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Conceived by Alan Bailey



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# Sanders Family Christmas

Written by  
Connie Ray

Conceived by  
Alan Bailey

Musical Arrangements by  
John Foley and Gary Fagin

Stage & Musical Direction by David Hemsley Caldwell\*

Scenic Design by Edith Dinger

Costume Design by Ruth Boyd

Light Design by Rob Johnson

Sound Design by David Romich

## CAST

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Pastor Mervin Oglethorpe ..... David Hemsley Caldwell\*\*  
June Sanders ..... Kate Sanders  
Burl Sanders ..... Tom Weaver  
Vera Sanders ..... Jennifer Bell\*\*  
Stanley Sanders ..... Don Bryant Bailey\*\*  
Denise Sanders ..... Mandy Bruno  
Dennis Sanders ..... Tom LoSchiavo

## SETTING

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December 24, 1941

(14 days after the Bombing of Pearl Harbor)

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

Mount Pleasant, North Carolina

*There will be one fifteen minute intermission.*

\***ssdc** The Director is a member of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, an independent national labor union.

\*\*The Actor appears through the courtesy of Actor's Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

# PRODUCTION STAFF

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Artistic Director .....	Dennis Romer
Producer .....	John Stefano
Audience Services Director .....	Elizabeth Saltzgiver
Stage Manager .....	Tyler Andrew TerMeer
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Elliot France
Technical Director .....	Gregory Bell
Assistant Technical Director .....	Rich Uhrick
Costume Shop Supervisor .....	Marci Hain
Master Carpenter .....	Matthew Christian
Master Electrician .....	Charlene Doering
Charge Artist .....	Edith Dinger
Props Master .....	Nichole McClintock
Props Run Crew .....	Jennifer Borrer
Wardrobe Master .....	Emilie Pershing
Light Board Operator .....	Chris Andrus
Sound Board Operator .....	Marybeth Cave
Assistant to the Company Manager .....	Tyler Andrew TerMeer
Front of House Manager .....	Tiffany Rollins
Box Office Assistants .....	Adam Humphrey, Dan Kuntz, Jason Marion, ..... Kate Sanders, Jessica Sedlock, Adam Workman

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN is a play about a family struggling to come together during the great depression of the 1930's. Four years later, SANDERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS deals with a family having to let go and learn to live apart. It is now December 24, 1941 and the world is at war. The Sanders Family Singers are singing together for one last time before big changes happen to them all. It is the memory of this very night that will get them all through tougher times. When we look back at the happier simpler times, we often feel the loss of what once was. We should not only mourn what is no longer, but also be thankful that there was such a joyful place in our memories and hearts. SANDERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS thanks all of our family and friends for the holidays, the birthdays, the graduations, the engagements...all the beautiful memories that comfort us all.

The family's all together singing round the Christmas tree  
It's Christmas in the mountains  
That's where I want to be

*Bluegrass Christmas Carol*

-David Caldwell

# SPECIAL THANKS

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Gary Allwein  
Don Bailey  
Karl Kuntz  
Kevin Lowry

Otterbein College Department of Music

## BIOGRAPHIES

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**David Hemsley Caldwell** (Director/ Mervin Oglethorpe) served as Artistic Director for the Gretna Timbers Theatre from 1996 through 2000. David appeared on "You Wrote it, You Watch It" for MTV and works as an actor, director, and playwright across the country. He most recently directed *Violet* in St Louis and appeared with the cast of CBS Television's "The Guiding Light" as Sy Vendler in *The Vendlers* Television Playhouse. He also directed *Honk!* For CFRT in North Carolina, and the Los Angeles premiere of *Sanders Family Christmas*. His original plays *Weddin' Royale*, *Tune in Tonight*, *The Swinging Detective*, and *Jukebox Saturday Night* have been produced regionally, in Los Angeles and New York. He has worked regionally at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, La Mirada Performing Arts Center, Meadowbrook Theatre, Riverside Theatre, Muhlenberg Summer Music Festival, Totem Pole Playhouse, Allenberry Playhouse, Pennsylvania Stage Company, Florida Studio Theatre, The Spanish Galleon/Myrtle Beach, the Hula Hut in Waikiki and at the Manhattan Theatre Club, New Dramatists and the Avalon Theatre in NYC. Past productions include: *Radio Gals*, *Forever Plaid*, *Bash & Moonshine*, *No Sex Please, We're British*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Guys & Dolls*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *The Marriage of Bette and Boo*, *The Rivals*, *The Pump Boys & Dinettes*. While at Otterbein (1982-1986) David appeared in *The Man who came to Dinner*, *Irene*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Equus*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Imaginary Invalid*, *West Side Story*, *Arsenic & Old Lace*, *Baby*, *Terra Nova*, *The Good Doctor*, *Murder on the Nile*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *My Fair Lady*, *Ah Wilderness*, *Jacques Brel*, *Plenty*, *The Foreigner*, and *Whodunnit*. David received his MFA from Brandeis University and worked as a Literary Agent and Casting Associate for television, film and theatre.

**Ruth Boyd** (Costume Designer) has costumed extensively in professional, community, collegiate and children's theatre. A frequent guest costume designer at Otterbein College Theatre, she most recently costumed our production of *Smoke on the Mountain*. Ruth is resident costume designer at Phoenix Theatre Circle in Columbus and recently completed *Stranger Came Ashore*. She has costumed for Ohio University at Lancaster, Red Herring Theatre Company, and Actor's Summer Theatre. She has degrees from Marshall University and The Ohio State University, and has studied theater at Kent State University.

**Edith Dinger** (Scenic Charge Artist/ Set Designer) graduated from Otterbein College in 2002 with a BFA in Design/ Technology. Most recently, she directed *Visit to a Small Planet* at Edison Local High School. Past design work at Otterbein includes *The Mikado* and *Smoke on the Mountain*. She looks forward to working on her design for the final show of OST 2003, *Art*. Many thanks go out to her family, friends, and Andy for love & support.



**Rob Johnson** (Lighting Designer) has designed sets and lights for the last 15 years at Otterbein College and continues to work freelance professionally. Recently he designed the sets and lights for Otterbein's production of *The Laramie Project* and the lighting for our first show of the summer, *Blithe Spirit*. Rob lit last summer's hit, *Smoke on the Mountain*, and is also working with director David Caldwell on designing the set for our upcoming fall show, *The Butter and Egg Man*. One of Rob's professional designs will be revived this coming December when Contemporary American Theatre Company (CATCO) will resurrect the hit show, *A Tuna Christmas*, to be produced at the Capitol Theatre in the Vern Riffe building in Columbus. Rob is also the author of an interactive CD-ROM on theatrical lighting technology which is published worldwide through First Light Video in California and he continues to work on freelance projects in the area of computer graphics. Feel free to visit him at his website: <http://www.otterbein.edu/home/fac/RBRWJHNS/>

**David Romich** (Sound Designer) joins the OST Company for the first time this season. Originally from Upper Sandusky, OH, David is now a Junior Theatre Design/Tech Major at Otterbein. His production experience includes positions in lighting, sound, and scenic painting. Romich has worked in sound for the past six years, designing and reinforcing shows and events via his own business. David thanks the brothers of Sigma Delta Phi, his family, friends and above all, God.

**Don Bryant Bailey** (Stanley Sanders) is very pleased and excited to be performing at Otterbein Summer Theatre. Don is from Columbus, Ohio and attended high school here before leaving the area. He has been in over 35 productions of *Smoke on the Mountain*, half of them with fellow actor and the show's director, David Hemsley Caldwell. They started working together on the national tour of *Smoke on the Mountain* produced by Arkansas Repertory Theatre many years ago. They continue to work together doing *Smoke on the Mountain* and the sequel, *Sanders Family Christmas*. Don has worked at many theatres across the nation, some of his favorites include Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Arkansas Repertory Theatre, Montana Repertory Theatre, Allenberry Playhouse, Totem Pole Playhouse, Willows Theatre, The Barter Theatre, Florida Studio Theatre, Theatre Winter Haven, and the Victoria Theatre.

**Jennifer Bell** (Vera Sanders) *Sanders Family Christmas* is Jennifer Bell's first onstage appearance at Otterbein and her debut as a gospel singer. Professional appearances B.M. (Before Motherhood) include roles in *Baby*, *A Little Night Music*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Camelot* in Florida and *Princess Ida* and *The Mikado* with the Pittsburgh Savoyards. Jennifer has also performed in the operas *Susannah*, *Orfeo* and *The Impresario*, and as part of John Moriarty's Opera Theatre program in Boston, she sang roles in *A Month in the Country*, *L'Egisto*, *The Ballad of Baby Doe*, *Angélique*, and her favorite, *The Rake's Progress*. She has also appeared as an oratorio soloist with the Bach Festival Choir of Winter Park, Florida, the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh, the Florida Symphony Orchestra and the Harvard-Radcliffe Graduate Choral. Jennifer indulges an interest in Renaissance and Baroque music by playing viola da gamba, recorder and Baroque flute, and her newly-formed ensemble, *Quadrivium*, performed at the recent Boston Early Music Festival. Locally, she sings with the Magpie Consort, and serves as Music Director at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Dublin.

**Christopher R. Andrus** (Technical Apprentice) is a Sophomore at Ohio Wesleyan University and is joining the Otterbein Summer Theatre Company for his first summer. Previous OWU credits include Master Electrician for *Zombies from the Beyond*, Sound Engineer for *Full Circle*, as well as Assistant Stage Manager for *The Tempest*, *Orchestis 2002*, and *Short Shorts*. He would like to thank the staff and students of Otterbein for the opportunity to work in such a welcoming and educational atmosphere.



**Jennifer Borrer** (Props Run Crew) is a Sophomore Design/Technology major from Columbus. She is looking forward to the fun and exciting 2003-2004 Season. She would like to thank family, friends, roomies and, Hey Joe!

**Mandy Bruno** (Denise Sanders) is a Senior BFA Musical Theatre Major from Portland, OR. Her Otterbein credits include Ruth in *Blithe Spirit*, Martha in *The Secret Garden*, and Helena Landless in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. She was recently seen as Faith in CATCO's production of *Kindertransport* and will be appearing as Anne in the CCT Musical premiere of *Anne of Green Gables*. Mandy wishes to thank David for his inspiring direction and his "belief in me" through this process, Tommy for his instrumental guidance and patience, and the entire cast and crew for endless laughs. Special thanks to Mom, Dad, Bud, Meg, and Denny for their amazing and never-ending love and support, and to God for His countless blessings.

**Marybeth Cave** (Technical Apprentice) is a Sophomore BFA Design/Tech Major from North Olmstead, OH. This is her first year with Otterbein Summer Theatre. After a wonderful first year at Otterbein she looks forward to the 2003-2004 Season.

**Matt Christian** (Master Carpenter) is a Junior BFA Design/Tech Major from Hilliard, OH. Previous Otterbein credits include Sound Engineer for *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, Master Electrician as well as Video Engineer for *The Laramie Project*, and Master Carpenter for *Scapino!* He would like to thank his family for the constant support, Melissa, and his lovely brothers of Pi Beta Sigma.

**Charli Doering** (Master Electrician) is a Junior BFA Design/Tech Major from Sharon Township, OH. Previous Otterbein Credits include Wardrobe Master for *Kiss Me Kate*, Sound Engineer for *A Guy, A Girl, & Gershwin*, and Master Electrician for *Scapino!* This is Charli's second season with the Otterbein Summer Theatre Company. She would like to thank Linda, Tyler, Doug, and her parents for all of the constant love and support.

**Elliot France** (Assistant Stage Manager) is a Junior Design/ Tech Major from Hilliard, Ohio. Recently, he has served as Stage Manager for such Otterbein Productions as *Blithe Spirit*, *Scapino!*, and *Fuddy Meers*. He also served as the Technical Coordinator/ Stage Manger for Columbus Dance Theatre's production of *Peter and the Wolf*. Elliot would like to thank his parents and also the brothers of Pi Beta Sigma.

**Tom LoSchiavo** (Dennis Sanders) is a Junior BFA Acting Major. This is Tom's second season with summer theatre and you might recognize him as Dennis Sanders from *Smoke on the Mountain*. He would like to thank David, Don and the whole cast for a great time in rehearsal. He would also like to thank his family and the Lord for their love and support.

**Nichole McClintock** (Props Master) is a Sophomore BFA Design/Tech Major from Westerville, OH. Previous Otterbein credits include Props for *Blithe Spirit*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* as well as Assistant Stage Manager for *Kiss Me Kate*. She would like to thank her boyfriend Matt, her family, and Jen for all of their help and support.

**Emilee Pershing** (Wardrobe Master) is a Junior at Ohio Wesleyan University from Canton, OH. Previous OWU Credits include Lighting Design for *Full Circle*, Wardrobe Master for *The Tempest*, and Master Electrician for *Indulgences in a Louisville Harem*. This is Emilee's first summer with the Otterbein Summer Theatre Company. She would like to thank her brother John and sister Amanda for their constant support.

**Kate Sanders** (June Sanders) is a Senior BFA Musical Theatre Major with a Concentration in Dance from Dallas, TX. Her previous Otterbein credits include *Charlotte's Web* (Wilbur), *Oklahoma* (Ensemble), *Galleria de Danse* (Ensemble), *Witness for the Prosecution* (Greta), *Smoke on the Mountain* (June), *Fuddy Meers* (Heidi), and *A Guy, a Girl, and Gershwin* (Ensemble). Kate also played June in *Sanders Family Christmas* at the Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan, IL. She looks forward to playing Trudy in *Betty's Summer Vacation*, directed by Ed Vaughan, next fall. Kate would like to thank her fabulous parents, the superb Senior Class, and David Caldwell, for being so pretty.

**Tyler A. TerMeer** (Stage Manager) is a Junior BFA Design/Tech Major from Dublin, OH. His most memorable Otterbein credits have been as House Manager for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Secret Garden*, Assistant Stage Manager for *The Mikado* and *A Guy, a Girl, and Gershwin*, and Stage Manager for *Smoke on the Mountain* and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* in which he received a certificate of Merit from ACTF for Outstanding Stage Management of a Musical. Tyler is excited to be working as Stage Manager for his first sequel, *A Sanders Family Christmas*. He would like to thank Elizabeth for this amazing opportunity to learn, Homey # 1 for always being there, and as always, thank his dearest friends and family for the constant love and support, especially his dearest and truest friend ... "I love you, Mom!"

**Richard A. Uhrick** (Scenic Studio Supervisor) has just been hired as the Scenic Studio Supervisor for the Department of Theatre and Dance at Otterbein. He has a Master's of Fine Arts from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He now lives in Columbus with his wife, Lisa. They work with Ohio Pug Rescue to provide for abandoned or surrendered Pugs (dogs).

**Tom Weaver** (Burl Sanders) is a recent Musical Theatre graduate here at Otterbein from Camp Hill, PA. He was last seen in *The Laramie Project*. Favorite Otterbein Credits include *Ctrl+Alt+Delete*, *Sylvia*, and *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*. Tom is extremely happy to be working with David and Don again after playing Burl Sanders in last Summer's *Smoke on the Mountain*. After the summer, Tom will be going to work for the Great Lakes Theatre Festival. Tom would like to thank his family and Erin for their love and support.

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