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Miss Furnival	Jodi Hodgson
Colonel Melkett	Don DeWitt
Harold Gorringe	Jason Vandervort
Clea	Phoebe Applegate
Schuppanzigh	Aaron Rose
Georg Bamberger	Michael Rosen

### PRODUCTION & SUPPORT STAFF

Director	Minden Anderson	
Stage Manager	Joel Youngblom	
Scenic Designer	Joel Soukkala	
Lighting Designer	John Justad	
Costume Designer & Seamstress	Karen Manni	
Sound Designer	Joel Soukkala & Jenn Soukkala	
Light Operator	Joel Youngblom	
Sound Operator	Colleen Biskey	
Stage Crew	Annika Schmutzer	
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**Preston Johnson** of St. Francis, MN was last seen in the County Seat Theater Company's production of 'Christmas Belles' in 2023. This is Preston's personal milestone tenth show. His favorite theater memory is when he had the chance to perform at the State Theatre in Minneapolis along side some of his lifelong friends. This is his first lead role.





**April Lattu** of Barnum was last seen in the County Seat Theater Company's production of 'No Body To Murder' this year. April says, "I want to thank my family and friends for their love and support. Thank You to CST, the cast and director for your guidance and encouragement. You are my new extended family."

**Jodi Hodgson** of Moose Lake was last seen in the County Seat Theater Company's production of 'Women Playing Hamlet' in 2023. Jodi has a BA from the University of Alaska in theatre and dance. She has done Post Graduate work in Somatic Performance at Green River Dance for Global Somatics.





**Don DeWitt** of Wrenshall was last seen in the Duluth Playhouse production of 'Honk'. He is performing in his first produciton at the County Seat Theater. Don says, "a big THANK-YOU to my cast mates!"

**Jason Vandervort** of Cloquet was last seen in 'Toxic Avenger' in Duluth. This is Jasons first show with County Seat Theater, however has participated in our parking lot shows. Jason says, "Thanks so much to this awesome cast and crew for putting up with my shenanigans. Getting back into acting his been amazing!"





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**Phoebe Applegate** of Moose Lake was last seen in the County Seat Theater Company's production of 'No Body To Murder' this year. Phoebe says, "Thank you to CST for making this theater my happy place. Thank you to Becca and Craig Vork for making life a happier place."





**Aaron Rose** of Duluth was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'No Body To Murder' this year. Aaron says, "I'm honored to be able to take part in this production. I'm forever grateful for my wonderfully supportive partner Lin and our children."

**Michael Rosen** of Cloquet was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'Tracks' in 2023. Michael says, "Doing a show is always so much fun. Although this part is a smaller one, it still gives me the thrill of being on stage and performing. My hat's off to my castmates and director. What a great experience!"







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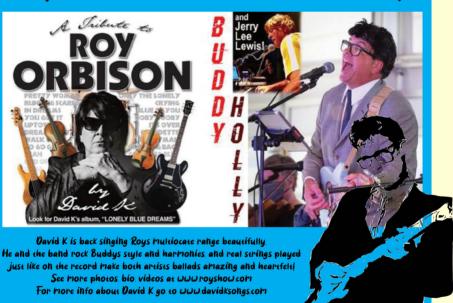
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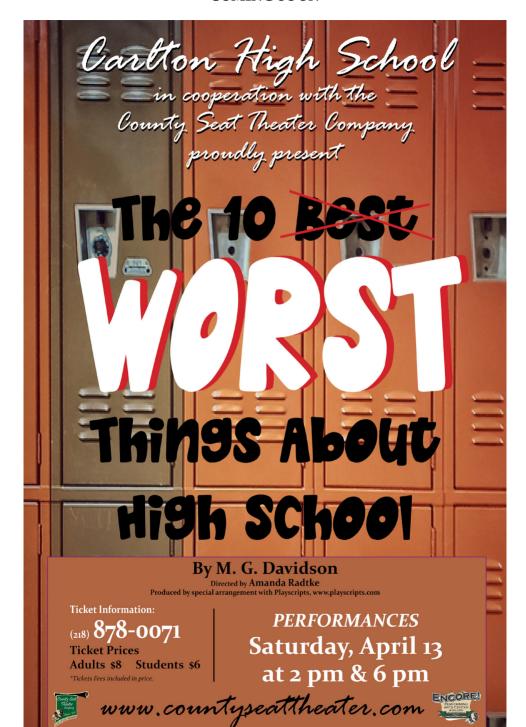
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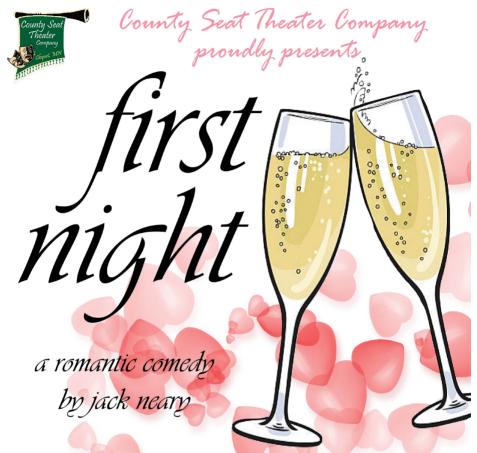
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