

Blood Relations

By Sharon Pollack

Cast

(in order of appearance)

The Actress/Lizzie Borden
Miss Lizzie/Bridget
The Defense/Dr. Patrick
Harry Wingate
Emma Borden
Abigail Borden
Andrew Borden

VALERIE MAZZAGATTI
ELIZABETH FOX
ALAN KRIER
NICK SANO
MARY OGLESBY
CHERYL SMITH
SCOTT MACINTOSH

ACT I 1902 - Fall River, Massachusetts
 Home of Lizzie Borden

ACT II 1892 Fall River, Massachusetts
 Home of Andrew Borden

There will be a 15-minute intermission between acts.

THE TEAM

Director
Assistant Directors

BASHA GARDNER
HEATHER SHENTON
ANDREW FLOTHMEIER

Stage Manager
Producer

HEATHER SHENTON
TORBEN CHRISTIANSEN

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Part of our national culture includes the legend of Lizzie Boren. This story inspires books, websites, tours, debates, operas, television programs and plays. The question remains today, did she or didn't she? We have a compulsion to know the truth. The element of the whodunit peaks the curiosity in all of us. This story speaks to our worse fears; do we ever truly know another?

No power, no skills and no man where did Lizzie fit into her society? What happens to a woman who will not or cannot fulfill her expected role? The play opens in 1902, in Fall River Massachusetts as Lizzie entertains an actress friend (a fellow outcast from proper society). Plagued by the question did she or didn't she, Lizzie proposes a game let's relive that fateful day in August 1982. Lizzie offers the leading role to her friend so they can discover the truth...

We pride ourselves on our enlightened society and breaking through stereotypical sexual roles, however, the silenced voice still exists in our free world and this silence breeds violence. The role Lizzie played condemned her; examine your role so it does not condemn you.

Thank you for not smoking. In compliance with the local ordinance, we must ask that all persons refrain from smoking in the building.
We request that **NO FLASH PICTURES OR VIDEOS** be taken during the performance.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

BETH FOX (Miss Lizzie/Bridget)- Beth is please to make her acting debut on the Burlington County Footlighters stage. However, no newcomer to the stage, Beth has been acting for about 17 years. Some of her favorite roles have been Mary Warren in *The Crucible*, Corie in *Barefoot in the Park*, Agnes in *Agnes of God*, Stella in *Streetcar Named Desire*, and Laura in *Glass Menagerie*. Beth would like to thank everyone at Yale School North, her housemates Jim & Gerry, her family and friends.

ALAN KRIER (Dr. Patrick/Defense)- Alan's most recent stage appearance was that of Eddie in *The Rocky Horror Show*. He has appeared in several Footlighter productions, including *She Loves Me*, *The Good Doctor*, and *Children of Eden*. Thanks to his beautiful and patient wife, Donna, and three great kids, Lindsey, A.J. and Lisa.

SCOTT MACINTOSH (Andrew Borden)- Scott is no stranger to our stage. He has appeared here as the Narrator for *Go Rescue Yourself*, Sammy Scoop in *Humpty Dumpty is Missing*, and several characters in *The Good Doctor*. He has also performed for the Bridge Players in *One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

VALERIE MAZZAGATTI (The Actress/Lizzie)- Valerie is happy to be back on stage at BCF after appearing as Elsa in last season's production of *The Desk Set*. Past credits include *Our Town* with Haddonfield Plays & Players, *The Elephant Man*, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, *Over the River and Through the Woods*, and *Singin' in the Rain*, here on our stage. Many thanks to the cast and crew for making this a great show and to her friends and family for their support.

MARY OGLESBY (Emma Borden)- Mary has been in many children's shows here at BCF, starting with *Sleeping Beauty* in 1992, as the Queen, and most recently playing Mother Goose in *Humpty Dumpty is Missing*. It's pretty apparent that she loves children because Mary, also known as "The Crafty Storylady", does interactive storytelling and also teaches drama classes with Drama Kids International.

NICK SANO (Harry Wingate)- Nick is one of our teaching artists for our summer theatre camp. He has played various roles on our stage, and with Shoestring Players. Nick was the director of the Bridge Players production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. In his spare time, Nick is a Philadelphia Phillies Phanstormer.

CHERYL SMITH (Abigail Borden)- This is Cheryl's first time on our stage, but she has assisted with several high school productions. She gets practice as a stage mom, as her daughter has been in several performances. Cheryl is a crisis counselor at Pennsauken High School.

BASHA GARDNER (Director)- Basha holds a Master's degree in Theatre from Rowan University, where she currently works as an adjunct professor. She also runs the children's workshops here at BCF. As an actor, she has worked at the Walnut Street Theatre, Allen's Lane Theatre, Delaware Valley Opera Company, Bridge Players, Haddonfield Plays & Players, and of course, Burlington County Footlighters. She also performs voice-overs for local and national commercials. Her first play, *Go Rescue Yourself*, debut at Footlighter and was performed at the Children's Art Festival in Smithville. She has worked as a teaching artist for the Shoestring Players teaching theatre throughout the tri-state area. Being cast as wife and mother remains her favorite role.

You are invited to meet the cast and director
In the Lounge, immediately following the performance.

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PLAYBILLS: ROSEMARY SMITH

TECHNICAL DIRECTORS: BRIAN EDWARDS, TORBEN CHRISTIANSEN

SET DESIGN: BASHA GARDNER, Michael Van Name

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