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Chatham Community Players
Chatham, NJ

An illustration of a woman's legs from the knees down, wearing a colorful, multi-colored skirt and red high-heeled shoes. She is standing on a large, round chocolate cake decorated with colorful sprinkles. The scene is set in a kitchen with teal cabinets, a window in the background, and various kitchen items on the counter and shelves. The floor is made of large, light-colored tiles.

The Chatham
Community Players
PROUDLY PRESENTS

Home, I'm Darling

by LAURA WADE

May 2-17, 2025

THE CHATHAM PLAYHOUSE
23 NORTH PASSAIC AVENUE, CHATHAM, NJ

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THE CHATHAM COMMUNITY PLAYERS

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HOME, I'M DARLING

by Laura Wade

Set Design/Construction

**ROY PANCIROV
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CHRIS HIETIKKO**

Scenic Artist
**GORDON WIENER
DEAN SICKLER**

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**CAROL PETERSEN SASO
CHRIS HIETIKKO**

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JEFF WOODMAN

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CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

Stage Manager
JOËLLE BOCHNER

Produced by
**ALAN ELLIS
GUS IBANYI**

Directed by
CHRIS HIETIKKO



"*Home, I'm Darling* by Laura Wade was first performed at Theatre Clwyd on 25 June 2018, and opened at the Dorfman Theatre on 31 July 2018, directed by Tamara Harvey. It transferred to The Duke of York's Theatre, on 5 February 2019, as a co-production between Theatr Clwyd, National Theatre and Fieri Angel."

"*Home, I'm Darling* by Laura Wade is presented by arrangement with Knight Hall Agency Ltd."

May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2025, at 8 p.m.
May 11, 2025, at 3 p.m.

THE CHATHAM PLAYHOUSE
23 North Passaic Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey

CAST & CREW

Cast Members

Sylvia	LISA BARNETT
Judy	LISA CORTNEY BENKE
Alex	SONALI BURNS
Johnny	JEFF CAMPBELL
Marcus	BOBBY MARUSIEFSKI
Fran	JESSICA PHELAN

Production / Creative

Director	CHRIS HIETIKKO
Producer, Sound Design	ALAN ELLIS
Producer	GUS IBRANYI
Stage Manager	JOËLLE BOCHNER
Choreographer	CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON
Props and Set Decoration	CAROL PETERSEN SASO
Set Design, Lighting Design	ROY PANCIROV
Lighting Design, Construction	ED WHITMAN
Costume Design	BETH AMIANO GLEASON
Dialect Coach	JEFF WOODMAN
Scenic Artist	GORDON WIENER
Scenic Artist	DEAN SICKLER

And here's everyone else who helped!!!!!!

Box Office, KATHY REX, AMY NAUTA; Casting, GUS IBRANYI;
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A Look Back: PLAY ON! from the 2018-2019 Season



WHO'S WHO



LISA BARNETT

as Sylvia

CCP Credits: *A Christmas Carol*, *Calendar Girls*, *JV*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Bell, Book and Candle*. Other credits: *Angels in America*, *The Music Man*, *Steel Magnolias*, *A Doll's House Pt.2*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Margaret's Wedding*, *God of Carnage*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *King Lear*, *Motherhood Out Loud*, *Dinner with Friends*. Love to family!



LISA CORTNEY BENKE

as Judy

is thrilled to return to CCP after her debut last spring in *NINE* (Claudia), and to once again work with Chris, who directed her in *NINE* (Carla) at OLT in the fall. Other favorite credits include *A Chorus Line* (Cassie), *Sweet Charity* (Charity), *Pippin* (Fastrada), *The Wedding Singer* (Linda), and *Elf* (Emily Hobbs). Endless love to AAA&T!



SONALI BURNS

as Alex

is a NYU Steinhardt Musical Theatre grad ('22), performing in NJ and NYC. She recently played Cam in *Macbitches* and is thrilled to now play Alex. Sonali thanks Chatham Community Players, the cast, director, and crew. A preschool educator by day, she's grateful to her family and partner, Brandon, for their constant love and support.



JEFF CAMPBELL

as Johnny

In 2024, after decades away, Jeff (Johnny) returned to the stage in CCP's *Jersey Voices* (*Lillian Whistles Back*, Walter). In 2025, he was in *Eventually Ever After* (Ted) with Pioneer Productions, who staged his one-act *Jump*. Jeff is appallingly grateful for Chris Hietikko's stellar direction, his amazing partner Lisa Benke, and his loving wife, Deanna, and two kids. He's a lucky man.



BOBBY MARUSIEFSKI

as Marcus

is excited to be making his CCP stage debut. He last appeared with SVP in their production of *Miss Holmes* (Chapman). He took an extended break from the stage to finish school, buy a house, and get married. He is grateful to be back sharing the stage with such talented friends both old and new. Many thanks to his friends and family for their continued love and support.



JESSICA PHELAN

as Fran

is best known to CCP audiences as the face of *Jersey Voices* which she has produced since 2018. Previous CCP credits include *World Builders* (Whitney), *Grand Horizons* (Jess), and *Play On* (Aggie). Other local favorites: *Cyrano* (Roxane), *The Revolutionists* (Marie Antionette), *Thinner Than Water* (Cassie), *Seminar* (Kate), *Proof* (Claire), and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (Maggie).



CHRIS HIETIKKO

Director

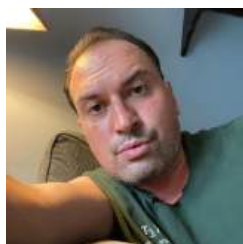
is beyond grateful to create with so many amazing artists who have made this show possible! Directing credits include *Nine* (Old Library Theatre), *Hand to God* (Nutley Little Theatre), *Falsettos* (Tulsa Repertory Musicals), *The One That Got Away* (One Act Jamboree at Rhino Theatre-best director award), and *Deathtrap* (Players Guild of Leonia) which was honored with nine NJACT Perry nominations, including best director, receiving three. As a professional actor for the last 30+ years, in addition to recurring on most ABC daytime soaps (remember those?), various TV/Film projects in NYC and LA, a few of the theatres he has appeared at are The McCarter, Shakespeare Theatre of DC, NJ Shakes, The Old Globe Theatre, Goodspeed Opera House, Rep Theatre of St. Louis and The English Theatre of Frankfurt. Chris is also a headshot/portrait photographer. Special love goes to the family for their unconditional support and daily laughter! www.chrishietikko.com



ALAN ELLIS

Producer, Sound Design

is thrilled to be producing again at CCP. Previous producer credit was for *Grand Horizons*. Thankfully, he's surrounded by the best and most talented team of people imaginable here at Chatham. Much love and thanks to Leslie who inspires me every day.



GUS IBRANYI

Producer

is thrilled to be producing *Home, I'm Darling* for CCP. Previous CCP credits include *Nine* (Assistant Director) and *Falsettos* (Director). Gus has been seen on the Mainstage in *Jersey Voices*, *August: Osage County*, *Angels in America*, and *The Normal Heart*. He is also a founder of CCP's "Sundays@7" playreading series.

WHO'S WHO



JOËLLE BOCHNER

Stage Manager

is delighted to be stage managing again. She has been with CCP for 26 years, where she has also propped, acted, painted, sung, ASM-ed, trusteeed, woodworked, danced, produced, and presided. She is currently the paint Chair - anyone want to join for a brush and roll? She, her husband Tom, and our merry band of volunteers welcome you to our theater home. Come play with us!



CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

Choreographer

A Colorado native, he is thrilled to be collaborating with these amazing artists at CCP! He toured with *Grease*, *Chicago*, *West Side Story*, the USO and had 11 seasons in the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular*. He was a director and instructor of Music Theater in high schools and colleges across the country and is the Executive Vice-President of The American Guild of Variety Artists.



CAROL PETERSEN SASO

Props and Set Decoration

Over her many years at CCP, Carol has appeared in *Hello, Dolly*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, and *The Elves and The Shoemaker*, helped with makeup, costumes, props, construction, front of house, crew, has been production coordinator, paint Chair, and Treasurer. She is also a Trustee, the volunteer coordinator, and runs our loan and rental program.



ED WHITMAN

Lighting Design, Construction

has designed the lighting for *Fat Pig*, *Mary's Wedding*, *Gruesome Playground Injuries*, *Play On*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Jersey Voices*, and *Sundays@7* at CCP. He has designed lighting at Cranford Dramatic Club and other theaters as well as working with the Light Opera of NJ. Ed is involved with set construction at CCP as well as other community theaters in the area.



BETH AMIANO GLEASON

Costume Design

Last seen on stage in *Nine* (Liliane La Fleur), Beth has also done hair and costumes for *A Christmas Carol* and *Sideways* at CCP this year. She has directed and choreographed and performed in many productions with numerous theater groups and received several Perry nominations as well as a Perry award for her role in *Gypsy* (Mazeppa). Many thanks to all you darlings!

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BY STEPHEN BELBER

DIRECTED BY MICHAEL SASSO

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ROLL CALL

- 2023-24** Grand Horizons
The Beauty Queen of Lenane
Nine
- 2022-23** Inspecting Carol
A Christmas Carol
The Flick
The Lifespan of a Fact
- 2021-22** Time Stands Still
Tuck Everlasting
Calendar Girls
- 2020-21** A Christmas Carol (Virtual)
- 2019-20** The Humans
Lost In Yonkers
- 2018-19** Other Desert Cities
A Christmas Carol
Play On!
The Importance of Being Earnest
- 2017-18** Barefoot In the Park
Steel Magnolias
Grease
- 2016-17** Talk Radio
A Christmas Carol
Bell, Book and Candle
Moon Over Buffalo
- 2015-16** August: Osage County
The Lion In Winter
Spamalot
- 2014-15** Clybourne Park
A Christmas Carol
Spatter Pattern
The Three Musketeers
- 2013-14** Angels In America:
Millennium Approaches
Sherlock Holmes
Barnum
- 2012-13** The 39 Steps
A Christmas Carol
The Taming of the Shrew
The Fantasticks
- 2011-12** Bug
The Grapes of Wrath
Cabaret
- 2010-11** Rabbit Hole
A Christmas Carol
Glengarry Glen Ross
Beyond Therapy
- 2009-10** The Graduate
The Pillowman
Oliver!
- 2008-09** Wait Until Dark
A Christmas Carol
Inherit the Wind
California Suite
- 2007-08** Crimes of the Heart
Ah, Wilderness
Little Woman, Musical
- 2006-07** A View From the Bridge
Come Back to the Five and
Dime, Jimmy Dean, ...
City of Angels
- 2005-06** Brighton Beach Memoirs
A Christmas Carol
Master Class
Pippin
- 2004-05** Proof
Enchanted April
Into the Woods
- 2003-04** How I Learned to Drive
A Christmas Carol
To Kill a Mockingbird
The Spitfire Grill
- 2002-03** Side Man
Rumors
Little Shop of Horrors
- 2001-02** Blithe Spirit
A Christmas Carol
The Desperate Hours
Blood Brothers
- 2000-01** Pride and Prejudice
All My Sons
A Little Night Music
- 1999-2000** The Compleat Works of
William Shakespeare (abridged)
Chess
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
A Christmas Carol
- 1998-99** Six Degrees of Separation
The Secret Garden
A Streetcar Named Desire
- 1997-98** Sylvia
Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber
of Fleet Street
A Christmas Carol
Of Mice and Men
- 1996-97** Who's Afraid of Virginia
Woolf
Fiddler on the Roof
A Midsummer Night's Dream
- 1995-96** A Chorus Line
Amadeus
A Christmas Carol
Night Watch
- 1994-95** That Championship Season
Nunsense
A Christmas Carol
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