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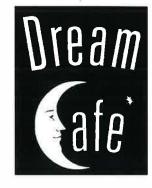
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- Merrily We Roll Along by Stephen Sondheim and George Furth, the third show of the Appetizer Attraction Series of the 2004-2005 season.

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### <u>Cast</u>

Franklin Shepard David Brown **Charley Kringas** Gary Floyd Mary Flynn \*Amy Mills Joe Josephson \*Gary Taggart Beth Kelly Rypkema **Gussie Carnegie** Peg Waldschmidt Meg, Dory, K.T. Lindsey Holloway T.V. Newswoman, Mrs. Spencer Jenay Puckett Tyler, Judge Brian Harkins Scotty, T.V. Newsman, Mr. Spencer Stan Graner Terry, Bunker | Rick Starkweather

### **Synopsis of Scenes**

Act IAct IIScene 1Bel Air, California: 1976Scene 2NBC Studio, New York: 1973Scene 3Frank's Apartment, New York: 1968Scene 4Manhattan Courthouse, New York:

There will be one 15 minute intermission.

### Musical Numbers

Act I		Act II	
Merrily We Roll Along	Company	Opening	
That Frank	Company	It's A Hit	Joe, Frank, Mary,
Old Friends — Like It Was	Mary, Charley		Beth, Charley
Franklin Shepard, Inc.	Charley	The Blob	Company
Old Friends	Mary, Frank & Charley	Growing Up	Gussie
Growing Up	Franklin & Gussie	Good Thing Going	Charley Frank
Not A Day Goes By	Beth	Bobby& Jack & Jackie	Charley, Frank, Beth
Now We Know	Mary & Company	Not A Day Goes By	Beth, Mary, Frank
		Opening Doors	Company
		Our Time	Company

### Jac Alder (Director)

Jac Alder produced and directed the first Sondheim seen in Dallas when Theatre Three presented *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* in 1968. (The theatre has subsequently staged it twice, each time with Larry O'Dwyer in the role of Pseudolus.) Other shows by Sondheim that Alder has produced-directed (and often designed) include Theatre Three presentations (and Dallas premieres of) Company, Side by Side by Sondheim, Sweeney Todd, You're Gonna Love Tomorrow, Saturday Night, and The Frogs. Sondheim's A Little Night Music was the first production staged after the theatre's renovation in 1986. The composer kindly contributed a number to an original Theatre Three revue (Ball Games) conceived by Alder and Terry Dobson. In addition to Merrily We Roll Along downstairs, Alder is directing Sondheim's Putting It Together as the final attraction of the 2004-2005 season.



### Terry Dobson (Musical Director)

May 2005 is Terry's 25th anniversary at Theatre Three. He currently serves as Theatre Three's Company Manager and Musical Director. He has directed numerous hits including *I Love You*, You're Perfect, Now Change, Myths and Hymns, First Lady Suite, and recently You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown. As an actor, Terry has appeared in Theatre Three productions of Sylvia, Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music, Beyond Therapy, Death Defying Acts, God's Man in Texas and last season's Dirty Blonde.

### George Furth (book)

George Furth was born in Chicago and graduated from Northwestern University; he did postgraduate work at Columbia University. He has worked extensively as an actor, appearing in many feature films, including The Best Man, Oh God!, Doctor Detroit, Young Doctors In Love, The Man With Two Brains, Cannonball Run, Hooper, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Blazing Saddles, Shampoo, Sleeper, The New Interns and Myra Breckinridge; he also acted in many major television shows. In addition to Company, he has written the Broadway shows The Act, Twigs, The Supporting Cast, Precious Sons and Getting Away With Murder.

### Stephen Sondheim (music and lyrics)

Stephen Sondheim, one of the most influential and accomplished composer/lyricists in Broadway history, was born in New York City. As a teenager he met Oscar Hammerstein II, who became his mentor. His first professional musical theatre job was as the songwriter for the unproduced musical Saturday Night. He wrote the lyrics for West Side Story, Gypsy and Do I Hear A Waltz?, as well as additional lyrics for Candide. Musicals for which he has written both music and lyrics include A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum, Anyone Can Whistle, Company, Follies, A Little Night Music, The Frogs, Pacific Overtures, Sweeney Todd, Sunday In The Park With George, Into The Woods, Assassins and Passion. Side By Side By Sondheim, Marry Me A Little, You're Gonna Love Tomorrow and Putting It Together are anthologies of his work. He is on the Council of the Dramatist Guild, and was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He was also recipient of a Kennedy Center Honor in 1993.

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### **David Brown** (Franklin Shepard)



This Orlando, Florida native is making his Theatre Three debut with this role. He holds an MFA in poetry from Penn State University and has performed at numerous theatres in California, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Texas, playing leading roles in 1776, Godspell, Camelot, The Sound of Music, My Fair Lady, Baby, South Pacific, Brigadoon, and The Pirales of Penzance. He is currently the English Department Chair at St. Mark's School.

### Gary Floyd (Charley Kringas)



Along, Most recently, he has been seen as David in King David (Lyric Stage), Ensemble in The Rocky Horror Show (CTD), and L.M. in Pumpboys & Dinettes (CTD), for which he received the 2004 Leon Rabin Award for Supporting Actor in a Musical. Gary is also a prolific songwriter/recording artist, and his latest CD, Unbound, can be found at his website, www.gary-floyd.com. Gary is represented by

### Stan Graner (Scotty, TV Newsman, Mr. Spencer)



Stan Graner is happy to be returning to his "old friends" at T3 after a long absence, being best known to T3 audiences for his portrayal of Bobby in Company. He also appeared in Rise and Shine, Tomfoolery, and The Frogs. Other credits - Plano Rep: Floyd Collins (Floyd), Violet (Father), Lyric Stage: The Pajama Game (Prez), Roadside (Buzzey), The Most Happy Fella (Herman). Circle Theatre; The Exact Center Of the Universe (Apple), The Countess (John Ruskin), Classical Acting Company: Romeo and Juliet (Montague). Kitchen Dog Theatre: The Juniper Tree (Husband). Thealre Anington: The Secret Garden (Archibald), It's a Wonderful Life (George Bailey). He's also appeared at Casa Mañana, Stage West, Garland Summer Musicals, and Granbury Opera House.

### Brian Harkins (Tyler, Judge)

Born and raised in Buffalo, NY, Brian has performed in many regional theaters around the country including Miami, Austin, and Las Vegas. Favorite roles include Sparky in Forever Plaid, Sylviain Ruthless!, & the Balladeer in Assassins. After 7 years away from the theater he's very happy to be making his return (It's not a come-back... he hates that word!) at Theatre Three.

### Lindsey Holloway (Meg, Dory, K.T.)

Lindsey is thrilled and honored to be working at Theatre Three (Theatre Too!) for the first time, as well as to be having her first major go-round with Sondheim. Recent roles include: Barbara Pepper - An American Love Story, NYC-bound workshop: Jeanne - State Fair (It's About Time Productions); Grandma Tzeitel - Fiddler on the Roof (FMPAT). Thanks to Jac and Terry for this fabulous opportunity. To friends and family, wonderful, glorious friends and family, "Thank you for everything, and I love you."

### Amy Mills (Mary Flynn)



Amy Mills has appeared onstage at Theatre Three for over 20 years in such shows as Spinning Into Butter, Into the Woods, Pumpboys and Dinettes, Second Threshold, Heartbeats, The Threepenny Opera, A., My Name Is Alice, Myths and Hymns, First Lady Suite, and the longest running hit, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change! She received a 2003 Rabin Award for her performance as Alice Bean for her performance in Lyric Stage's of Tilantic. She has been seen at Casa Manana, Bass Hall, Dallas Theater Center, The MUNY, Northshore Music Theatre, Arkansas Rep, the Cape Playhouse, Dallas Children's Theater, Stage West, and the Dallas Summer Musicals. In her spare lime she works on staff at Theatre Three, and hides out in Oak Cliff with her husband, actor Doug Jackson, and their two daughters, Emily and Abigail.

### Jenay Puckett (TV Newswoman, Mrs. Spencer)

This is Jenay's first performance at Theatre Three. Jenay has performed in Plano's production of Violet and was Stella Deems in Follies at Lyric Stage. Jenay is very proud to have been a part of the Rabin award winning Sunday in the Park with George as Old Lady/Blair at PRT, and Titanic as Eleanor Widner at Lyric Stage. Other roles include Molina's mother in Kiss of the Spider Woman at Uptown Players; Meg in Damn Yankees with ICT; The Miracle Worker as Aunt Ev; Musical Comedy Murder Mysteries of 1940 as Helsa at GCT; The Sound of Music(1996) as Sister Berthe also at GCT and the Rabin nominated My Favorile Year at PRT. Thanks to friends and family for their prayers and support.



### Kelly Rypkema (Beth)

Kelly is excited to make her debut with Theatre Three. She has performed for a variety of Dallas theater companies including Dallas Summer Musicals. It's About Time Productions, Plano Rep., ICT Mainstage, Contemporary Theatre of Dallas. and Echo Theatre. Audiences have most recently seen her as Margy in State Fair, Lily in The Secret Garden (Leon Rabin nomination), and Tzeitel in Fiddler on the Roof. Kelly began college as a music major but took a slight detour and finished with a Master's in Biology. She returns to her roots in theater every chance she gets, and thanks her family, friends and mentors for their support.



### Rick Starkweather (Terry, Bunker)

This marks Rick's 3rd appearance at Theatre Three. Rick returns back home after completing the World Tour (U.S./Canada/Mexico/United Kingdom) of the children's imaginary purple dinosaur, Barney's Colorful World. Most recently, he returned to the revival of Adventures In Love (FMPAT) and choreographed Annie Get Your Gun (Metropolitan Christian School). Local: Myths & Hymns, Bal Boy: The Musical (Theatre Three); Adventures in Love - 2002 Premiere, Cabaret, Annie (FMPAT); Godspell, Grease (Theatre Arlington); Hello Dolly, Fiddler on the Roof, The Will Rogers Follies (GSM); Carnival, Gypsy (Lyric Stage); Come Into the Light (DCT). Summer Stock: Godspell, Snoopy: The Musical, You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown (Magic Waters Theatre Company) Film/Video: Barney's Colorful World (Hil Entertainment 2004), Carlson Restaurants Worldwide.

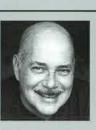


### Gary Taggart (Joe Josephson)

Gary was given his start in Dallas theatre by Jac Alder and Norma Young in 1982, a season that saw him in four shows at Theatre Three, including the little role in Sweeney Todd, still his most treasured theatrical memory. Except for a tour of Grand Hotel with members of the Broadway and London casts that took him to both coasts in 1999, and a few forays to Northshore Music Theater in Massachusetts, Theatre Under the Stars in Houston, and Arkansas Rep, he's remained a Metroplex actor, appearing occasionaly at the Dallas Theater Center, Lyric Theater, Circle Theater, Casa Manana, Dallas Summer Shakespeare and a host of theaters now defunct; and frequently at Stage West and Granbury Opera House. Favorite roles include Cariere in Phantom of the Opera, Leonato in Much Ado About Nothing, V. in Travels With my Aunt, Harry Mitchell in The Sum of Us, and Abel Frake in State Fair. It's lovely finally to be back at the Quadrangle, Thank you Jac and Terry.

### Peg Waldschmidt (Gussie Carnegie)

Peg Waldschmidt has been a performer, choreographer, and a teacher for over 25 years. She has performed professionally as an actress and has worked on the stage throughout the midwest. In her 25 years of teaching she has had the privilege to teach choir and drama to students from elementary school up to college level, and was the Artistic Director of the Parker Square Playhouse in Flower Mound. Peg holds a MME from Wichita State University and lives in Coppell with her loving husband and three fanlastic children. She is excited to get to perform all Theatre Three and especially to be performing Sondheim's work







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Thanks,

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Jac Alder Executive Producer-Director

### A Few of Theatre Three's wishes

• Office supplies (paper, pens, pencils, staples, paper clips, file folders, etc.)

• Industrial shelving for Theatre Three's warehouse, props, and furniture

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For more information about these wishes or to donate, please contact Greg MacPherson or Kimberly Richard in Theatre Three's administrative office at 214-871-3300, option #2.

# THEATRE THREE presents the sixth show of the Mainstage Series of the 2004-2005 season...

By special arrangement with the author. Jeffrey Stanley

### **Artistic Staff**

Director Terry Dobson Shelly Wahm-Pomme Set Design Lighting Design Carl Munoz Costume Design | Ric Leal

### Cast

\*Scott Latham Calvin Barker Dr. Sue Morrison \*Kerrv Cole Swimmer \*R Bruce Elliott Alabama \*\*Leslie Patrick \*\*Dan Nolen, Jr. **Preacher Bobby** Tracy Barker \*\*Diane Worman



### By Jeffrey Stanley

Originally presented as part of the Mill Mountain Theatre/Norfolk Southern Festival of New Works, was commissioned by a grant from Oncology & Hematology Associates of Southwest Virginia, and received its world premiere at the Mill Mountain Theatre on January 21, 2003 with the following cast and

crew:

CAST( in order of appearance): Calvin Barker: Sean Havden Dr. Sue Morrison: Janelle Schremmer Swimmer: Bev Appleton Alabama: Sarah Dandridge Preacher Bobby: George C. Hosmer Tracy Barker: Sarah Yorra

Directed by Jere Lee Hodgin; Set Design by Jimmy Ray Ward Lighting Design: John Wolf; Cost me Design by Angela D. Valerio Production Stage Manager: Doug Flinchman

But when Jesus heard, he said to them. "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. Go you and learn what that means." - Matthew 9: 12 - 13

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### **Scene Synposis**

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Setting A hospital in southwestern Virginia

There will be one fifteen minute intermission.

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### Terry Dobson (Director)



Terry Dobson has been a member of Theatre Three's Artistic Staff since May 1980. He currently serves as Theatre Three's Musical Director and Company Manager. Terry directed (and accompanied) Theatre Three's record breaking smash hit musical revue, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change! and all of last season's Appetizer Attractions Series productions, Myths & Hymns, Don Juan in Hell, and First Lady Suite. He recently finished directing the first show of The Spotlight Series in Theatre Too!, Grateful: The Songs of John Bucchino and the fourth show of the Mainstage Season, You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown. Terry has performed with The Dallas Theater Center, Casa Manana, Lyric Stage, and Theatre Arlington. Terry orchestrated and arranged the music for Don Snell's tribute to Noel Coward, A Private Spirit, which has been produced in Hollywood, Las Vegas, Dallas, and Phoenix. He traveled to London in 2000 to accompany The Stuff of Drama by Niki Flacks. Terry won a Leon Rabin Award — Outstanding Musical Direction — for his work on the musical, Jon & Jen and is the recipient of numerous "Column Awards". As an actor, Terry has appeared in Theatre Three productions of Sylvia, Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music, Beyond Therapy, Death Defying Acts, God's Man in Texas and last season's Dirty Blonde.

### Shelly Wahm-Pomme (Set Design)

Set designer Shelly Wahm-Pomme volunteered to design the setting for this new show following a meeting with producer Jac Alder who, still practicing a career filled with arm twisting, applied years of experience to the right-handed designer's left arm. Known chiefly for theatre designs in theatre-in-the-round spaces, Ms. Wahm-Pomme (and her husband, Frites Pomme) have retired from their joint architectural practice and, in addition to travelwriting (when they travel) live chiefly for the pleasures of the Arts, especially enjoying their collection of primitive wood sculptures, most of which are from Indonesia.

### Ric Leal (Costume Design)

He has performed in several Theatre Three productions, including *Going to St. Ives, You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown, The Wild Party, Side Show,* and *Saturday Night.* Ric Leal made his Theatre Three debut as costume designer for *Seven Keys to Baldpate* and also recently designed costumes for *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown.* Design credits include local and regional theaters such as Plano Repertory Theatre, The Grand Crystal Palace, and The Gas Light Playhouse. Ric also served as the resident costume designer for Casa Manana Theater in Fort Worth. National credits include over fifty industrial shows and eight seasons of costume design work for the world's largest theme park organization.

### Carl Munoz (Lighting Design)

Carl is excited to be designing such a fun show for Theatre Three. He is in the process of moving to Las Vegas to pursue design on a large scale. But he is looking forward to finishing off the season at Theatre Three.

### Jeffrey Stanley (Playwright)

Jeffrey Stanley's play Tesla's Letters (www.teslasletters.com) world premiered to rave reviews in New York at The Ensemble Studio Theatre, directed by Curt Dempster. It has since been performed in the UK at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and in numerous theatres throughout the US. The script has been published by Samuel French which named the play one of the ten best dramas of 1999. His play *Medicine, Man* was commissioned by Virginia's Mill Mountain Theatre and premiered in 2003, directed by Jere Hodgin. Stanley was a visiting playwright (Copeland Fellow) at Amherst College where he completed his full length play UFOs Over Brooklyn. His work has also been performed in New York at LaMama, the Chashama Arts Space, and is frequently read at the Naked Angels tuesdays@nine reading series. He wrote, directed and performed in his autobiographical comedy show The Golden Horseshoe: A Lecture on Tragedy which premiered at the Gershwin Hotel's acclaimed 'Live From the Living Room' series in December, 2003.

Stanley's screenplay **Brain On Fire** (www.brain-on-fire.com), which he will direct, has been optioned by producer Matt Myers with casting by Dani Super and John Mabry, and representation by the Gersh Agency. He has also written screenplays for Oscar winning director Barbara Kopple and for Andrew Lauren Productions. Screenwriting awards include the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Screenplay Award, the New York Picture Company Award for Best Dramatic Screenplay, the Laurel Entertainment Award for Screenwriting Excellence, and a residency at Yaddo.

Stanley has also appeared as a guest writer in the New York Times and in Time Out New York. He is a member of the editorial panel for Boston University's Center for Millennial Studies' first ever scholarly journal on millennialism in pop culture to debut in 2004.

Stanley holds an MFA from the Dramatic Writing Program at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts where he studied under playwright David Ives. He received his BFA in Film & Television Production from Tisch with a minor in cultural anthropology.



### Kerry Cole (Dr. Sue Morrison)



Kerry has appeared in several Theatre Three productions including *How the Other Half Loves, Season's Greetings*, and *Infidelities.* At Watertower Theater, she played Mrs. Birling in *An Inspector Calls*, Karen in *Dinner with Friends*, and Mrs. Ravenscroft in *Ravenscroft.* At Plano Repertory Theatre, she played Doris in *Same Time Next Year* and at the Houston Shaw Festival, she played Vivie in *Mrs. Warren's Profession.* She appeared as a guest artist at Richland College, playing M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias.* She has directed at Circle Theatre, Irving Civic, Richardson Community Theater, Wayside Theatre, and Richland College. Kerry has also taught at Richland College, UTD, TWU, Eastern New Mexico University, and University of Central Arkansas. Look for Kerry in the upcoming film, *Veritas, Prince of Truth.* "For 'Spoons'".

### R. Bruce Elliott (Swimmer)



After graduating from Austin College, Bruce's first show was at Theatre Three (Jack and the Beanstalk). He did not appear at Theatre Three for another eighteen years. He has since appeared in several Theatre Three productions including Mrs. Warren's Profession, Assasins, Born Yesterday, Rise and Shine, and Triumph of Love. Other theatre credits include Uncle Johnny in A Country Life and Big Daddy in Cat On A Hot Tin Roof at WaterTower Theatre, Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and King Henry in The Lion in Winter at Stage West, Thurston (and a variety of other roles) in Greater Tuna at the Anatole Hotel in Dallas. He has also played Ben James in I Am A Teacher across the country. On film, he has appeared in JFK. Fletch Lives. The Chase, Carried Away, Dr. T and the Women, and Finding North. On television, he played Mr. Tenagain on Barney and Friends, and appeared in Walker Texas Ranger, and the CBS movie, Murder in the Heartland. He has won three Dallas Theatre League Leon Rabin Awards: Best Actor in a Musical, Best Actor in a Play, and Best Supporting Actor in a Musical, all for work at WaterTower Theatre.

### Scott Latham (Calvin Barker)



Scott last appeared on Theatre Three's stage as Pale in *Burn This.* He has appeared at many Dallas area theatres including at Wingspan Theatre playing Dr. Simian in *Wildwood Park*, Our Endeavors Theater Company playing Alice B. Toklas in *What Happened*, Actors' Stock Company playing Alchonon in *Teibele and Her Demon*, and Teatro Dallas playing Saul in *Profane Games*. Scott has awarded the Dallas Critics Forum Awards for Outstanding Performance for Theatre Three's *Burn This* and Actors' Stock Company's *Teibele and Her Demon*. He is represented by the Horne Agency.

### Dan Nolen, Jr. (Preacher Bobby)

Audiences may remember Dan playing Thomas Hayden in the first Theatre Three production of the 2004-2005 season, Seven Keys to Baldpate. His stage experience includes playing Norman Thayer, Jr. in On Golden Pond at OnStage in Bedford, Governor in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas in Mansfield, Grandpa Vanderhof in You Can't Take It With You at Artisan Center Theater, Olive Warbucks in Annie and Henry Perkins in Funny Money at Grapevine's Runaway Theater. Besides appearing in several commercials and industrials, he appeared in the films Eye 4 An Eye and Serving Sara. Dan retired IBM after 30 years. He would like to thank his wife Connie for her love and support.



### Leslie Patrick (Alabama Saunders)

Leslie is making her Theatre Three debut in *Medicine, Man.* Some of her other favorite theatre roles include Woman in 52 *Pick-Up* in Act I Productions, Donalbain in *Macbeth* at Bucket Productions, Harriett in *Boy Gets Girl* at Echo Theatre, Sharla in *Mismatched* at Pegasus Theatre, Olga in *Stage Door* at Plano Repertory Theater, and Gail Reed in *It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Murder* at Step Lively Productions at the Darrell Roth II Theatre in New York. She has done seven black and white shows with Pegasus Theatre and was one of the makeup artists for the recent Irving Community Theatre production.

### Diane Worman (Tracy Barker)

This Baylor University and Actors Theatre of Louisville graduate is making her Theatre Three debut. Previous theatre experience includes Mrs. Capulet in *Romeo and Juliet* at Classical Acting Company, Carol in *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* at Stage West, Sue Stephens in *Down South* at Uptown Players, Sandy in *A Thousand Clowns* at Theatre Arlington, Mary in *Urgent Fury* at Kitchen Dog Theatre's New Works Festival, and Fraulein Mittle in *Infinity's House* at Actor's Theatre of Louisville. She has been featured in several national voiceovers including Lipton Iced Tea and Mott's Apple Juice. Diane is represented by Kim Dawson Talent Agency. She would like to dedicate this show to her family who lost her mother, Dottie, to cancer last year. "I love you all so much."



*Medicine, Man* is a dark comedy inspired by the death of my maternal grandmother, Ethel Orelia Ferguson, and that impact on my immediate family.

My brother, sister and I were born in the Blue Ridge Mountains of southwest Virginia and raised in a single parent home by mother. We were all very close to my grandmother who helped raise us and who shared a house with us for a few years when I was young, so I got to know her very well. My grandmother was out picking tobacco at the age of four and had an eighth grade education. She shamelessly chain smoked, told dirty jokes, regularly read the Bible and insisted we were part Cherokee. There is also a lot of my grandmother in protagonist Calvin Barker.

I also had to do a good deal of research for the play. Although it's a dark comedy I wanted the elements to hold water, and that meant making sure Ola Mae's medical condition and accompanying symptoms were accurate. It meant making sure the ethical issues surrounding dialysis were grounded in reality. I consulted an MD in my present home of New York City and a nephrologist in my hometown of Roanoke, Virginia where the play is set. I also spent time in the nephrology intensive care unit of my hometown hospital observing doctors and nurses and chatting with patients. Additionally, I read six books on medical ethics which were recommended to me by physicians. All of this research fed into my creation of the character Dr. Sue Morrison.

Swimmer, or Ayunini, is based on a real Cherokee medicine man. I became aware of his existence several years ago while researching an historical screenplay I was writing. This fascinating shaman was probably the last of the Cherokee medicine men. He achieved immortality in the 19th century after he finally agreed to reveal the secret prayers, chants and rituals of Cherokee healers to white anthropologist James Mooney before this knowledge was lost forever. Swimmer's healing knowledge was originally printed as The Swimmer Manuscripts and can be found in Mooney's book History, Myths and Sacred Formulas of the Cherokees published by the Smithsonian Institution. Swimmer's physical appearance as I have described him in the play is based on his photograph in this book, and one of his actual prayers appears in the second act of my play. I read three other books on ancient Cherokee medicine and spiritual beliefs, and was surprised to learn that at one time the Cherokees believed in a form of reincarnation. This immediately called to mind the philosophies found in Hinduism, so I reread the Hindu holy book the Bhagavad Gita, I book I had first read as a teenager. Soon, my version of Swimmer, infused with a blend of Cherokee and Indian mysticism, was hanging out in Ola Mae's room in the pages of my script, waiting eagerly to confront the characters about their previous lives and the ones to come.

When my grandmother died suddenly over the course of a single day I was living in New York City and faced with the sad reality that it would be impossible for me make it home to Virginia in time to see her before she passed away. At her moment of death, most of my family was gathered round her bed except for me. I think my guilt about not being there to say goodbye led me to write this play. It's my imagining of what might have been going on at the hospital with my family over that 24 hour period.

That said, the play is not directly autobiographical, the characters and situations are fictional, and hopefully universal to anyone who has lost a loved one and hit the boundaries of faith, medicine and faith *in* medicine. Still, no eulogy to my grandmother would be appropriate without laughter.

-Jeffrey Stanley, 2005

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You've been reading, I suppose, that Dallas has a very tasty cultural pie to slice these days. It's true the economy continues to depress corporate and government contributions. You can bet that's still excruciatingly painful here at Theatre Three. Still, you and I read almost daily of <u>remarkable gifts from individuals</u> contributing to new buildings proposed for the Arts District. Hooray! I'm a believer in building for the future. The planning seems smart and important.

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