

Coming to the Alban!

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Fundraiser Auction

April 30th

6:00 pm

All proceeds go towards the Alban Arts Center for building repairs and maintenance.

Auction items include A New Car, Original Art, Weekend Getaways and More!

Much Ado About Nothing

Auditions!

April 9th
1:00 pm—4:00 pm

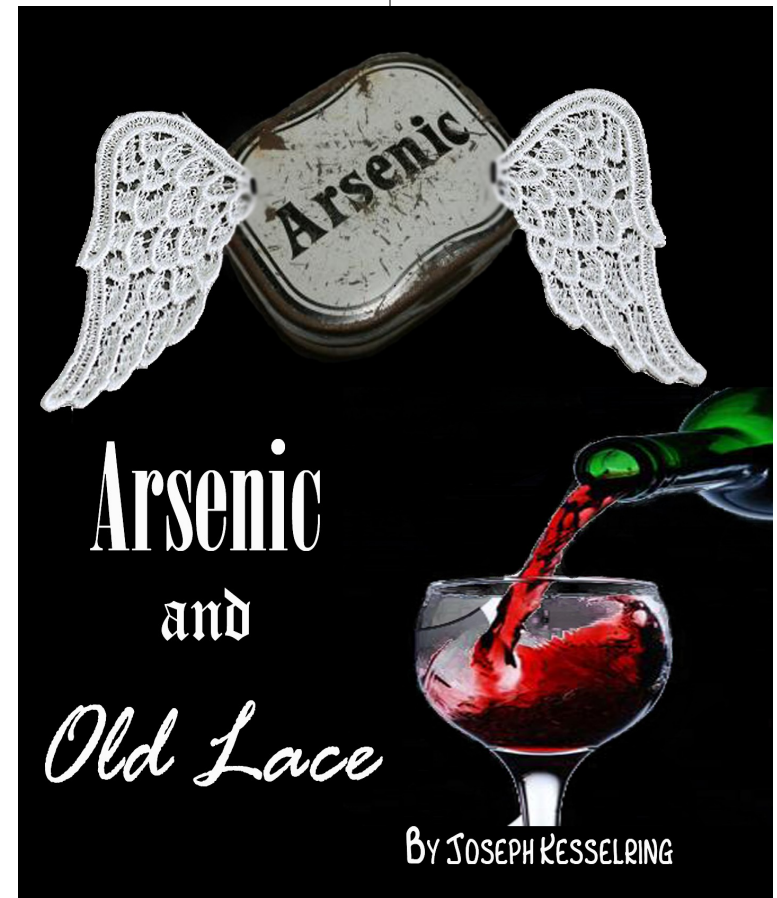
April 10th
2:00 pm—5:00 pm

Roles for ages 12 and up!



Alban Arts and
Conference Center

Presents



**March 25, 26, 27
& April 1, 2, 3**

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Arsenic and Old Lace

By: Joseph Kesselring

Directed by

Adam Bryan

Act One

Time: Late afternoon. September sometime in the 1940's.

Setting: The living room of the old Brewster home in Brooklyn N.Y.

15 Minute Intermission

Act Two

Later the same night

Act Three, Scene 1

Still later the same night.

Act Three, Scene 2

Early the next morning

Abby Brewster	Janet Prince
The Rev. Dr. Harper	Steven Allen Adams
Teddy Brewster	Jason Lilly
Officer Brophy	Ron Smith
Officer Klein	Lynn Browder
Martha Brewster	Libby Londeree
Elaine Harper	Jessica Smith
Mortimer Brewster	Rob Boone
Mr. Gibbs	Norman Clerc
Jonathan Brewster	Joe Miller
Dr. Einstein	Michael Harris
Officer O'Hara	Thomas Sayre
Lieutenant Rooney	Norman Clerc
Mr. WitherSpoon	Wyatt Hanna

Joe Miller This is Joe's debut on the Alban stage. He has many previous credits with Kanawha Players and Charleston Stage Company and was most recently seen in CSC's productions of Superior Donuts as Arthur and in the one-man show Underneath the Lintel, for which Joe won Best Actor at the Southeastern Theatre Festival. Joe seems to play as many roles offstage as on and describes himself as a "serial enthusiast and recovering lawyer who is now doing web design."

Janet "JP" Prince: A veteran of community theatre in Lexington, KY, Nashville, TN, and Zanesville, OH, JP is now making her WV debut. She is pleased to be a part of *Arsenic and Old Lace* because it's the first professional play she ever saw and she loves elderberry wine.

Thomas W. Sayre is a veteran of the stage and screen and holds a BFA in Electronic Media Production . Locally he has played Jack Brooks in Kanawha Players' *Art of Murder*, The Elf Wanna Be in *An Alban Christmas*, and various male roles in the Alban's *Annie*. He enjoys relaxing in front of a roaring fire, and spends his spare time twirling a police baton. He really loves finding great vests whenever he can.

Jessica Smith is a 2008 recipient of a Bachelor of Arts in theatre from Evangel University in Springfield, MO. She currently resides in St. Albans, WV, and dreams of a modest penthouse overlooking Central Park. Her past roles have included Anne in *All My Sons* with the Springfield Contemporary Theatre, Maria in *The Trial of God*, and Anne Frank in *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Ron Smith is resident of St Albans and a GED teacher at a correctional facility. He taught English for 19 yrs. His previous theater experience includes *A Midsummer's Nights Dream*, *The Aracoma Story*, *Little Abner*, and most recently, *Annie*.

Emily Wolfe is originally from Huntington WV. She has been doing theatre for almost two decades. (Which actually makes her feel old.) She has been with the Alban since the production of *Annie* last summer. Emily has been in the St. Albans area for a little over a year and desperately wants a coffee shop. She enjoys reading, hiking, and constructing dead bodies with vests.

Michael Harris started his theatre career as a set designer/builder for productions including *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Art of Murder* for the Kanawha Players, *Oliver* and *Beauty and The Beast* for Children's Theatre of Charleston. His portraits on stage include Muff Potter in the *Adventures of Tom Sawyer* at KP, Chief Inspector Hubbard in *Dial M for Murder* at Kp, Ebenezer Scrooge at CTOC and Lord Capulet in *Romeo and Juliet* with Contemporary Youth Arts Company. He has enjoyed becoming a member of the vast theatre family of Charleston.

Jason Lilly is a high school English teacher for Kanawha County schools. He has performed in various stage productions in the Nitro/St. Albans area, including *Annie* and several Shakespeare productions. In 2004-2005, he organized and directed a production of a version of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with the Nitro High School Drama Club. He currently teaches at Capital High School and lives in Poca with his wife, two daughters, two cats, and a dog.

Libby Lilly Londeree is a graduate of SAHS and WVU. She has had an interest in the theatre since her high school days where she played the part of Clementine in *Clementine* and the honey in *A Little Honey*. She taught in Richmond, Virginia with special interest in children's dance programs. In retirement she has been a tour guide in Richmond and an aerobics instructor at the Hansford Center. She is a member of the tap dance group, The Golden Lakettes and is a strong supporter of the Alban Arts and Conference Center. She has three children, six grandchildren, and a brand new puppy.

Director's Note

This show has always been one of my favorites. When I first moved to St. Albans in 2009 this was the first show that came up in conversations to produce at the Alban. I am so thrilled that within just two years we have been able to bring the dream to fruition.

This show has a rich and long past. Carey Grant brought the role of Mortimer Brewster to the Silver Screen and brought this wacky story to a much broader audience. This show was well attended and thought of when it opened at the Fulton Theatre in NYC in 1941. Boris Karloff portrayed the role of Jonathan Brewster with Josephine Hull and Jean Adair playing his aunts. You will hear several references to the fact that Jonathan looks like Karloff, which in 1941, I am sure was a riot as Karloff himself stood on stage. This show, however, has stood the test of time and some of the jokes are even more poignant today than they were in the 40's.

I would like to personally thank all those people that have donated and contributed set pieces, props, and costumes to making this possible. I apologize if I forget anyone, but the names that come to mind immediately are Mayor Callaway, Libby Londeree, Jessica Smith, Jamie Shuff, Caroline Cloer, Lynn Browder, Danessa Yokum, Jason Lilly, Suzy Whittington, Kathy Fally and the Kanawha Players. You will also notice some of the art work on the walls of the Brewster home which is completely original and made by local artists. Once the show is over, most of the art work will be for sale or can be purchased at the Alban Fundraiser Auction coming up on April 30th.

I truly hope you have as much fun with this show as the cast, crew, and I have had preparing it for you. I can honestly say that I feel everyone involved with this show has truly wanted to be here. Rehearsals may have gone long and some days were better than others but this cast has truly embraced each other and been constantly pushing towards a common goal...Entertaining You! So please sit back, enjoy the show, and please feel free to laugh hard and laugh long!

Produced by
Alban Arts and Conference Center

Technical Staff

Director	Adam Bryan
Stage Manager	Emily Wolfe
Assistant Stage Manager	Courtney Gleason
Run Crew	Jonathan Smith

Cast & Crew Bios

Steven Allen Adams is a multimedia journalist in Charleston, WV. Adams is editor-in-chief of West Virginia Watchdog, which provide news on state politics. He is managing editor of Kanawha Valley Live, an entertainment website focused on the Charleston metro area. Adams is also a freelance reporter for Reuters. Arsenic is Adams' first time on stage in 10 years. In his free time Adams like to play bass and take photos.

Rob Boone grew up in a small town in Southeastern Ohio. After high school, he enlisted in the Navy, where he trained and worked as an avionics technician, specializing in F-14 radar at NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia. After his enlistment, he began a career in sales, which complimented his love of meeting new people. He recently relocated to St Albans from Tampa, Florida. When he's not doting on his six-year-old daughter, Jessica, he spends his time reading, writing, learning, and generally questioning the norms of the world at large.

Adam Bryan has been involved in the arts as long as he can remember. He has worked for professional theatres such as Theatre West Virginia, where he played Dave Morgan in *Honey in the Rock* and various roles such as Jim Vance and Devil Anse Hatfield in the *Hatfield's and McCoy's*, as well being a performer and road manager for the educational tours that TWV offers to the great state of WV. He has performed in anything he could since he was a small boy. Now being much “bigger” he is the Director/Manager of the Alban Arts and Conference Center. He spends his days trying to find a way to offer artistic experiences to the community and provide artistic opportunities for artists.

Lynn Browder is originally from FL but has lived in many other states including confusion before ending up in the great state of WV. She is a donut connoisseur and travels many miles to find the best ones, and is always open to suggestions. Her favorite colors are pink, orange, and purple. She misses acting with 6 year olds; they always tell her the next line she is supposed to say.

Norman F. Clerc: This is Norman’s first theatre gig in WV. He hails from Hamburg, NY, where he was active in the local theatre group since 1966. He has acted, directed, and worked backstage at most of their productions. He had a four year absence while serving in the US Navy. This did not stop his stage ambitions. He worked with Guam Theatre Guild and performed with Port City Theatre in Bremerhaven, Germany. Norman performed for 20 years as Farley McFair, the official mascot of the Erie County Fair. His hobbies include performing magic and making balloon animals.

Courtney Gleason is a native of Kanawha Valley. She has been with the Alban since 2009. Courtney has worked both in front of and behind the curtain for every production we have had. She also works as a puppeteer for Sassafrass Junction. She is graduating High School this May and is planning on further education. Courtney enjoys acting, singing, and wearing dead men’s vests.

Wyatt Hanna is an attorney who practices law in South Charleston, West Virginia, and has served as the Municipal Judge for the City of South Charleston for the last 22 years. He is married to Terri A. Hanna and together, they have three adult daughters and three grandchildren. Over the past 10 years, Wyatt has participated in approximately 20 plays with the Children's Theatre of Charleston, his last performance being in *Oliver*. Wyatt has also worked with the Kanawha Players, appearing in *Working*, *Cotton Patch Gospel*, *On Golden Pond*, and *Tom Sawyer*. He views the theatre experience as his therapeutic escape from his demanding law practice. Wyatt has enjoyed his first experience with the Alban Arts Center and meeting new actors who are involved in the cast of *Arsenic and Old Lace*.