

Cast Biographies

ing, and played the doll in Yuma HS production of "A Curious Savage" in 2005. She thanks her parents and sister for giving up many hours to rehearsals.

Carissa Planalp (Violet Peterson): Carissa is a reporter at KSWT News 13 and is happy to be a part of YCT for her first acting experience. Carissa is originally from Phoenix, and she's incredibly grateful to use her creative spirit and meet new people.

Patrick Quinn (Clarence): Pat says, "Thanks for coming, enjoy the show!"

Bob Rammelt (director): Bob has directed or been a member of many, many plays and musicals. He is the drama teacher at Gila Ridge HS and also the drama club advisor. Bob moved from Wisconsin to Yuma four years ago with his wife, Lisa, dog and

two cats. The entire family loves the Yuma winters.

Lisa Rammelt (producer): Lisa does sales and marketing for Chicago Title. She has been involved in community theatre in Wisconsin and Yuma for 18 years.

Ed Robinson (Ernie the postman): This is Ed's third play with YCT, most recently seen in this spring's "Run for your Wife". During the day, Ed is a P.E. teacher at Ron Watson MS. He says "acting is easier."

Larry Stone (George Bailey): Larry is a graduate of the American Academy of the Dramatic Arts and currently works at The Sun as an ad designer. He thanks the Sun for its support and thanks all of you for coming to see the show.

Next up for Yuma Community Theater

Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical, "South Pacific", January 9—25, 2009
The adult comedy "Don't Dress for Dinner", March 20—April 5, 2009

Tickets are available four weeks before each show at www.YumaCommunityTheater.org or in-person or via phone at the Yuma Art Center, 373-5202 or Yuma Civic Center, 373-5040.

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blues. He's happy to be aboard.

Michael Finch (Bert the cop, co-producer: Michael is a civilian employee at MCAS Yuma. He wishes to thank all his family and friends for their continued support and love.

Gary Gleason (Uncle Billy): Gary is a starving teacher at Ron Watson MS, appearing here in his first speaking stage performance. He was featured in the film by Michael Figari over the summer. Gary enjoys traveling in his free time and is very single.

Ralph Gray (Mr. Welch): Ralph works for Desert Hills Golf Course. He's been in a number of plays and musicals including Pirates of Penzance, Paint Your Wagon, Man of LaMancha, Hello Dolly, Oklahoma!, Nunsense, Sound of Music, The Good Doctor, Oliver!, Here's Love and Footloose. Ralph likes to work on old cars, sing and play instruments.

John Herrera (Mr. Gower): John is a long-time member of YCT and has been in many musicals and comedies. He's married to Lynn and has four grown children. John is hoping you enjoy the show and the other shows this season.

Rob Hughes (Mr. Potter's Goon): Rob has been involved in theater, film, television and radio productions for over ten years. He is an anchor/reporter/producer for KSWT Channel 13. He also broadcasts high school football games on 95.1 KTTT. Rob played guitar and bass and sang for two punk bands. He thanks everyone who has supported and believed in him.

Joanne Kidd (costume coordinator) Joanne's first project with YCT was

running a spotlight and assisting the Director on "The Good Doctor". She became the costumer for "Oliver!", and was one of the costumers for AWC's production of "The Hobbit". Joanne is on the YCT Board of Directors as its Treasurer. She sends many thanks to her very supportive husband and she loves being involved in making a play come to life for the audience.

Isabella Killough (Zuzu): Isabella enjoys singing, dancing and playing with her friends. She is also interested in modeling. This is Isabella's first play and looks forward to performing in more.

Melissa Lewis (Mary Hatch Bailey): Melissa is glad to be getting back to theater. She did drama in HS, but had to give it up in college. Melissa is an English teacher at Gila Ridge HS and when not teaching or acting, can be found reading or shopping with friends.

Julia Lopez (townsperson): Julia is an art major at Arizona Western College. She is involved in several clubs and work at the AWC counseling department. Her only theater experience is designing and decorating sets.

Mari Navarro (Ma Bailey): This is Mari's debut performance. She is a ravenous reader and big movie and trivia buff. Mari is the proud mother of a new Army soldier, and is thankful that her dog hasn't torn up her house while she was at rehearsals.

Katiana Oviedo (Janie Bailey): Katiana was born in San Antonio, Texas, and is in the 3rd grade at Otondo Elementary. She enjoys singing at church, is a member of the Yuma Youth Choir, does cheerlead-

Cathy Abarno (Aunt Tilly): Cathy is an RN at Cactus Pediatrics and a theatre student at AWC. She is a brand-new grandma! "Wonderful Life" is Cathy's 25th production and her 7th for YCT. If you notice her cane, she is recovering from a knee replacement. She dedicates this show to the three men in her life; children Aaron and Adam and little Hayden.

Julia Bailey (Assistant Director): Julia teaches first grade at Gwyneth Ham Elementary. This is her first show with YCT but has been doing theatre for nine years. She is very glad for the wonderful opportunity and first experience with YCT.

Marty Beckers (Sam Wainwright, Mr. Martini): Marty owns a software development company with his wife, Wendy, and they both work from home. After losing a combined 231 pounds, the couple recently filmed a Jenny Craig commercial with Valerie Bertinelli that will be airing in the coming months. Marty is thrilled to be a part of this energetic production and is having the time of his life.

Wendy Beckers (Miss Andrews, Miss Carter): Wendy owns and operates the healthy, online "Little Weedle Bakery". She and her husband, Marty, decided to try out for the play on a whim. Wendy has never acted or sung before and is thrilled to play two roles in "Wonderful Life". When she's not rehearsing, Wendy enjoys helping out at her parent's restaurant, Desert Dugs Pizza, in Wellton, and hiking to the top of Telegraph Pass.

Nacomi Brindley (Paper Boy and Tommy Bailey): Nacomi is in the 5th grade at Otondo Elementary. He's been in three class plays. He loves to have fun, especially running. He thanks everyone involved in this play, helping him become more confident.

Patrick Brindley (Mr. Potter's Goon and stage crew): Patrick works for EC III at Yuma Proving Ground.

Virginia Brindley (Mrs. Martini and Secretary): Virginia is a Psychology major at NAU and is president of the psychology club. God has blessed her with two children, a loving husband and many dear friends. She thanks her husband, Patrick, and sweet daughter, Donaji, for patience during rehearsals.

Lorie Buster (Townsperson): Lorie is the home school mother of five children, with two HS graduates. She works part-time at YRMC as a R.N. She enjoyed helping with costumes and props for "Wonderful Life", and has done some script writing. Lorie thanks her husband, Bill, for allowing her and Samuel to be at rehearsals so many nights, and to God for this wonderful privilege.

Samuel Buster (Young George and Pete Bailey): Samuel was born in Yuma and loves the heat here. He is 11 years old. This is his first play. He is thankful that his mom is home-schooling him. He enjoys playing with friends, taking his dog, Bruce, on walks, and reading. Sam loves to talk.

Art Castricone (Mr. Potter): Art is a long time resident and member of the city fire department. He's relatively new to the Yuma stage with his debut this summer as the bad guy in "Don't Tell Mother".

Ty Cook (Harry Bailey): After viciously beating a thief with flowers and ripping off his trousers in front of hundreds of people in the one other play he's performed in, it was a no-brainer for Ty to embrace this opportunity to strut around in his dress

It's a Wonderful Life

Act One

Christmas Eve, 1945, Bedford Falls

15 Minute Intermission

Act Two

Immediately following.

Please remain in your seats until the cast has exited the theater. Greet the cast in the lobby following the performance.

Director Bob Rammelt

Assistant Director Julia Bailey

Lights and Sound Danny McCullough and Amy Violette

Costume Coordinator Joanne Kidd

Set Construction Coord. Ralph Gray

Producers Lisa Rammelt and Michael Finch

Properties Coordinator Cathy Abarno

Program and Poster Design Lisa Rammelt

Sets, Props, Costumes

Julia Bailey, Sam Bailey, Becky Beckers, Marty Beckers, Wendy Beckers, Donaji Brindley, Patrick Brindley, Nacomi Brindly, Virginia Brindley, Ty Cook, Mike Finch, Mary Ellen Finch, Gary Gleason, John Herrera, Jesus Larios, Bob Rammelt, Lisa Rammelt, Annie Snyder

Program

The Production Staff

Cast Biographies (in alphabetical order)

<p style="text-align: center;">Yuma Community Theater</p> <p>President Ralph Gray</p> <p>Vice President Bob Rammelt</p> <p>Secretary Cathy Abarno</p> <p>Treasurer Joanne Kidd</p> <p>Board Members</p> <p>Bob Lukas Fred Brown</p> <p> Patti Perry</p> <p>John Paul Plante One board position available</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Board of Directors</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Membership and Sponsorship</p> <p>Membership shall be open to anyone who is willing to subscribe to the objectives and abide by the rules of this organization. Except for honorary lifetime members, dues are required to be paid in order to be a member in good standing. All persons participating in a YCT production must be a current member. Annual membership dues are \$10 and the membership form can be found at www.YumaCommunityTheater.org</p> <p>Yearly sponsorships are now being offered for contributions to Yuma Community Theater. Workshops are being planned for directors, producers, performers and stagehands. We have begun to outgrow our rehearsal facility and are planning to acquire a rehearsal location which will be able to accommodate our expanding props, sets, and costumes. Ultimately we would like to have a performing arts center to be able to offer more performances.</p> <p>All contributions are tax-deductible (YCT is a 501(c)3 non-profit) and will help us offer more services to our community. There are several levels available: STAGEHAND: \$25; CHORUS: \$50; DIVA: \$100 (this includes an opportunity to visit us during dress rehearsals); ORCHESTRA: \$250 (this includes dress rehearsals, and two tickets for a performance of your choice); DIRECTOR: \$500 (this includes cast party and two season tickets); EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: \$1000 (this includes cast party and four season tickets)</p> <p>Corporate sponsorships are also available and will include an advertisement in our programs.</p> <p>Contact us at www.YumaCommunityTheater.org for more information.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Cast (in order of appearance)</p> <p>George Bailey Larry Stone</p> <p>Clarence Odbody Patrick Quinn</p> <p>Mr. Gower John Herrera</p> <p>Young George Samuel James Buster</p> <p>Harry Bailey Ty Cook</p> <p>Mother Bailey Mari Navarro</p> <p>Violet Peterson Carissa Planalp</p> <p>Bert Michael Finch</p> <p>Ernie Ed Robinson</p> <p>Uncle Billy Gary Gleason</p> <p>Aunt Tilly Cathy Abarno</p> <p>Mary Hatch (Bailey) Melissa Lewis</p> <p>Henry F. Potter Art Castricone</p> <p>Mr. Potter's Goon Rob Hughes</p> <p>Mr. Potter's Secretary Virginia Brindley</p> <p>Mrs. Hatch Patti Perry</p> <p>Sam Wainwright Marty Beckers</p> <p>Miss Andrews Wendy Beckers</p> <p>Mrs. Thompson Patti Perry</p> <p>Mr. Martini Marty Beckers</p> <p>Mrs. Martini Virginia Brindley</p> <p>Miss Carter Wendy Beckers</p> <p>Newspaper Boy Nacom Brindley</p> <p>Pete Bailey Samuel Buster</p> <p>Tommy Bailey Nacom Brindley</p> <p>Zuzu Bailey Isabella Killough</p> <p>Mr. Welch Ralph Gray</p> <p>Janie Bailey Katiana Oviedo</p> <p>Townspesople Lorie Buster, Julia Lopez</p>