



**Michael Disher** (Director) is best known on Long Island for his 40 plus years of teaching and directing at LIU Southampton College and Avram Theater, East Hampton High School, Gateway Playhouse, Southampton Cultural Center and, now, at Southampton Arts Center.. As Avram Theater's director, he helmed no less than 40 productions and produced and staged events that included readings of plays written by John Guare, Chris Durang, Edwin Meyer and Roger Rosenblatt with Dianne Wiest, Mercedes Ruehl, Jane Pauley, Kathleen Turner, Roy Scheider, Matt McGrath and Elaine Stritch, evenings with Alec Baldwin, Alan Alda and Mel Brooks and Anne Bancroft and six years of teaching professional acting classes with Alec Baldwin. Mr. Disher has directed, designed and/or choreographed over 200 productions nationwide. Mr. Disher has taught, directed and coached thousands of students and actors. The stage and classrooms remain his favorite places to live. Thank you to Christina Strassfield, Southampton Arts Center and this remarkably talented cast he is fortunate to also call his friends.



**Daniel Becker MD** (Father/Nick/Harvey/Host) is still an active practicing physician working around the United States for hospitals in need. He has gratefully appeared in numerous comedies, musicals and dramas in numerous theatres on the East End. He has worked with numerous directors but has been mostly encouraged by Michael Disher who continues to challenge him and inspire him. He is so proud to work with the most talented cast he has known in all these years.



**Susan Cincotta** (Agent/Carolyn/Peggy/Margery/Kate/Bertha) is a Real Estate Broker with her own firm on Shelter Island. She has been acting most of her life; trained with PAF Playhouse in Huntington and holds a BA in Theatre. She has studied with Lynne Meadow, Patrick Giles, Jim Genovese, Bay Street Theatre and Michael Disher, who is responsible for her comedic roles. This her 8th play with him and, oh, what fun it's been, I hope you have a lovely time.



**Susan Conklin** (Sally/Dora/Helen) is a Special Education Teacher at Bridgehampton School. Susan has appeared in local productions of *The Big Christmas Show*, *Ruthless! the Musical*, *Cinderella: The Tale of the Glass Slipper*, *Victor/Victoria*, *Company*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, *A Chorus Line*, *South Pacific*, *Follies* and *Everything In The Garden*. She sings professionally for many local churches and The Choral Society of the Hamptons. She has performed with the Berkshire Choral Society in Salzburg, Austria. Susan also fronted the local cover band, "Suzy on the Rocks." She is proud to be performing at the Southampton Arts Center with Center Stage.



**Bethany Dellapolla** (Emily/Winkie/Pauline) Bethany is an actor, director, choreographer, intimacy director, and teaching artist based in NYC and Long Island. Favorite credits include: *Reasons to Be Pretty* (Steph - BroadwayWorld.com Nomination - Best Actress in a Play), *Beauty and the Beast* (Mrs. Potts - BroadwayWorld.com Nomination - Best Actress in a Musical), *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Olive), *Cabaret* (Frenchie), *The Graduate* (Elaine Robinson), and *Cinderella* (Fairy Godmother - Touring Production). She is a proud member of SAG-AFTRA, and you can catch her in the upcoming web series, *Foreclosure* (Kate). She owns her own pre-professional youth theatre company in NYC, NexGen Youth Theatre, and has also directed over 40 musicals in her career for young performers and adults alike. She would like to thank Michael, Joey, the Southampton Arts Center, and the entire cast and crew for such a lovely experience, and as always, infinite love to her friends and family. Instagram: @bdellapolla



**Richard Gardini** (Billy/Paul/Standish) 23 years of shows with Mr. Disher. Performances at Avram Theater, Northeast Stage, Southampton Cultural Center and Southampton Arts Center. A retired Air Traffic Controller and kayaking enthusiast, Rich enjoys nature, comedy, a good laugh and his dog, Max.



**Joey Giovingo** (Stage Design and Stage Management) has worked with Mr. Disher for over 28 years at LIU/Southampton's Avram Theater, Southampton Cultural Center and, now, at Southampton Arts Center. He also worked regularly on productions at Guild Hall and East Hampton High School, Joey dedicates the show to his mother, Cloe, and the memory of his father, Mike.



**Tom Gregory** (Client/Michael/Gordon/David) is a TONY-nominated producer/actor who marks 2024 as his thirtieth year appearing in East End productions. A former longtime resident of LA, his resume spans reality TV, the internet, film, national radio, sitcoms, and countless podcasts. He's delighted to work with Michael Disher and this fantastic cast!





**Barbara Jo Howard** (Mother/Sarah/Ruth) is happy to be a part of this ensemble under Michael Disher's direction. She is grateful to the SAC for their support of local artists and community theater. Special thanks to Christina Strassfield.



**Jenifer Maxson** (Grace/Old Lady/Aunt Harriet) This marks Ms. Maxson's second performance with Center Stage at Southampton Arts Center.



**Franco Pistritto** (Psychiatrist/Grandfather/Tony/Dick) was last seen in Center Stage at Southampton Arts Center's production of *The War of the Worlds*. Some of his favorite roles on Off-Off Broadway and Off-Broadway have been Antonio Salieri in *Amadeus*, Mark Rothko in *Red*, and the Stanger in Tennessee Williams' *The Strangest Kind of Romance*. He studies acting at HB Studio with Mercedes Ruehl, and Shakespeare with Peter Francis James. He is thrilled to return to SAC and is grateful to be a part of this very talented ensemble of actors under the great direction of Michael Disher in this wonderful production of *The Dining Room*. Thanks, everyone.



**Jack Seabury** (Psychiatrist/Chris/Stuart/Chris) is thrilled to return to the Cultural Arts Center to round out our inaugural season. Having recently appeared in our production, “The Big Christmas Show”, Jack continues to perform all over and has appeared with the New York State Theatre Institute (NYSTI), Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC), Lincoln Center’s, Avery Fisher Hall, and NYC’s, Firebird Café’s Cabaret “Into the Night”. His resume includes the leading roles in: *Catch Me If You Can*, *Grumpy Old Men*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Cabaret*, *Inherit the Wind*, *La Cage aux Folies*, *Will Roger’s Follies*, *Me and My Girl*, *Crazy for You*. He was also an original cast member of the Off-Broadway production, *An American Enterprise*. Jack will be appearing at Interlake Summer Theater (NH) this July and August, in: *Chicago*, *Legally Blonde*, and *Million Dollar Quartet*.



**Michael Lyn Schepps** (Annie/Aggie/Meg/Annie) is so grateful to be performing with Center Stage at the Southampton Arts Center. This year has been truly wonderful working with such a talented group of people - including the production team and staff at SAC. Previous SAC productions include *The War of the Worlds* and *The Big Christmas Show*. Previous Center Stage productions included *Beauty & the Beast*, radio adaptations of *Meet me in St. Louis*, *Miracle on 34TH Street* and *It's a Wonderful Life*. She also performs with the North Fork Theater for the Graveyard tours in the fall; previous shows there include *OLIVER!*, Sondheim's *Sunday in the Park with George* and *Follies*. She is so blessed to have the love and support of her wonderful husband and children. All performances are dedicated to my Mother Jo Ann and late Father Bob, whose love and support gives her the courage to be here today. Daddy, I am still running with the "circus!"



**Christopher Tyrkko** (Charlie/Howard/Ted/Fred/Gordon/Jim) is excited and fortunate to be performing at SAC. Past credits include *Making God Laugh*, *The Good Doctor*, *Social Security*, *The Miracle on 34th Street*, *The Elephant Man*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Boys Next Door*, *ART*, *Wait Until Dark*, *God of Carnage*; *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*; *12 Angry Men*; *A Steady Rain*, *Of Mice and Men* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Thankful for the opportunity to work with Michael, Dan and this talented cast. Love to both daughters, my forever rising and shining stars. Miss and love you, Dad.



**Gerri Wilson** (Ellie/Sandra/lived, worked and studied acting in NYC for 9 years. *The Dining Room* marks Gerri's fourth production with Mr. Disher.

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