



Monroe County Civic Theatre presents

Neil Simon's

# The Odd Couple

## female version

The Rose Firebay | Waldron Arts Center

September 15 & 16 | 7:00pm

September 17 | 3:00pm



# About MCCT



Founded in 1986 by a group of local artists, Monroe County Civic Theater is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit community theater company whose goal is to bring quality classical theater to Monroe County and surrounding areas while providing experience in all aspects of theater production to all interested persons, regardless of their level of ability or experience.

Thirty years later, MCCT is Bloomington's only all-volunteer amateur community theater. We learn and play together in a diverse atmosphere that celebrates individual accomplishments and contributions no matter how big or how small. We remain devoted to providing opportunities for individuals — no matter what their experience or background — to know the many challenges and rewards of creating live theater.

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## About the Show

It's girls' night at Olive Madison's house. Olive is a messy, scatter-brained, cluttered news producer living in New York in the 80's. When her friends Mickey, Vera, Sylvie and Renee come over for a game of Trivial Pursuit, they quickly realize someone is missing: Florence Unger, a neurotic, neat freak, bookkeeper turned stay-at-home mother.

We find out Florence's husband has had it with her obsessive ways and kicked her out. Olive opens up her home for her friend, and what happens next is hilarious, heartwarming, and heart-breaking. Can two opposite people live together without killing each other? Will all of the rest of their friendship be ruined in the process? And what happens when the fiery Costazuela brothers try and go on a date with Olive & Florence?

Neil Simon's adaptation of his Odd Couple for a mostly female cast is in turns touching, challenging and laugh out loud funny. Enjoy!

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## Civic Partner



### New Hope for Families

New Hope for Families is our community's response to a need established as a priority at the 2010 Homelessness Summit. New Hope is the only emergency shelter in Monroe County that keeps homeless families together -- a critical aspect of any strategy to address the problems that lead to homelessness.

New Hope Family Shelter's mission is to provide temporary shelter for homeless families in Bloomington and Monroe County and, in collaboration with other agencies, to help those families regain housing by addressing the problems that led to homelessness. The shelter provides accommodation for up to six families at a time for up to 90 days each while our case manager and director works with those families in daily contact and weekly conferences. New Hope was founded to specifically address the challenges families experiencing homelessness face.

The needs and well-being of shelter children are at the center of New Hope operations. From age-appropriate toys, books, and school materials, to programs that help connect children to healthy recreation, foods, and experiences, staff and volunteers at New Hope help children overcome the emotional and social difficulties of homelessness.



Emily Bedwell



Maria Bluck



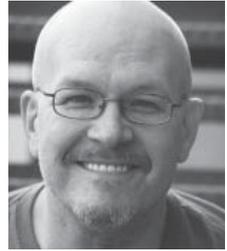
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I. James Torry



Tayler Fischer

# Cast

Florence Unger  
Olive Madison  
Mickey  
Vera  
Sylvie  
Renee  
Manolo  
Jesus

Emily Bedwell  
Sarah Mae Ruggles  
B. Stryker DeLong  
Maria Bluck  
Emma Suzanne Hamilton  
Catherine Sheldon  
Jim Floyd  
Jason Lopez

# Crew

Director  
Assistant Director  
Stage Manager  
Production Design  
  
Scenic Design  
Light Designer  
Poster/Program Design

I. James Torry  
Tayler Fischer  
Dorothy Granger  
Nicole Bruce  
Danielle Bruce  
Steve Heise  
Brennan Edwards  
Emily Bedwell



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# Meet the Cast & Crew

**EMILY BEDWELL** (Florence Ung-er) is excited to bring Florence to life in this production! Her favorite roles include Margaret in *Much Ado About Nothing*, The Red Queen in *Through the Looking Glass* and *The Stage Manager* is Our Town. In her “free” time, Emily works as a non-profit communications director and is going to grad school for her MLIS. Much love to her husband, Tim, for supporting her and her crazy schedule.

**MARIA BLUCK** (*Vera*) is excited to be making her Monroe County Civic Theater debut. She has previously appeared in roles at Shawnee Summer Theatre. At IU, Maria has performed improvisational comedy for two years, in addition to stand-up comedy and sketch comedy. She is also a new member of the University tWits. She would like to thank John Oliver for existing.

**DANIELLE BRUCE** (*Production Design*) Born and raised in California, Danielle has spent the majority of her life in the theatre, occasionally as an actor but primarily as a designer and director. She works as a freelance designer in both the public and private sector. Most recently she directed a cast of 30 in the sold out run of *RESILIENCE: Indiana's Untold Story* at the Ivy Tech John Waldron Auditorium and is presently collaborating on the sequel which will premiere in 2018 for Monroe County's bicentennial. Some of her favorite credits include the World Premieres of *Kate Crackernuts* and *.22 Caliber Mouth*

(Bloomington Playwrights Project); in addition, *Scrooge Variations*, *Accidental Rapture* (Bloomington Playwrights Project), *Desdemona: A Play about a Handkerchief*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Ivy Tech John Waldron).

**NICOLE BRUCE** (*Production Design*) is a graduate of Indiana University with a degree in Theatre and Drama. Having worked as an actor locally and regionally for the past 16 years, she has moved behind the scenes more recently as a makeup artist and designer. Her design credits include: Sound Design/Prop Design and Construction for *Resilience: Indiana's Untold Story* (Ivy Tech John Waldron), Makeup Design for *The Merchant of Venice* (Cardinal Stage), Creature Fabrication/Assistant Costume Design for *Billy Witch* (Bloomington Playwrights Project), Large Scale Parade Puppet construction for Indy PRIDE and Bloomington PRIDE Fest 2015, SFX makeup/ gore prop design for *Lt. of Inishmore* (University Players), Sound Design for student thesis productions of Picasso's *Women and A Steady Rain*, and Prop fabrication/SFX prosthetic design for a student film entitled *Oddport*. You can see more of her creature fabrication later this month in the upcoming production of *Beating a Dead Horse*, opening September 29th at the Bloomington Playwrights Project. You can follow her makeup and design work on Facebook and Instagram at Nicole the Bruce Design, and also on her website at [nicolethebruce.com](http://nicolethebruce.com).

**B. STRYKER DELONG** (*Mickey*) Rebecca fell in love with theatre at the age of 12 when she won tickets to a production of *South Pacific* at Casa Manana in Ft. Worth, Tex. 2 years later, she apprenticed at Casa and within a year, achieved her goal by performing on the same stage where her dream was born. In college at TTU, Rebecca moved from performing on stage to costuming. After working on the road and off (and off-off) Broadway in NYC, she “retired” to Bloomington, Ind. to raise a family. As the nest emptied, she returned to the theatre. She has been associated with Theatre South (BHHS), Sounds of South, Silly Bunny Film, Paul Bright Productions, and MCCT. Her day job is at IU Auditorium where she deals with dressing room set-ups for visiting artist. While Rebecca is usually backstage costuming MCCT’s productions, she is excited to be stepping on stage as Mickey in *The Odd Couple*. When not costuming or at IU, Rebecca may be found belly dancing with The Carvan-seria Dancers and Different Drummer Belly Dancers.

**TAYLER FISCHER** (*Assistant Director*) is a student at Indiana University studying Theatre and Cinema & Media Arts Production. This is her fourth production with MCCT: *As You Like It* (Rosalind), *Trojan Women* (Andromache), *It’s a Wonderful Life* (Violet Peterson). She works as a videographer for the Indiana University Graduate School. Tayler enjoys acting in independent/student projects at IU.

**DOROTHY GRANGER** (*Stage Manager*) received the “Merit Award” from the Clarksville Little Theatre in 2012. She has worked on several MCCT productions behind the scenes, successfully managing the chaos of community theater.

**EMMA SUZANNE HAMILTON** (*Sylvie*) is a Bloomington native who has acted in various roles in town as well as around the state of Indiana and in Chicago. She’s known for her roles in Sounds of South’s productions of: *Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Misérables*, and *Once Upon A Mattress*. She’s also starred in Stages Bloomington’s production of *Godspell*. Most recently, she has acted in the Netflix original series, *Easy*. She’s currently working as an actress in northern Indiana on the set of a short film titled *MalacHIGH*. Although she has gained a lot of experience in her acting career, *The Odd Couple* is her first play! She has had a wonderful time working with this script and cast. She hopes you all enjoy the production berry, berry much!

**JIM FLOYD** (*Manolo Costazuela*) is thrilled to be involved in his third MCCT production. He first appeared as the Spartan Herald in *Lysistrata* and, most recently, as Oliver in *As You Like It*. He hopes you have a berry berry nith time.

**JASON LOPEZ** (*Jesus Costazuela*) has been a part of MCCT for two years. He has acted in *Cymbeline*, *Macbeth*, *It’s A Wonderful Life*, and *Tempostorm* and written music for *As You Like* and *The Trojan Women*.

**SARAH MAE RUGGLES** (*Olive Madison*) has been with MCCT for over 13 years now! She is over the moon about starring in *The Odd Couple* with her best friend Emily! Sarah's most memorable roles include Duke Frederick in *As You Like It*, Ursula in *Much Ado About Nothing*, Lysistrata in *Aristophanes' Lysistrata*, First Witch in *Macbeth*, Honey in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, Desdemona in *Othello*, and Miranda in *The Tempest!* Last winter, she directed MCCT's *It's a Wonderful Life*. By day, Sarah is a technical writer with BAE Systems, Inc.

**CATHERINE SHELDON** (*Renee*) 23, is graduating Ivy Tech in December with a general studies major and plans to complete a psychology bachelors anywhere west of Indiana. A dancer since 2009, has performed in *Rent*, *Hairspray*, and more. She would like to thank her people (you know who you are) and the cast for pushing her to randomly do another show and for challenging her to push her boundaries!

**I. JAMES TORRY** (*Director*) This is I. James Torry's full length play directorial debut. While he is more commonly known as an actor he is also directed a handful of show's with the Bloomington Playwrights Project in thier Playoffs annual fundraiser. He was last seen on stage as Vertus Hardiman in a production titled *Resilience* and before that he was seen as Juror #6, in the Monroe County Civic Theatre's production of *12 Angry Jurors*. He has also acted in productions with the Bloomington Playwright's Project, Cardinal Stage Company and also the Bloomington Repertory Theatre. "This has been a humbling and rewarding experience; I am so proud to have been on this journey with this cast and crew". I. James would like to thank God, for being with me throughout my life journey. He would also like to his Mom, Dad and Stepdad for their continued support. Dad and Mike, I know you're watching, I hope I'm making you smile.



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Oskar Baugh

*Emily Bedwell*^

Tim Bedwell

Grace Bennett

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**Maria Bluck**\*

Eve Brooks

Jude Brooks

Simon Brooks

*Frank Buczovich*^

*Prince Butler*^

*Sheila Butler*^

*Mary Carpenter*^

Danielle Chamberlain

*Pip Chamberlain*^

Paula Chambers

Trina Chandler

Janice Clevenger

Maggie Coats

Eleanor Cook

Emily Cox

Jeff Craft

Rolando Cumberbatch

B. Stryker DeLong

Amy Denekamp

Sam Durnil

Nancie Eagan

Amelia Eggleston

Jason Eller

Kaiden Fagg

*Rance Fawnbush*^

*Tayler Fischer*^

Jim Floyd

Dorothy Granger

Ashlee Farris

**Emma Sue Hamilton**\*

Brent Hatfield

Eric "C" Heaps

Mary Emma Scott Heaps

Mercy Emma Ophelia Heaps

*Steve Heise*^

Vicki Helber

Jen Horsley

*Anna Hughes*^

*Brant Hughes*^

*Jeffrey Huntsman*^

*Maryann Iaria*^

Parker Jones

Jason Landgrebe

Leah Lee

*Gwen Livesay*^

Renee Llewellyn

Jason Lopez

Clare Mattson

Devin May

Pamela Milam

Nichole Nagotte

Nick Newby

Candace Nugent

Liz Odom

*Allen Pease*^

Kristen Pimley

Shannon Pilrose

Veronica Piurek

Jessica Radcliffe

Joe Ricks

*Maria Roncalli*^

Amy Ruggles

*Sarah Mae Ruggles*^

Richkard Saint-Victor

*Steve Scott*^

Zilia Selles

**Catherine Sheldon**\*

*Dianne Shewmaker*^

*Roy Sillings*^

Becky Stapf

*Janet Templeton-Heise*^

Tim Thompson

*I. James Torry*^

*Eric Van Gucht*^

*Yolanda Valdivia*^

*Katelin Hope Vesely*^

Asher Welk

Emilio Welk

Lili Westphal

*Jennifer Whitaker*^

William Whitaker

Alice Wilmoth

Bob Wilmoth

Janet Wingard

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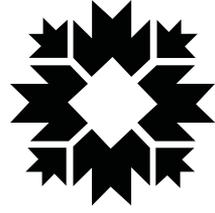
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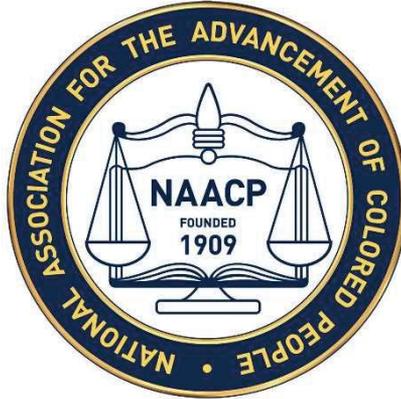
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