



Grand Traverse Yacht Club
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TEN NOVEMBER

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Cast

Coast Guard One / Man Daniel Crow
Young Man / Stenographer Copeland Diver
Cooper / Lange Brian W. Dungjen
Sailor / Murphy Steve McQuown
Hilsen / Porter / Coast Guard Three Jerry Morse
Garcia / Speaker / Coast Guard Two Jim Povolo
Zabinski / Alien Theorist Matthew Rutledge
Coast Guard Four Fred Szczepanski
Barrow / Unseen Voice Isaac Thelander



Daniel Crow



Copeland Diver



**Brian W.
Dungjen**



Steve McQuown



Jerry Morse



Jim Povolo



**Matthew
Rutledge**



**Fred
Szczepanski**



Isaac Thelander

“We are holding our own.”

Vocalists & Band



Sarah Bielman



Molly Flowers



Lauren Scese

**Sarah Bauerle
Keys**

**Steve Clark
Guitar**

**Karine Pierson
Violin/Fiddle**

**Nick Veine
Mandolin**

**Mike Markely
Bass**

Cast Biographies

Sarah Bielman she/her (Vocalist) Occupation: Business & Operations Manager at Trattoria Stella. Previously at OTP: *Mamma Mia!* (Tanya), *Annie* (Miss Hannigan), *Les Misérables* (Fantine)
Sarah has a BFA in drama from Tisch School of the Arts at NYU. She has been involved with Old Town Playhouse for over 25 years and is thrilled to be part of this unique, collaborative production. She resides in Traverse City with her husband Karl and two incredible kids, Ainsley (19) and Augustus (17).

Daniel Crow (Larson/Coast Guard One / Man) Occupation: Supervisor at 4Front Credit Union. Previously at OTP: *The Prince of Egypt* (Ensemble), *The Addams Family* (Uncle Fester), *Waitress* (Ogie), *The Wedding Singer* (Ensemble)
Daniel has been in several musicals with the Playhouse, but this is his first play with a serious tone since he performed in *Our Town* (2016). "A special shoutout to my wife Grace, for always being the best cheer-leader I could hope for. Enjoy the show!!"

Copeland Diver (Young Man/Stenographer) Occupation: Student.
OTP Debut!
Copeland is a local TC actor that started his career downstate at the age of 6. He has several commercials, short films, voiceovers, and independent films in his resume. He graduated high school from the Interlochen Academy of the Arts and is currently pursuing his BFA at NMU. He is relatively new to theater and just loves any chance to perform!

Brian W. Dungjen (Cooper/Lange) Previously at OTP: *No Exit* (Lighting Design), *Godspell* (Judas/Director), *Chicago* (Ensemble), *A Christmas Carol* (Marley/Director)
Brian has been involved with OTP since 1983 and has a degree in Theater Performance from Western Michigan University. He is a Founding member of Traverse City's Riverside Shakespeare and is happy to share that Riverside performances will be back this coming summer (2026). "My commitment to the OTP over the years has seen me act, direct, stage manage, learn, and run various tech elements, work backstage crew, and a few things I won't mention. I've met my wife and numerous friends through the OTP and consider these people family."

Molly Flowers (Vocalist) Occupation: Fundraising and Admissions.
OTP Debut!
After a 20-year hiatus, Molly is back on stage, lured by theater's irresistible charm! She debuted at the age of four in *Hansel and Gretel*, then belted out tunes in *The Sound of Music* in community theater (twice) and mamboed as a Jet in *West Side Story* at the Yale Drama with many roles in between and after. Post-Yale, she chased the starving-artist dream in New York and L.A., pursuing character and cartoon voiceovers, before landing her toughest and most rewarding role—Mom—in Detroit. Amid carpools, football practices, music lessons and her daughter Anabelle's theatrical spark, Molly's passion rekindled. She's grateful to perform again, and thanks her husband Brett, son Burke, coworkers, friends, her mom for the theater bug, Karine for artistic nudges, and daughter Anabelle – her muse and her why. AMDG

Cast Biographies

Steve McQuawn *he/him* (Sailor/Murphy) Occupation: Digital Strategist, Arts & Entertainment. OTP Debut!

Steve is a Leland-based digital strategist dedicated to helping arts and entertainment organizations connect and flourish online. A south-suburban Chicago native, he studied musical theatre and business at Northwestern University. After years exploring new creative paths, professional opportunities, and life's evolving responsibilities, he's delighted to return to the joy of performing.

Jerry Morse *he/him* (Hilsen/ Porter/Coast Guard Three) Occupation: Non-profit worker for Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency. OTP Debut!

Jerry is returning to the stage for the first time in 15 years. He would like to dedicate his performance to his large extended family, John Sr., Ruthann, Alicia, Mackenna, and Taylor.

Jim Povolito (Garcia / Speaker/Coast Guard Two) Occupation: Gardner. OTP Debut!

With a mother hailing from Duluth and a father whose roots extend to the Isola di Giglio in the Tyrrhenian Sea, if Jim is your sailor, beware thee! As a young sailor and member of the Leland Yacht Club, Jim learned and then quickly forgot how to tie knots. No matter how sturdy, he could capsize almost any vessel, even the 'unsinkable' Optimists. More of a sinker than a sailor, when he was a babe, he was known for walking into Lake Michigan, particularly at Good Harbor, and sinking to the bottom as bubbles peacefully escaped his lungs. Inevitably, an adult would rescue him, all so he could live for this day...

Matthew Rutledge (Zabinski/Alien Theorist) *he/him* Occupation: Middle School Science Teacher. OTP Debut!

Matthew Rutledge is a science teacher, writer, and actor who draws inspiration from family, nature, and time spent on the water. He brings curiosity and heart to the table and is excited to see what is next. He loves a good dad joke – like this one: 'Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything.'

Fred Szczepanski (Webster/Coast Guard Four) Occupation: Retired Musician. Previously at OTP: *The Sound of Music* (Captain Von Trapp), *Oklahoma* (Will Parker), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (King Herod), *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Jonathan Brewster)

"I am so pleased to be part of Old Town Playhouse once again and a current member of the Artistic Committee after a 20-year hiatus." Having directed and participated in many productions with various theater companies throughout the years, Fred is honored to be part of this very important production which honors the 29 souls lost.

Lauren Scese (Vocalist) Occupation: Nursing Student/Medical Business Associates. OTP Debut!

Lauren has always had a passion for singing and performing – from small stages to choir and theatre in high school. Now a nursing student, she's excited to step back into the spotlight and be part of this production! Lauren's voice lessons are sponsored by Northern Michigan Music Scholarships.

Isaac Thelander (Barrow/Unseen Voice) Occupation: Distribution Engineer. Previously at OTP: *The Prince of Egypt* (Seti)

Isaac met his beautiful wife Claire at his first ever theater production and is always excited to experience the theater with her, from both on and offstage.

Creative Team Biographies

Michelle Perez Dungjen (Director) serves as News Director/Anchor for Midwestern Broadcasting. She is an active member of Old Town Playhouse, and currently serves on Artistic Committee. "This season marks my 30th season with the Old Town Playhouse. I have been married to Brian Dungjen (who I met at the Old Town Playhouse) for 20 years. We have two children Sam, 19 and Gray, 17. I am forever grateful to the amazing OTP community whom I consider family."

Karine Pearson (Vocal Director/Music Director) is the owner and Educational Director of MiMusic Studio and the Northern Michigan Music Scholarships program. A Michigan native, she is a music educator, multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, and recording artist with a lifelong dedication to music. Karine began studying violin as a toddler with her Suzuki teacher, Shu, and immersed herself in music programs throughout her youth. At thirteen, she toured Europe with the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp International Choir and later attended Interlochen Arts Camp on scholarship. After earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, she taught in Detroit before pursuing a full-time career in music, performing and leading bands nationwide. In 2023, she opened MiMusic Studio and TC Violin Co., which now provides lessons and instruments for hundreds of students as well as a state-wide scholarship program. Her greatest passion is helping others discover their own motivation and joy in learning music.

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