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# Bedtime Stories

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**Director** – Rick Anderson

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**Stage Manager** – Nick Parisi

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## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



**Lisa Jaye (Yolanda)** is overjoyed to be on stage ‘playing’ with TGS. Most recently appearing in Valley Rep's *Calendar Girls* as Ruth. Favorite roles include Emma/*Over the River*, Lily Belle/*The Curious Savage*, Vera/*Odd Couple FV*, M'Lynn/*Steel Magnolias*, Mama Peterson/*Bye Bye Birdie*. Lisa enjoys film work, especially the annual 48 Hour Film Project New Haven.



**Dana Culligan (Laura)** is delighted to join this terrific cast of characters. A veteran of many TGS musicals, her favorite past roles include Anna in *The King and I*, and Georgia Hendricks in *Curtains*. Dana also loved life as a villager, wolf, enchanted statue and dancing napkin in last year's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. It's all about making the magic happen, with good friends! Mark, thanks for being so supportive of my love of theatre...and for basically not being an “Eddie.”



**Philip Godeck (Eddie)** is making his second appearance with TGS, favorite past roles include Vinnie Bavasi in *Proposals*, Silvio in *Pot Wars*, and Max in *Laughter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor*. Phil stays active in local theatre, commercials and independent feature film projects throughout CT. He would like to dedicate this performance with love to his three lovely daughters, Heather, Emily and Laura.



**Bill Mullen (Eddie)** is very happy to be joining TGS for the first time. Bill has performed in theater film in NYC and CT since the Nixon administration. His most recent productions include *Beauty and the Beast* (West Hartford Community Theater), *August Osage County* and *The Underpants* (The Windsor Jesters). Bill has lived in Simsbury for the past 18+ years and has worked with Simsbury Summer Theater as an adviser and has no explanation as to why this is his first show with Theater Guild.



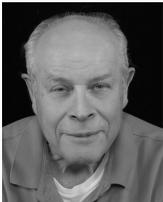
**Mary Munsell (Susan)** had such a good time with TGS's *Beauty and the Beast* that she's back again for another production! In previous years, she has been working with Read Door Theater on *Flapper* and *Christmas Unwrapped*. She was also in the ensemble for SLOCO's *Gilbert and Sullivan's ala Carte*. Thanks family; here I go again!



**Allen Nott (Charlie)** Over 25 years in local community theater, filling many roles both off-stage and on. From Renfield to William Gillette and countless characters in between including two very different Einsteins (*Arsenic and Old Lace* and *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*). Allen is excited to be able to finally work with the amazing folks here in Simsbury and to be directed by Rick after sharing the stage with him many, many times. Just thrilled to be working with so many talented folks on such a fun piece.



**Caitlin Rodriguez (Melody Ballantyne)** has been acting in productions since she was five, and is thrilled to be a new member of TGS. Her favorite roles include being in the ensemble in *Alice in Wonderland the Musical* and Miss Yorke in *The Rose Tattoo*. Having recently moved to Connecticut Caitlin is excited to have found a new home with TGS.



**John Schenkman (Jerry)** has been a member of TGS since 2005 both participating in its programs and serving on its Board. Roles include Franz in *Sound of Music*, Pop in *Pajama Game*, Pops and Padua Priest in *Kiss Me Kate*, Man in audience of *Our Town*, Bundles McClosky in *Annie*, and Norval in *Dearly Departed*. He is very pleased to work with TGS.



**Charles Schoenfeld (Tommy Quick)** has never trashed a hotel room before. He's appeared as an actor, playwright, director, and fight choreographer with 16 different theatre groups around Connecticut. Favorite roles include Sherlock Holmes (*Strange Case of Alice Faulkner*), George Bailey (*It's a Wonderful Life*), William Gillette (*The Game's Afoot*), Lord Goring (*An Ideal Husband*), and Mr Darcy (*Pride & Prejudice*).



**Andrew Sharp (Derek, Nick)** appeared in the 2016 production of *The Dining Room (TGS)*, and Merriman in *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Windsor Jesters). Andrew has enjoyed working with the amazing cast and crew of *Bedtime Stories* and thanks Directors Rick and Melissa for helping him develop two very different characters. Andrew especially thanks his wonderful wife Mary for her encouragement and support!



**Karen Sidel (Sandy)** has been involved with community theatre for more than 20 years—acting, directing, and stage managing. Fav roles include Jessica Cranshaw in *Curtains*, Madame Arcati in *Blythe Spirit*, Eleanor in *The Lion in Winter*, Myrtle Webb in *Our Town*, and Raynelle Turpin in *Dearly Departed*. Thanks and love to Barry for putting up with my need to do this.



**Christopher Torizzo (Davey, Steve)** is excited to return to the stage in his second TGS show. Chris made his TGS debut last year in *The Dining Room*. Favorite past roles include *Billy Crocker* in *Anything Goes* and *Ebenezer Scrooge* in *A Christmas Carol*. He is having a blast and proud to be part of this talented group!



**Ginny Wolf (Betsy)** has appeared in TGS's productions of *The Foreigner*, *Our Town*, *Almost Maine*, and *The Dining Room*. Otherwise, you'll find her onstage wherever someone will cast her! Ginny hosts a weekly radio show on arts and entertainment ([www.wliswmrd.net](http://www.wliswmrd.net)), and is founder of Herstory Theater ([www.herstorytheater.com](http://www.herstorytheater.com)). Thanks to Director Rick, and huge love and thanks to Steven, for putting up with all this diva behavior!

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

When I first read this play, I found it to be laugh out loud funny. It is filled with moments that make you take notice. Why? Because our own life experiences help us identify with moments of great poignancy and humor in the story. However, there is a challenge to this play. Nearly every character undergoes at least one transition, as the stories move from comic moments to sensitive awakenings. Plays such as *Bedtime Stories* challenge the actors and directors to create an evolution within each character. I am so pleased to have cast veteran actors who seem to do this effortlessly, as well as strong newcomers who have truly found their voice through the process. Our assistant director, Melissa Veale, has been instrumental in keeping the interpretation between male and female roles balanced so they don't become stereotypical. We had so much fun bringing the written word to life, and we are excited to share this unique production with you!

~ Rick Anderson

## ABOUT THE GUILD

*Spanning over 45 years with over 70 productions, involving more than 1,000 people and audience attendance close to 100,000! This just begins to tell the story of the Theatre Guild of Simsbury (TGS)...*

Community theater forges connections between people, creating a new kind of "family." Regardless of how we spend our working lives, actors, musicians, dancers and more gather to pursue our common interest in creating live theater. And that common passion creates strong bonds among people whose paths might never have crossed.

Each year TGS produces a Broadway-style musical and a play, and enriches the community with these and other performances such as staged readings and Simsbury Celebrates shows. Our entire organization is successful due to the endless hours donated by volunteers.

Looking ahead to the future, we remain committed to bringing top-quality theater productions to our community. This continues to be our mission. Anyone who has the inclination to try theater should join us! We have a membership program with activities so that we can get to know each other better. Grow with us and make new friends along the way. We welcome anyone who wants to give theater a try, either onstage, back stage or behind the scenes!

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# CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

## Act 1

Eddie ..... Bill Mullen  
Betsy..... Ginny Wolf  
Lou..... Phil Godeck  
Derek ..... Andrew Sharp  
Susan..... Mary Munsell  
Nick ..... Andrew Sharp  
Davey..... Chris Torizzo

## Act 2

Tommy ..... Charles Schoenfeld  
Melody .....Caitlin Rodriguez  
Sandy ..... Karen Sidel  
Charlie..... Allen Nott  
Steve .....Chris Torizzo  
Jerry ..... John Schenkman  
Laura..... Dana Culligan  
Yolanda.....Lisa Coleman-Hasty

*There will be one 15 minute intermission between acts.*

*Refreshments are available in the lobby.*

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## DIRECTORS & PRODUCTION



**Rick Anderson (Director)** - after his recent portrayal of “Maurice” in TGS’s *Beauty and the Beast*, Rick steps up from numerous Assistant Directorships to go full throttle in chasing down breadth in *Bedtime Stories*. He has appeared onstage in more than 60 community theatre shows over 30+ years, and played background roles in over a dozen more. A strong believer in high quality community theatre. Rick is a stickler for true character development, challenging veteran actors and newcomers alike. As always, love to Les.



**Melissa Veale (Assistant Director)** is thrilled to be taking on a new role with TGS - Assistant Director! She is a member of the TGS Board and most recently performed as a “Silly Girl” in *Beauty and the Beast*. Melissa is an attorney at Marshall & Veale, LLC and lives in Simsbury with her husband, Andrew, and dog Phoebe. She and Andrew can’t wait for the arrival of their first child - a girl - this June!



**Darlene Davis (Costumer)** has been costuming TGS productions & many other theatres for 20 years. She has served on the board for 23 years and acted with TGS and other theatres as well. Her main time is spent running her own estate sale/organizing and antique business. Love to all my fellow TGS thespians and my husband for all his encouragement and support.



**Dian Pomeranz (Set Dressing/Props)** enjoys working behind the scenes to help create the magic that happens on stage. She has chaired the Props and Set Dressing Committees for a variety of productions, designed sets and promotional materials for TGS studio and musical productions and worked as assistant director for TGS’s *The Foreigner*, *Our Town* and *Dearly Departed*. Dian also has enjoyed being on stage as a member of the musical ensemble casts from *The Wizard of Oz* to *9 to 5*



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March 3 - 12  
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April 28 - May 7  
April 28 - May 7  
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May 19 - 27

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