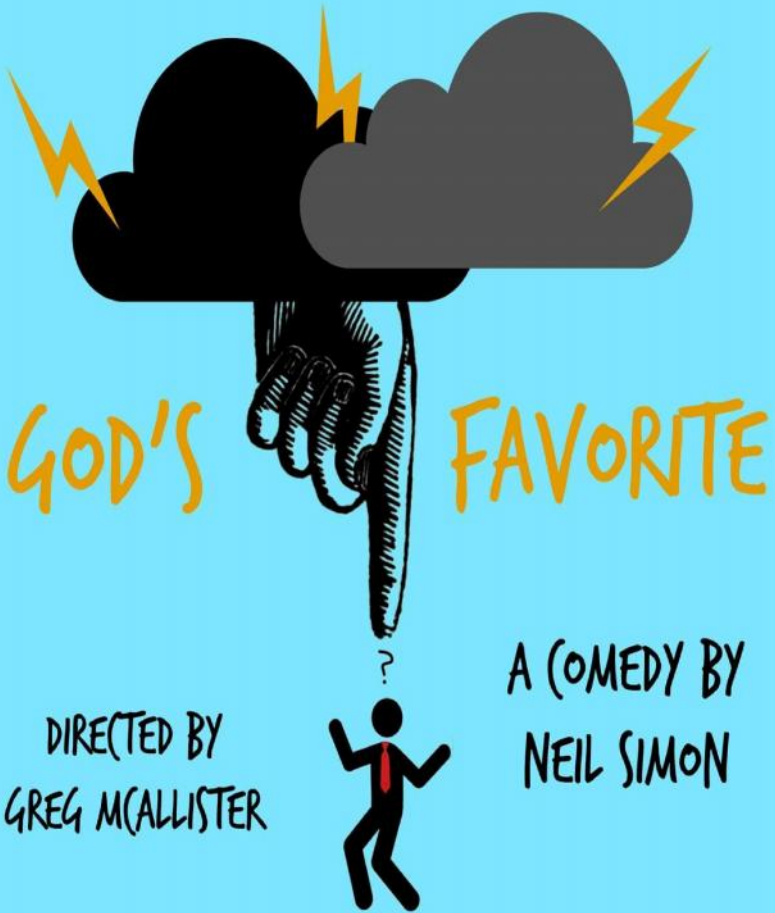


LOTA PRESENTS

2016 SEASON



GOD'S

FAVORITE

DIRECTED BY
GREG MCALLISTER

A COMEDY BY
NEIL SIMON

Presented by special arrangement with
Samuel French Inc.

March 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, April 1, 2

Director's Message



Welcome to God's Favorite! This show has become a favorite of mine during the past 8 weeks. The cast has worked really hard to bring the characters to life. This has been a extremely fun show to be a part of and I hope you enjoy it as much as I have.

-Greg McAllister, Director

CLOTA President's Message

CLOTA is proud to present the Neil Simon comedy *God's Favorite*, one of the funniest plays, about a man (Joe Benjamin) whos dedication to God is tested to the limit. The play is based, rather loosely, on the biblical story of Job, a rich man who lost everything except his devotion to God. Director Greg McAllister has assembled a very unique and diverse cast for this production, our first of the 2016 season. We hope you laugh a lot, cry a little, and enjoy the show.

-Larry Lier, CLOTA President

CAST LIST

Joe Benjamin	Rodney Connors
Sidney Lipton	Gabriel Guitierrez
Rose Benjamin	Brianne Hardwick
David Benjamin	Ben Bockhahn
Sarah Benjamin	Kathleen Nicole
Brenda Benjamin	Lena Pokol
Morris	Chris Keeling
Mady	Amber Stull

Technical Crew

Director	Greg McAllister
Assistant director	Angie Pritchard
Assistant director	Cat Kusznr
Set director	Larry Lier
Lights and sound	Richard Jackson
Make up	Angie Pritchard
	Kyme Coursey
Hair	Angie Pritchard
	Cast Members
Seamstress	Kathleen LaBrie
Stage Manager	Angie Pritchard
	Cat Kusznr
Stage crew	Larry Lier
	Leonas Firme
	Audrey Hardwick
	Cast members
Set Construction	Larry Lier
	Richard Jackson
	Brianne Hardwick
	Ben Bockhahn
	Angie Pritchard
	Gabriel Gutierrez
Set Painting	Larry Lier
	Richard Jackson
	Brianne Hardwick
	Ben Bockhahn
	Angie Pritchard
	Gabriel Gutierrez
	Joseph Hunter
	Corri Moss-Hunter
	Gabe Fairchild
Flyers	Daniel Stallings

CAST BIOGRAPHIES



Rodney Connors has performed in *Lion in Winter* and *Measure for Measure* as well as the musicals *Rent*, *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Sweeney Todd*. First and foremost he is a father who is thankful for the support of his children. “They are my inspiration and motivation. It is my belief that whatever your motivation, inspiration, and beliefs. There is always room for family, love, laughter, and hope. Enjoy the show!”



Gabriel Gutierrez is in his fourth CLOTA production since his start with *As Bees in Honey Drown*. Gabriel has made many wonderful friends since becoming an actor for CLOTA and is thankful for the amazing, fun-filled memories and experiences he has received from simply breaking out of his shell and actually taking a chance at stepping into the spotlight. Gabriel hopes that everyone has as great a time watching the show as he has had playing in it!



Brianne Hardwick- After a short break Brianne is thrilled to return to the CLOTA stage. She has very much enjoyed working on this production as she is playing only one role for the first time in her CLOTA history! She has appeared in *RENT*, *As Bees in Honey Drown*, and *Goodbye Hollywood*. Brianne would like to thank her children and friends, old and new, for bringing her back.



Ben Bockhahn has been in many CLOTA shows including *Guys and Dolls*, *Arms and the Man*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and *I Do I Do*. He has served in both acting and technical roles including stage management and props master.



Kathleen Nicole first appeared in community theater in the Cerro Coso's production of *The Laramie Project* and *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*. She was brought into CLOTA by Robin Moen to star in *Cahoots*. After that, Kathleen has starred in *Arsenic and Old Lace* (as Elaine), *A Streetcar Named Desire* (as Stella), *Private Lives*, *Guys And Dolls*, *Arms and the Man*, and others. She has returned from a two year hiatus creating a new CLOTA member, and is happy to be back in theater again.



Lena Pokol has graced the CLOTA stage with her powerful presence many times, including most recently as Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, Lila Schroeder in *Goodbye Hollywood: At the Rainbow's End*, Chelsea in *On Golden Pond*, *RENT*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest*. She's done several readers theaters and can often be found assisting with tech work behind the scenes! She hopes you enjoy the show.



Chris Keeling makes his return to the CLOTA stage as Morris. His stage work has included Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, and CLOTA's productions of *A Christmas Carol*, *Arcadia*, and a reading of *Jimmy Shine*. He is currently attending Los Angeles Film School and getting a degree in Digital Filmmaking.



Amber Stull performed in a variety of comedic shows before graduating high school. She got her feet wet working behind the scenes as a prop and scenery manager for *Of Mice and Men* and made her debut back to the stage as Sybil Chase in CLOTA's *Private Lives*. Amber went on to play Louka, in *Arms and the Man*, Magenta from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and Miss Prism in *The Importance Of Being Earnest* just to name a few.

Upcoming CLOTA Events

OPEN CALL
AUDITION

April 3rd, 3:00pm
& April 4th, 6:00pm
@ CLOTA

for

Rumpelstiltskin Is My Name

A fairy tale adaptation
by R. Eugene Jackson
from the Brothers Grimm
• Directed by Angie Pritchard



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2005 Angie Pritchard	2010 Krysten Coursey
2006 Matthew Trickey	2012 Mary Valentine
2007 Joshua Haefele	2014 Brianne Hardwick
2008 Thomas Cozine	2015 Rodney Connors

JANE BUGAY AWARD RECIPIENTS

1972 Vivian X. Childers	1994 Reno Venturi
1973 Eduardo Romero	1995 Ann Roseman
1974 Vernon Green	1996 Bill Farris
1975 Carol Porter	1997 Clyde & Bonnie Irvine
1976 Larry Sawyer	1998 Deanna Ripley-Lotee
1977 Florence Green	1999 Rod Ditzler
1978 Eleanor Lotee	2000 Rick Haydu
1979 Paul Riley	2001 Bill Blanc
1980 Elizabeth Babcock	2002 Greg Cote
1981 Ted Lotee	2003 Mary Kubin
1982 Walt Koerschner	2004 Richard C. Jackson
1983 Nancy Guy	2005 Dorothy Saitz
1984 Elena Vitale	2006 Janis Jamison-Nichols
1985 Sherry Parker	2007 Kim Harris
1986 Russel Parker	2008 Annie Blanc
1987 Alex E. Bellen	2009 Louise McIntosh
1988 Tricia Siegel	2010 Barbara Auld
1989 Ken & Kathy Armstrong	2011 Sarah Jones
1990 Karen Buehler	2012 Cindy Cote
1991 Jay Chun	2013 Chas McIntosh
1992 Suzanne Koerschner	2014 George "Andy" Anderson
1993 Judy Ditzler	2015 Patricia "Trish" Modlinski

KEN ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

1991 Michael Roberts	2003 Kim Davidson
1992 Kara Aldrich	2004 David R. Belt
1993 Joyce Quon	2005 Carrie Jo Gowin
1994 Lara Desmond	2006 Brian Wiley
1995 Chyrll Huffine	2007 Katelyn Smith
1996 Shirley Johns	2008 Adam Haase
1997 Suzanne Rodgers	2009 Kellee Alvarez
1998 William Lopez	2010 Danielle Pappé
1999 Naomi Peterson	2011 Michael Norris
2000 Sarah Dunn	2012 Ala Tiatia
2001 Jill Olson	2013 Zachary Winegardner
2002 Norelle Shlanta	2014 Patrick Nazeck

FLORENCE GREEN PRODUCTION AWARD

1994 Kathy Armstrong	2005 Greg Cote & Vincent Homer
1995 Judy Ditzler & Reno Venturi	2006 Kim Harris & Louse McIntosh
1996 Rod Ditzler & Ann Roseman	2007 Barbara Robert & Robin Moen
1997 Paul Riley & Sherry Parker	2008 Carrie Trickey & Stacey D. Shoaf
1998 Steven Green & Gilbert Breitenstein	2009 Trish Modlinkski & Greg McAllister
1999 Liz Babcock & Dorothy Saitz	2010 Anne Shreckengost & Pearl Woolam
2000 Michael Roberts & Janis Jamison-Nichols	2011 Margaret Cornelius & Ben Bockhahn
2001 Annie Blanc	2012 Curt Danhauser & Jenna Countess
2002 Rich Jackson & Dan Peterson	2013 Christine & Teague Williams
2003 Larry Lier & Bill Gormley	2014 Angie Pritchard & Jusin Olson
2004 Bill Blanc & Vivian X. Childers	2015 Kathleen Labrie & Corri Moss-Hunter

CAROL VENTURI VOLUNTEER AWARD

1997 Reno Venturi	2006 Margaret Cornelius
1998 Louse McIntosh	2007 Carrie Trickey
1999 Judy Ditzler	2008 Dorothy Saitz
2000 Chas McIntosh	2009 Richard Jackson
2001 Ted & Eleanor Lotee	2010 Curt Danhauser
2002 Rod Ditzler	2011 Larry Lier
2003 Barbara Roberts	2012 Tricia Siegel
2004 Ann Roseman	2013 Chay Wilson
2005 Liz Babcock	2014 Kyme Coursey
	2015 Lena Pokol

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