

# THE ADDAMS FAMILY

## CAST CHARACTER BIOS

### **Tim Casey - Gomez**

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 as The Beast in *Beauty and the Beast*. With KC Productions he appeared in *Les Miserables*, 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* and appeared as Max in *The Sound of Music*. Last Year, Tim directed and appeared in VMT's *Spamalot* Production.

### **Deborah Gibbons- Morticia**

Deb grew up in a family surrounded by music and theatre. Her father was an actor, playwright, author, and PHD in English. Every year he took a group of students to perform their plays in New York; way off Broadway or to England in local pubs. She fell in love with Musical theatre because it embodied all three arts. This is her second show in the Villages. Last March she was in *Spamalot* as a co-choreographer, dancer and Ni-Knight. She is honored and thrilled to be working with Smash Productions in *The Addams Family* with such a talented group of performers. Some of her favorite past roles have been Sally Bowles in *Cabaret*, Annie in *Annie get your Gun*, Aldonza in *Man of La Mancha*, Lola in *Damn Yankees*, and Meg in *Brigadoon*. In 1983 her now husband and her went back to Baton Rouge Louisiana, with a couple of friends; to reopen the Dinner Theatre where they first met. The newly named Baton Rouge Dinner Playhouse opened with *Fiddler on the Roof* to sold out Houses. It lasted 3 years and she doesn't regret any of the hard times. She believes it's true that when you love what you do it is never work but a passion.

### **Pinky Bigley – Wednesday**

Pinky recently performed in SMASH Productions in the lead role of Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors* and Maria in *The Sound of Music*.

Pinky was in the Broadway National Tour of *Les Misérables* (Eponine/Cosette) and toured Europe in *Evita* (Eva Peron). Other leading roles include *42<sup>nd</sup> Street* (Peggy Sawyer), *West Side Story* (Maria) and *Annie* (Annie).

In the Villages, Pinky is known for her dynamic one-woman show “Divas Through the Decades”. She has performed with the Sounds of Legends, in KC Production concerts, and as Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* for the Village Musical Theatre troupe.

She sang with the New York City USO Troupe and continues to sing for local charities. Watch for her upcoming concerts and get to know Pinky by visiting [www.pinkysings.com](http://www.pinkysings.com). Thank you to all who continue to support and encourage Pinky on her journey, especially her husband Ollie.

### **Mark Kirshenbaum- Lucas Beineke**

Mark is a 30-year veteran of the stage. He has performed all over the world, including five years with Norwegian and Renaissance cruise lines. Mark received critical acclaim from the New York Times for his portrayal of the Padre in *Man of La Mancha*. Recent credits include Major Davis (*Unto these Hills*) Cladwell (*Urinetown*), Sancho, (*Man of La Mancha*) and Sam Byck (*Assassins*) Mark recently performed with his father in Smash production's *Little Shop of Horrors* as Seymour. He would like to thank mom, dad, Brian, Gigi, Kayli, Chase and God for their continuous support

### **Fester -Timothy Ruwart**

This is Tim's first show with Smash productions and he's excited to be playing Uncle Fester in this production of *The Addams Family* musical. He is a veteran of numerous shows with several local theater companies. Recent credits include: Sir Bedevere/The Narrator in *Spamalot*, Cogsworth in *Beauty and the Beast*, Roy Hubley in *Plaza Suite*, Vernon Heinz in *Pajama Game*, Caldwell B. Cladwell in *Urinetown*, and Amos Hart in *Chicago*. Tim is a semi-retired attorney who lives with his wife Ann. He enjoys riding his bike, and hosts karaoke twice a month at Riverbend Recreation Center

### **Garry Gibbons- Mal Beineke**

Garry has done theater throughout multiple states. He has appeared in roles from Tony in *West Side Story*, Finch in *How to Succeed*, Joe Hardy in *Damn Yankees* and was last seen as King Arthur in *Spamalot*. He met his wife, Deborah, while appearing as Jesus in *Godspell*. He was managing director of Grand County Theater in Winter Park and Estes Park Colorado and Producer/Director for Baton Rouge Dinner Playhouse. He has sung at LeLittle club in Beverly Hills and counts music as his first love.

### **Sherry Mistler- Alice Beineke**

Sherry has been a resident of The Villages for three years since moving from New Jersey. Past credits in theater include *Susan-Company*, *Ensemble-Les Miserables and Godspell*. 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 made her debut with Smash Productions as Sister Bertha in *The Sound of Music* and was a street urchin in *Little Shop of Horrors*. She is thrilled to be working again with the company in *The Addams Family*

### **Holly Jeske- Grandma**

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, KC Productions, and Smash Productions. She has performed as Sister Amnesia in all the SMASH productions of *Nunsense*, as Sister Marguerita in *The Sound of Music*, and as a street urchin in *Little Shop of Horrors*. She is also a member Music in Motion and The Villages Pops Chorus

### **Benjamin Keefe – Pugsley**

Benjamin Keefe is honored to be part of the cast of *The Addams Family* with Smash Productions. He is a 9th Grade Honors Student at the Villages Charter Middle School. He appeared as one of the Snow children in *Carousel* with KC Productions and in *The Sound of Music* with Smash 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.

### **Davis Kuntz- Lurch**

David Kuntz is a retired/disabled nurse. After becoming disabled, he became involved in community theater in Vermont and continued his involvement after moving to Florida. He has performed in *Much Ado about Nothing*, *Odd Couple*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum*, *Working*, *A Christmas Bingo*, *Christmas Carol*, *Murder in the Villages*, *Taming of the Shrew*, *1776*, *Carousel*, and *South Pacific*. This is his first show with Smash Productions.

### **Louie Vassmer- Cousin It**

Louie is excited to again be a part of SMASH Productions in The Villages, having made his debut in *The Honeymooners* and appeared in *Little Shop of Horrors!* As child actor in Chicago in two theater companies, he appeared in numerous musical productions spanning 15 years. Credits also include TV ads for Ritz Crackers and Jiffy. Worked in

creative media advertising, cartoonist and as a radio pitchman before his career as a psychologist. He was later was involved in local theater projects in the Chicago area. He was also the pre-production director for a PBS series and directed several short indie films before moving to FL with his dear wife, Sylvia who is always ready to lend a hand. When he isn't rehearsing for SMASH, Music In Motion or a role in a murder mystery; you're most likely to find him somewhere in Walt Disney World.

### **Alan Rosichan -Thing**

Alan hails from Ohio and has been a Villager since 2010. He started performing comedy routines with the Starlight Players and his performances as the Honeymooner's Ralph Kramden, along with his portrayal of Lou Costello in a few of Abbott and Costello's most famous skits are audience favorites. Alan's interest in technology has landed him a spot as the lead technician for the VTC. That same interest brought him to SMASH productions where he made his debut as the Puppeteer for Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors*. He is thrilled to be back working for Smash Productions again.

### **HC Burich-Titanic Girl (Ancestor/Descendant)**

HC 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 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*, *The Producers*, *Man of La Mancha* and then joined Smash Productions as a Nun in *The Sound of Music*. She also sings with The Village Voices and Pops Choruses and The Madrigals and Guys.

### **Patti Card- Indian and Grim Reaper (Ancestor/ Descendant)**

Patti performed in several musical productions in Heidelberg, Germany while living overseas in the 1980's 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*, *Spamalot*, 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*, *The Sound of Music* and *Little Shop of Horrors*. Patti currently sings in The Villages POPS Chorus and dances with the Orlando Magic Classic 407 and Music in Motion. Truly living the good life!

### **Jo Gagne- Courtesan (Ancestor/ Descendant)**

Jo has performed in numerous musicals and dance performances in The Villages, including *West Side Story*, *Grease*, *Mamma Mia*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Spamalot*. *The Addams Family* is her first show with Smash productions and she has thoroughly enjoyed it.

### **Penny Kintz –Stewardess (Ancestor/ Descendant)**

This is Penny's third musical with Smash Productions, having appeared as a Nun in *The Sound of Music* and a street urchin in *Little Shop of Horrors*. Since retiring to The Villages from Iowa 13 years ago, she has performed in Off Broadway productions, sings in Joyful Sound, 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 "Oklahoma" 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.

### **John Kintz – Soldier (Ancestor/ Descendant)**

This is John's first appearance in a reproduction of a Broadway Play in The Villages since moving here 14 years ago. He did play various leads in a number of plays years ago including; J. Pierpont Finch In *How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*, Daddy Warbucks in *Annie* and the Clown in *The Clown Who Ran Away*. Quite a change from his career which was a Licensed Professional Structural Engineer!

### **Janet Maloney-Saloon Girl (Ancestor/ Descendant)**

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 Center 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*, *Harvey* and *Man of La Mancha*. Janet has been in multiple SMASH Productions since the first USO Show in 2016. She was the lead, Alice Kramden, in *The Honeymooners* and played the Housekeeper in *Sound of Music*.

### **Virgil Reyes-Conquistador (Ancestor/ Descendant)**

Virgil is a retired pharmaceutical engineer. Virgil spent 27 years performing in musicals and choreographed dances in dinner theater in Central Texas, with The Round Rock Community Choir, and three years with the Austin Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance group. Since moving to The Villages in 2016, Virgil was in the production of *Trouble at the Tropicabana* (Ricky). Virgil was recently in VMT *Spamalot* (Mayor, Sir Bors), KC & Pro-Am's *Man of the Mancha* (Pedro), *West Side Story* (Bernardo), *Grease* (Kenickie) and in *Mamma Mia*. Virgil is also a dancer with Evolution Dance. This is his first show with Smash Productions. He sends love to his wife Charlene, daughter Chelsea, son-in-law Mark & special kisses for Annie and Rhodie

### **Greg Senholzi- Caveman (Ancestor/ Descendant)**

Greg was raised in a musical family and first appeared on TV at age three with his father on the Perry Como Show. He studied acting at the Lee Strasberg School of Acting with Madam Piscatur. He has had roles in the following productions: *PT 109* at the Teddy Roosevelt Mansion, Motel in *Fiddler*, Mordred in *Camelot*, Will Parker in *Oklahoma* and Mr. Bumble in *Oliver*. Greg is a former acting teacher who has also directed and produced shows in New York for over ten years. He is a member of the Villages Pops Chorus. He appeared as the Leather Apron in *1776*, in the chorus in *Carousel*, and as Roger in *Grease* with KC Productions. This is his first show with Smash Productions.

### **Emily Veri – Bride (Ancestor/ Descendant)**

Emily is an 18-year-old Senior at the Villages 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 such as *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Curtains* and *Little Women*. She appeared as Liesl in SMASH Productions *The Sound of Music* and plans to pursue musical theatre as a career.

### **Bridget Wendt – Flapper and The Moon (Ancestor/ Descendant )**

Bridget is the elementary art teacher at the Villages Lady Lake. Bridget was seen last in the Villages production of *Spamalot* and *The Producers*, and Synergy and Thriller Dance Groups as well as dancing with the Orlando Magic Classic 407 dance team. Prior to moving to The Villages. Bridget was very active in musical theater, dramas and many performing dance teams. She is honored to be a part of the cast of *The Addams Family* and hopes to be in many more Smash Production Shows..