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The Odd Couple



**Female AND Male versions of
the Neil Simon classic!**

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**October
14-30, 2022**

WRITTEN BY **NEIL SIMON** DIRECTED BY **AUSTIN KELLEY**



PRESENTS

The Odd Couple

♂ **Male version**



By Neil Simon
Directed by Austin Kelley

Act I
INTERMISSION
Act II Scene One
Act II Scene Two
Act III

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR



Physically incapable of taking a break, **Austin Kelley** welcomes the challenge and fulfillment that comes from directing two different shows at the exact same time for his directorial debut.

He's been well established in the Northeastern Florida Theater Community for the past 6 years now. His background and education includes training in musical theater, acting, and directing from Florida School of the Arts along with a bachelors degree in English with a concentration in Theatre and a minor in Film from the University of North Florida.

A resident of St Augustine, Austin is well known among the shops and restaurants of St George street, and has recently established his home base at Limelight Theatre accepting a job as their Production Manager. Outside of theatre, Austin is also a practitioner of Film and a Voice Over Artist specializing in narration and voice acting.

More than anything, Austin is remarkably grateful for this opportunity from Act II Players and would like to extend an incredibly heartfelt thank you to the entire cast and crew for their dedication, passion, and talent.

CAST

Cast Members

Oscar	Thomas Muniz
Felix	David Buchman
Murray	Audie Gibson
Vinny	Mark Rubens
Roy	Carlos Semidei
Speed	Gavin Turner
Gwendolyn	Grace Bryan
Cecily	Marilyn Painter



CREW

Crew Members

Director	Austin Kelley
Producer	Gavin Turner
Stage Manager	Ralin Trosclair
Assistant Stage Manager	Jamie Glavich
Stage Crew	Jay Bush, Dixie Davis, Alex Miller, Kassandra Trosclair, Amaya Waitley, Jack Hawthorne
Set Designer	Justin Phillips
Lighting Designer	Trent Kay
Lighting Tech	Sylvia Feingold-Albers
Sound Design/Tech	Collins Moses
Costume Design	Juanelle Marshall
Properties	Carolynn Smith
Ticketing	Jamie Glavich
Volunteer Coordinator & Concessions	Lori Turner





Thomas Muniz

as Oscar

Thomas Muniz (Oscar Madison) is excited to be performing with ACT II Players. Last seen at the Daytona Playhouse in *Life Sucks*, he has also performed at the Penguin Point Productions stage in Oviedo in *Mother of the Maid*, *Skin of Our Teeth*, *Other Desert Cities*, and *Hysteria*. Thomas has also appeared at the Athens Theater in Deland as Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*, Teddy in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Fester in *Addams Family*, Tito in *Lend Me A Tenor*, and as Herr Schultz in *Cabaret*. Other performances include *Flashdance* and *The Odd Couple* at the Garden Theatre in Winter Garden, and *Hedda Gabler* and *Spamalot* at the Limelight in Saint Augustine. Thomas, whose other job is that of medical coder, lives in Palm Coast with his wife and two dogs, Olivia the Pug and Penelope the Black Mouth Cur.



David Buchman

as Felix

David is thrilled to play Felix opposite Tom Muniz's Oscar once again, although on a new stage with a new director and a new cast. Other recent roles include The Old Man (Ralphie's father) in *A Christmas Story* and Lesgate in *Dial M For Murder*. David also appeared in the short films *Garden Therapy* and *Raging Ravioli*, both written and directed by Donald Patrick Cupo. Directorial work includes *August: Osage County*, *Jury: The Musical*, *Ashes 2 Ashes*, *A Person's Proof*, and *Vanities*. Next up, David will direct David Mamet's *Oleana*, premiering at the Limelight Theatre in January 2023.



Audie Gibson

as Murray

Audie Gibson has appeared on stage at Theatre Jacksonville and River City Theatre.

He has played diverse roles such as the matron in *Women Behind Bars*, Anis in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Eddie/Doctor Scott in *The Rocky Horror Show*, Monsignor O'Hara in *Sister Act*. Other plays include *Ten Nights in a Barroom*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *You Can't Take it With You*, *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *That's Entertainment*, and *Pippin*. For the past 8 years he has been the light board operator at Theatre Jacksonville. A retired Journeyman Power Plant Operator, he now stays busy as President of the Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival, a small photography business, theatre, writing free lance motorcycle travel logs, being a husband to his beautiful wife Christy and a papa to his grandson. He is looking forward to making Murray a character that everyone can relate to saying " hey I know that guy".



Mark Rubens

as Vinny

Mark found his passion for community theater when working for hospice. When not working backstage doing lights/sound, he is known for such roles as Duvid in Theatre Jacksonville's production *A Shayna Maidel*, Me in Healing Theater production *Dialogue Between Me & My Virus*, King Ahasuerus in the production of *The 70's Purim Shpiel* and his favorite role Mickey in the production *Greetings*. This is Mark's second time in an Act II Players production where he previously was Mr. Hilton in *Coney Island Christmas*. He's excited to play the role of Vinny in *The Odd Couple* and thanks his family and friends for their support!



Carlos Semidei

as Roy

Carlos Julian Semidei (ROY) is a Naval submarine veteran and experienced actor with a versatility for international characters. Originally from Manhattan, Carlos is thrilled to portray a New Yorker in the Act II Players production of *The Odd Couple*. Earlier in 2022, he served as British officer Captain Denny in *Pride and Prejudice*, and he charmed as the southern gentleman Benny Charles Greenwood in *Southern Fried Funeral*. Later this year, Carlos brings the luck o' the Irish as Ian Hennessey in the melodrama *Dastardly Deeds* at Harmony House. Carlos is excited for the the opportunity to work with this exceptional cast, and for the return of live theatre as they entertain audiences once again.



Gavin Turner

as Speed

Gavin previously played the roles of Wiesel and Governor Roosevelt in *Newsies* and Sam Whitaker in *Three's a Family*. His only other acting experience was back in the sixth grade, during the Jurassic era, where he played a camel in the school operetta (don't ask which end). Gavin was previously a professional musician, and though he doesn't miss playing "Brown Eyed Girl" for loud drunks in a hazy bar, he enjoys being back on stage. He's thrilled to be joining the cast of *The Odd Couple* with his new thespian friends. Gavin would like to thank director Austin Kelley for this opportunity, the cast, production crew, his wife Lori, and their two kids Griffin and Emily. And he asks that you not say "break a leg." At his age, it may never heal. Enjoy the show!



Grace Bryan

as Gwendolyn

Grace is so happy to make her debut with Act II Players after previously working with many of the *The Odd Couple* cast and crew members at Theatre Jacksonville, ABET, and Babb's Lab. She also loves helping out in local film productions. You may have seen her as M'Lynne Eatenton in *Steel Magnolias*, Kristina Drayton in *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, Joy Gresham in *Shadowlands*, Henrietta Leavitt in *Silent Sky*, and in Orson Well's Radioplay versions of *Sherlock Holmes* and *Dracula*. Thank you, especially to Austin and also to my family, friends and to you, the supporters of your local theatre community!



Marilyn Painter

as Cecily

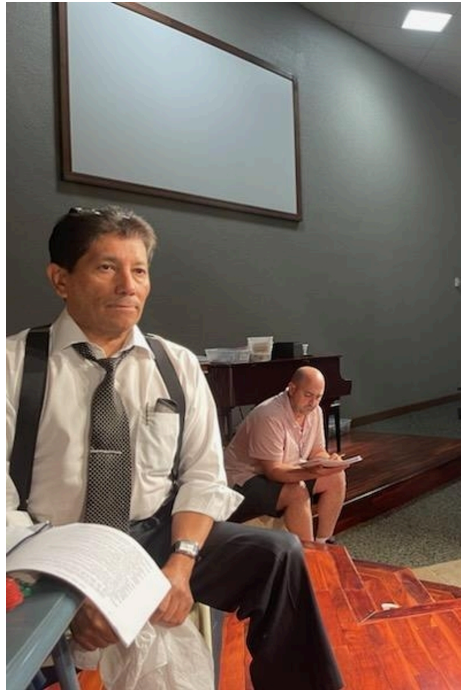
Previously, Marilyn was in *Three's a Family* (Irma), *Pride and Prejudice* (Lady Lucas), *Charley's Aunt* (Donna Lucia), and *A Coney Island Christmas* (Mrs. Clara Abramovich). She's grateful to her husband Alan, sons Lucas and Cameron, and mother Peggy for their constant encouragement and to Act II Players for this experience. A writing professor at FSCJ, in the little free time left from grading papers, Marilyn enjoys yoga, line dancing, and West Coast Swing dancing.



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And thanks to YOU for supporting Act II Players and community theatre!



FROM ACT II PLAYERS



What do you get when you have a first-time director who wants to bring a classic Neil Simon play to the stage, both gender versions, throw in Hurricane Ian threats, schedule conflicts for both casts, and nearly every other curve ball thrown your way as you try to successfully bring this production to the public? Chaos? Crazy? Impossible? Or perhaps a combination. We call it opportunity! I am so proud to not only serve as the producer for this show but also as a cast member in what we hope is a memorable show experience for YOU. We hope you have a lot of laughs and forget about the outside world for a couple hours and watch how these characters unfold before your eyes!

There have been countless late nights for BOTH casts. Long hours, forgotten lines, refinement after refinement, and all while trying to live our "normal" lives. And when you volunteer for something the only logical explanation for doing this is you *love* it. When the chemistry with your counterpart gels, it's amazing. Or when an actor has that connection with the audience, it's priceless. THAT is why we do this.

Austin Kelley deserves to be recognized as the director, sure. But he deserves to be celebrated as a first time director who did something crazy by bringing these TWO versions to the stage! And yet, he still maintained the level of detail and direction in getting the very best out of his performers. Thank you Austin!

And for those whose faces you won't see on the stage, your contribution is immeasurable! Set design, lighting and sound crews, stage hands, stage manager, set builders, props, costumes, front house volunteers, concessions, and I'm sure countless others I'm not thinking of, YOU are the magic behind community theatre! We celebrate and thank YOU!

And I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Almost Home Daybreak for our rehearsal facility and Mandarin United Methodist Church for the facility you're see this in! They truly are supportive of their community! Thank you to both!

Now if you're sitting there reading this and you've considered either auditioning, or helping out, or interested in serving on our quaint, but dedicated board, we invite you! Help us grow! Help us find a permanent home! And help us continue to bring community theatre, workshops and more to the area! Visit us at actiplayers.org to learn more and sign up! It's fun when we can all break a leg together!

Enjoy the show!

Gavin S. Turner
Board President, Act II Players