

**CSB/SJU Theater Spring 2017**

***Stop Kiss*** by Diana Son, Directed by Kaarin Johnston

Gorecki Theater, College of St. Benedict

March 30-April 2 and April 6-8, 2017

The Cast

Beth Cassidy as Callie

Breanna Burggraaf as Sara

Kevin Duong as George

Zach Kennedy as Peter

Jacob Laundergan as Detective Cole

Danica Simonet as Mrs. Winslow/Nurse

Senior Project: Sarah Catcher and Jefferson Cunningham

*Talley's Follies* by Landford Wilson

March 17, 18, 2017 at 7:30

Studio Theater, College of St. Benedict

*Kinespheric Encounters: A Dance Concert*

Choreographed by David DeBlieck

Colman Theater, College of St. Benedict

May 4-6, 2017

**2017-18 Sneak Peak**

*Nathan the Wise: A Play* by Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

October 19-24, 2017

*Next To Normal* with book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music  
by Tom Kitt

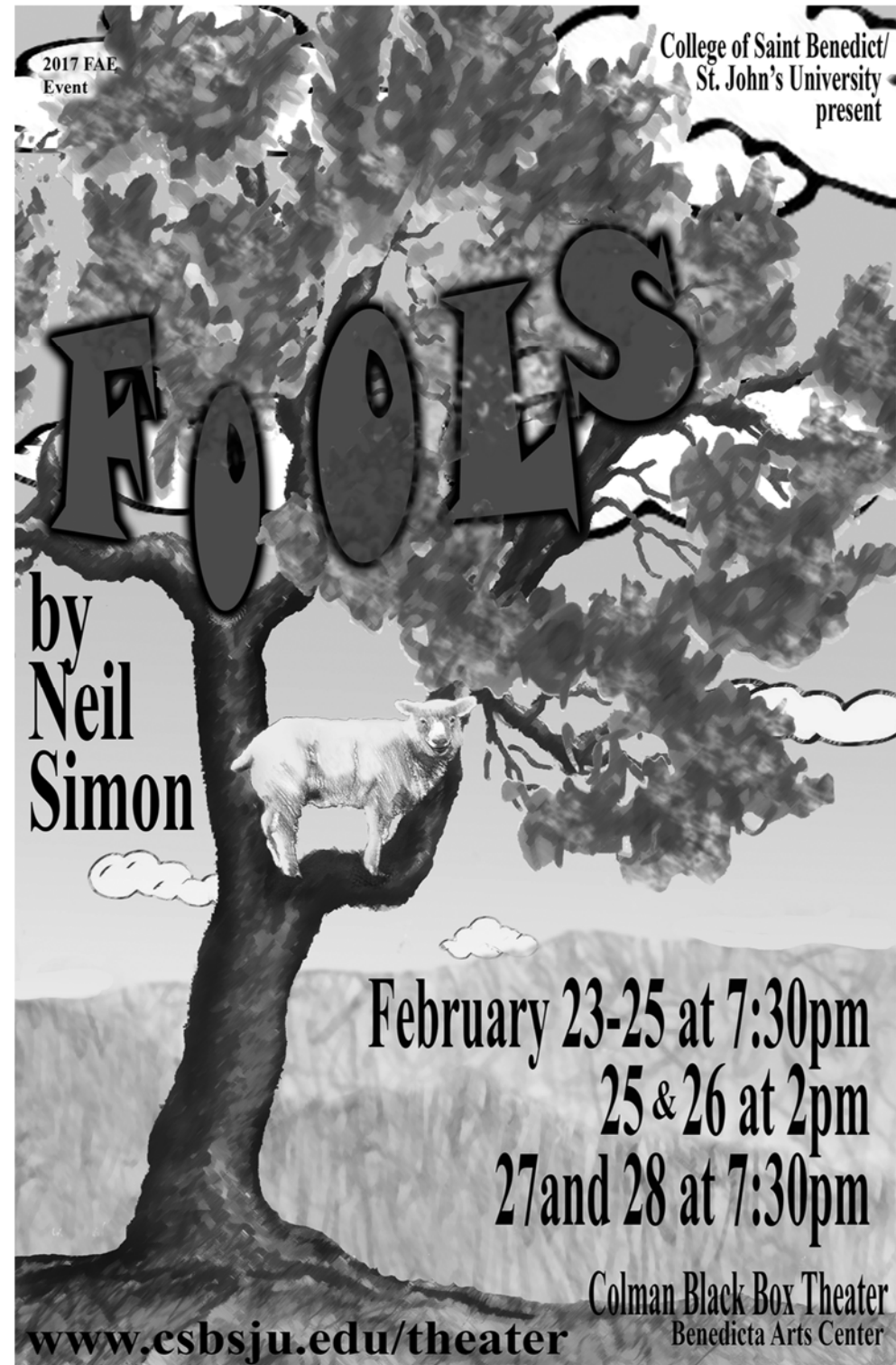
November 9-12 & 16-18, 2017

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CSB/SJU Fine Arts Programming

**Theater Faculty and Staff**

David DeBlieck, Sean Dooley, Ken Cartwright, Amelia Cheever,  
Mark Hennigs, Terri Johnson, Kaarin Johnston, Julie Marsh





## THE CAST

Leon Tolchinsky.....Kyle Munshower  
 Snetsky .....Adam Schwartz  
 Magistrate.....Ian Bush  
 Slovitch.....Cameron Johnson  
 Mishkin.....Ryan McCanna  
 Yenchna.....Sophia Pellizzer  
 Dr Zubritsky.....Andrew Noah  
 Lenya Zubritsky .....Sarah Larson  
 Sophia Zubritsky.....Meg Noetzel  
 Gregor Yousekevitch.....Farrad Williams

**TIME: 1890**

**PLACE: A remote Ukrainian village**

There will be one 15-minute intermission

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### Directors Note:

Welcome to Kulyenchikov, a small Ukrainian village that has hired the young teacher Leon Steponovitch Tolchinsky to tutor the local doctor's daughter, Sophia.

The premise for this play comes from the short stories of the famous Jewish author, Sholem Aleichem. His name may be familiar because his stories about Tevye the Dairyman inspired the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*. The following excerpt from his story "The Town of the Little People" served as inspiration for our production of *Fools*:

"That's how they all are, these little people. None of them are gloomy, none of them are worried little men of affairs, but on the contrary they are known everywhere as jesters, story-tellers, a cheerful, light-hearted breed of men. Poor but cheerful. It is hard to say what makes them so happy. Nothing-just sheer joy of living."

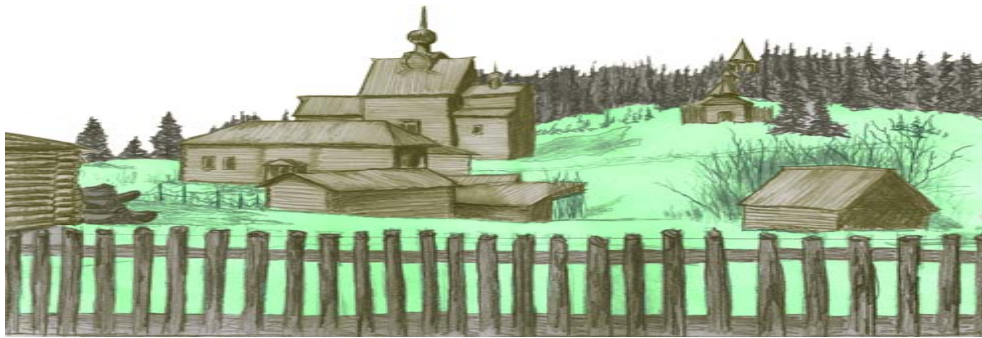
While *Fools* might share an origin story with *Fiddler on the Roof*, Neil Simon's play owes more to the vaudeville stage than to the music hall. When it was produced on Broadway in 1981 reviewer Frank Rich said "what we have here is a formula for silliness...and surely no one knows that better than Neil Simon".

Sean Dooley

### About the Playwright



Neil Simon is an American playwright, screenwriter and author. He has written more than thirty plays and nearly the same number of movie screenplays. He has received more combined Oscar and Tony nominations than any other writer. After a few years in the Army Air Force Reserve after high school, he began writing comedy scripts for radio and some popular early television shows. Among them were Sid Caesar's *Your Show of Shows* from 1950 and *The Phil Silvers Show* which ran from 1955. In 1963 Simon's *Barefoot in the Park* opened at the Biltmore theatre, and was followed up by *The Odd Couple* in 1965, for which Simon won a Tony Award. After Simon won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1991 for *Lost in Yonkers*, critics began to take notice of the depths, complexity and issues of universal interest in his stories, which expressed serious concerns of most average people.



### Scenery Construction

Genevieve Ahlstrom	Noah Anderson	Thomas Budd	Ian Bush
Noah Campbell	Megan Daly	Jessica Davis	Brianna Eaglin
Elizabeth Erickson	Evelyn Flaherty	Aimee Hanson	Isabel Huot-Link
Elizabeth Larson	Jacob Laundergan	Trey Perez	Cormac Quinn
Jared Rhaburn	Carmen Roskos	Gina Santella	Aaron Schwietz
Spencer Vogel	Jacob Woolfrey	TianYi Zhanq	

### Costume Construction

Sarah Fischer  
 Sarah Griffin  
 Lindsay Janke  
 Fan Li  
 Ryan McCanna  
 Caitlin Miller  
 Cathy Nguyen  
 Dana Svenson  
 Yuxi Yang



### Artistic Staff

Director .....	Sean Dooley
Scenic Designer .....	Mark Hennigs
Costume Designer .....	Amelia Cheever
Choreography .....	David DeBlieck
Lighting Designer .....	Gina Santella
Sound Designer .....	Jacob Woolfrey
Assistant Scenic Designer.....	Brianna Eaglin
Assistant Lighting Designer .....	Jessica Davis
Assistant Sound Designer .....	Cormac Quinn
Technical Director .....	Kenneth Cartwright
Costume Shop Manager .....	Julie Marsh
Stage Manager .....	Lindsay Janke
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Sarah Griffin
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Spencer Vogel
Charge Artist .....	Evelyn Flaherty
Master Electrician .....	Jared Rhaburn
Prop Masters.....	George Dornbach, Mathew Kurpiers
Light Board Operator .....	Evelyn Flaherty
Sound Board Operator .....	Jacob Laundergan
Deck Carpenters.....	Mary Kate Ludick, Paul Hartmann
Wardrobe Crew.....	George Dornbach, Molly Kluever, Skylar Peyton, Lucy Dornbach





## Actor Biographies



**Sarah Larson** is a first year student from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and this will be her first college production! She was very involved in her high school's theatre program and is thrilled to be at it once again! She wants to thank everyone who made the trip to come see the show and hopes you enjoy the cast making *Fools* of themselves!

**Farrad Williams** is from Newark, NJ. He is a first year here and is majoring in Theater and English. Farrad has done several plays in high school. His favorites include *Othello*, and *Gospel at Colonus*. *Fools* is Farrad's second play at St. John's. Farrad hopes to become a professional actor and director. He would like to thank Sean Dooley and Kaarin Johnston for the opportunities he has had so far.

**Andrew Noah** is a junior studying both Theatre and Theology at St. John's University. Andrew hails from the bustling town of Spencer, IA and is extremely excited to be working on his third show at CSBSJU. He would like to thank his parents for always encouraging him to follow the path that God is leading him on as well as all of his friends and family for their constant love and support.

**Ryan McCanna** is a Junior at CSB from St. Louis Park, MN. She is a double English and Theater major, and Hispanic Studies minor which she completed abroad in Chile last semester. Before that, you may have seen her onstage at CSBSJU as Kristin in *Miss Julie*, or Phoebe in *As You Like It*. When she's not in rehearsal, she's probably at work in the costume shop, at dance club, or watching good/bad sci-fi movies with her roommates. She would like to thank her family, friends, roommates and professors for their support!

**Adam Schwartz** is a first year at Saint John's University. He does not know what he is majoring in yet but says he will major in "something fantastic." This is his first production at this college, but has in the past been involved in several musicals including *The Sound of Music*, and *Shrek: The Musical*. He would like to thank his family and friends for always being there and supporting him.



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**Ian Bush** is a freshman at SJU, hailing from Minnetonka, MN. Currently pursuing a major in Computer Science, Ian is also a Technical Aide for the Fine Arts Department, and is excited for his first performance at CSB/SJU. He would like to thank his parents for encouraging him to push himself, and Sean Dooley for giving him the opportunity.

**Meg Noetzel** is a sophomore English and Psychology double major from St. Michael, MN. This is her fourth production acting in the theater department at CSB/SJU, and she is so privileged to be surrounded by such a positive, energetic department. Her passions include service-work, sustainability, talking about Rasputin, and keeping up to date on Woodrow the Wonder Dog's Facebook page. She would like to thank her friends, family, Sean, and her wonderful cast members.

**Sophia Pellizzer** is a Junior from Golden Valley, MN majoring in Communication with minors in Gender Studies and Hispanic Studies. Her past shows at CSB/SJU include *UBU ROI*, *Crimes of the Heart*, *The Country Wife* and *Urinetown*. She has also participated in *The Vagina Monologues* on campus for the past two years. She is most thankful for the incredible friendships she has gained through participating in CSB/SJU theatre. Sophia is a strong believer that the future is female, and hopes one day to make a career advocating for social justice and change.

**Kyle Munshower** is a Junior from Minneapolis, MN pursuing an English major and Environmental Studies minor. He has acted recently in *Kennedy's Children* and *George*, and his CSBSJU productions include *As You Like It* & *UBU ROI*. Kyle is also a member of the Attention-Starved Children improv troupe and the Fireplace Puppies sketch comedy group on campus. He has long utilized the stage as a means for self discovery and would like to acknowledge and appreciate every person and opportunity that enable him to continue creating fun, inspiring work. He has had a wonderful experience working with Sean and the rest of the extremely talented *Fools* cast and crew.

**Cameron Johnson** is a first year. He is currently an Economics Major and a Chinese and Military Science Minor. This is Cameron's first performance during his collegiate career. Cameron is extremely thankful for the rest of the cast, crew, and faculty at CSBSJU for their support in the performance of *Fools*. He is also thankful for his parents, family, and friends for their support in his acting career.