

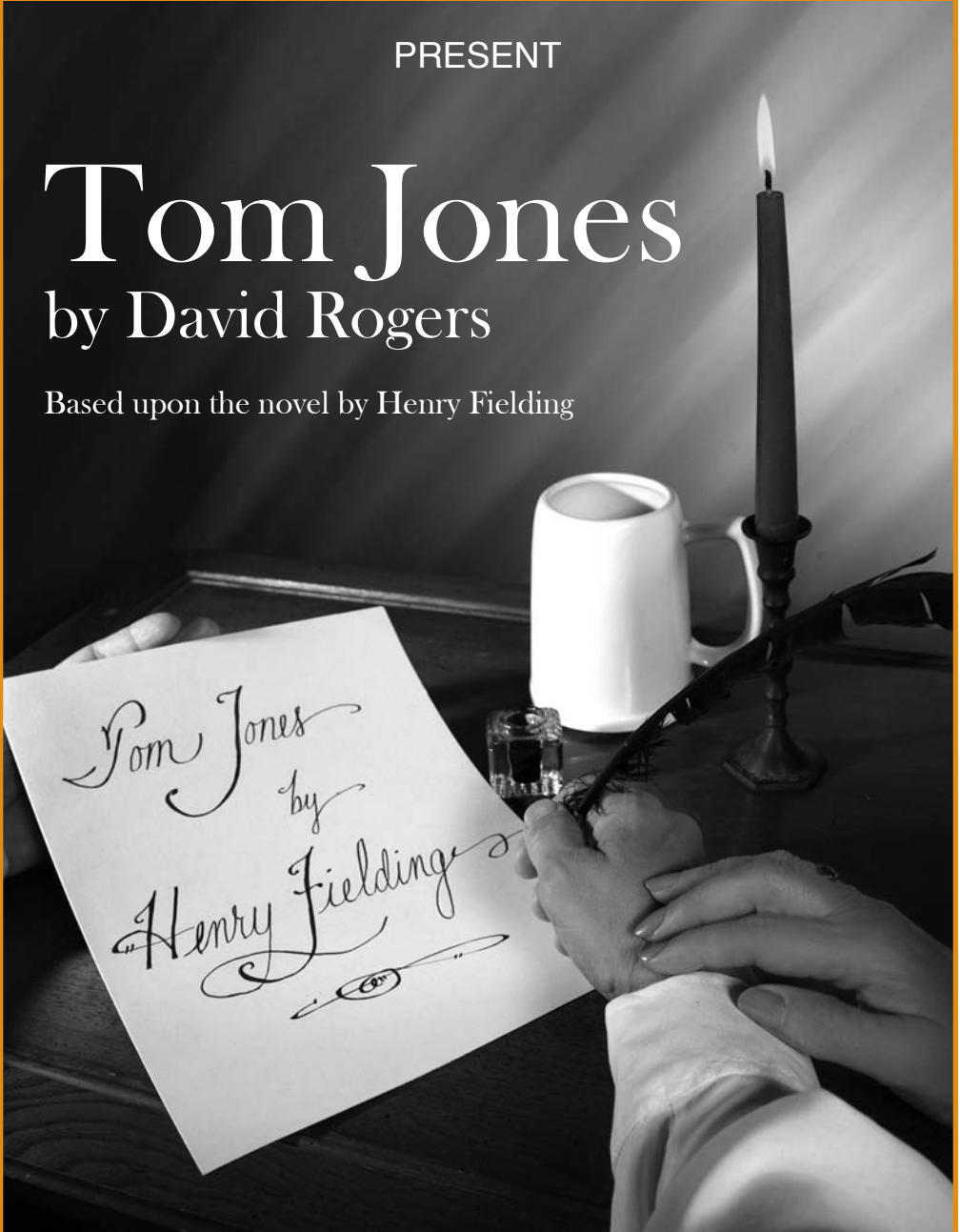
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# Tom Jones

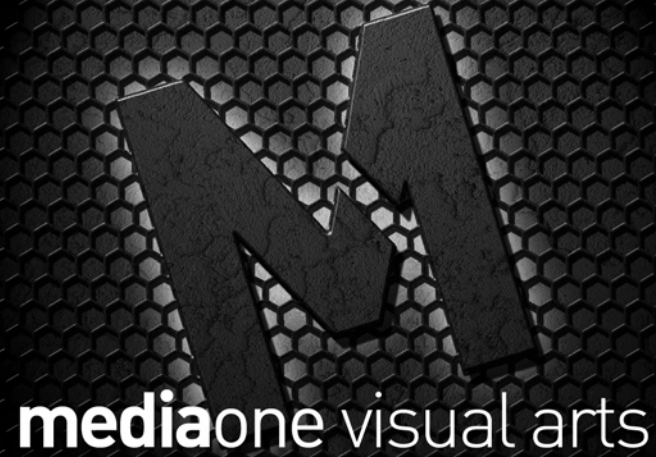
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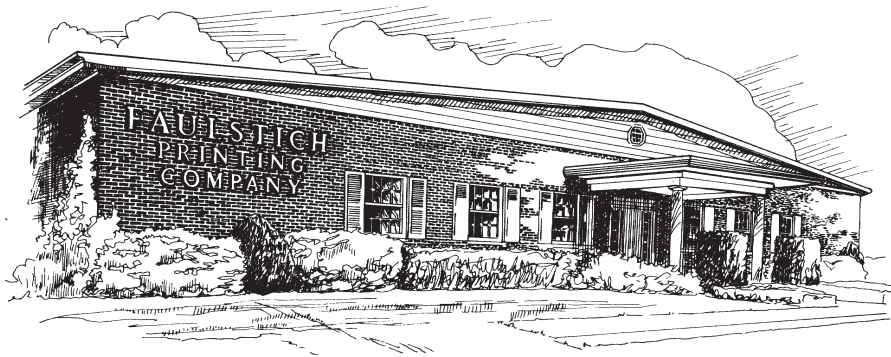
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Somersetshire, England about 1750

**ACT TWO**

The journey to London

**ACT THREE**

London

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Red Mask Players are funded in part by grants from the Illinois Arts Council and the Danville Area Arts Council.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to your Red Mask Theater!

1936 was the first season Red Mask Players brought community theater to life here in Vermilion County. We begin our 73rd season with a rollicking good time in merry olde England. 1749 was the year Henry Fielding first published "The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling," one of the first English works of prose that we now call 'novels'. The first publication consisted of 18 books, each with its own introductory chapters, or essays. Thankfully for you, our production is slightly shorter. Tom, of course, moved beyond the printed word of 1749, hitting the stage and movie screens in years hence with a great deal of bawdy good fun. 'Tis a classic tale you will share with us, about the good hearted boy who finds himself caught up in a wild morass of relationships and good fun. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the adventures of *Tom Jones*.

*Linda Bolton*  
President

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## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome, my lords, my ladies, gentlemen and gentlewomen, to our fine performance of Henry Fielding's *Tom Jones*. We hope your visit to the Kathryn Randolph Theater will be a pleasant one and that someday you'll wish to return and bring your friends!

Upon perusal of your program you will notice a change from the usual cast biographies. I thought it would be fun to survey the cast, so that we could get an intimate glimpse into their minds and see what exactly makes them tick. We have printed for you a sampling of their many humorous and insightful responses. One question posed to them was "Describe yourself in 1 word". I thought you might find it interesting that of the 26 responses, there were no two answers alike. Everyone involved with our show views themselves differently than the other cast members.

So, please enjoy our performance of *Tom Jones*. Keep in mind that you are in the presence of fellow community members who share the common thread of a love of Community Theater (with a strong desire to show off and make people laugh). And when it's over, we welcome you to come backstage to meet the *encouraging, gregarious, anal, outnumbered, different, testy, unorganized, eccentric/flamboyant, spunky, dependable, enigmatic, fortunate, loyal (like a puppy), centered, insecure, hmmm, stubborn, unique, complicated, incredimazable, passionate, charismatic, lost, happy-go-lucky, friendly, and too damn nice* cast of Red Mask's season opener, *Tom Jones*.

*Jim Wolfe*

Director

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ON STAGE  
(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)



**Jason Asaad (Doctor)**

Favorite R.M. play: *Dr. Cook's Garden, ...Cuckoo's Nest*  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *Top Gun*  
 I'd be lost without my: ADD meds  
 Person that makes me laugh: Jim Wolfe



**Judie Barrett (Miss Western)**

I enjoy: My grandchildren  
 Favorite R.M. play: *Sylvia*  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *The Long, Long Trailer*  
 My favorite curse word: "Curse? I've never cursed in my life!"



**Vern Bergkoetter (Mr. Square)**

People don't know: I want to run a marathon  
 Favorite R.M. play: *The Diviners*  
 My guilty pleasure: Speeding (a little) on my motorcycle  
 I'd be lost without: My wife Milia



**Mary Anne Cecil (Sister Thwackum)**

Person that makes me laugh: My daughter Jennifer  
 Favorite R.M. play: *Over the River...*  
 People don't know: I escorted Katharine Hepburn at the SF airport  
 1st movie I remember seeing: Something Disney with a princess



**Kenneth Cooper (Tom Jones)**

I'd be lost without: My writing  
 Favorite R.M. play: This one!  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *Bambi*  
 3 people I'd like to act with: Keanu Reeves, Hugh Jackman, Jessica Alba



**Amanda Coutant (Honour)**

Person who makes me laugh: My brother Brian  
 Favorite R.M. play: *The Rainmaker*  
 I'd be lost without: My cell phone! I'm a textaholic!  
 People don't know: I love to watch Judy Garland movies



**Jamey Coutant (Deborah)**

I enjoy: Karaoke  
 Favorite R.M. play: All of them. I can't pick a favorite!  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*  
 People don't know: I play the piano



**Jimi Dick (Blifil/ Capt. Blifil)**

I enjoy: Spontaneity  
 3 people I'd like to act with: Leslie Howard, Vincent Price, Paul Newman  
 1st movie I remember: *Toy Story*  
 People don't know: I'm deathly afraid of cats



**Dwain Dixon (Highwayman)**

I enjoy: Cooking  
 Favorite R.M. play: *Tom Jones...duh!!!*  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *Star Wars*  
 People don't know: What I do for a living. (Just ask my wife!)

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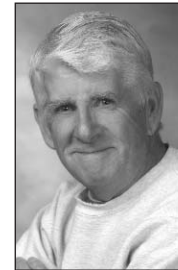
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**Jennifer Dixon (Lady Bellaston)**

I'd be lost without: Dwain and the internet  
1st movie I remember seeing: *Dracula* (1979). I lost a tooth watching it!  
Favorite R.M. play: *Breaking Legs*  
I enjoy: Spying on the dead (i.e. genealogy)



**Dave Downing (Allworthy)**

Favorite R.M. play: *Of Mice and Men*  
3 people I'd like to act with: Sonny, Bob Scott, Donna Sant  
In 1 word I'm: Fortunate  
I'd be lost without: Marty



**Barb Garner (Susan)**

Favorite R.M. play: ...*Cuckoo's Nest*, *Over the River...*  
1st movie I remember seeing: *Mary Poppins*  
The person who makes me laugh: My husband Gail  
Guilty pleasure: Bubble baths



**Suzie Harmon (Flirt)**

I'd be lost without: My "sisters"  
Favorite R.M. play: *Desk Set*  
The person who makes me laugh: Jason Asaad  
3 people I'd like to act with: Carol Burnett, Goldie Hawn, Hugh Jackman



**David Laker (Fitzpatrick)**

Favorite R.M. play: *Whose Life is it Anyway?*, *My 3 Angels*  
1st movie I remember seeing: *The Great Escape*  
People don't know: I'm not as egotistical as people think I am! (Donna!!!)  
Person that makes me laugh: Dwain Dixon

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**Mary Ann Laker (Harriet Fitzpatrick)**  
 Favorite R.M. play: The one I'm in, of course!  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *Bambi*  
 I'd be lost without: A pad of paper and a pen  
 Guilty pleasure: Reese's Cups



**Bev Nees (Nancy)**  
 I'd be lost without: A good book to read  
 Favorite R.M. play: *Over the River...*  
 People don't know: I'd love to be a world traveler  
 3 people I'd like to act with: Ed Devore, Jim Wolfe, Donna Sant



**Gracie Oliver (Sophia Western)**  
 Someone who makes me laugh: My brother Benjamin  
 People don't know: I adore barbershop quartets  
 Favorite R.M. play: *Don't Drink the Water*  
 1st movie I remember: *The Lion King*



**Tobi Peck (Bridget Allworthy)**  
 Favorite R.M. play: *Web of Murder*  
 I'd be lost without: Jesus and PJO  
 Guilty pleasure: "I'll never tell!"  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *The Wizard of Oz*



**Rick Prentice (Justice Dowling)**  
 I enjoy: Naps and my metal detector  
 Favorite R.M. play: *...Cuckoo's Nest*  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *The Time Machine*  
 I'd be lost without: My wife Debbie



**Jeff Romig (Western)**

I enjoy: Writing fiction; tennis  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *Herbie the Love Bug*  
 Guilty pleasure: Rogers & Hammerstein musicals  
 People don't know: I can swallow a raw egg and bring it up without breaking the yolk!



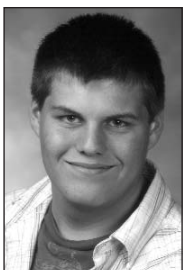
**Suzy Smalley (Jenny Jones/ Mrs. Waters)**

I enjoy: Making jewelry  
 I'd be lost without: Relationships with the people I love  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *Sleeping Beauty*  
 People don't know: I was Homecoming Queen at BHHS many years ago



**Sharon Tipsword (Mrs. Whitefield)**

People don't know: I'm 37 and like to lie about it!  
 Guilty pleasure: "Dexter"  
 I'd be lost without: Green  
 Favorite R.M. play: The one coming up



**Chase Todd (Constable)**

I enjoy: Making movies and listening to music  
 I'd be lost without my: IPOD  
 People who make me laugh: Jim Wolfe and Jason Asaad  
 Favorite curse word: S\*\*T (but don't tell my Mom I wrote that!)



**Shawn Vaughn (Partridge)**

I'd be lost without: Maps  
 People don't know: I'm a closet Grease fan  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *Smokey and the Bandit*  
 In 1 word I'm: Outnumbered (1 wife/ 3 daughters)

**PRODUCTION TEAM**



Jim Wolfe

Gail Garner

Donna Sant

**Jim Wolfe (Director)**

Favorite R.M. play: ...*Cuckoo's Nest*  
 1st movie I remember seeing: *Babes in Toyland*  
 I'd be lost without: my wife Toni  
 People don't know: 5 people in Tom Jones were 5th grade students of mine at Catlin Grade School

**Donna Sant (Stage Manager)**

I enjoy: A good book, my dog, and a glass of wine  
 I'd be lost without: "Ricky and Lucy"  
 People don't know: I do know how to cook (a little)  
 3 people I'd like to act with: Marlon Brando, Jamie Devore, David Laker (but don't tell him!)

**Gail Garner (Producer)**

I enjoy: Woodworking  
 I'd be lost without: My wife Barb  
 The person who makes me laugh: Bob Hous  
 My favorite curse word: Please, it always cost me!



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**Linda Bolton, Scholarship Chairperson.**  
**431-1050**

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The Red Mask Players are in the process of choosing plays for our 2010-2011 season. If there is a particular play that you might be interested in directing, we'd be happy to put it on our reading list. Go to our website [redmaskplayers.com](http://redmaskplayers.com) to fill out the director's application. Please note that if your play is chosen, we still reserve the right to interview for other directors. Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2009. Please email [donnaasant@gmail.com](mailto:donnaasant@gmail.com) with any questions.



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December 5, 6 2009 3-6 pm

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*Voices of Christmas*

December 12, 2009 7:30 pm  
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*The Spitfire Grill*

February 12, 13 & 14, 2010 7:30 pm  
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**Stage Manager** ..... Donna Sant  
**Producer** ..... Gail Garner  
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Kenneth Cooper, Jim Wolfe  
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