



# THE EIGHT: REINDEER MONOLOGUES

By Jeff Goode

A fundraising event to support In Tandem Theatre's artistic and educational programming.

## CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Dasher .....	Bo Johnson*
Cupid.....	T. Stacy Hicks
Hollywood.....	Rick Pendzich
Blitzen.....	Grace DeWolff
Comet.....	Shayne Steliga
Dancer.....	Kay Allmand
Donner.....	Chris Flieller
Vixen.....	Angela Iannone*
Director .....	Chris Flieller
Board Operator .....	Colin Gawronski

*\* Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States, appearing under a special Appearance Contract.*

*The Eight: Reindeer Monologues* runs approximately one hour and twenty minutes with no intermission. So go get a drink before the play starts!

No photography, video or audio recording allowed including camera phones.



**Bo Johnson** (Dasher)  
Bo is not new to the Milwaukee theatre community. Over the course of many years, he has worked as an actor and technician for Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Next Act Theatre,

Skylight Theatre, ComedySportz, First Stage Children's Theatre, The Dead Alewives, Theatre X, Theatre Gigante, Milwaukee Public Theatre, In Tandem Theatre, Alchemist Theatre, American Folklore Theatre, and many others. Recently, he co-founded a new company, Umbrella Group Milwaukee. Look for its production of WHO KILLED SANTA and NEILS' DIRTY SHORTS running at Soulstice Theatre this month.



**T. Stacy Hicks** (Cupid)  
Audiences of In Tandem have previously enjoyed Mr. Hicks in ART OF MURDER and VERONICA'S POSITION. Locally he has also appeared with Milwaukee Repertory, Milwaukee Shakespeare,

Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Forward Theatre, Skylight Music Theatre, Renaissance Theatreworks, Optimist Theatre, Uprooted, and Youngblood. Regional credits include Southwest Shakespeare and Chicago Shakespeare. He can currently be seen in the holiday whodunnit WHO KILLED SANTA and looks forward to returning to In Tandem in March for the premiere of COME BACK.



**Rick Pendzich** (Hollywood)  
Since graduating from UW-Whitewater, Rick has performed as Max in LEND ME A TENOR, Eustace in JEEVES INTERVENES, Floyd in THE FOURTH WALL, Stanley in BRIGHTON BEACH

MEMOIRS and Sandy Tyrell in HAY FEVER for Milwaukee Chamber Theatre. He also performed in MCT's COMPLETE/ SHAKESPEARE tour at the Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan. Other favorite roles include Steve in GRACE at Next Act Theatre, The Gentleman Caller in THE GLASS MENAGERIE at In Tandem Theatre and Mark Cohen in RENT at Skylight Music Theatre. Rick can next be seen in First Stage Children's Theatre's production of BIG NATE. "Parker 203 forever."



**Grace DeWolff** (Blitzen)  
Grace is a Milwaukee actor, teaching artist, and theatre-maker who is delighted to work with Chris and Jane reprising her (totally typecast) role as a vociferous feminist. Recent credits at In

Tandem include the roles of Laura in THE GLASS MENAGERIE and Seta in BEAST ON THE MOON. Grace is also stage managing and acting in Milwaukee's returning production of WHO KILLED SANTA performing at Solstice this holiday season. As the Education Manager for Pink Banana Theatre Company, Grace invites you to check out PB's website for upcoming workshops. Happy Holidays, and stay warm out there!



**Shayne Steliga** (Comet)  
Shayne is ecstatic to join this colorful cast of characters. 'Twas perhaps fated that he'd portray one of Santa's trusty sleigh-pullers, as he's been part of the holiday band "Reindeer Pause" for

nearly a decade. An alumnus of UW-Green Bay's Theatre Arts program and the Milwaukee Rep's internship program, Shayne currently works for Gateway Technical College while pursuing opportunities in theatre and music. After playing the role of Omar in AFGHAN WOMEN, Shayne is pleased to once again collaborate with this top-notch company.



**Kay Allmand** (Dancer) Kay is happy to be appearing once again in THE EIGHT for the lovely folks at In Tandem Theatre! Some recent credits include: the female track in THE 39 STEPS and Laura in THE GLASS MENAGERIE at

Third Avenue Playhouse; ALMOST MAINE at Unity Theatre; Annette in GOD OF CARNAGE at Stark Naked Theatre; and, Viola in TWELFTH NIGHT at Door Shakespeare. Kay has an MFA in acting from the University of South Carolina and completed her internship at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre. Catch her this spring performing in JEEVES TAKES A BOW at Chamber Theatre.



**Chris Flieller** (Donner/ Director/Artistic Director, In Tandem Theatre). An accomplished director and actor, Chris has worked with Skylight Music Theatre, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Theatre X, First Stage

Milwaukee, and the Marcus Center/Milwaukee Repertory. Chris appeared this summer in Seamus Heaney's SWEENEY ASTRAY for Irish Fest and is currently performing as Stasch in In Tandem Theatre's A CUDAHY CAROLER CHRISTMAS. This March, Chris will join his alma mater, The Professional Theatre Training Program located at the University of Delaware, in JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK. Directing credits include WONDER OF THE WORLD, nine years of SHAW SHORTS (in collaboration with Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's Annual Shaw Festival), THE EIGHT: REINDEER MONOLOGUES, HOLIDAY HELL, THE CHOSEN, HOME, THE AFGHAN WOMEN, the world premier of STUCK, EQUUS (in a co-presentation with the UWM B.F.A. Acting Program), OLD WICKED SONGS, the American premier of THE NIGHTMARE ROOM, BURYING THE BONES, CHESAPEAKE and most recently, LONE STAR.



**Angela Iannone** (Vixen) Angela returns to In Tandem where she was last seen as Amanda in THE GLASS MENAGERIE and Kate Hepburn in TEA AT FIVE. Ms. Iannone is a three time Best of Milwaukee Award winner,

a Joseph Jefferson Award winner, an Associate Artist at Milwaukee Rep and a 2014 Lunt/Fontanne Fellow. Recent roles include Maria Callas in MASTER CLASS, Medea in MEDEA, Marie

Lombardi in LOMBARDI, Diana Vreeland in FULL GALLOP, Roxie in CHICAGO, Adelaide in GUYS AND DOLLS, Louise in ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE and Lady MacBeth in MACBETH. Theatres include Milwaukee, Madison and Kansas City Reps, Georgia, Utah, Oak Park, Milwaukee and Door Shakespeare Companies, Peninsula Players, Next Act Theatre, Marriott Lincolnshire, APT, Skylight Music Theatre, Light Opera Oklahoma and Royal George, Chicago. Ms. Iannone's recent play THIS PRISON WHERE I LIVE premiered Off Off Broadway at Titan Theatre. Her plays have also been honored at Forward Theatre in Madison, UW Whitewater, Shorter College and the American College Theatre Festival.



**Colin Gawronski** (Board Operator/Production Manager, In Tandem Theatre) Colin is a graduate of UWM's Theatre Program and a Milwaukee native.

Colin is pleased to join the In Tandem staff in the newly

created position of Production Manager, having worked previously on such shows as BURYING THE BONES and 1959 PINK THUNDERBIRD. Colin has worked with such local companies as Your Mother Dances, UWM Dance, Danceworks Inc., Next Act, Chamber Theatre, Carter Productions, Kohl's Wild Theater, PrideFest Milwaukee, and Youngblood. Colin has also worked with the Sacramento Music Circus, the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival and the Indianapolis and Chicago Fringe Festivals. Favorite productions include SERENDIPITY, MAURITIUS, THRILL ME, ADVENTURES OF LITTLE MISFIT, IN A BLACK MOOD, WINTERDANCES 2012, EXONERATED, THE FLU SEASON, and GRUESOME PLAYGROUND INJURIES. Give Love Always.

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## INTRODUCING REINDEER PAUSE

Your preshow musical entertainment comes courtesy of local band, Reindeer Pause. Reindeer Pause (RP) is a four-member group of singers/musicians specializing in both traditional and non-traditional Christmas music. The group comes from diverse backgrounds including musical theater, rock and variety bands, as well as Christian music. Arrangements by artists such as Elvis, Springsteen, Barenaked Ladies, Neil Diamond, and Eartha Kitt as well as original arrangements make up their repertoire. A narration of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with background music is performed especially for children and parents. Consider the unique sounds of RP for your next holiday party. Call 414-837-3315 or 414-526-3638 for more information. In Tandem thanks RP for lending their time and talent to make this fundraiser a rousing success!

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES - CHRIS FLIELLER

I love Christmas. And "Rudolph" is my favorite Christmas special. But this show isn't about Christmas and really, not even about Santa. It's about power and celebrity and the expectations we impose upon the people we elect to lead us or upon whom we imbue moral authority. Why, at least in this country, do we insist that our leaders be reduced to one dimensional, sexless automatons of virtue when we elect them in the first place because of their complexity, passion and sex appeal? And why are we surprised when they fail to meet those expectations? Do the transgressions of our leaders negate all the good they do for us? And at what point do we sacrifice the greater good to punish those who would abuse their privilege? This dark little gem of a play invites you to ponder these questions and arrive at your own conclusions. Have fun and happy holidays!

## WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE TODAY?

*A message from In Tandem Theatre's Managing Director, Jane Flieller*

Welcome to THE EIGHT: REINDEER MONOLGUES -- an In Tandem Theatre fundraising event! Proceeds from this evening will go directly toward the support of In Tandem Theatre's annual programming. This support is for actor's salaries, costumes, lights, sets, marketing and other costs associated with producing professional live theatre. The actors have donated their time and talent to help make this event happen and as such, your ticket price is 100% tax-deductible. Please see Jane at the box office to receive a letter for your tax purposes.

## IT'S RAFFLE TIME!!

Help raise even more for In Tandem's programming by buying a raffle ticket or two (or ten!) this evening! You could win:

- ❖ SUDS 'N SNACKS - Enjoy five bottles of New Belgium's craft brew, Tour de Fall in a collector's set of Craft Pub glasses as you wash down delicious treats! Enjoy your very own Cudahy Caroler Christmas original cast recording and the hilarious movie, "Hangover," as you entertain your friends with this unique holiday basket!
- ❖ DON'T "WINE" ABOUT WINTER - Gather your friends, get the fire burning bright and share a delightful bottle of red or white in the perfect vessel. Really get into the holiday mood and listen to Bing Crosby croon the Christmas hits or watch any one of four holiday movie classics. And, of course, we won't leave you out in the cold - there are plenty of delicious delectable edibles in this beautiful basket.
- ❖ HO! HO! HARLEY - Wrap yourself up and stay warm this winter in your very own hooded sweatshirt from our friends at Harley Davidson-Oconomowoc! Be the envy of all your friends as you feel the comfort and warmth of Harley swag keep out the cold.

Tickets are on sale in the lobby! Buy one for \$5; three for \$10; or five for \$20!  
Cash, checks and credit cards (MC, Visa, Discover) accepted!

Winners will be notified by phone on Tuesday, December 16, 2014!