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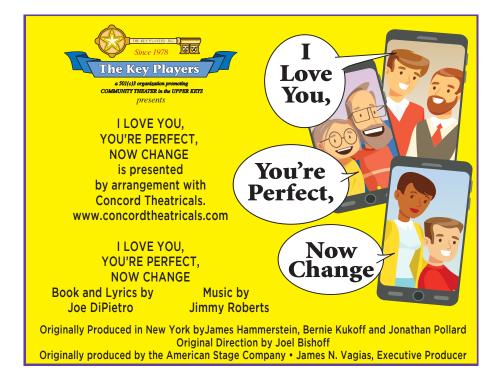
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Producer's Notes: by Jonelle Kop

This is the first time that Mary-Margaret has directed for The Key Players and she is a very impressive Force of Nature for sure! Not only is she a wonderful Director with great vision and eye for detail, she makes sure that the energy is positive and all have a great time. As most of our cast has full time jobs and our rehearsals



frequently went till well after 10 pm, three to five nights a week, holding on to joy is not always easy. So, a passionate and caring director is a must! She certainly fits the bill! She has been a joy to work with and I look forward to her both on stage and off many times in the future!

We are all volunteers here, so please know that the only pay we receive is your joy and laughter. So please feel free to indulge as great audiences make great shows and we will all be well rewarded! Thank you for coming and get ready to enjoy this wonderfully funny show!

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Director's Notes: by Mary-Margaret Dale

Casting a show is like dating. The anticipation and hopefulness of going on a first date...will this person be the one? When holding auditions, a director hopes ... will this actor be the one? I feel incredibly lucky to have found the nine "ones" that breathe life into this show.

I am drawn to stories that make us think, feel, and laugh. This show, originally produced in the 1990s,



was updated a few years ago to be reflective of today's world of dating and relationships. The consistent thread between the two versions is the hope, joy, and heartache inherent in relationships. During life's ups and down, it's moments of hope that keep us going. Hoping this is the perfect person, the right opportunity, the major decision that is going to change your life, and then having the courage to put yourself out there and actually go for it. It is that hope that drew me to want to direct this show.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change is not your standard musical that takes you on a two-hour character journey. Instead it is a series of scenes that each tell their own story. There is no one-size fits all relationship in life, and this show is a reflection of that. But as in real life, at the heart of it all is wanting to connect, to love, and to be loved. And when you find that person that you just click with, who you love, and who loves you back, as perfect as they are, without a doubt, you will probably find something that you wish you could change about them. So whether you are in a relationship, looking to be in one, or are happily single, I hope you will find something in this show that resonates with your own life and that it will give you a laugh. And maybe it will help give you the courage to take a chance and just go for it!

Mary-Margaret Dale has an MFA in Theatre Management from Florida State, and a BA in Communication and Theatre from Ohio State. By day, she is a Cultural Projects Administrator with Miami-Dade County's Department of Cultural Affairs. She serves as Vice President of the Florida Professional Presenters Consortium, and is a member of The Key Players Board, and an Advisor for the Florida Keys Council of the Arts. One of her favorite experiences with Key Players was 9 to 5 The Musical in which she played Doralee, the character first brought to life by one of her role models, Dolly Parton.

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Rhonda Crutcher – Assistant Director:

Rhonda is an English teacher who has been singing since she was 4 and performing on stage since high school. She serves on the board of The Key Players and was seen last year in their production of *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* as Betty. Other Key Players productions include *Sin, Sex and the CIA*, and *9 to 5: The Musical*.



She has been a featured performer and chorus member

in dozens of shows both in South Florida and her native Oklahoma, including The Wizard of Oz, The Secret Garden, Sweeney Todd, Beauty and the Beast, Les Miserables, and Gypsy. Favorite featured roles include Aunt March in Little Women: The Musical, Mae Petersen in Bye Bye Birdie, Lady Bracknell in The Importance of Being Earnest, and Gloucester in a gender-blind production of King Lear.

She considers theater her sport and is so grateful to everyone at the Key Players for allowing her to be part of this fabulous group dedicated to keeping theater arts alive in the Keys!



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Cast

Alastair McArthur Andrew Fleites Angel Martin Cristina Von Essen Debbie Hess Erykah Moses Jax Terrasa Rhonda Crutcher

Robert Sax

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MUSICAL SYNOPSIS

ACT I Scene I: "Prologue" **PROLOGUE** - The Company **CANTATA FOR A FIRST DATE - The Company** Scene 2: "Not Tonight. I'm Busy, Busy, Busy" **BETTER THINGS TO DO - Pat & Stan** Scene 3: "A Stud and a Babe" A STUD AND A BABE - Jason & Julie Scene 4: "Men Who Talk and the Women Who Pretend They're Listening" SINGLE MAN DROUGHT - Veronica & Betty WHY? 'CAUSE I'M A GUY! - Bob 1 & Bob 2 Scene 5: "Tear Jerk" **TEAR JERK - James & Jane** Scene 6: "The Lasagna Incident" I WILL BE LOVED TONIGHT - Diane & Chuck Scene 7: "And Now the Parents" HEY THERE, SINGLE GAL/GUY - Maura, Shirley, Karen & Mitch Scene 8: "And Now it's Sexy Time" Scene 9: "Scared Straight" Scene 11: "Wedding Vows" **CANTATA REPRISE #1 - The Company** WEDDING VOWS - The Company ACT II Scene I : Entr' act CANTATA REPRISE#2 - Bride & Groom **ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID - Bridesmaid** Scene 2: "Whatever Happened to Baby's Parents'?" **THE BABY SONG - Frank 1** Scene 3: "Sex and the Married Couple" MARRIAGE TANGO - Marlene, Dave, Zachary & Tyler Scene 4: "The Family that Drives Together" ON THE HIGHWAY OF LOVE - Husband, Wife, Emma & Noah Scene 5: "Waiting" WAITING TRIO - Connie, Guy & Beverly CANTATA REPRISE #3 - Mark, Connie, Guy & Beverly Scene 6: "Shouldn't I Be Less In Love With You" SHOULDN'T I BE LESS IN LOVE WITH YOU - Husband Scene 7: "The Very First Dating Video of Rose Ritz" Scene 8: "Funerals are for Dating" I CAN LIVE WITH THAT - Arthur & Muriel Scene 9: "Epilogue" I LOVE YOU. YOU'RE PERFECT. NOW CHANGE (FINALE) - The Company



Please turn off all cell phones during this performance.

Production Team

Producer - Jonelle Kop Director - Mary-Margaret Dale Assistant Director - Rhonda Crutcher Music Director - Robert Sax Music Producer - Marvin Lovett Set Designer - Cristina Salvesen Stage Manager - Charleen Shammis Costumes & Props - Lilly Cascamo, Carlina Rodriguez Makeup - Angel Martin, Jax Terrasa Choreographer - Cristina Salvesen Backstage crew - Luna Rivera, the cast Lights and Sound - Brad Shank, Jonelle Kop, Paul Messina Front of House - Tommy Chambers, Bill and Pat Cobey

Nick Giordano, Emma Jester, Alex Burso, Bill Cobey, Juan Carlos Terrasa, Jonelle Kop

Photographer - Donna Dietrich

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Robert L Sax - Music Director

Robert's first on stage experience in Sound Carolina at the age of 6 with The Clemson Players, a community theater group his parents had joined. He played a singing gingerbread, as part of a gingerbread man fence, in the musical *Hansel and Gretel*. In high school, after the family moved to Miami, he played Junior Babcock in *Mame* with a local theater group. In 1982 he moved to Key Largo to launch his donut empire (*nod to Tom*)

Butler), where he tried out for a role in Oklahoma!

Since that time he has acted, produced, been musical director, or artistic director for dozens of shows in The Keys, Boston, Miami, and Beijing. He was the drama and musical theater teacher at Coral Shores High School for over 10 years and has spent the last 8 years in Beijing as the Head of Visual and Performing Arts at Beijing "National Day" School, named after Chinese Independence Day. He has been an active part of Key Players Kids, Coral Shores' Cane Players, and has been active with Key Players for over 30 years, spending some time as the group's President.

His acting credits include Don Quote in *Man of LaMancha*, Judas Iscariot in *Godspell*, and Curly in *Oklahoma!* He has also played roles in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *I Love You*, *You're Perfect, Now Change*.

He was recently involved with the world premiere of *Always Remember*, a musical about the Cuban-American experience which opened Thanksgiving weekend 2022 in Miami.



The Key Players, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to present quality theatrical productions for the Upper Keys Community, thereby offering the opportunity for self-expression in the dramatic arts and other cultural endeavors. **Alastair McArthur:** While originally from Connecticut, Alastair came to the Keys in 2014 to help sea turtles at the Marathon Turtle Hospital. While there he acted in the Marathon Community Theater's performances of *The Producers* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. He now works in the Theater of the Sea's Veterinary Department and is happy to return to the stage after a seven year hiatus.





Andrew Fleites (Man 1/Groom): Andrew is happy to be part of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. He recently performed as Mushnik in *Little Shop of Horrors*. Andrew has been involved in theatre since high school and continues to receive coaching at Stage Door Unlocked. He currently attends Florida International University for Psychology and intends to earn a PhD. He would like to thank his parents, his friends and peers, his dog Daisy, and his theatre coach Nate Plummer for always supporting him and his goals.

Angel Martin: Angel thoroughly enjoys the theater, stating "It's a marvel to me how actors can bring the script alive and create something truly remarkable. Taking into account all the meticulous work that goes on in the background, from prop sourcing and costume designing to set building and rehearsing, I'm consistently amazed at how these seemingly disparate elements come together to form an audacious performance. My experiences in theater have been nothing short of engrossing; immersing myself in each play and luxuriating in its unique atmosphere is one of my favorite pastimes."



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Cristina Von Essen: Cristina is excited to be back on stage in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. She has been on stage in the community theater scene in Key Largo as part of The Key Players. Her recent roles include cast member of *Always Remember*, Pippi in *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, Violet in *9 to 5: The Musical*, Sheree Hollinger in *Dixie Swim Club*, and Mary Hatch in *It's a Wonderful Life*. She performed songs from musicals and zarzuelas such as *Oklahomal*, *West*



Side Story, Fiddler on the Roof, Sound of Music, and Cecilia Valdez in Puerto Rico.

An Architect and SCUBA instructor, she loves to problem-solve and have fun. Whatever time is left in her day she invests in running TICATOVE, a non-profit focused on the conservation of natural resources in Vieques, PR. As chairman of the board, she aids and supports the organization which is greatly known for its monitoring of sea turtles and their nesting areas as well as providing work training and placement in environmental-related careers for the youth and educational outreach programs with the local community of Vieques.



Debbie Hess: (Woman 1, Julie, mom, wife, Mrs. Whitewood, and Rose Ritz) Debbie is super excited to be a part of this hilarious show. A resident of Key Largo, she has performed over the past several years in a variety of productions with Miami Acting Company and Ginsberg Productions, including: *The Producers, Rocky Horror Picture Show* (Magenta), *Broadway Reviews, Steel Magnolias* (Annelle), *Cabaret*, and *Guys and Dolls.* She would like to thank all the cast, directors, including her husband Bob

(who has had to put up with her rehearsing and dancing around the house) and all the people involved in the production of the show, it takes a village!

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Jax Terrasa likes theater; it has the ability to transport audiences into an entirely different world, with the power of its grandiose sets and astounding performances. The spectacle can evoke a range of emotions – bemusement, exhilaration, enchantment – in ways that no other art form can match. When not on the stage, Jax is a parttime barista at the Key Largo Starbucks and enjoys riding their motorcycle through the Keys.





The Key Players Retrospective

1978 - 1979 Curse You Jack Dalton Last of the Red Hot Lovers Tight Spot 1980 Blythe Spirit 1981 Come Blow Your Horn California Suite 1982 **Rich Have No Money** Oh! Coward - Musical Revue Night of January 16th 1983 Rodgers & Hart Revue Dionio The Drunkard - Melodrama 1984 Mousetrap Grandma and the Mistletoe Some Enchanted Evening - Revue Never Too Late 1985 Cole Porter - Musical Revue Everybody Loves Opal I o and Behold 1986 Sing For Your Supper -Revue The Enigma 1987 Opals Million Dollar Duck 2x5 - Musical Revue 1988 Forty Carats Arsenic and Old Lace Sound of Music 1989 Fantastiks Oh Mama, No Papa Triloav 1990 Plaza Suite Oliver Dirty Work at the Crossroads Broadway to Hollywood - Revue 1991 Oklahoma! Prisoner of Second Ave. The Curious Savage 1992 My Fair Lady **Divorce Me, Darling** Dracula 1993 Man of La Mancha You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (Kids) A Night of Music - Revue Rumors

1994 Fiddler on the Roof Wizard of Oz (Kev Plavers Kids) Nunsense Norman. Is That You? 1995 A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum Cinderella (Key Players Kids) The Night of January 16th Lend Me A Tenor 1006 Kiss Me Kate Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast (Key Players Kids) M*A*S*H Wait Until Dark Barefoot in the Park 1007 South Pacific Hurricane Smith (Key Players Kids) Dreadful Doings at the Cider Mill The Odd Couple 1998 Little Shop of Horrors Aladdin (Key Players Kids) Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In You Can't Take It With You 1000 Heartbeats — A Musical Robin Hood (Kev Plavers Kids) TomFoolerv Arsenic and Old Lace 2000 Annie - A Musical Murder at the Banquet Nifty Fifties (Key Players Kids) Cactus Flower 2001 Annie Get Your Gun Stop The World I Want to Get Off The Secret Garden (Kids) The Nerd 2002 Personals Kokonut Kapers (Key Players Kids) The Affections of Mav Don't Dress for Dinner 2003 Over The River and Through the Woods The Magical Pied Piper (Kids) The Odd Couple 2004 I Love You, You're Perfect... Now Change! Steel Magnolias Sheherizade (Kev Plavers Kids) Harvev

2005 The Sound of Music Give My Regards to Broadway (Kids) 2006 Daddy's Dvin' Who's Got the Will? 2007 A Night at the Theater Nobody's Perfect The Taffeta's Memories 2008 Kitchen Witches Radio TBS Last of the Red Hot Lovers 2009 Meshuggah-Nuns! Weekend Comedy Don't Hug Me 2010 Dearly Beloved Dixie Swim Club Sex Please, We're Sixtv 2011 Binao Unmentionables Men Are Dogs A Taffeta Christmas 2012 'Til Beth Do Us Part **Drinking Habits** 2013 **On Golden Pond** Song Man. Dance Man There's a Burglar in My Bed 2014 Fox on the Fairway Three One Act Plavs George M. Cohan Tonight 2015 Nunsense Jamboree Red White & Tuna Who's in Bed with the Butler 2016 Shrek: The Musical Move Over, Mrs. Markham! 2017 Midlife! The Crisis Musical The Games AFOOT 2018 War of the Worlds 25th Annual Putnam Co. Spelling Bee It's a Wonderful Life - Live Radio Plav 2019 **Dixie Swim Club** Sin, Sex and the CIA 2020 9 to 5 The Musical 2022 The Great American Trailer Park Musical Little Shop of Horrors

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