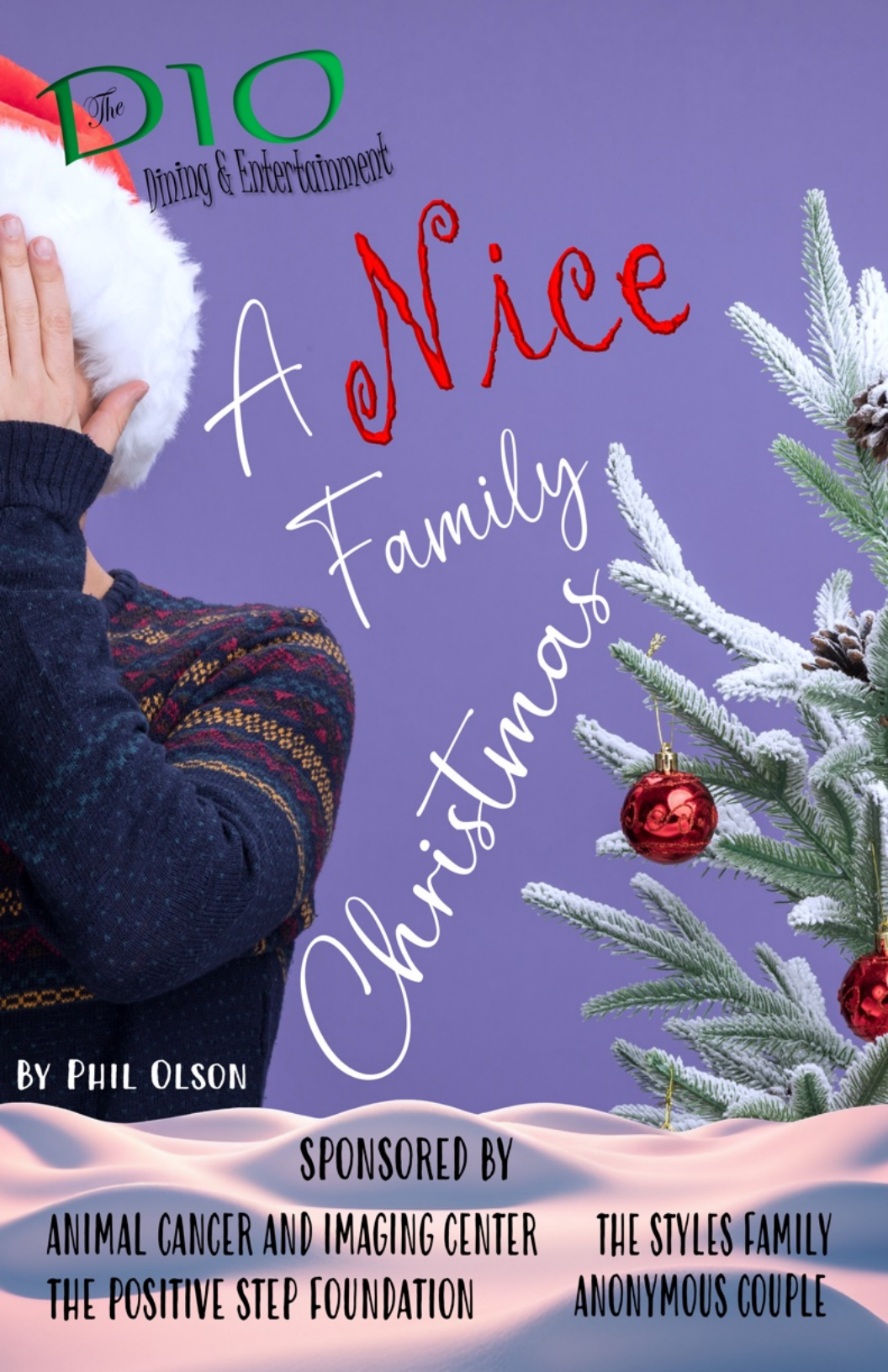

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's the end of our lucky 13th season here at The Dio, and we've got much to be thankful for this holiday! *A Nice Family Christmas* was sold out before we even made it to Halloween. Prior to this, we enjoyed successful productions and sell-out crowds for the four other shows in our 13th season, *The Roommate, Big Fish, The Explorers Club* and *The Crucible*. Plus, we reached our season 13 fundraising goal before the first production of season 13 even opened to audiences. What a year! And it happened because of our dedicated guests and our incredibly generous donors and show sponsors.

If you haven't already seen the lineup of shows we've got coming your way in 2027, you're in for a treat! We're kicking off our 14th season with *Popcorn Falls*, a two-man farce that'll surely put a smile on your face, starring Steve DeBruyne and Richard Payton. We'll follow that with a Michigan premiere, *All Bark, No Bite*, a comedy that will include Dio favorite Dan Morrison among the cast. Then, we're heading back to Armadillo Acres with *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, a surprise hit for us 10 years ago that we're thrilled to have returning to our stage with a brand-new cast. Just in time for spooky season, we'll be bringing you *The Gravedigger* by Michigan Playwright Joseph Zettlemaier, a play that continues the story of Frankenstein and his misunderstood monster. And we'll end it all off with *The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical* as we celebrate the holidays with the residents of Florida's most exclusive trailer park community.

We hope you'll plan to join us for these five fantastic productions next year and maybe bring a friend or two who has yet to experience The Dio!

But even more important than that, we'd love to add you to our family of Dio Donors. Ticket sales alone cover a fraction of the cost it takes to bring our shows to life. The reason we can pay our actors enough to make the trip to Pinckney to share their talent on our stage is because our donors make that possible! Our donors allow us to keep our tickets competitively priced by helping us pay for the licensing fees for our shows, and they support future Artists by funding our annual Mary Jo Del Vero Memorial Scholarship. They make it possible for us to do big things, like when we needed to purchase a special surface to protect our stage floor during a show with heavy tap dancing, and smaller things like purchasing a low-lying fog machine for *The Crucible* to make the scene in the woods extra ominous. All of this happens because of our donors!

Our fundraising goal for Season 14 is $77,305. If you can, we hope you'll choose to support our work in 2027 with a tax-deductible donation. No donation is too big or too small. Everything you give adds up to a year of fantastic entertainment that goes well beyond your table, to hundreds of other theatre lovers and into the community. Monthly giving is available so you can make smaller donations that add up to a big impact over the course of the year, though one-time giving is most common and equally appreciated! Ask Steve about some of the perks of becoming a donor, because we've got those too! Or just visit MusesofDionysus.org to learn more and to donate today!

Here's to a successful 2026 and an exciting 14th season ahead in 2027. This New Year's Eve, we'll be raising our glasses to you, our faithful guests and most of all, our incredible family of donors and sponsors who make our work possible.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and Happy New Year to everyone who has made memories with us this year! See you in 2027!

Steve DeBruyne
Director



The MENU

A NICE FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Main Meal Selection

First Course

Grandma's House Salad

Fresh greens with cherry tomatoes and cucumber. Served in a Raspberry Vinaigrette.

Michael's Favorite Breadsticks

House-made bread sticks glazed with butter and seasoned with garlic. Baked fresh daily.

Second Course

Uncle Bob's Christmas Ham

Ham glazed in honey and brown sugar. Baked in vegetable stock. Served with cranberry sauce.

Jill's Broccoli Casserole

Fresh broccoli combined with cream of mushroom soup. Topped with cheddar cheese and crackers.

Dad's Homemade Stuffing

Toasted bread, onion, celery and a special blend of seasonings combined together for the perfect stuffing.

Third Course

Mom's Spiced Pumpkin Cake

Spice cake and pumpkin pie filling baked fresh and topped with a powder sugar frosting.

The MENU

A NICE FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Vegetarian Meal Selection

First Course

Grandma's House Salad

Fresh greens with cherry tomatoes and cucumber. Served in a Raspberry Vinaigrette.

Michael's Favorite Breadsticks

House-made bread sticks glazed with butter and seasoned with garlic. Baked fresh daily.

Second Course

Carl's Cauliflower Steak

Thick cut cauliflower steaks, seasoned with lemon pepper, salt and parsley.

Jill's Broccoli Casserole

Fresh broccoli combined with cream of mushroom soup. Topped with cheddar cheese and crackers.

Holiday Boiled Yellow Potatoes

Yellow potatoes, boiled until tender and tossed with melted butter. Seasoned with garlic salt and pepper.

Third Course

Mom's Spiced Pumpkin Cake

Spice cake and pumpkin pie filling baked fresh and topped with a powder sugar frosting.

The MENU

A NICE FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Vegan Meal Selection

First Course

Grandma's House Salad

Fresh greens with cherry tomatoes and cucumber. Served in a Raspberry Vinaigrette.

Michael's Favorite Breadsticks

House-made bread sticks glazed with butter and seasoned with garlic. Baked fresh daily.

**Please note breadsticks are not Vegan but served to every guest.*

Second Course

Stacy's Vegan Meatloaf

Chickpeas, carrots, celery, garlic and onion combined with breadcrumbs and soy sauce. Baked fresh and topped with a ketchup mixture.

Roasted Holiday Broccoli

Fresh broccoli oven roasted with lemon and garlic. Seasoned with salt and pepper to taste.

Holiday Boiled Yellow Potatoes

Yellow potatoes, boiled until tender and tossed with melted butter. Seasoned with garlic salt and pepper.

Third Course

Hometown Italian Ice

A smooth, refreshing and dairy-free frozen dessert. Made from finely granulated ice, sugar and fruit juices.

The MENU

A NICE FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Gluten Free Meal Selection

First Course

Grandma's House Salad

Fresh greens with cherry tomatoes and cucumber. Served in a Raspberry Vinaigrette.

Michael's Favorite Breadsticks

House-made bread sticks glazed with butter and seasoned with garlic. Baked fresh daily.

**Please note breadsticks are not Gluten Free but served to every guest.*

Second Course

Downhome Baked Chicken

Pan fried chicken breast seasoned with salt, pepper and seasoning mix. Finished in the oven with butter. Served with cranberry sauce.

Roasted Holiday Broccoli

Fresh broccoli oven roasted with lemon and garlic. Seasoned with salt and pepper to taste.

Holiday Boiled Yellow Potatoes

Yellow potatoes, boiled until tender and tossed with melted butter. Seasoned with garlic salt and pepper.

Third Course

Gluten Free Spiced Pumpkin Cake

Spice cake and pumpkin pie filling baked fresh and topped with a powder sugar frosting.

The D10 Presents

A NICE FAMILY CHRISTMAS

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Directed by Steve DeBruyne
Set, Lighting and Sound Design by Matt Tomich
Assistant Directed by Megan Bryne
Costume Design by Norma Polk
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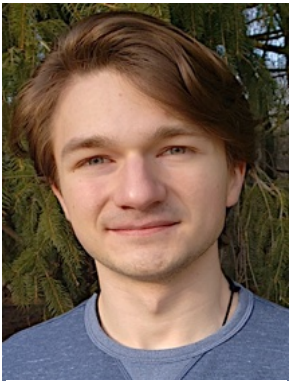
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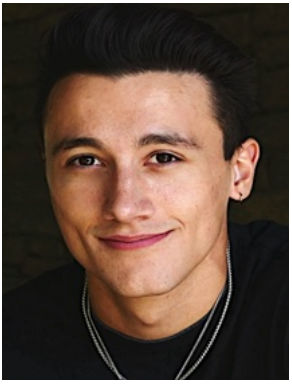
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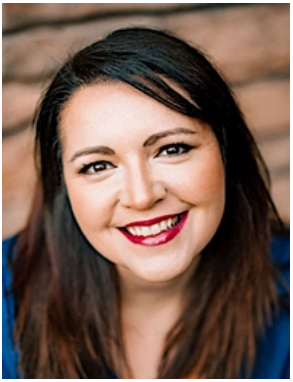
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Cast Bios

Alexia Allagreen (Stacy) is thrilled to be making her Dio debut! A graduate of Oakland University with a BA in Theatre, she has been working professionally as an actor for a little bit over a year! Previously, GO! Comedy: *Survivor: The Parody Musical* (Jess), Planet Ant: *The Seven Castaways* (Ginger) and *Mackers the Elf* (Susan), Oakland University: *The Thanksgiving Play* (Logan) and *The Taming* (Patricia). Hi Mom and Dad! @alexiaallagreen on Insta and Tiktok.

Dylan Benson (Carl) is delighted to be returning for his fourth show at the Dio. He has previously appeared in *The Play That Goes Wrong* (Cecil/Arthur), *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* (Clarence the Angel, and others), and *Lost in Yonkers* (Jay). His other favorite credits include *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Phoebus), *The Rocky Horror Show* (Brad), and *Cyrano de Bergerac* (Christian). Dylan is endlessly grateful to his family and friends for their continuous support and to you for coming to see the show -- enjoy!

Molly Cunningham (Jill) is very excited to be returning to The Dio's stage! Molly has a B.A. in theatre from MSU and studied theatre for a summer semester in London, England. Some of her Dio credits include *Big Fish* (Jenny Hill/Mermaid), *Jenny's House of Joy* (Natalie), *It's Only Murder* (Lenore, 2020 Best Supporting Actress in a Play Wilde Award Winner), *Home for the Holidays* (Portia), *Murder at The Howard Johnson's* (Arlene), *Steel Magnolias* (Shelby), *The Bridges of Madison County* (State Fair Singer), *Rock of Ages* (Reporter) and *Proof* (Claire). Molly also owns her own entertainment company, Mermaid Molly Entertainment LLC. "Huge thanks to Russ for his steady love and encouragement, and to her family for their constant support." She dedicates this performance to her beautiful mother, Alison, who is always here in spirit. Enjoy the show!

Maggie Gilkes (Grandma) is delighted to be making her first Dio appearance in such a fun and funny holiday play. Favorite credits include *Marjorie Prime* (Marjorie) and *Doubt* (Sister Aloysius) both at Open Book Theatre in Trenton, *Three Tall Women* ("A") at Slipstream in Ferndale, and *Ripcord* (Abby) at Farmington Players. But Maggie's all-time favorite role is Ouiser in *Steel Magnolias*, having played her four times! "Thank you to my family for their encouragement and love."

Taras Los (Uncle Bob) is excited to be working at The Dio for the first time. Theatre studies earned Taras a BFA from Wayne State University and an MFA from University of Delaware. He has performed at theaters in New York, New Jersey, California and here in Michigan. Television roles include *24* and *According to Jim*. Taras also dabbled in several independent films and most recently understudied the role of Hercule Poirot in *Murder on the Links* at the Purple Rose. Much love to my favorite girls Kabita, Mackenzie and Zoe!

Tyler J. Messinger (Michael) is very excited to return to performing again at The Dio! Originally from Portland Oregon, Tyler studied at Roosevelt Chicago College of Performing Arts. You may have seen him at The Dio most recently in *Big Fish* (Will Bloom), *Rent* (Roger) and *Little Women* (Laurie) or at The Encore in *Little Shop of Horrors* (Seymour). Along with acting, Tyler is also a multi-instrumentalist. If you like his voice, book him to play your private events at Tylerjmessinger@gmail.com! Or reach out to him on Social Media, Tylerjmessinger on Instagram or Tyler J. Messinger on Facebook. He hopes you escape your life's worries/struggles for a couple hours and truly enjoy this crazy story!

Amy Morrisey (Helen) is thrilled to be back on the Dio stage. It's been too long! She's proud to have been in several shows when Steve and Matt first built this amazing space, including *The Dixie Swim Club*, *Always a Bridesmaid*, *The Savannah Sipping Society* and *Bus Stop*. She's also performed at Theatre Nova, Tipping Point, Two Muses, and Matrix. She sends all her love to Tim, Josh, and Erin--best support system ever!

Creative Team Bios

Megan Bryne (Assistant Director) is thrilled to be back for her fourth show with The Dio! Her former AD credits include *The Crucible*, *Misery*, and *The Play That Goes Wrong*. Outside of theatre, Megan is a first-grade teacher. She is a graduate of Oakland University (BA, Elementary Education) and Grand Canyon University (MEd, Early Childhood Education). Megan would like to thank her family and friends for their support, especially her dog Oso for waiting up for her on her late nights. Enjoy the show!

Steve DeBruyne (Director) has directed all but four of The Dio's productions in our 13-year history. Favorite Dio directing credits include *Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins*, *Daddy Long Legs* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. As an actor, Steve has appeared on stages across the United States in regional productions. He also appeared for two years and 433 performances as Malcolm on the National Broadway Tour of *The Full Monty*. A graduate of The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in NYC, Steve also originated the role of Clarence, the bumbling Guardian Angel, in Kathie Lee Gifford's original musical version of *It's a Wonderful Life*. "A special heartfelt thank you to our incredible family of Dio donors who make our work here possible."

Eileen Obradovich (Props) is so delighted to be a part of this amazing production! She is honored to have been the props master from the very first production at the beautiful Dio Theatre since day one and continues to be grateful to Steve and Matt for this amazing opportunity. A special thanks for the love and support of her family – Diana, Joyce and Cathy.

Norma Polk (Costumes) has been a part of The Dio's creative team for twelve years. She started designing and building costumes in earnest about 18 years ago. Some of her favorite contributions at The Dio include *Souvenir*, *Alice by Heart*, *Desperate Measures*, *Daddy Long Legs, Dracula, Cabaret* and *The Bridges of Madison County.* She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Carnegie Mellon University. Please enjoy the show!

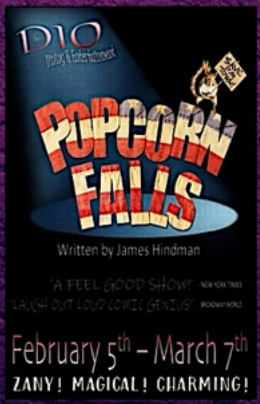
Matt Tomich (Set, Lights, Sound) is happy to be wrapping up Season 13 with a fun comedy! Thank you to all of you for your support over the past 13 years. It has truly been remarkable to be able to create live entertainment in Pinckney, Michigan. How lucky we all are. Please enjoy the show and have a very Happy Holiday! See you next year!

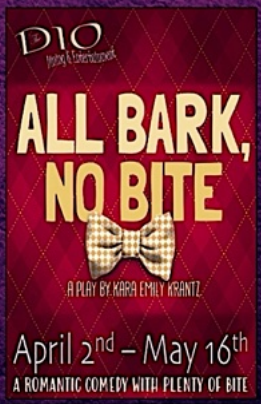


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