

The PA Players Present  
A Musical Comedy

**The Tavern**  
and the  
**Storyteller**  
an original PA production



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A story about a poor boy in love,  
who came from hardly anything,  
and went on to something a bit better...



Story & Songs By Jim Lassiter

# A little about the story...

it's a play within a play...

it's a comedy & love story...

it's set in a medieval-ish tavern...

with some fishermen...

a very bad guy and his

Particularly Evil Temp Agency henchmen...

a good guy and his friend...

a pretty girl & her friends...

parents...

a fairy godmother & her henchmen...

maybe a lesson or two on growing up....

some very cool dancing...

lots of yelling....

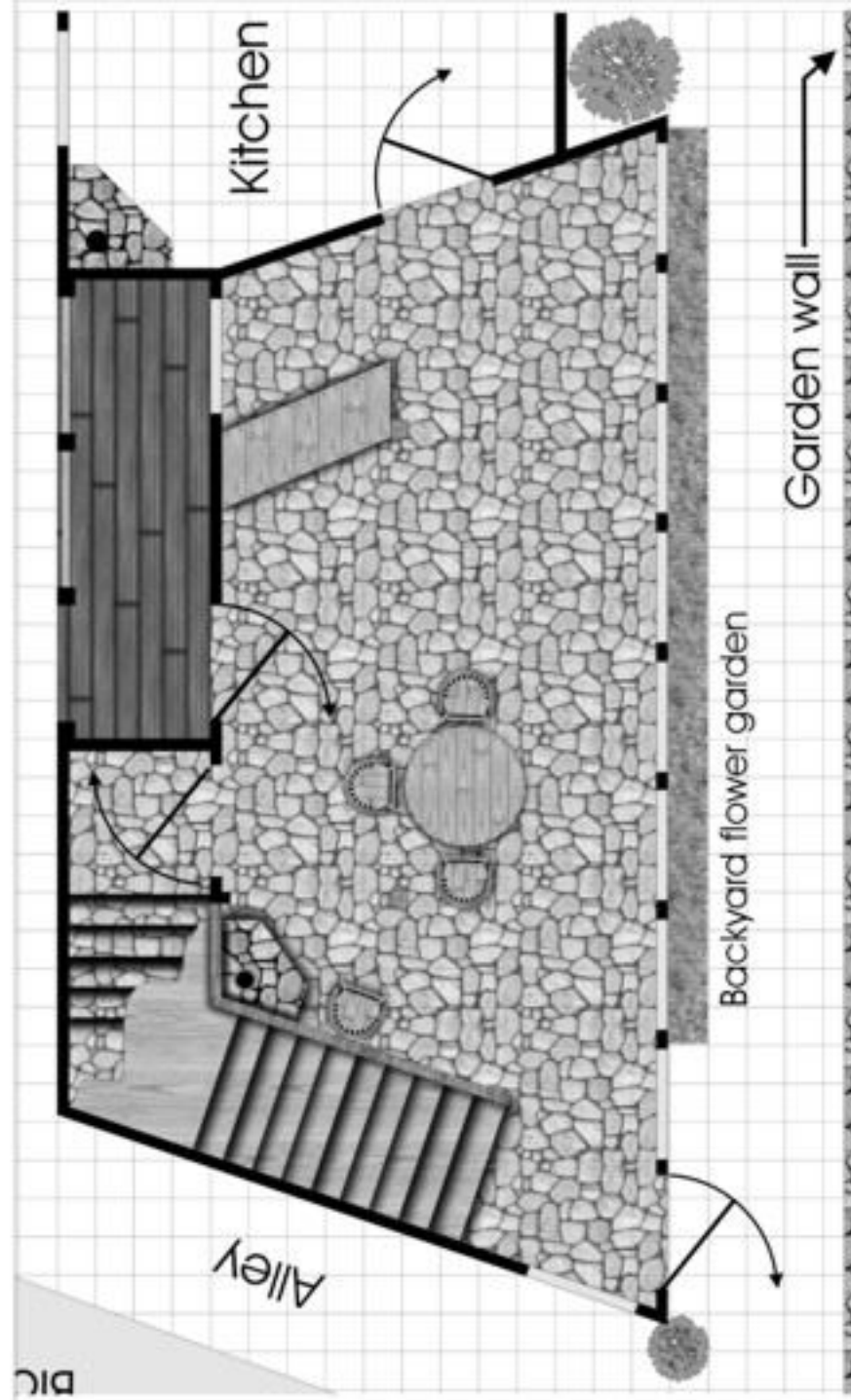
music of course....

an arrow that looks a lot like a chicken....

a deadly game of pickle....

some unsuspecting customers...

and that odd fellow who tells us all about it...



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## - Act One -

Opening Night  
The Storyteller  
Lily

The Baron's Son  
The Story of Winkie Part 1  
The Fairy Godmother  
The Story of Winkie Part 2  
Confrontation Part 1  
Off To War  
Some Late Arrivals

## ~~INTERMISSION~~

## - Act Two -

Lily's Realization  
Parents  
You've Got Mail  
Pickles & Shadows  
Friends & Rabbits  
Friends & Enemies  
Confrontation Part 2  
An Ending  
End of the Storyteller's Story  
The End of Our Story

## *mOre abOut the stOry*

In an age long past in a land so far away from here you could never possibly hope to get there by walking unless you have very long legs, and even then, you'd probably be put off by the weather, was a small Tavern in a coastal fishing village in a small barony where the aches and pains of the day were flushed away by long heavy draughts of thick bitter ale and bad singing which would have kept the locals up most nights but for the fact that, fortunately, the locals were smart enough not to have moved into that neighborhood in the first place...

The Tavern was run by the Tavernkeeper and his Wife who's children had managed to escape at an early age and get good jobs not cleaning smelly fish. But they do manage to come by once in awhile to say hi and eat the food and do a bit of laundry. They don't appear in the play and are not mentioned at all.

The Tavern has not been doing well lately and the customers are few because the taxes have been increased, which makes it hard to get to the Tavern and spend the money that you don't have in order to drink the ale that you can no longer afford because of the high tax rate that you can't pay because you spent it all at the Tavern.

It's a vicious circle but a hardy few manage it because they know the Tavernkeeper, and it's in the script.

The Tavern is sometimes visited by a person known only as the Storyteller, a strange person who wanders the land telling stories and swapping news between towns and villages and who will occasionally deliver the mail and a baby or two if there's no doctor around.

On this particular night, the Storyteller visits the Tavern after being away for some months, and the locals want to hear a new story to help lift their spirits a bit higher than what the spirits in their mugs are failing to do.

The Storyteller tells them a story. A local story that they've never heard before. A story about a poor boy in love, who came from hardly anything, and went on to something a bit better.

# characters in the story

## **The TAVERNKEEPER** - Keith Girard

A jovial sort of fellow who lets the world slide off his shoulders. He knows his wife can be a pain but knows she really has a good heart and she can cook... love is blind after all... or at least oblivious to most things...

## **The Tavernkeeper's WIFE** - Stephanie Blanchette

The resident screeching harpy. She knows she's a pain and doesn't let anyone forget it and tries hard, with great success, to not let anybody know she has a good heart - except for Lily's friends...

## **The STORYTELLER** - Chris Lassiter

No real pronounceable name to worry about. Spent too many years on the road. Not quite sane, but enjoys not having to pay taxes because he always leaves town before they can find out what his mailing address is...

## **BRUCE** - Jon Ari

Fisherman in tavern. Works on a fishing boat, smells like a fish, drinks moxie like a fish, tired of eating fish that probably taste like moxie. Probably looks like a fish? Likes the tavern because he can sit next to the fireplace so he's not cold like a fish and where he can forget about having to go home just yet to his wife who's tired of her husband always spending time at the tavern...

## **PALMER** - Josh Cummings

Fisherman in tavern. Like Bruce above, but knows what a bath is...

## **WILLIS** - Matt Eaton

Fisherman in tavern. The newest member of the ships crew, not yet married, can stay out all night if he wants... Thinks everything should have it's own "theme" music. Not yet inducted into all the nuances of being a fisherman, ie: all the old jokes are new to him and the others spare no expense taking advantage of that fact. He's also going to learn how to play that deadly game all seasoned fishermen call "Pickle"... go ahead and laugh, just be glad it's not you!

## **LILY (age 16)** - Jillian Spring

Daughter of the Tavernkeeper's in the Storyteller's story. She's a bit silly, but not as scatterbrained as she appears. Somewhat self centered at first, but she'll learn soon enough. She's just a typical teenager but without the benefits (curse?) of electronic technology...

## **WINKIE (William)** - Jake Parker

The poor boy-hero in the Storyteller's story. Lives in the forest. Looks like he was raised by squirrels. He wants to be a cook someday just to know what hot food tastes like and he fell in love with Lily at first sight probably because she's not covered in hair... at least she doesn't have fleas... he's not sure about her friends though... they certainly act like they have something up their...

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Percussion:  
Steve Putnam  
Trumpet:  
Nat Vigneau  
Trombones:  
Alex Vesekis-Esch  
Scott Christie  
Flutes:  
Jamie Lord  
Rebecca Hutchinson  
Saxophones:  
Mike Blakeslee  
Becky Stiles  
Clarinets:  
Kaitlyn Labbay  
Brittany Abbot

A special thanks to the Girards for the amazing set and lights and to Stephanie Blanchette for the wonderful detailed painting!

# *sOme mOre characters in the stOry*

Sponsors

## **Lord CADUCIAS BLAESHUE** - Travis Carlson

The Baron's son. The bad guy that lust's after Lily in the Storyteller's story. Typical spoiled rich brat who can afford to ignore the law and basic manners. Hopefully there will be enough air to go around when he kicks it so everybody can cheer really loud...

## **DIBBLES** - Matt Dobe

Caducias' evil temp agency henchman and ambushing bunny rabbit. Caducias' regular henchmen were out sick so the Particularly Evil Temp Agency (P.E.T.A.) sent him and Ritz for the week. Extremely incompetent, can't get a real job and doesn't work well with others, but his body is warm and he can stand still for long periods of time... perfect!

## **RITZ** - Brian Malik

Caducias' other evil temp agency henchman and Dibble's twin brother.

## **BETHANY (age 15)** - Michelle Eaton

Friend of Lily's. Probably more mature than Lily and the others, probably the most sane of everybody...

## **WILLOW (age 14)** - Kristen Wallace

Friend of Lily's. Used to be like Sarah, now catching up to Bethany...

## **SARAH (age 13)** - Kelly Wallace

Friend of Lily's. She wants to be like Lily but with the help of Bethany... Well, we can hope can't we? Truly innocent at heart, she's sweet & charming, she's also a royal pain in the euphemism. She can get away with murder and she knows it.

## **SQUIRE TIM** - Alex Vesekis - Esch

Friend of Winkie. On the "not insane" scale, probably # 3 behind Bethany & the Tavernkeeper. He wants to be a warrior someday and worships the bravery of Winkie, er... William. He's actually the bravest of all, he just doesn't realize it. He'll probably marry Bethany in the sequel, that is, if we can get anybody to show up... actually, this is a trilogy...

## **Robert - a customer (husband)** - Alex Vesekis - Esch

It was the wrong night to go out, it was the wrong place to go in. He spent way too much time arguing with his wife and her mother about where to eat so all the good places closed at a decent hour - and like moths to a flame, they went towards the only light they could see...

## **Rosemary - a customer (wife)** - Jenny Lindsay

All she wanted was to go to the well lit expensive restaurant just up the street (and her mother has a table reserved) but no, her husband wanted to save money. It doesn't matter that it was their first year anniversary...

## a few mOre characters in the stOry

**Mrs. Elizabeth Flukes - a customer (mother-in-law)** - Kara Kirby  
Don't bother to argue, you can't win with this one. What's good enough for her? Rather ask, what isn't... actually don't ask her, you won't like the answer... and probably have better things to do with your time, unless your really into headaches...

**TRESAMAI (The Fairy Godmother)** - Amber Caplette  
Description: 3rd rate, engine needs work, needs tranny, needs paint, had new bling installed but wired wrong, rims are still good, has major rust, failed inspection, speakers blown, can sell for parts or will trade for food...  
call after 6pm...

**YOUNG WINKIE (WILLIAM)** - Jake Parker  
Words cannot express how much of an idiot he is...  
Oh wait, his Fairy Godmother said "nut job". Yeah, that works...

**PHOEBE** - Liz Riccatelli  
Young Winkie's sister. Basically an older version of Winkie.  
She doesn't even rate a Fairy Godmother - enough said...  
Well, a quite bit more could be said, but not in polite company...

**Fairy Godmother Henchman # 1** - Kara Kirby  
Herald & left armpit support.

**Fairy Godmother Henchman # 2** - Ashley Roney  
Herald & right armpit support.

