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THE *Sweet Delilah* SWIM CLUB

a Jones Hope Wooten Comedy



A DINNER THEATRE PRODUCTION

April 13 + 14 + 15, 2023

Production Team

Director: **Raymond Landry** | Stage Manager: **Nancy Beland**

Assistant Stage Managers: **Helen Landry + Tara Hawkes**

Set Construction: **Ekku Makitalo** | Set Painting: **Lindsay Dainton**

Props + Set Dressing: **Cast + Crew**

Audio Operation: **Sean Perras**

Program Editor: **Tanya Saari** | Graphic Designer: **Tara Hawkes**

Place

The living room of a beach cottage on the Outer Banks of North Carolina

Time

One weekend in August.



Act One

Scene One: Twenty-two years after the characters' college graduation.

Scene Two: Five years later.

Act Two

Scene One: Five years later.

Scene Two: Twenty-three years later.



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Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships.



Free from husbands, kids, and jobs, they meet at the same beach cottage, the “Sweet Delilah” on North Carolina’s Outer Banks to catch up, laugh, and meddle in each other’s lives.

The Sweet Delilah Swim Club focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of thirty-three years.

Sheree, the spunky team captain, desperately tries to maintain her organized and “perfect” life, and continues to be the group’s leader.

Dinah, the wisecracking overachiever, is a career dynamo. But her victories in the courtroom are in stark contrast to the frustrations of her personal life.

Lexie, pampered and outspoken, is determined to hold on to her looks and youth as long as possible. She enjoys being married—over and over and over again.

The self-deprecating and acerbic Vernadette, acutely aware of the dark cloud that hovers over her life, has decided to just give in and embrace the chaos.

And sweet, eager-to-please Jeri Neal experiences a late entry into motherhood that takes them all by surprise.

As their lives unfold and the years pass, these women increasingly rely on one another, through advice and raucous repartee, to get through the challenges (men, sex, marriage, parenting, divorce, aging) that life flings at them.

And when fate throws a wrench into one of their lives in the second act, these friends, proving the enduring power of “teamwork” rally ‘round their own with the strength and love that takes this comedy in a poignant and surprising direction.

The Sweet Delilah Swim Club is the story of these five unforgettable women – a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever...



RAYMOND LANDRY - DIRECTOR

Raymond is very proud to have directed this wonderfully funny, touching, and heartfelt play about lifelong friendships and loyalty. This is his fourth production as director, backed by some 26 productions as an actor over the past 12 years. You may have seen Ray on stage in last year's SPG dinner theatre as Carter, in *Things My Mother Taught Me*, or previously in November 2021's SPG dinner theatre production of *On a First Name Basis*, as David Killbride. "It has been a tremendous joy to work with this talented and dedicated cast of actors, bringing the script to life in such a beautiful and funny interpretation of *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*. Ray wishes all a fun-filled, and memorable, night of theatre.



NANCY BELAND - STAGE MANAGER

As stage manager of this funny and poignant production, Nancy is grateful for the hard work, dedication and talent of the amazing cast and crew that have made this show a reality. From the hours of rehearsals, to the late nights of tech week, everyone brought their best to ensure every detail was perfect. She is honoured to work alongside such an incredible group of people. She would like to thank you all for making this experience so rewarding and unforgettable.

She is also grateful for all the volunteers' time, energy, dedication, and passion. These performances would not happen without your commitment to the theatre.





KAREN SHUTE – LEXIE RICHARDS

This is Karen's second dinner theatre with SPG, having played Connie in *Who's in Bed with the Butler?* She's enjoyed bonding with this all-female cast, learning everything she can along the way. Karen hopes you enjoy the show!

RACHELLE ST-DENIS – DINAH GRAYSON

Rachelle has done many productions with another company in the past. This is her third show with SPG, and her second dinner theatre. She teaches by day, and loves to do theatre and study tarot and all things spiritual by night. She's very excited to be a part of this production. She thanks you for your continued support, and hopes you enjoy this hilarious show!





ANGEL MANNISTO – VERNADETTE SIMMS

Angel is so extremely excited to be performing in *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club* with Sudbury Performance Group. It is been her first dinner theatre since Covid 19 struck! Angel's most recent production was January's musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, where she got to portray the gentle and lovable Leaf Coneybear. Angel would like to thank her fellow castmates for the good times and many laughs during the rehearsal process. A special thank you to Ray, for letting her be a part of such a wonderful experience, and trusting her to bring to life Vernadette Simms. As always, thank you so much to the audience for the continued support, and being there to feed the cast energy. "Without you, we wouldn't get to do what we love to do!"

KRISTEN MAHON – JERI NEAL MCFEELEY

After an eight-year hiatus, Kristen has found herself back on stage! At the end of her busy days showing houses, she has thoroughly enjoyed getting to cut loose on stage. This is only her second theatre production, and she could not be happier to be sharing the stage with such a talented group of ladies.





TANYA SAARI – SHEREE HOLLINGER

Fresh off the heels of SPG's winter production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, Tanya is happy to once again be treading the boards! She sends much love to her cast mates and the production team, for this wonderful experience. By day, Tanya edits books and records voice overs. Love to Chris and the girls.

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