

# Christmas WITH Anton



The Glendale Lyceum  
Dramatic Club  
presents..

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November 30  
December 1 & 3, 2000

Written By:  
Joseph D'Amato

Directed by:  
Betty Kooris

Produced By:  
Anne Didrichsen

## The Scene

### ACT I

Scene 1: Florida villa, present day

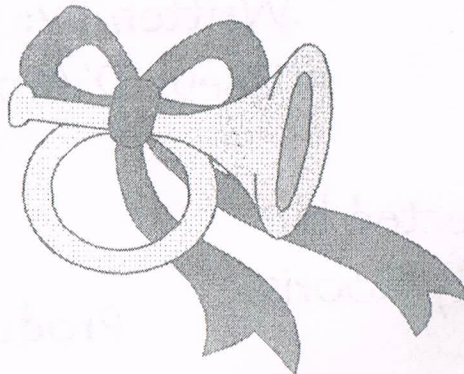
Scene 2: Same day, two hours later

Intermission (15 minutes)

### ACT II

Scene 1: Two days later

Scene 2: Same day, one hour later



## The Cast of Characters

**Frank DeRosa** ..... **Joe D'Amato**  
*Recently retired, late 50's, grouchy, neat, modestly dressed, worked as a carpenter in New York for Macy's. A collector of baseball trading cards and baseball caps.*

**Mary DeRosa**..... **Betty Kooris**  
*Frank's wife, energetic, attractive, early-mid 50's, very neat, well dressed and also worked at Macy's.*

**Billy Green**..... **Tyler Nagel**  
*About eleven*

**Mrs. Reese**..... **Linda D'Amato**  
*Volunteer worker for the church*

**Father Kelly**..... **Bob Bidwell**  
*Pastor of the church and director of the day care center*

**Mrs. Green**..... **Nancy Green**  
*Billy's Mom*

**Amy**..... Wed & Fri..... **Farley Sawyer**  
*About ten or eleven*                      Thurs & Sun..... **Emily Viall**

**Hannah**..... Wed & Fri..... **Hannah Hall**  
*About the same age as Amy*                      Thurs & Sun..... **Ashley D'Arcy**

**Wes**..... **Craig Simonson**  
*Golfing friend of Frank's*

**Doc**..... **Ralph Winterhalter**  
*Golfing friend of Frank's*

**(Voice of) Uncle Tony**..... **Rick Spaulding**

**Tree Delivery Man**..... **Tom Campbell**

**Mystery Guest**..... **Winnie Campbell**



## Behind The Scenes

Stage Manager.....Glenna Knapp, Lisa Spaulding  
House Manager, Friday.....Donna Wesselman  
House Manager, Sunday.....Jackie & Sherm Knapp  
  
Set Design.....Bob Kooris  
Set Construction.....Bob Kooris, Betty Kooris, Carty Hall,  
Carty Hall, Sherm Knapp, Stephanie Besl  
Sound / Lighting..... Ken Bockenstette, Steve Goldman,  
Brenton Green, Glenna Knapp  
Sound Effects.....Jude Hayden, Ralph Winterhalter  
Props.....Patty D'Arcy, Anne Viall, Sally Hall,  
Stephanie Sawyer, Nancy Nagel, Farley Sawyer,  
Emily Viall, Ashley D'Arcy, Hannah Hall  
Make-up.....Kathy Pfirrmann  
  
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## Who's Who

### **Joe D'Amato** (*Playwright & Frank DeRosa*)

Joe's first appearance on the stage was as Samuel Jonas (a New Yorker) in the Lyceum's production of *The Second Time Around*. We all remember the dazzling red jacket he wore while portraying Schlegal, the circus owner in *Carnival*.

"He now returns to the role he knows best", says his wife Linda of 25 years, "a grouchy New Yorker."

"It's easy to prepare for a role like this when you're the writer", Joe says. "If you can't remember the line, you change it to something you can remember!"

"I guess the biggest thrill for me as a first time playwright, is hearing my written words come to life. *Christmas with Anton* has been very satisfying for me. I hope it is for you."

### **Betty Kooris** (*Director & Mary DeRosa*)

Betty has extensive stage experience beginning in grade school and continuing through high school where she had the lead in *Our Town*. In college she performed in *Medea*, *Marat/Sade*, *The Glass Menagerie*, *Caesar and Cleopatra* and *Lysistrata*.

Lyceum credits include musical skits from *Annie*, *Cats* and *My Fair Lady*, plus full productions: *The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wilde*, *Leonard*, *Blythe Spirit* and most recently, *Cocktails with Mimi*.

Betty co-directed *Here's Love* and produced *South Pacific*. She is delighted that the playwright trusted her to direct his "first-born" and that he was not too uptight about minor changes.

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### **Tyler Nagel** (*Billy Green*)

At age 12, this is Tyler's first time performing theater on the Lyceum stage. He spent his 4th through 6th grade years with the Cincinnati Boychoir, touring Europe with the group this past summer. The summer of 1999 he was in the Cincinnati Opera's production of *La Boheme*.

Currently, Tyler is on the wrestling team and plays alto sax in the Princeton Junior High Jazz Ensemble where he is now in the 7th grade. Tyler also enjoys playing baseball and tennis.

### **Nancy Green** (*Mrs. Green*)

Nancy has performed in numerous productions in high school, college and community theater. These include roles in *Night of January 16*, *I Remember Mama*, *After the Fall*, *Oklahoma*, *A Christmas Carol* and *the Mikado*. She has also directed several children's productions at church, Glendale Elementary School and the Glendale Lyceum. Her Lyceum productions include *Cocktails with Mimi* and *Carnival*.

Her role as "Mrs. Green" is a natural as Tyler Nagel, "Billy", is one of her son's best friends. "Tyler has been calling me Mrs. Green for years! He could be my adopted son. It is an honor to be in this original production!"

### **Linda D'Amato** (*Mrs. Reese*)

The part of Mrs. Reese in *Christmas with Anton* is Linda's first performance on The Glendale Lyceum Stage, or any other stage for that matter! She would much rather be creating in the Lyceum kitchen but confesses that this debut has been quite an experience.



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### **Bob Bidwell** (*Father Kelly*)

Bob has appeared in a number of Lyceum presentations, stunt nights, musicals and dramas during his 26 years as a member. Included were roles in *Dames at Sea*, *Parsifal*, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, *South Pacific*, *Scrooge* and *Cocktails with Mimi*. Among his solo performances were "P for Pool" from *Music Man* and "If I were a Rich Man" from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Bob is a past President of the Glendale Lyceum Dramatic Club, and a former Director of the Lyceum. He currently teaches at Xavier University.

### **Farley Sawyer** (*Amy*)

Farley was in a Thanksgiving play in school. Farley is enjoying the *Christmas with Anton* play and is looking forward to more roles in the Lyceum Drama group.

### **Emily Viall** (*Amy*)

Emily loves to act on stage and just with friends. Her mother was an actress and she seems to have received what her mother had. She loves to have all the attention being the youngest in the family. Singing and drawing are two of her favorite things plus acting, dancing and writing. This is her second Lyceum performance.

### **Winnie Campbell** (*Mystery Guest*)

This is Winnie's theatrical debut and she is excited to be given the opportunity to do her business on the Lyceum stage.

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### **Ashley D'Arcy** (*Hannah*)

This is Ashley's first theatrical performance. She is enjoying playing Hannah in *Christmas with Anton* and can't wait to try out for the next Lyceum production.

### **Hannah Hall** (*Hannah*)

This is Hannah's second performance for the Lyceum. Last year she was in *Carnival* as a Siamese twin. She has been in the Christmas play for her school since Kindergarten; last year she had the role of the mother. Until about the third grade, Hannah participated in the church choir. Hannah can't wait for another Lyceum play that involves kids!

### **Craig Simonson** (*Wes*)

Craig returns to the stage after a 34-year hiatus. Craig starred as the Scarecrow in the Cadiz High School production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Cadiz is the hometown of Clark Gable who shared little with Mr. Simonson.

### **Ralph Winterhalter** (*Doc*)

I had so much fun last year in the Lyceum production of *The Love Course* as a rookie. I was happy to get involved again. It is a lot of fun with the entire cast, thanks to Betty and Joe!

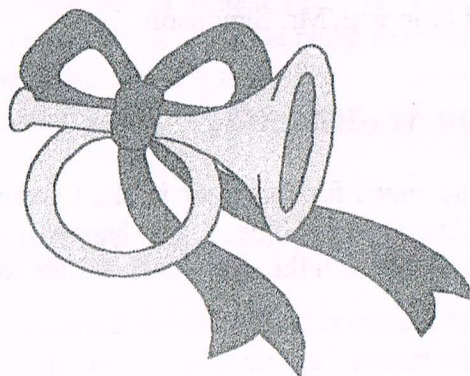
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### **Anne Didrichsen** (*Producer*)

While Anne's most recent stint as producer was several years ago for Stagecrafters "I Ought to be in Pictures", most of her production experience was annual Kindergarten Khorus concerts in her 25 years as Kindergarten teacher.

As an actress, most of her many years of work have been on stage, having essayed such roles as Dolly in *The Matchmaker*, Big Mama in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, Lucille in *The Cemetery Club* and Charlotte in *Critics Choice* (for which she received an Excellence in Acting award).

Several decades ago she played leads in Lyceum musicals *The Sound of Music*, *Dames at Sea* and *Damn Yankees*.



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