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By Ed Howard, Jaston Williams, and Joe Sears

July 2-12

Directed by Chris McVey

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A Message from the Theatre Bristol Board President

Dear Performing Arts Patron,

On behalf of the Theatre Bristol Board of Directors and the cast and crew of *Red, White and Tuna*, welcome to the show!

We are beyond excited to bring this production to you, featuring all the **acting, singing, dancing, designing, and artistic talent from your own community.**

This production of *Red, White and Tuna* is the fourth show in our 2026 season. Our 2026 season also includes **American TALL Tales with River's Way, Charlotte's Web, Grease, The Mockingbird Sings, The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition, Deathtrap, and It's A Wonderful Life.** In addition to these productions, we celebrate 61 years of children's theatre with The StART of Adventure Summer Camp, PLAYtime in the ARTspace, and The Catherine DeCaterina School of Theatre Arts classes and workshops.

For the 2026 season, auditions are being scheduled and crews are forming—**visit TheatreBristol.org and plan how you might be involved!**

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It's an honor to carry on the mission of our founder, Cathy DeCaterina, encouraging children and adults and entertaining audiences with quality productions.

We hope you and your family enjoy this show full of holiday spirit, and we thank you for helping us bring you the talent of our community.

Now as Cathy used to say, "On with the show..."

Nicole Intagliata

Theatre Bristol Board President



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Red, White and Tuna



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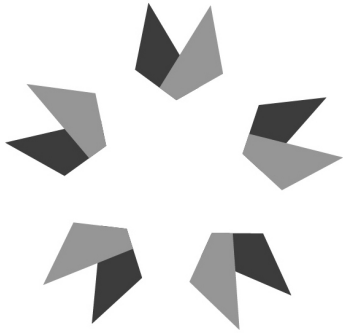
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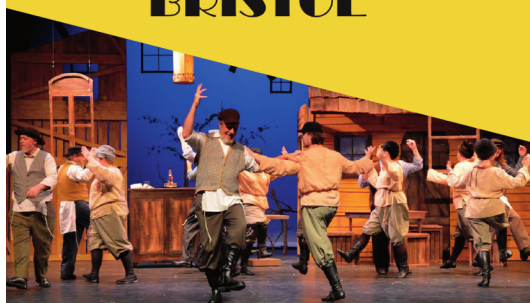
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Deathtrap

By Ira Levin

Directed by Gary Aday

Performances
October 23-
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Auditions

August 1 | 2:30 PM

August 2 | 2:30 PM

Information | TheatreBristol.org/Audition

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

I've been trying to come up with something funny to say about this show, however I'll let the boys do it for me.

When asked to direct Red, White and Tuna, and after working on A Tuna Christmas, and years before, working on Greater Tuna, I jumped at the chance. Getting to work with these men again, I was and still am very happy - laughter is the best medicine and each night during rehearsal, I laughed a lot.

I need to take a moment to thank everyone - Ann, Adriel, Cristy, Leslie, Harper, Morgan, Ethan, and Samantha - I am truly blessed to be able to have been behind the scenes with these wonderful people.

Fred, Mike, Dan, Hunter, and Justin - I hope it goes without saying how much you guys mean to me. Family - that's what I think of you all.

Now, let's go to our little town in Texas, and enjoy our time there. Thank you all for being here with us, and laugh out loud! Let the medicine kick in!

Chris McVey, Director

ABOUT THE SHOW

The much anticipated third installment in the Tuna trilogy takes the audience through another satirical ride into the hearts and minds of the polyester-clad citizens of Texas' third smallest town.

Along with Tuna's perennial favorites, some new Tuna denizens burst into the 4th of July Tuna High School Class Reunion. This sets the stage for a show full of fireworks and fun from the land where the Lion's Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies.

It's been several years since we left Bertha and Arles dancing at the end of A Tuna Christmas...Did the romance blossom? Has Didi Snavelly received any "cosmic" communications from R.R.'s UFO? Did Stanley make his fortune in the Albuquerque taxidermy business? These and other burning questions will be asked and answered in the side-splitting spoof of life in rural America.



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RED, WHITE AND TUNA

CAST

Mike Locke

Thurston Wheelis - A radio disc jockey
Elmer Watkins - A veteran Klan member
Bertha Bumiller - A widowed housewife and mother
Pearl Burras - Bertha's aunt, a chicken farmer

Fred Dunagan

Arles Struvie - A radio disk jockey
R.R. Snavely - Estranged husband of gun shop owner Didi Snavely
Vera Carp - Head of Tuna society

Dan Gray

Didi Snavely - Owner of Didi's Used Weapons
Helen Bedd - Co-owner of Hot to Trot Catering
Star Birdfeather - A flower child
Leonard Childers - Tuna's mayor and owner of radio station OKKK

Hunter Johnson

Inita Goodwin - Co-owner of Hot to Trot Catering
Stanley Bumiller - Bertha's son, a reformed juvenile delinquent and artist
Charlene Bumiller - Bertha's pregnant daughter
Amber Windchime - A flower child

Justin Collea

Petey Fisk - Head of Tuna's Humane Society
Joe Bob Lipsey - The artistic director of the Tuna Little Theatre
Garland Poteet - A soda pop delivery man
Reverend Sturgis Spikes - A Baptist preacher

Chris McVey

Momma Byrd - Didi's ancient mother
Herald Dean Latimer - Commercial voice for Didi's Used Weapons

There will be a 15 minute intermission

RED, WHITE AND TUNA

DESIGNERS & CREW

Director.....Chris McVey

Stage Manager.....Ann Vance

Costume Designer.....Adriel Slaughter

Lighting Designer.....Morgan Stanley

Sound Designer.....Ethan Compton

Technical Director.....Albert Tester

Board Operator/Costume Assistant.....Harper Slaughter

Dressers.....Leslie Jarrett, Cristy Robinson

Technical Assistant.....Caylin Shaffer

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Meet the Cast and Crew

* indicates first performance with Theatre Bristol



Justin Collea (Petey Fisk, Garland Poteet, Reverend Sturgis Spikes, Joe Bob Lipsey) is in his third Theatre Bristol production. Previous roles include Frank Church in *Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus*, and John Arable in *Charlotte's Web*. He thanks his family.

Ethan "Possum" Compton* (Sound Designer) is a rising senior at King University. He is majoring in Theatre and minoring in Philosophy. He recently directed the King University production of *Sea Marks* by Gardner McKay and often acts and designs sound for King productions. He will be working as a stage carpenter for Barter Theatre's Smith Theatre for the rest of the summer.



Fred Dunagan (Arles Struvie, Vera Carp, R. R. Snavelly) made his Theatre Bristol debut in 1978 as Young Scrooge in the musical *Mr. Scrooge*. From 1978 to 1984, he appeared in numerous productions including *Our Town*, *Oklahoma!*, and *Oliver!* He joined the Army and moved away from Bristol, returning in 2002. His recent favorites at Theatre Bristol include *The Music Man*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and several productions of *The Rocky Horror Show*. Fred is married and has three adult children and one grandson. He thanks the crew at The Southern Churn for putting up with his rehearsal schedule.

Dan Gray (Helen Bedd, Didi Snavelly, Star Birdfeather, Leonard Childers) Previous roles include *Irving Berlin's White Christmas* (Henry Waverly), *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (Grandpa Joe), *A Tuna Christmas* (Didi Snavelly/Helen Bedd), *Scrooge! The Musical* (Tom Jenkins), *A Christmas Carol* (Ebenezer Scrooge), *Oklahoma!* (Andrew Carnes), *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Otto Frank), *Elf the Musical* (Walter Hobbs), *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Cogsworth), *Godspell* (Jesus), *Les Miserables*. He thanks his outstanding wife Samantha and children, the talented cast and crew, and friends for their support, and God for blessing him with an abundant life as a trial and immigration attorney at the Garza Law Firm, the pastor of Mosaic Church, and an adjunct faculty member at King University.



Samantha Gray (Producer/Scenic Coordinator) is Theatre Bristol's Producing Artistic Director, managing its many stages, casts, crews, and programs for the last 15 years. She thanks God, her talented husband and children, the Theatre Bristol Board of Directors, the incredible volunteers devoted to the organization's mission, and founder Cathy DeCaterina for giving the gift of

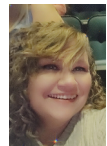
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Leslie Jarrett* (Dresser) is participating in her first Theatre Bristol production. She is also currently in *The Mockingbird Sings*.



Hunter Johnson (Amber Windchime, Charlene Bumiller, Stanley Bumiller, Inita Goodwin) has been doing theatre for over 20 years, including the productions *A Tuna Christmas*, *Mark Twain's The Diaries of Adam and Eve*, *Oldest Living Graduate*, *Rumpelstiltskin*, and *Two Rooms*.

Hunter thanks his lovely wife Cherry for being his everything, his parents for their support, and Gary Aday for teaching him more about acting than he thought he would ever know.





Michael Locke (Thurston Wheelis, Bertha Bumiller, Pearl Burras, Elmer Watkins) is happy to be back on stage with this third installment of the Tuna series. Most recently he performed in Theatre Bristol's *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*. He would like to thank the cast and crew for all their hard work. Michael would like to thank his family for working with him to allow him this opportunity. I love you Kim, Rachel, Kelly, Mariana, and baby to be. Finally, thanks to Mom and Dad for all their love. This one's for you Tiger.

Chris McVey (Director/Momma Byrd's Voice) has been doing shows with Theatre Bristol since 1980 off and on. He thanks everyone at Theatre Bristol for all the work and love they put into each production and gives a special thanks to his family for keeping papa's head on straight or at least trying too, a special thanks to Ann, the rest of the cast and crew, and to you for coming to celebrate with us.



Cristy Robinson (Dresser) is excited to be a part of the crew with Theatre Bristol. She enjoys learning different aspects of the theatre and is excited to be on crew.

Caylin Shaffer (Technical Assistant) is a high school graduate who loves to paint and help out with anything she can! She is very thankful for her boyfriend, Albert, and his support and help.



Adriel Slaughter (Costume Designer/Dresser) has spent most of her theatre time behind the scenes, primarily in costumes and crew, with productions at King University and Theatre Bristol. She is happy to be taking on the challenge of costuming this cast and working with this crew.

Harper Slaughter (Board Operator) is happy to be helping backstage on *Red, White and Tuna*. She has previously been in *Elf the Musical*, helped backstage on *Scrooge! The Musical*, and has attended theatre camps at Theatre Bristol and Barter. She is a student at Tennessee High School. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for their hard work on this production!



Morgan Stanley* (Lighting Designer) This is Morgan's first design project at Theatre Bristol. She is a Theatre major at King University under mentors Christopher Slaughter and Heather Eisenhart. Morgan gives thanks to her mother for her support and hopes to work on projects for Theatre Bristol in the future!

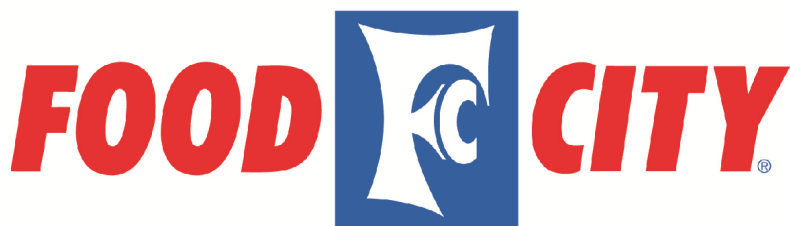
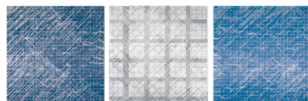
Albert Tester (Technical Director) is a graduate of Northeast State Community College, where he earned a Technical Certificate in Entertainment Technology. Albert serves as the Facility Lead at Pins & Friends and the Technology Coordinator at State Street UMC. He has worked on crew for nearly every show over the past decade at Theatre Bristol. He is proud to be an Eagle Scout and is especially grateful for the love and support of his girlfriend, Caylin.



Ann Vance (Stage Manager) has been with Theatre Bristol for twelve years. She has extensive experience as a stage manager and directed *Land of Jestors & Rumpelstiltskin* at Cameo Theatre last year. She would like to thank Camille and Samantha, her family, and the cast and crew. Ann is on Theatre Bristol's Board of Directors.

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Cathy DeCaterina and the History of Theatre Bristol

In 1965, Cathy DeCaterina had a dream to create a children's theatre workshop. With generous support from family, friends, and the Bristol community, she began offering acting and singing lessons in a studio she created in the basement of her family home. It wasn't long before our unique destiny began to unfold as a remarkable journey of love and service to this great community. Since that time, several generations of young people have grown up watching the classics of literature and history come alive on stage. We are proud of our role as a strong and vibrant community theatre, serving an ever-widening region. At Theatre Bristol, we welcome everyone and offer them a chance to participate in the magic of live theatre, regardless of experience, background, or ability. Our Board and countless volunteers work hundreds and hundreds of hours to make our art possible—evidence again that we are a community-based organization with wide-ranging support. Cathy made performance possible on the Paramount Bristol stage, created the black box ARTspace stage, and she would be proud of the important addition of the Cameo Theatre stage.

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