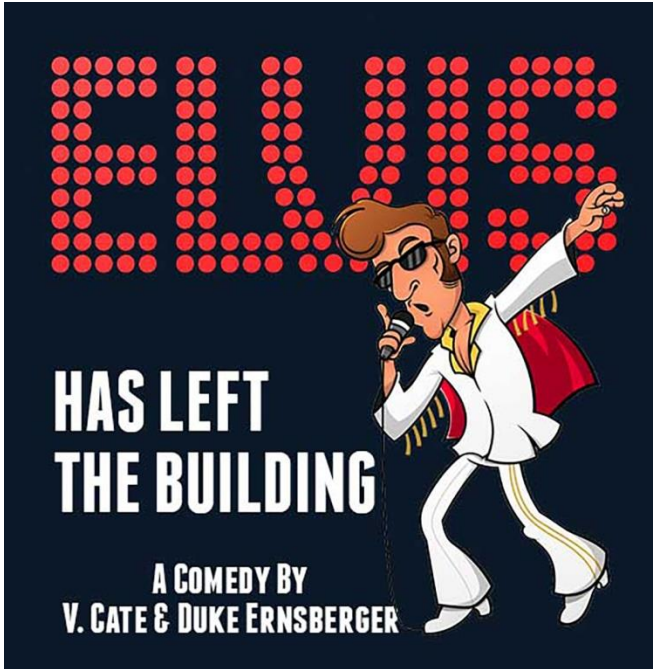


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BELOIT CIVIC THEATRE

Director's Notes

Some people in history were “bigger than life,” loved by millions, adored, followed, and even worshiped. Our icons give us dreams, which grow and create new stories about them. “What If...” and “I Wish...” scenarios starring our heroes become stories of what might have happened to those who inspire us. Elvis was one of those inspirational icons. His influence lives on in the music and movies he made and inspires people to desire to channel that essence which made him who he was. This story is a tribute not only Elvis, but to those who love him still, after all these years.

Doris Hunter Tropp
Director

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THE CAST

The Colonel	Chuck Ingle
Trudy.....	Kay Nordstrom
Roscoe	Jeremy Ramsey
Candy	John D. “Abe” Vaughn
Jill Tanner	Rhonda Nelson

THE SETTING

Act I

A few days before Christmas 1970, Memphis Tennessee
The office of Elvis’s manager, The Colonel

There will be a twelve-minute intermission between the two acts. Please enjoy refreshments in the lobby. All donations from refreshments go to the Helen Hayes Teed Memorial Scholarship fund, which is awarded to local graduating seniors entering college programs for the performing arts.

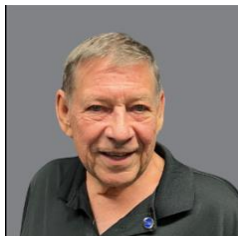
Act II

The next afternoon

THE PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Doris Hunter Tropp
Stage Manager	Mary Easland
Set & Lighting Design	Rod McFall
Set Construction	Les Blumreich, Richard McFall, Doris Tropp, Joe Colletta, Rod McFall, Harold Pann, Mike Fallon, Mary Easland
Lighting and Sound.....	Peter Tropp
Costumes	Elizabeth Armstrong
Properties.....	Donna Balsley, Rod McFall
Running Crew.....	Rod McFall, Les Blumreich, Rob Connor, Doris Tropp, Sydney Winchester, Donna Balsley, Elizabeth Armstrong

WHO'S WHO



Chuck Ingle (The Colonel) Chuck has previously appeared for Beloit Civic Theatre in *The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *The Odd Couple*, *The Music Man* and *Snoopy*. For Janesville Little Theatre, he performed in *The Sunshine Boys*, for Starlight Theatre, in *Jacques Brel*, and for Beloit College, in *Brigadoon*. Chuck is married to his wife, Rhonda, and is a Legacy Member of

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Roscoe Post.



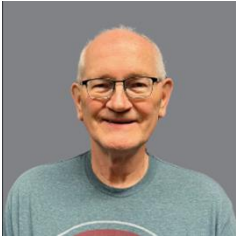
Kay Nordstrom (Trudy) Kay has performed in the BCT productions of *The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays*, *Barefoot in the Park*, *The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)*, *The Spitfire Grill*, *Exit Laughing*, *Seniors of the Sahara* and *Bingo, the Musical*. Kay is a retired educator from the School District of Beloit; she also has retired from her job as a part-time adjunct professor at Blackhawk Technical College. Her

family consists of husband, Kendell, 4 adult children and 6 grandchildren. In her spare time, Kay enjoys volunteering (SLU, substitute teaching, church activities) reading and travel; she also enjoys singing in church choirs.



Jeremy Ramsey (Roscoe) Jeremy debuts for Beloit Civic Theatre in this production, and he comes to BCT with an interesting and varied background in performance. He has appeared in several plays and musicals over the past fifteen years including *Brigadoon*, *Don't Drink the Water*, *The Hiding Place* and *Who's on First*. Jeremy has also spent time as a stand-up comedian and a public speaker at multiple events.

Jeremy is an attorney, licensed in Illinois and Wisconsin and has his own practice in Loves Park, Illinois. In his first experience with Beloit Civic Theatre, Jeremy "...appreciates all of the help and support of his fellow cast members, the director, the stage manager and everyone who has made this production possible."



John D. "Abe" Vaughn (Candy) has appeared in the following productions for Beloit Civic Theatre: *37 Postcards*, *The Man Who Came To Dinner*, *The Foreigner*, *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, *Heaven Can Wait*, *Hot L Baltimore*, *Godspell*, *Singing In The Rain*, *Dirty Works At The Crossroads*, *Something's Afoot*, *Show Boat*, *The Butler Did It* and *The Philadelphia Story*. Abe also appeared in BCT's

Summertime Players in *The Odd Couple* and *Love, Sex, and the I.R.S.* In addition, Abe has an extensive resume of performances in other area theatres including U-Rock Players, Spotlight on Kids, Stage One, Janesville Little Theatre, Center Stage Players, Madison Area Technical College, and The Anglican Catholic Church in Janesville. Abe also performed as Guest Soloist for the Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra and for the Turtle Creek Chamber Orchestra, and he sang in the Badger Chordhawks (Chorus) and the Changing of the Chord (Quartet Member) – both barbershop harmony groups. Abe is retired from the Taylor Company in Rockton. He is married to his wife, Barbara, and his hobbies are golf and singing. Abe also released a new music CD in June of 2023, and he says, "I love my wife and am an Elvis fan!"



Rhonda Nelson (Jill Tanner) Rhonda appeared for Beloit Civic Theatre in this season's production of *Steel Magnolias*. Previously, she appeared in *Anne of Green Gables*, *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, *Steel Magnolias* and *Prelude to a Kiss* at the Janesville Performing Arts Center, and *Sister Act* at the Edgerton Performing Arts Center. Rhonda is retired, the mother of three, grandmother of 6, and a first time dog

mom! She enjoys painting, interior decorating, gardening, yardwork, traveling and working on home improvements both inside and outside.

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Doris Hunter Tropp (Director) Doris serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors of Beloit Civic Theatre where she also is a dedicated behind-the-scenes volunteer, filling in wherever the need is greatest and her skills allow. She served as Stage Manager for BCT’s Steel Magnolias just a few months ago. Her BCT directing credits include The Outsider, The Game’s Afoot or Holmes for The Holidays,

Camelot, Cliffhanger and Seniors of the Sahara. In addition, Doris has appeared onstage for BCT in Making God Laugh, Showboat, The Man Who Came to Dinner, Vanities, Of Thee I Sing, Hot I Baltimore, Deathtrap, Greetings, and Driving Miss Daisy. Doris works as the Administrative Assistant at Roscoe Methodist Church and serves as Steward of the Board for the Village Nursery School in Roscoe. She and her husband, Peter, have three grown children, two kittens and are up to four grandchildren, two grand-cats and two grand-dogs, all of whom they enjoy playing with frequently. When she is not busy directing, working on plays, or spending time with her grandchildren, Doris enjoys singing in a band and directing skits at church, reading and binge-watching TV series online.

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