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DONE TO DEATH

Directed by George Canady

ACT ONE

Scene 1

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Scene 2

Vulture’s Vault

ACT TWO

Scene 1

Vulture’s Vault, a few minutes later

DIRECTOR’S NOTE:

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George Canady



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..... Elise Kurbat, Christina Robinson
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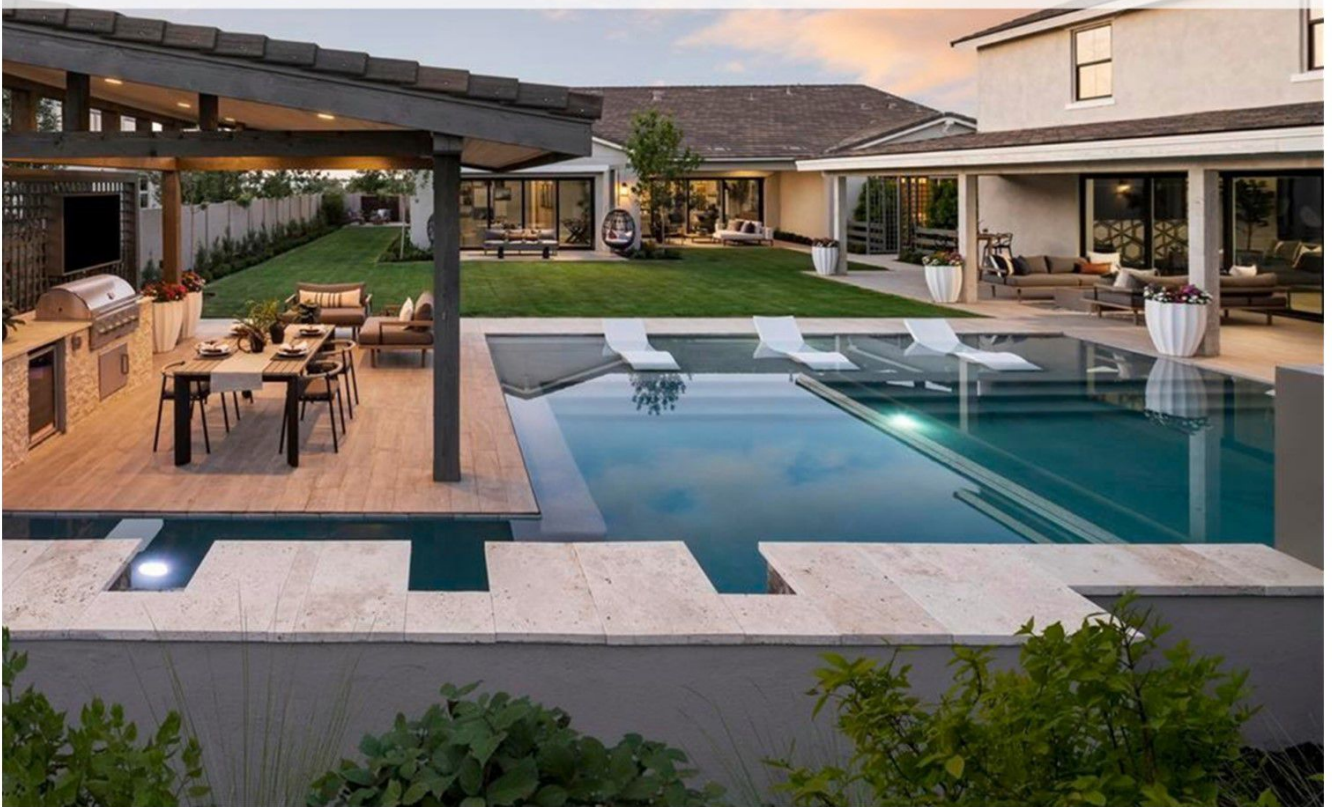
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CAST

(in order of appearance)

JESSICA OLIVEAbeth Spencer
WHITNEY OLIVE..... Paul Hartwell
MILDRED Z. MAXWELLCindy Miesse
BRAD BENEDICT.....Billy Brandes
RODNEY DUCKTON..... Tom Spraker
KIM SUMMERS Nicole Thompson
JANE Juliet Wilkins
GREGORY/GEORGE/MONSTER Cody Bro
MARTHA/GIRL/STEPHANIE/USHER..... Jennifer Scott
STAGEHAND/SECRETARY/MAN Maria Kovac

PRODUCTION TEAM

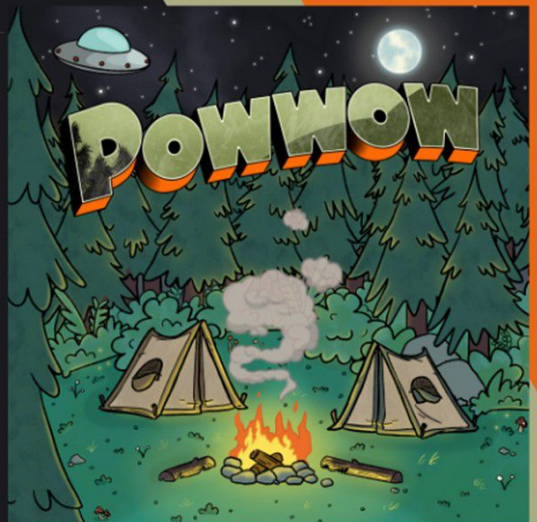
DIRECTOR..... George Canady
STAGE MANAGER.....Harleigh Irizarry
PRODUCER.....Lynn Golden
COSTUME DESIGN..... Ivy Kanani
LIGHTING DESIGN Bill Griffith
SOUND DESIGN Nicole Thompson
PROPERTIES DESIGN Lynn Golden & George Canady
SET CONSTRUCTION..... Mike Rippenkroeger
SET DECORATOR & PAINTER.....Michelle Johnston
LIGHTING BOARD OPERATOR..... Cheyenne Khoury
SOUND BOARD OPERATOR..... Triss Slothower

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ON THE CRAZINESS OF THE
21ST CENTURY!

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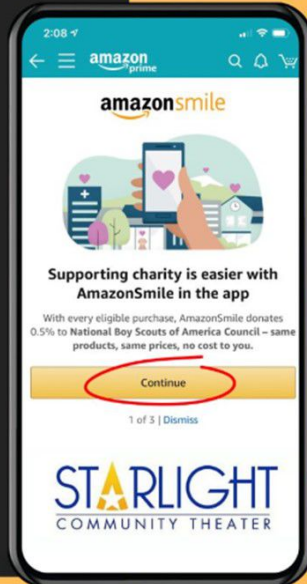
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Billy Brandes (*Brad Benedict*) – Billy Brandes is a local improv comedian and actor. He has performed in a variety of shows around the valley. Most notable as Captain Bill Griffin in Mesa Encore Theatre's production of *Darkside* in 2019 where he was nominated for a Zoni Award. This is his first production at Starlight, and he is incredibly thankful for the opportunity and to be working with George again. "Enjoy the show!"



Cody Bro (*Gregory/George/Monster*) – This is Cody Bro's sixth production at Starlight. Cody has done several murder-mysteries, often as a villain. When Cody is not acting, he is a teacher. One day soon, Cody Bro hopes to become the most widely popular actor, a household name across the world. In his spare time, Cody spends time with his friends or his wife, Emily.



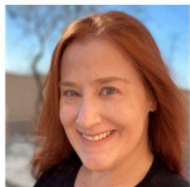
Paul Hartwell (*Whitney Olive*) – Paul is thrilled to work with this group of crazy people. "Seriously, we're pretty funny people." This is his last show before venturing into fatherhood as his 1st born will arrive in June. Previous shows at Starlight include: Benedict in *Much Ado About Nothing*, Donald in *Holy Matrimony!*, and Sid in *The Pajama Game*. He would like to dedicate his performance to his daughter.



Maria Kovac (*Stagehand/Secretary/Man*) – Maria is excited to be making her theatre debut with this wonderful cast and crew. She would like to thank her family - JC, Makayla and Haizy for their support and would like to thank George and the team for giving her this fantastic opportunity. "Enjoy the show!"



Cindy Miesse (*Mildred Z. Maxwell*) – Cindy is thrilled to FINALLY be taking the Starlight stage for the first time, although she did perform in 3 of the theater's fun filled virtual productions. Most recently she was seen playing Gabby in *20th Century Blues*. Cindy began performing when a teacher encouraged her to audition for a show and made theater her hobby well into college. After a brief 35-year hiatus, she decided to fill her empty nest with her old love, theater, and has not looked back. "Thanks to Starlight, George, and the cast and crew for this opportunity."



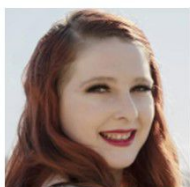
Jennifer Scott (*Martha/Girl/Stephanie/Usher*) - Jennifer is really excited to return to the stage in *Done to Death*. She was last seen onstage as Kathy Collins in the Starlight Community Theater production of *Murder's in the Heir* and online as Pat in the Virtual Theatre Lab production of *My (Virtually) Perfect Roommate*. She would like to thank George for the opportunity to play such different characters in this show and her fellow castmates for all the laughs during rehearsals!



Abeth Spencer (*Jessica Olive*) – Abeth Spencer has, again, neglected to write a cast bio for *Done to Death*, her 9th production with Starlight. She would like to thank George for casting her, as well as the rest of the wonderful and hilarious cast for putting up with her. She would also like to thank her younger brother for not only writing this bio, but also for not including any embarrassing stories from her childhood, which he totally could do and would absolutely get away with it.



Tom Spraker (*Rodney Duckton*) – This is Tom's first performance on the Starlight stage. A retired high school drama teacher, he taught beginning and advanced acting for 32 years in Racine, WI. He directed over 140 shows while teaching, including multiple times guest directing at Racine's community theaters and acting in several shows with them. He's done professional on-camera, voice, print and industrial films. "I thank my wife, Luann, for encouraging me to once again get back on stage. I've enjoyed working with George and the entire cast and crew in this my first acting role in the valley."



Nicole Thompson (*Kim Summers/Sound Design*) – Nicole is on her 5th Starlight show and is excited to be back on stage in *Done to Death*. She was last seen onstage at Starlight in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* - Sandra, and *Dracula* - Lucy. Nicole is the sound designer for this show with credits including *One Flew*

Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Spiders Web, and Hello Herman (Award Winning). Nicole would like to thank George for this opportunity back on stage.



Juliet Wilkins (*Jane*) - Juliet is thrilled to be making her Starlight debut and has prepared to play the maid over years spent reading British mystery novels. She's a valley regular, both as director (*Saint Joan* and *The Convent of Pleasure*) and actress (*Frankenstein, Herlandia, Fefu and Her Friends, Be My Little Baby, and Frog Woman*). This production has been pure joy, and she is grateful to the cast and crew, her family, and her incredible boyfriend for their encouragement and constant support .

PRODUCTION TEAM



George Canady (*Director/Props Design*) – George Canady is excited to be making his official directorial debut at Starlight Community Theater! Dipping his toe into virtual theatre during the pandemic, he is grateful to be back amongst the real people. He's directed such shows as *Big Shows...small Box, Clue - the musical, Once Upon a Mattress, Songs for a New World, and Rumors*. Most recently, he directed *Darkside* for Mesa Encore Theatre.



Harleigh Irizarry (*Stage Manager*) – Harleigh is ecstatic to be making her Starlight stage manager debut. She stage-managed multiple productions in high school under Adam Berger and loves the experience of being backstage. She would like to thank all her loved ones for their support, and the cast and crew of *Done to Death* for amazing work! "Enjoy the show!"



Lynn Golden (*Producer/ Properties Design*) – Valley credits: *Footloose* (Producer, SCT); *Godspell, The Spongebob Musical, Dracula, Annie, The Pajama Game* (Actor, SCT); *Hello, Dolly!, The Sound of Music* (Actor, Zao); *The Sound of Music* (Actor, AFTC); *Spider's Web, Damn Yankees, Oliver!, Spamalot, A Murder Is Announced, Nuncrackers, The Dark at the Top of the Stairs, Moon Over Buffalo* (Actor, DST).

Lynn's day job is a Grant Officer with ASU. "Congrats to the cast and crew of this wonderful show!"

Ivy Kanani (*Costume Design*) – Ivy is excited to be working with Starlight Community Theater for the production of *Done to Death*. Ivy has been doing costumes for almost a year now and truly enjoys the entire experience. Ivy is a stay-at-home mom of 3 that has picked up many tips and tricks over the years and is excited to put them to use for this production. "Shout out to my family for all the support!"

Mike Rippenkroeger (*Set Construction*) – Mike is an award-winning member of our production team. He builds the sets for nearly all Starlight productions. Mike is family-oriented – married to Nena and father to Will.

Michelle Johnston (*Set Decoration & Painting*) - Michelle has been a part of Starlight for over 7 years now when she painted her first set for *Beauty and the Beast*. When not designing enchanted woods or stately living rooms she's managing her team of investigators at MUFG Union Bank. She's been in financial crimes for over 20 years and retired from the US Army reserves in 2016 after 26 years of service.

Cheyenne Khoury (*Lighting Board Operator*) – Acting Experience: *Cabaret*, Norwich University's short play festival 2018-2019. Tech Experience: Stage Manager Norwich International Women's 2020-2021, Costume Designer, Pegasus players board member (lead student Costume Designer) 2020-2021.

Triss Slothower (*Sound Board Operator*) - Triss has been in theater productions since they were twelve years old and in crew since they were fifteen. They served an internship with Stage Dreams Youth Theater and helped write a unique script to perform with their peers. They have always had a passion for the performing arts and are currently pursuing a degree in Communications at Glendale Community College.



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