

Northwoods Players

presents

HELLO, DOLLY!

Book by Michael Stewart Music
and
Lyrics by Jerry Herman

Based on the play *The Matchmaker* by Thornton Wilder

Original Production Directed and Choreographed by
Gower Champion

Produced for the Broadway Stage by
David Merrick and Champion-Five, Inc.

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Performing Arts Center - Phillips, WI

Friday, April 17, 2026 - 7pm
Saturday, April 18, 2026 - 7pm
Sunday, April 19, 2026 - 2pm



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Director's Note

Welcome to the Performing Arts Center in Phillips. On behalf of the Northwoods Players, thank you for joining us and choosing to experience this live performance. This is the second time our community theatre has presented *Hello, Dolly!* - the first was back in 1988. Tonight, we're especially delighted to have one of the original cast members with us. Tom Olson, who performed in that inaugural production, returns to the stage in this year's musical as the Judge.

Putting on *Hello, Dolly!* is like catching lightning in a bottle. It is a glorious, unabashed celebration of the moment we decide to stop watching life from the sidelines and start living it.

At its heart, this show is about **Dolly Levi**—a woman who has spent years "meddling" for others while her own heart remained in the past. Her journey back into the light reminds us all that it is never too late to "join the human race." Whether it's Barnaby and Cornelius seeking an adventure or Irene Molloy seeking a new spark, every character is chasing the same thing: a second chance at joy.

Our incredible cast and crew have worked tirelessly to bring Jerry Herman's iconic score and Gower Champion's spirited energy to life. We hope our performance leaves you feeling a little lighter, a little bolder, and ready to put on your Sunday clothes.

Enjoy the show!

Natalino Xuereb

Special Thanks to:

The School District of Phillips for supporting Northwoods Players' initiatives throughout the year, and during this show; the families and significant others of the production team, cast, musicians, and crew for supporting their respective involvement in theatre; Trinity Pesko; Jayden Gustafsen; Stephanie Kotke; Troy Hanson; United Methodist Church of Phillips; Johnson Hardware (Phillips); Northwoods Players' Patrons.

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Cast

(Order of Appearance)

MRS. DOLLY GALLAGHER LEVI.....	Tara Tervort
STREETCAR, TRAIN, FLOAT OPERATOR.....	Jason D’Amico
ERNESTINA.....	Luanne Peterson
AMBROSE KEMPER.....	Liam Martin
HORACE VANDERGELDER.....	Gary Griesel
ERMENGARDE.....	RaNae Brateng
CORNELIUS HACKL.....	Alexander Tervort
BARNABY TUCKER.....	Micah Martin
IRENE MOLLOY.....	Hallie Hueckman
MINNIE FAY.....	Madisyn Makovsky
MRS. ROSE.....	Keshia Edinger
RUDOLPH REISENWEBER.....	Sean Tervort
STANLEY.....	Emily Lamy
COOK 1.....	Ross Samuelson
COOK 2.....	William Morris/Kristy D’Amico
COOK 3.....	Noelle Stade
POLICEMAN.....	Karl Pippenger
JUDGE.....	Tom Olson
COURT CLERK – RECORDER.....	Joe Perkins
PAPERHANGER.....	Natalino Xuereb

ENSEMBLE

Kassidy Bitler, Jason D’Amico, Keshia Edinger, Christa Hyland, McKenna Jones, Emmet Knudson, Pavithra Kumaravel, Emily Lamy, Sailor Madsen, William Morris, Reo Pardo, Luanne Peterson, Karl Pippenger, Ross Samuelson, Noelle Stade, Morgan Steffek, Sean Tervort, Zoe Tervort, Natalino Xuereb.

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Production Crew

Director	Natalino Xuereb
Assistant Director.....	Tia Kropf-Beringer
Production Manager.....	Karl Pippenger
Stage Manager.....	Brenda Willers
House Manager.....	Joe Perkins
Choreographer.....	Kristy D'Amico
Assistant Choreographer.....	Pavithra Kumaravel
Orchestra Conductor.....	Hayden Sokolowski
Vocal Coaches.....	Trinity Pesko, Sheryl Barnet
Set Designers.....	Anne Baxter, John Baxter
Safety & Wellbeing.....	Nancy Campbell Kelz
Costume Designer & Props.....	Priya Kumaravel
Lights Designer.....	Camden Maxey
Sound Engineer.....	Jeff Willers
Prompters.....	Katie Maske, Keshia Edinger, Tia Kropf-Beringer
Hair & Make-Up.....	Nancy Campbell Kelz, Annalise Markle
Caller.....	Priya Kumaravel
Casting.....	Kristy D'Amico, Trinity Pesko, Karl Pippenger, Natalino Xuereb
Concessions.....	United Methodist Church of Phillips
Marketing Operations.....	Natalino Xuereb
Director's Mentors.....	Anne Baxter, Tia Kropf-Beringer, Karl Pippenger

Support Staff

Set Design Build.....	John Baxter, Anne Baxter, BJ Nachtrab, Jim Stade, Natalino Xuereb, Chase Powles, Karl Pippenger
Set Design Work.....	Grace Kielsmeier, Kim Thompson, Camden Maxey, Tia Kropf-Beringer, Lyla Beringer
Stage Crew.....	Tia Kropf-Beringer, Anne Baxter, Karl Pippenger, BJ Nachtrab, Rebecca Nachtrab, Jim Stade, Kim Thompson, Justin Jaeger, Lacy Weiler
Costumes.....	Anne Baxter, Susan Jones, Tara Tervort, cwACT (Stevens Point)
Props.....	Anne Baxter, Natalino Xuereb
Photography.....	Pam Rahmer, Keshia Edinger, Natalino Xuereb
Social Media.....	Natalino Xuereb, Tia-Kropf Beringer
Poster Distribution.....	Grace Kielsmeier, Natalino Xuereb, Morgan Steffek, Christa Highland
Sound.....	Chase Powles
Lights.....	Bill Weiler, William Weiler
Proof Reading.....	Tia Kropf-Beringer
Ticket Sales.....	Jonathan McArthur, Michelle Slathar

Orchestra

Orchestra Conductor.....	Hayden Sokolowski
Piano.....	Debra Perkins
Cello.....	John Baxter
Clarinet.....	Joslyn Kleist
Oboe.....	Mandy Beczka
Saxophone Alto.....	Micah Angelo
Trumpet.....	Sylvia Kerner, Oliver Knudsen, Gaile Pierce
Trombone.....	Stacy Dehne
Tuba.....	Joe Janacek
Percussion.....	Duane Barnet

Northwoods Players Community Theater

Northwoods Players was founded in 1978 by a group of passionate theatre personalities from the area. As a vibrant community theatre, we are made up of neighbors, friends, and co-workers; we include teachers, students, engineers, parents, pastors, laborers, and retirees from all walks of life. During our productions, we transform into carpenters, technicians, artists, actors, singers, directors, seamstresses, and creators! Our reward comes in the form of the opportunity to meet new friends, the applause of an audience, and the satisfaction of being part of a fantastic show. Northwoods Players has something for everyone! If you wish to be part of our next production, please talk to one of us, or send us a message on our website (northwoodsplayers.com) or on our social media platform.



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Hello, Dolly! Scenes

ACT I

Scene 1: Street Scene in New York City in the 1890s; Grand Central Station.

Scene 2: Horace Vandergelder's Feed Store, Yonkers, New York; Yonkers Railroad Station.

Scene 3: New York Street and Exterior of Mrs. Molloy's Hat Shop; Interior of Hat Shop; Fourteenth Street Parade.

(15-minute intermission)

ACT II

Scene 1: Outside the Hoffman House Hotel; Harmonia Gardens Exterior.

Scene 2: Harmonia Gardens Restaurant.

Scene 3: Courtroom, Judge's Bench and Docket.

Scene 4: Vandergelder's Feed Store.

Musical Numbers

ACT I

CALL ON DOLLY.....Chorus
I PUT MY HAND IN.....Dolly
IT TAKES A WOMAN.....Horace, Cornelius, Barnaby & Chorus
PUT ON YOUR SUNDAY CLOTHES.....Dolly, Cornelius, Barnaby, Ambrose,
Ermengarde & Chorus
RIBBONS DOWN MY BACK.....Mrs. Molloy
MOTHERHOOD MARCH.....Dolly, Mrs. Molloy, & Minnie
DANCING.....Dolly, Mrs. Molloy, Cornelius & Barnaby
BEFORE THE PARADE PASSES BY.....Dolly & Chorus

ACT II

ELEGANCE.....Mrs. Molloy, Minnie, Cornelius & Barnaby
MARCH TO HARMONIA GARDENS.....Ernestina
HELLO, DOLLY.....Dolly & Chorus
IT ONLY TAKES A MOMENT.....Mrs. Molloy, Cornelius & Chorus
SO LONG, DEARIE.....Dolly
FINALE ULTIMO.....Dolly, Horace & Chorus





Meet the Cast Members

(in alphabetical order)

Kassidy Bitler, *Waiter, ensemble*

Kassidy's previous role was in *Pride and Prejudice* as Charlotte. She is a freshman at Phillips High School and loves any performing arts.

RaNae Brateng, *Ermengarde*

RaNae is so excited about this production. She was in last year's production of high school musical as ensemble and she absolutely loved it. She is so excited now to be playing a bigger role learning how to fake cry in the process for her character. Thank you so much for coming to the show!

Jason D'Amico, *Trolley Driver, Train Conductor, Float Operator*

Jason makes his musical stage debut in this production. A community local for over 15 years, he enjoys outdoors, traveling, motorcycles, and family time. He is also a proud and supportive husband to the show's choreographer.

Keshia Edinger, *Mrs. Rose, ensemble*

This is Keshia's fourth production with Northwoods Players. Originally planning to only help with costumes for *Hello I, Dolly!* she "just couldn't help herself" while at auditions and ended up auditioning for the ensemble. Thank you to all the wonderful people in this community! Your support means so much to everyone involved with Northwoods Players!

Gary Griesel, *Horace Vandergelder*

He is a fun and challenging character to play. He is rich, friendless, and mean! And by the end of the play, he goes through a transformation of character - as you will see in the show. Theater is one of my favorite things. Enjoy the show and thank you for coming.

Hallie Hueckman, *Mrs. Irene Molloy*

Hallie is in 12th grade and has been in many shows throughout her life. Her most recent roles include Mrs. Darbus from *High School Musical* and Miss Bingley from *Pride and Prejudice*. She hopes you enjoy the show! Thank you.

Christa Hyland, *Ensemble*

Christa is having lots of fun with this musical, the choreography is wonderful, the singing and orchestra are going great, and she is really excited for people to see it.

McKenna Jones, Ensemble

McKenna is a junior at Phillips High School; this is her first year in Northwoods Players Production. She enjoys the songs and playfulness of Hello, Dolly! and getting to spend time with new people. Thank you!

Emmet Knudson, Waiter, ensemble

Emmet has been in a diverse array of productions! He started ballet in Elementary school, joined the Northwoods Players in 2022 for "A Christmas Carol," and most recently was in "High School Musical" last spring. He would like to thank everyone for coming to support art in our community. Thank YOU!

Pavithra Kumaravel, Waiter, ensemble

Pavithra is thrilled to be onstage for her last production with Northwoods Players Ltd. She is a senior at Phillips High School and has been involved with the Northwoods Players for 12 + years. Shows she has been involved in include Pride and Prejudice as Elizabeth Bennet, The Wizard of Oz as the Tin Man, and Savannah in Freaky Friday. She has also been involved as the choreographer for the past 4 years and has been a part of the backstage crew during adult-only productions. As she heads off to college at UW-Madison, she is so grateful for every experience the Northwoods Players has given her. Thank you for everything, and she hopes you enjoy the production just as much as she has.

Emily Lamy, Stanley, ensemble

This is Emily's second show with Northwoods Players. She enjoyed all the exciting ensemble dance numbers. She wants to thank her family and friends for all the encouragement. Emily is ready to serve up a good show.

Sailor Madsen, Waiter, ensemble

Sailor is in the first of many to come musicals/plays!!! She is so excited and overjoyed to see what these amazing people do in the future. She says thank you to her family for believing in her.

Madisyn Makovsky, Minnie Fay

Madisyn is super excited to be a part of this production. She has had a blast these last four months of practice. With lots of laughs, smiles, and hard work, she is excited to share with you the blast she's had these past couple of months.

Micah Martin, Barnaby Tucker

Micah has been with the Northwoods players for 5 years now and he's loved every minute of it. A few of his favorite roles have been Mr. Collins in Pride and Prejudice, Coach Bolton in High-school Musical, and Rolf in Sound of Music. Hello Dolly! has been a lot of fun to put together so thank you all for coming to see our hard work on stage!

Liam Martin, *Ambrose Kemper*

This is Liam's fifth production and probably his favorite role. He loves working with everyone and cannot wait to see it come together on stage. HUZAH!

William, Morris, *Cook, ensemble*

William joined the production later in the process, but suddenly felt welcomed by the cast, who made the experience enjoyable and memorable. Having previously performed in *The Addams Family* musical, he appreciates the teamwork and dedication behind theater and is grateful to be part of another production.

Tom Olson, *Judge*

Tom is involved with Northwoods Players for over 38 years. It is a great organization to be part of. All my family took part in various shows with Northwoods Players. This is my second time that I participate in *Hello, Dolly!*, the first one being in 1988 with this community theatre. Enjoy the show!

Reo Pardo, *Ensemble*

Reo is an artist of all kinds of art, a designer, and she has always loved dressing up and making my own clothing. And now, as a member of the Northwoods Players, I have the chance to do more things I have never done.

Joe Perkins, *Court Clerk*

This is my second appearance in a production in my 20 Plus years of being a part of NWP and President since 2012. It was a learning experience and a lot of fun.

Luanne Peterson, *Ernestina Money, ensemble*

Luanne has performed with NWP ever since she was the Fairy Godmother in the musical *Cinderella* way back when. Since then, she has had several other on-stage roles in both plays and musicals: Harriet-the boarding housekeeper in *"Ain't She Sweet"*, Kathy Seldon in *"Singing in the Rain"* and the mother in *"Freaky Friday"* to name a few. She has also been backstage crew and pit band/musical director for several other musicals. In her spare time, she enjoys laughing, reading, playing the piano, and relaxing. She would like to thank her husband for putting up with her weird schedule and Amazon for having pink shoes.

Karl Pippenger, *Policeman*

Welcome Northwoods community! This production marks many milestones, from first time actors/directors to what I consider the highlight of the show, Joe Perkins in a speaking role! We are thankful for your support.

Ross Samuelson, *Cook, ensemble*

This will be their fourth production with NWP. Recently a part of *The Game's Afoot* in Fall 2025.

Noelle Stade, *Cook, ensemble*

Noelle Stade has been in many Northwoods Players productions throughout the years. You may have seen them in last year's production of High School Musical. They are excited to be part of another wonderful musical with Northwoods Players and hope to be a part of more to come.

Morgan Steffek, *Ensemble, waiter*

This is my first performance with Northwoods Players, but I have been dancing for 27 years. I am originally from Colorado and excited to be a part of something new. I dedicate this to my Mom and Dad who have never missed one of my performances.

Alexander Tervort, *Cornelius Hackl*

Alex has been in four musicals prior to Hello, Dolly! including: The Music Man, Little Shop of Horrors, The Adams Family, and Cinderella. His most recent role was the king in Cinderella in his high school musical as a junior. He is excited for his newest role, Cornelius Hackl.

Sean Tervort, *Rudolph Reisenweber, ensemble*

This is Sean's first musical with Northwoods players. He appreciates the opportunity to be in this musical with his wife (Tara), oldest son (Alex) and youngest daughter (Zoe). He is thankful to Northwoods Players for this opportunity!

Tara Tervort, *Mrs. Dolly Levi*

When Tara learned Hello, Dolly! was this year's musical, she knew she had to audition, as it is one of her favorites. She is grateful to perform alongside her husband, son, and daughter, and thankful for the opportunity to play Dolly! Also thank you everyone involved for their hard work to make this musical possible!

Zoe Tervort, *Ensemble*

Zoe is excited to be in Hello Dolly. It will be her first musical ever. She is joining her mother, father, and brother on stage. She is grateful to have this opportunity to act, as she hopes to pursue more acting in the future.

Natalino Xuereb, *Customer, paperhanger*

This is one of Natalino's favorite musicals. It is full of energy and will have you want to sing along with the performers. He dedicates this show to Amy (he is her husband), and his kids, Quinlan, and Nevin, for the constant support and encouragement they give him for one of his passions...theatre. Enjoy the show!

Thank you, Joe Perkins

President of Northwoods Players

The presentation you see on stage is always precluded by hundreds of hours of planning, building, painting, memorizing, learning, stress, tears, and hopefully, laughter. The same is true for any successful organization. Since 2012, and until May of this year, the organization known as Northwoods Players LTD has had as its President one Mr. Joe Perkins. Who is that you ask? Joe has been involved with Northwoods Players, through his wife Debra, since



2004. He is the well-dressed man by the doorway with the Santa Clause beard. He is the surly gentleman who told your kids to stop running in the aisle. He is the guy who ran sound to the pit on a Sunday. He is the fellow who prepared the mic packs and hearing assistance equipment before anyone arrived. He is the leader who told directors to get their ducks in a row. He has always been the not-so-silent at times strength behind an organization focused solely on entertaining and giving back to the community. Those are the values that define Joe Perkins, a man who has always given of himself for the betterment of those around him, whether serving in the United States Air Force, as a Sheriff Deputy, as secretary of Phillips Volunteer Fire, or as the President of Northwoods Players. With tremendous gratitude, the Board, and members of Northwoods Players would like to say to you sir: We love you Joe, thank you for your years of leadership.

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