.

Ian Wolgamott - Friedrich

Ian had a small role in *The King and I* as a young child and since then has found a love for musicals of many different varieties. He was active in his church's children's choir and is now involved in the tech ministry of his church. When not singing *Hamilton* songs, he is involved in his school's agriculture program.

Ethan Adams Rae - Kurt

Ethan is a seventh grader at The Villages Charter Middle School where he is in all advanced classes and even takes advanced Algebra which is a high school class. Ethan has been on stage many times in the past six years, with SMASH Productions in a Disney Show and two *Nunsense* shows, and with a few different production companies in The Villages and in St. Cloud MN. Aside from being on stage, Ethan is currently a member of the VHS Swim Team, where he is training to perfect his free-style and back stroke.

Deslyn Furce - Brigitta

Deslyn is 10 years old and attends fifth grade at The Villages Charter School. She loves singing, dancing and reading. Her personality perfectly mirrors that of her character, Brigitta. This is her first experience acting live on stage and she hopes it is the first of many.

Sofia Sallee - Marta

Sofia Sallee: Sofia is 8 years old and enjoying third grade. She is excited about her first appearance with Smash Productions. She has participated in the summer drama camp at The Sharon, performing in Disney's *101 Dalmatians*. When Sofia is not on stage, her favorite things include spending time with her sister, cats, family, math, and golf. She is appreciative of all the wonderful people she met through this production.

Camila Santana - Gretl

An energetic and imaginative spirit, 6-year-old Camila Santana is making her theatrical stage debut. Camila's enthusiasm for song and dance has long been noticed by family and friends. With a heart three times the size of her body and a passion for performance, there is no doubt Camila will give her all to the role of Gretl von Trapp.

Isabel Santana - u/s Brigitta

Courageous, sweet and the oldest sibling of three artistic angels, Isabel is making a return to the stage. A key player in *Jenny and the Paper Pirates*, Isabel is continuing to build on her theatrical experience in *The Sound of Music*. A lover of art and performance, she wishes to thank her parents for supporting her as she explores her passions.

Benjamin Keefe - u/s Rolf & Friedrich/Ensemble

Benjamin Keefe is honored to be part of the cast of *The Sound of Music* with Smash Productions. He is an 8th Grade Honors Student at The Villages Charter Middle School. He appeared as one of the Snow children in *Carousel* with KC Productions. He also appeared as Eric in *Matilda The Musical* at Ocala Civic Theatre, and as Mowgli in *The Jungle Book Jr.* in the school's theatre camp. Benjamin loves music, food and spending time with friends and family.

Production Team

Susan Feinberg - Producer

Susan grew up in a household filled with music, dance and singing. Professionally, she was an executive for global product development and marketing for major telecom companies where her team developed and rolled out new technology products. She was a pioneer in Digital Quality Audio and Video, working with MTV, Nickelodeon and major music networks around the globe. She worked with collaborative global showcases where musicians from different continents and cities played together, including the New York Music Festival, Montreux Jazz Festival and Big Help. She supported major music and film studios as they started production projects where the entertainers, directors and crew could be located anywhere and still work seamlessly together.

SMASH Productions was created in 2016 to give Villagers opportunities to participate in high-quality stage shows. SMASH just celebrated its tenth major production in 2022 with *The Honeymooners from New York to the Villages*. Memorable shows include three *Nonsense Shows*, *When You Wish Upon A Mouse* with music from Disney, *USO: 75 Years of Entertainment*, and the recent *Rhapsody in Rhythm*. Susan is looking forward to an exciting 2023 with *Little Shop of Horrors* in March and *The Addams Family Musical* in the Fall.

Bob Stehman - Director

Bob has enjoyed vocal performances and theatrical venues such as The White House, Penn State Summer Theater, as lead singer in the musical group "Signature" and off-Broadway Regional stages along the East Coast. Favorite roles include The Baker in *Into the Woods*, El Gallo in *The Fantasticks*, Captain Corcoran in *HMS Pinafore*, Albert in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*, and Captain Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*. He also loved the parts of Sparky in *Forever Plaid* and Linus in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, which to his delightful surprise as a senior citizen was able to reprise 40 years later for KC Productions and The Villages Musical Theater. Other Villager roles include Chuck Baxter in *Promises Promises*, Vernon Gersch in *They're Playing Our Song*, Harry in *Company*, Father Virgil in *Nuncrackers*, John Dickinson in *1776* and Leo Bloom in *The Producers*. Bob has been thrilled to bring his performance experience and his love of acting, singing and dancing as Director to SMASH Productions successful run of *Nonsense*, *Nuncrackers* and *Nunset Boulevard*, and now *The Sound of Music*. Last spring, Bob appeared as Lumiere in VMTs production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Next spring he will be appearing in VMTs production of *Spamalot!* He give a big thank you to his wife, Linda who supports all his theatrical endeavors.

Mary Ann Rockenbach - Music Director

Mary Ann has shared her talents with The Villages Community for over 25 years. Career highlights include musical direction in Holland, Belgium and Germany, eight years of coaching and accompanying at Walt Disney World, and employment with Orlando Opera, Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, SAK Comedy Lab, Valencia Community College, and Bergamo's Italian Restaurant. Originally from Burlington, Iowa, she joined SMASH Productions as Music Conductor for *Nunset Boulevard* and Vocal Coach for *Rhapsody* before the journey as musical director for *The Sound of Music*. When this show ends, she will start work on Little Shop of Horror.

Barbara Byers - Choreographer

Barbara is the Choreographer for *The Sound of Music*, working with all the kids and adults. She worked at the Walt Disney World in the Entertainment and Education Department for 12 years. She has been involved in dance and musical theater for most of her life starting at age three, and she owned her own dance school for 26 years. Since moving to the Villages in 2012, she has performed with Villages Musical Theater in *Brigadoon*, *The Music Man*, and *Crazy for You* and with Musicals in Concert, Music in Motion and the Pops Chorus. Her first show with SMASH was *Dancer and Choreographer for When You Wish Upon A Mouse*, She was the Choreographer for Smash Productions *Nuncrackers*, *Nunset Boulevard* and *When You Wish Upon A Mouse 2*, *The Honeymooners* and *Rhapsody In Rhythm*. 2020 performances included *The Producers* and *Hooray Hollywood/Hello Broadway*. She also choreographed all dance sequences for *Broadway Heroes and Villains*.

Ed Slivken - Stage Manager

Ed has been very active in theater in The Villages over the last 10 years. Along with performing on stage in musicals, comedies and dramas, he has worked as a director and assistant director. He has taken on the responsibility of Stage Manager for a variety of types of shows at various Villages venues for a number of organizations. He joined SMASH as Stage Manager for *Rhapsody in Rhythm* has taken on this role for *The Sound of Music*. He is very pleased to have this opportunity to work with the wonderful cast and crew to bring professional theatre productions to The Villages.

Sammie Brassette - Props Mistress

Sammie has had a life filled with excitement and challenges while raising two children and working in emergency room and intensive care settings for 40 years. As a traveling nurse, she had the opportunity to travel the world over. After moving to The Villages in 2009, she became involved with theater productions. Her first show was *Chicago*, where she fell in love with the confusion and darkness that goes on behind the scenes. I guess this reminded her of her years in the Emergency Room. She really loved the backstage management and organization. SMASH Productions has given her a greater insight into the professional world of theater and the lives of those involved in the performances, where she has been involved in all of SMASH's productions since its inception in 2016. Her job would not be possible without her husband, Lyn. What she creates, he makes into a reality!

Jeff Jagmin - Technical Director

Jeff is a Multimedia Developer and internet professional. He joined SMASH to produce the dream sequence in the *Rhapsody* performance and is the SMASH Productions Webmaster. In 1984, Jeff created the website featuring videos of his friend, Olympic Gold Medalist Dan Jansen. Through the Dan Jansen Foundation, they have helped more than 1,000 children and families battling cancer. Current Central Florida projects include online streaming videos to full feature HD videos with special effects, including Interfaith Community Programs, Holocaust remembrance observances, and other special events. In his spare time Jeff enjoys creating fish theme art using natural Florida materials, www.ifishtails.com

MB - Master Set Designer

MB created and built the beautiful set for *The Sound of Music* with his dedicated team. He joined SMASH to work on the *Hotel Savannah* set for *Rhapsody in Rhythm* and built the environments for *le Honeymooners Environments from New York to The Villages*. He is already hard at work on a very special build for *Little Shop of Horrors*. MB has lent his talents to the Villages Theater Company for the last eight years. His philosophy is that the set has to help the plot and action move ahead in a natural way.

Bobbi Steele-Marotta - Assistant Director

Bobbi has been singing and acting in musicals throughout her life and has done many shows here in The Villages since retiring in 2008. She was last seen on stage as Marty in *Grease* and her next performance will be in *Carols by Candlelight*. Bobbi has embraced the opportunity of working backstage with the amazing talented children in this wonderful production of *The Sound of Music*.

Patti Card, Assistant Director (see her bio with Nuns)

Liza Diana Walters - Assistant to the Producer

Liza has been working backstage for various theatre productions for the last 10 years. She has been a dresser, a microphone assistant, stage manager, program editor, and associate producer. She is thrilled to be helping on this wonderful production with such a talented cast.

Dianne Bolton - Sounds and Projections

Dianne Bolton taught Public Speaking and Theater, and directed many major productions in her 35 years teaching high school students. After moving to The Villages, she found her home backstage, especially with projections and sound effects. She is grateful to the talented people in SMASH Productions for giving her the opportunity to help with *The Sound of Music* and the upcoming *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Jan Wagner- Costume Mistress

Jan joined SMASH for *The Honeymooners from ew York to The Villages*. She has created costumes for most of the major theatre companies in The Villages for more than 10 years. Jan sources costumes from her famous inventory closets or sews them to make the characters and show more authentic. The three Jans (Wagner, Petro and Beddia) designed and sewed the Sailor and Play Clothes for the Von Trapp Children from original patterns.

Darlene Lansing - Hair and Wigs

Darlene is a reliable staple when it comes to styling the HAIR, (wigs or natural hair). She happily volunteers her time and talents for many production companies in The Villages including several SMASH Productions. With her 56 years of experience as a salon owner and cosmetology instructor, her gift is beneficial on many levels. Darlene feels she is giving back for the many blessings bestowed upon her.

Brian LaPalme - Make Up Artist

Brian was allowed to graduate Windham High School in Willimantic, CT, one month early in order to start his career in show business. Brian had two concurrent careers. Eight months of every year from 1976 to 2018, Brian was Ringmaster/Magician with circuses throughout the U.S. and Canada. During the remaining four months of every year, Brian worked as a theatrical makeup artist for stage shows like *The Wizard of OZ*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats*, and hundreds of others. Now that Brian is retired from life on the road, he still performs as a Mentalist from time to time in The Villages, as well as doing makeup for Villages theatrical productions. Brian's first time working with SMASH was for *The Honeymooners from New York to The Villages*, and he is excited to work on this show. Whatever he is doing, he embraces the philosophy of "There's No Business Like Show Business!"

Grace Vereb - Make Up Artist

Grace moved to Florida in 1999 and immediately got into theater doing make up and performing comedy. She became a clown and won many awards including three gold medals and one silver medal. When she came in second in the world at World Convention in Las Vegas, she won a medal and the opportunity to perform on stage at Circus Circus. She has produced or directed more than 30 shows since moving to Florida. She now concentrates on theater make up for SMASH and other local groups. She continues to face paint as a clown at local restaurants and places.