



We dedicate our 2015 season to the memory of our friend, **Greg Giuliani**



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Stage Director  
MICHAEL BLANDINO

Asst. Stage Director  
SHAUN ISRAEL

Stage Manager  
MELISSA KANE

Blithe Spirit is presented by special arrangement with  
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OCTOBER 23-25 & 30-31, 2015  
Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. & Sunday at 2 p.m.

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## PRODUCTION STAFF

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Production Manager ..... LEO RYAN  
Stage Director ..... MICHAEL BLANDINO  
Asst. Stage Director.....SHAUN ISRAEL  
Stage Manager ..... MELISSA KANE  
Set Designer .....ACDT\*  
Scenic Artist.....MARY BONER  
Light Designer ... BRIAN J. GARRISON & MONICA DIMAURO  
Sound Designer & Accent Coach.....PHILLIP BLANDINO  
Properties ..... BETH BLANDINO, MELISSA KANE and  
RACHAEL SMITH  
Booth Technician ..... GRIFFIN MOONEY  
Set Decorator(s) ..... BETH BLANDINO & MELISSA KANE  
Costumes.....BETH BLANDINO  
Running Crew .....MELISSA KANE, BETH BLANDINO, JOE  
DUGAN, ALLAN KANE, IAN KANE, JENN ISRAEL,  
TED MOSELEY and CAST  
Photography & Poster Design.....KRISTINA GANNOTTA  
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MARY BONER, ALLAN KANE, MELISSA KANE, and  
MONICA DIMAURO

\*ARTISTIC, CONSTRUCTION and DESIGN TEAM - Michael Blandino, Leo & Leo Ryan, Monica DiMauro, Beth Blandino, Melissa Kane, Grace Blandino, Phillip Blandino, Karly Lynn Jeffers & Mary Boner

*There will be one 15-minute Intermission.*

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## CAST

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(In Order of Appearance)

Ruth Condomine ..... MAURA JARVE  
Edith..... LAURA FARLEY  
Charles Condomine..... D.M. FARLEY  
Dr. Bradman..... HANK CHANDLESS  
Mrs. Bradman ..... PATTY DAVIS  
Madame Arcati.....HEIDI DUGAN  
Elvira..... GINNY MILES

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## MEET THE CAST AND CREW

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(In Alphabetical Order)

**MICHAEL BLANDINO** (Director) of Upper Deerfield is directing his 8th show with CP. Previous credits include directing *Noises Off*, *Godspell*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Alone Together*, *Les Miserables*, *Rumors and Spamalot* and performing in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (Dale Harding), *Once Upon a Mattress* (King Sextimus) and *To Kill A Mockingbird* (Atticus Finch) - just to name a few. The most fun he's had on the CP stage is portraying the Big Bad Wolf in CP's Childrens Theater production of *Goldilocks and the Three Pigs*. He currently serves as Past President on CP's Executive Board. Michael would like to thank his wife Beth and his three children - Phillip, Grace and Aaron for all their love & support. Finally, he'd like to thank CP's Executive Board for giving him the opportunity to direct such an amazing cast. "Love you all!"

**HANK CHANDLESS** (Doctor Bradman) Hank's first show with Cumberland Players was *Close Ties* almost 30 years ago. Over the years, Hank has acted and directed numerous plays for Cumberland Players. You may have seen him as George in *Alone Together* or Rev. Chausible in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Hank's most recent work on stage was Ben in the powerful drama *The Normal Heart*. When not on stage, he enjoys watching his teenage daughter Anna's dance recitals as well as her plays and musicals. Hank hopes to someday share the stage with Anna.

**PATTY DAVIS** (Mrs. Bradman) of Millville works as a Social worker at Bayside State Prison. Patty currently serves as the Secretary of the Off Broad Street Players Board of Directors. Most recently Patty has

been seen in CP's *Company* (Ensemble), *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Maudie Atkinson), and *Rumors* (Cookie Cusack). Other credits include with OBSP *Fiddler on the Roof* (Golde), *The Sound of Music* (Mother Abbess), and countless others. Patty would like to thank Michael Blandino for this opportunity, and to my husband Jimmy and kids Kristin and Alyssa, for supporting me and tolerating all the time away from home this requires.

**HEIDI DUGAN** (Madame Arcati) of Millville is excited to return to the CP stage. Previous credits include directing *A Streetcar Named Desire* and assistant directing *Spamalot* (CP) and *Damn Yankees* (OBSP). Her favorite on-stage roles include Truvy (*Steel Magnolias*) as well as her various ensemble roles in *Les Miserables*, both for CP and Aunt Em (*The Wizard of Oz*) for OBSP. Additionally, Heidi teaches K-8 technology, college English courses, and serves as Vice President of Production at CP and cares for her long-suffering, handsome husband Joe, their two amazing and talented children, and exchange daughter, as well as stage managing their busy lives. Her "free-time" is spent training their new puppy, knitting, playing board games, consuming media, hosting parties and planning vacations.

**D. MICHAEL FARLEY** (Charles Condomine) of Clementon NJ has been involved with Cumberland Players for 11 years since he moved to NJ from Niagara Falls, NY. Some of his favorite CP roles include Lancelot in *Spamalot*, Algernon in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, William Barfee in

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*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and Scapin in *Scapin*. When not on stage, D.M enjoys losing himself in both Rock n' Roll and Classical Musics as well as Netflix Marathons and taking his dog, Kevin, to the dog park. D.M. would like to thank the very hard working and talented cast and crew of "Blithe Spirit" for making this such a fun experience, and his wife Laura for her boundless love and support.

**LAURA FARLEY** (Edith) lives in Clementon, NJ with her husband and dog. She is a nurse by profession. When she's not onstage her hobbies include reading, singing, and listening to music. Laura has made the rounds onstage in South Jersey, most recently as Kathy in *Company* at CP. Some of her favorite past roles have been Corie in *Barefoot in the Park*, Erma in *Anything Goes*, Agnes Gooch in *Mame*, assistant director for *Scapin*, co-director for Kids at CP's *The Fabulous Fable Factory* and writer/director for a portion of *An Evening of Edgar Alan Poe*. Laura has immensely enjoyed the nuances of building the character of Edith and being able to join her husband (playing Charles) onstage once again. She would like to thank the creative team, cast, and crew for taking part in putting on this exceptionally unique comedy.

**SHAUN ISRAEL** (Assistant Director) lives in Vineland with his family. Shaun first joined CP with their production of *Les Miserables*. Since then he has appeared in/worked on *Scapin*, Neil Simon's *Rumors*, *Spamalot*, *Suessical Jr.*, & *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Shaun is now the Social Media & Workshop chair for CP. Shaun would like to thank his family & friends for supporting him. Thanks for keeping me awesome.

Special thank you to Michael Blandino & Cumberland Players for giving me the chance to grow. #LMC?

**MAURA JARVE** (Ruth Condomine) Do you need a web page or other marketing materials? Maura is a graphic and web designer focused on providing marketing and design for growing businesses. Check out her work at majabra.com. Maura also enjoys making posters and other artwork for area theaters. You may remember her from CP's production of *A Streetcar Named Desire* (Stella) and this summer's musical, *Company* as the ditzzy airline stewardess, April. She is grateful to have played many amazing roles including Maggie the Cat, in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, Betty in *White Christmas*, and Grace Farrell in *Annie*, with OBSP at the Levoy Theater. Maura is thrilled to be able to work again with Mike, Shaun and Melissa. "Thank you, Chris for always supporting me throughout the process of building each show!"

**MELISSA KANE** (Stage Manager) is currently living in Dorothy, NJ with her husband Allan and two sons, Ian and Cody. She has been involved with Cumberland Players for the past few years, most recently in *Company*. She has also appeared in the CP Children's Theater productions *Big Bad*, *Holka Polka*, and *Goldilocks and the Three Pigs*. Additionally, she has worked behind-the-scenes on *Spamalot*, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *A Streetcar named Desire*. Melissa also participated in independent films and on the main stage at Wheaton Arts Annual Fantasy Faire. She is very happy to be working with such a talented and fun group of people.

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**\*\*\*VIRGINIA (GINNY) MILES** (Elvira) This is Ginny's first show with Cumberland Players. She has always loved the stage, and has participated in performance-based art from a young age. Ginny attended the Woodstown School District for grade school, and developed her love for theater through the Drama Club there. She is finishing up her Bachelor's degree at Wilmington University and plans to attend graduate school at Rowan University in 2016. Ginny would like to thank her family, friends, and especially her fiance John, for their love and support. She is so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a fantastic show with such incredible people, and looks forward to continuing to take part in keeping community theater alive in South Jersey.

**LEO RYAN** (Production Manager) Leo would like to thank the Cumberland Players Executive Board for entrusting him with the production of Blithe Spirit. "It is not only an honor to work with such a dedicated cast and production team but also to be a part of Cumberland Players who for 69 years has been a "true" community theater, continuously providing excellent shows." Leo would also like to thank Brian Garrison for teaching him how to be a good production manager and his granddaughter, Amanda Merrigan who introduced him to the world of theater.

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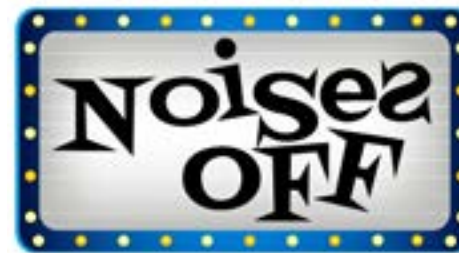
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