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DOUBLE FEATURE!!



The Original Orson Wells

Radio show followed by an amazing

Comedy Parody "They Came from Earth" which a
premier Performance of a show written just for us!!!! Both
shows are wonderfully performed by our fabulous cast!



THE DAY
MARS
TREMBLED!
*What is a
Martian to
do?*

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The Key Players

PRESENTS

WAR OF THE WORLDS - THEY CAME FROM EARTH

Author
Orson Wells

Live Sound Effects
Susan Bazin

Author
Jeremy Wilken

with

Susan Bizin
Tony Biowne
Jonathan Bouge

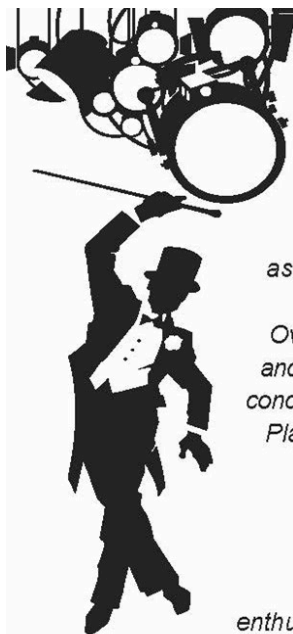
Bill Cobey
Amy Collier
Jessica Garcia

Noah Levine
John Pettit
Stephanie Snyder

Directed and Produced by Jonelle Kop

The Key Players are incredibly excited to bring this amazing double feature to the stage in Key Largo. Act one is the original Orson Wells radio show "War of the Worlds" performed on stage with live sound effects and tons of action! Act two is a debut performance of "They came from Earth" written by our very own Jeremy Wilkens. It is a humorous parody of the first, the story of mankind's first landing on Mars...

The day Mars Trembled, what is a Martian to do?



Who are The Key Players?

Who are The Key Players?... a group of Upper Keys people interested in live theater who organized in 1978 for their first show. The play, "Curse You Jack Dalton," was a hit as were the refreshments served at intermission.

Over the years the group has grown in membership and presented over 100 plays, musicals, revues, and concerts. Literally hundreds of people have been Key Players members or have been affiliated with the group since it began.

*Where do you fit in?
... as a Key Players member, perhaps ...
as a continuing supporter ... or as an
enthusiastic audience member ... maybe all three!!!*

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER/AUTHOR NOTES



Jonelle Kop: This is my 24th year with The Key Players and my 31st time directing, and/or producing or acting on stage and I love every minute. Tonight, our show is our first Double Feature SiFi show, certain to bring chills to your spine and laughter to your lips! While you will certainly recognize some of our wonderful and talented actors on stage, we have four newcomers joining us: Tony Biowne, Stephanie Snyder, Amy Collier and Noah Levine. They have worked hard, and we welcome them to our happy band of thespians.

We are extremely grateful to Jeremy Wilken for writing *They Came from Earth*. I have greatly enjoyed working with him in *Shrek the Musical* and he has such a quirky sense of humor, I could not imagine anyone else creating such a fun script. I am grateful that they will be able to come and see the show. Special shout out to Susan Bazin for Directing our Live Sound effects, Bill Cobey, John Pettit, Mike Garcia and more for helping building our set and Errin Pettit and Jen Norse for makeup. Fabiola Yasky for sound effects and Clair Collier for costumes! Also, a shout out to Bob Auer who helped with music and sound effects, Paul Messina who helped with Microphones and Cindy Smith for photography.

It takes a village to put on one of these shows. From set design and construction, props, costumes, lights, sound, advertising, and front of house. I thank all of the wonderful people who came together to bring us here tonight!!! And of course, Naomi Pagidas & The Plantation Key Community Center where we rehearsed and Nester Torra and Leo Morrin with the Murray Nelson, as we would not be here without them!

As we are all volunteers here, please know that the only pay we receive is your joy and laughter so feel free to enjoy!!! Thank you for coming! Jonelle



Jeremy Wilken (author): Now residing in New York, Jeremy was once an integral part of the Key Players family having participated in all levels from building sets and props, directing, acting and theatre board member. Given the opportunity to write something for a unique challenge, he hopes that his *They Came From Earth* parody of the classic *War of the Worlds* radio show will entertain audiences and the actors on stage. "I must admit... I wrote this parody with the actors in mind! I kept imagining

scenarios that I thought would be a blast to perform. From the beginning I encouraged them all to add to the mayhem and above all else, enjoy themselves. Thank you to Jonelle for encouraging me to write this little show, for giving me license to express my dumb sense of humor and for finding a group of actors willing to go for it!"

CAST

Cast Members

Director/Producer	Jonelle Kop
Director of Live Sound Effects	Susan Bazin
Police; Captain Lansing; Commander, Observer; Stranger	Tony Biowne
introduction, Phillips/Cilllips, Operator 1	Jonathan Bogue
Orson Wells/Welson Orels; Smith/Mith; Secretary; Operator 4	Bill Cobey
Announcer 3	Amy Collier
Announcer 1; One Woman; Observer; Operator 2)	Jessica Garcia
Pierson/Amelingdersh	Noah Levine
Wilmoth/Fromak; McDonald/McHonal;d Officer; Operator 5	John Pettit
Announcer 2; Sponsor; Gunner; Operator 3	Stephanie Snyder

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Susan Bazin *as Director of Live Sound Effects*

Susan Bazin is a professional flute player, Piklz-the-Clown, and band director at Key Largo Middle School. As a flautist, she has worked and recorded with Walt Disney World productions, sat principal chair with numerous symphony orchestras, operas and theater groups throughout Florida, and performed as a soloist for art galleries and weddings.

After attending Ringling Clown School, she composed a recorder method book (Ricky Recorder) and was instrumental (pun intended) creating the electronic applications we use today. As KLS band director, she can play most instruments, from alto sax to zither, but still enjoys the flute the most. She has received numerous honors including Teacher of the Year and Florida Bandmaster Association Grant Award for straight superior ratings for her band at MPA. Look for her in this play, stationed at the Sound FX table as she shakes, rattles and rolls!



Tony Biowne

AS: Police; Captain Lansing; Commander, Observer; Stranger

Tony is excited to be in his first performance and is grateful to such a wonderful group of people for their patience and support in helping someone who has always wanted to give performing a try.

It's probably a good thing cameras weren't allowed in rehearsals—otherwise, there might already be a hit YouTube channel out there!

Outside of the stage, Tony and his beautiful wife Shelly volunteer with I.CARE, working to restore the coral reefs.

By day, Tony is an entrepreneur... but that's the boring part.



Jonathan Bogue *as introduction, Phillips/Cilllips, Operator 1*

Jonathan Bogue is a multifaceted artist, Philanthropist and Environmentalist. He currently resides in Islamorada and works as an Educator at the Dolphin Research Center teaching the community about animal welfare and wildlife. Jonathan started his work as an artist with puppetry before moving into backstage and set management roles. Now, more often in front of the curtain for both theatre and television, His passions for humor, humanitarian work, and the natural sciences guide and inform his creative projects. Previously starring 2023's "The play that goes wrong" He is currently working on his playwright debut entitled "Mancub".



WHO'S WHO



Bill Cobey

*as Orson Wells/Welson Orels; Smith/Mith;
Secretary; Operator 4*

Bill returns to the Key Players stage, proving once again that the clock on his 15 minutes of fame is stuck in a delightful loop. With past roles including the chaotic charm of *A Mad Breakfast* (2014), the intergalactic drama of *War of the Worlds: The Radio Show* (2018), and, most recently, the emotionally tangled Daniel Harding in *Almost, Maine* (2025), Bill's theatrical résumé reads like a vintage jukebox—nostalgic and always ready to play another tune.

A proud Key Largo resident since 2005, Bill insists he's not retired—just “between opportunities,” which sounds suspiciously like actor-speak for “waiting for the next standing ovation.”



Amy Collier

as Announcer 3

Although Amy has helped out with theatrical productions at various venues in years past, this is her first experience with acting for community theater. She has a Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing from Goddard College and, as such, very much enjoys all forms of creative expression.

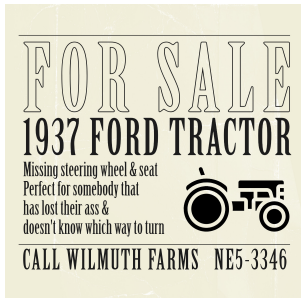
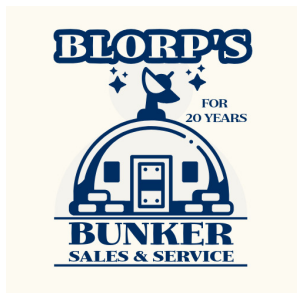
Amy just completed writing a book titled “Sleeping Giant” and she has also worked as a print journalist and taught at the college level. Amy is the owner of a business called Rocky Mountain Angling Club. She lives in Islamorada with her two young adult children, Jacob and Claire, who are both students at College of the Florida Keys.



Jessica Garcia

*as Announcer 1; One Woman;
Observer; Operator 2)*

“**Jessica Garcia** is excited to return to the stage! She was last seen as Dennis/Perkins in *The Play That Goes Wrong* while pregnant, and since then has welcomed their sweet son, now a year and a half old. Offstage, Jessica enjoys spending time with her husband and son, crafting, all things *Survivor*, and serving in the Youth Ministry and many other areas at her Church. She is deeply grateful for The Key Players community and hopes you enjoy the show!”



WHO'S WHO



Noah Levine

as Pierson/Amelingdersh

Noah Levine is delighted to be making his Upper Keys debut with the Key Players. Previously a resident of Broward, he was an active member of South Florida's vibrant theatre community for many years before moving down here last year with his lovely wife Cally (an educator at PKS) and their awesome almost-7-year-old son Miles (a first-grader at PKS). You'll find him lifeguarding at the Founders pool the first half of every week. Enjoy the show!



John Pettit

*as Wilmoth/Fromak; McDonald/McDonald;
Officer; Operator 5*

John Pettit: Being a native Miamian, former Hialeah Speedway Champion and retired after 45 years as an Elevator Constructor you may have seen his theatrical debut as J.D. in *Escape to Margaritaville* last year. Since then, John has stayed engaged working backstage with *"The Addams Family Musical"*. Along with his friends, he really enjoys the heck out of building many of the props, as well as helping in the build out of the sets with *"The Key Players"*. He is looking forward to returning to the stage in *"War of the Worlds"/"They came from Earth"*. With special THANKS to his wife Mary, for her patience with him and Director Jonell, the Cast and Crew for all the FUN times. See you at the show!



Stephanie Snyder

*as Announcer 2; Sponsor; Gunner;
Operator 3*

Stephanie is 47 years old and this is her debut with the Key Players! She is very excited to be a part of this wonderful cast as her first experience with anything public performance, other than local karaoke nights. She is truly grateful for this exciting (and terrifying) opportunity. Stephanie moved to Key Largo from PA almost four years ago and absolutely loves living in paradise! She is a holistic psychotherapist with her own private practice entitled *"Stephanie's Services"* where she conducts therapy via telehealth and serves both PA and FL state residents. She loves exploring "firsts" that led her to her audition with the Key Players. She lives with her three adorable doodle dogs and one cat and is very passionate about animal rights, rescue, and causes. She also volunteers at the Dolphin Life facility in Key Largo. She enjoys everything this beautiful area has to offer, especially anything in/on/under the sea and fully embraces that "you only live once!"



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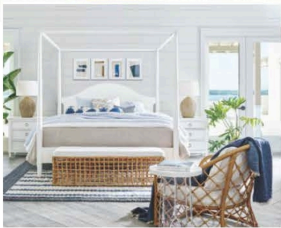
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