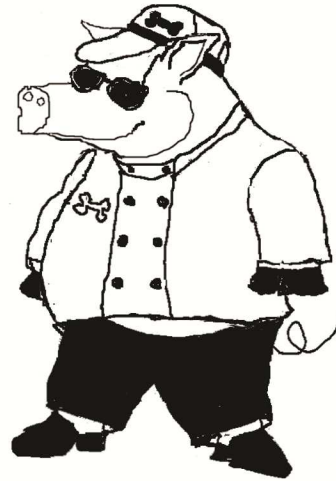
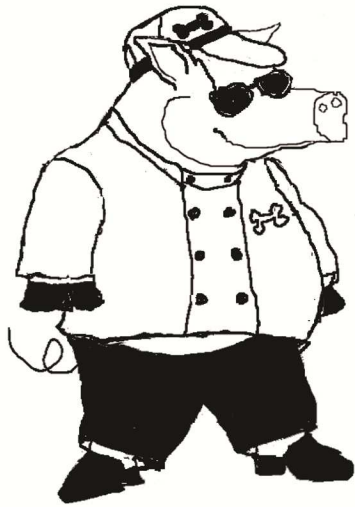


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# 'night, Mother

by Marsha Norman

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## CAST

**JEANNÉ CALLINAN (MAMA)** has previously appeared at T@F as Mrs. Westernra in last season's *Dracula*. She is thrilled to be back onstage after a hiatus of many (many) moons. Usually she is found backstage doing hair and makeup for local community theater companies including Winchester Players' *Pack of Lies*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, and *The Good Doctor*; Arlington Friends of the Drama's *Odd Couple*; and Amazing Things Theater's *Same Time Next Year*. When not on- or backstage, she runs her own private catering and event accommodation company, Celebration Support. Jeanné wants to thank her incredible husband and son for their unending support and belief—they make every theater project possible for her. Jeanné would also like to dedicate this performance to her mother, whose strength and example she draws upon every day.

**JULIE-ANNE WHITNEY (JESSIE)** is a new enthusiastic citizen of Boston; she moved here from the Lakes Region of NH about two months ago. She has a BA in Theatre Arts/Acting from Plymouth State University and has been training in the Meisner Technique with Lyrallen Kaye of Another Country Productions for the past 7 months. Julie-Anne has 10 years of experience in both contemporary and classical theater, in both plays and musicals, at the community, university, and professional levels. "I would like to dedicate my performance to my mum; she is my rock, my safe place, and my home base."

Please stay for a conversation with the director and cast after the performance.

## STAFF

**HEIDI CLARK (AD SALES)** thinks that after an evening of *Bare Bones*, bbq ribs are just the thing!

**CHRIS DEKALB (HOUSE MANAGER)** is happy to be working on his 23rd show with T@F. When he's not at the theatre, Chris is an outsource project manager for Books24x7.com.

**BECKIE HUNTER (ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR)** is the founding President of T@F. She has produced eight shows, from our first production to June's revival of *The Margaret Ghost*.

**ELIZABETH HUNTER (PROGRAM DIRECTOR)** is the founding Artistic Director of T@F and has directed eight T@F shows (most recently *The Margaret Ghost*) in addition to working with other community and college theatre groups in the Boston area.

**NEIL MARSH (SOUND DESIGN)** has provided aural enhancement for too many T@F shows to count. He loves sound of all kinds, particularly radio drama, and is the founder of the Post-Meridian Radio Players.

The play will be presented with no intermission. Unity Church is a non-smoking facility. Restrooms are back up the stairs toward the entrance.

**JO GUTHRIE (DIRECTOR)**: Years ago, someone very close to me committed suicide. Despite my own grief, I found that I could not disagree with his choice. As Mama says, "We're all afraid to die." But what if the benefits come to outweigh the fear? When every time you invest in living, you find yourself flat on your back, feeling like you've been hit by a truck? What if every emotion leads only to confusion and pain and loss?

When a friend suggested that I read this play, I found myself wanting to read it again, and then again. An idea of it began to take shape in my head and I knew then how I would direct this play. Of course, that idea didn't survive the first rehearsal—it was replaced by the much richer concept that Julie-Anne, Jeanné and I built together, moment by moment. The characters are no longer simply embodiments of positions and ideas, but people who walk and breath and choose and live so much more deeply than I could have conceived by myself.

Suicide is never an easy subject to bring into a conversation. It isn't simple and there is no right or wrong answer to the questions it raises. I hope that tomorrow, when you're back in your daily world, you will find yourself looking back with second thoughts, maybe talking to someone else about it, shining light into the dark corners of a difficult topic.

*Jo Guthrie is a founding member of T@F and our Technical Coordinator. She first directed back in grade school with a few friends and a sheet for a backdrop. Having gained experience with her best friend at "coffeehouse productions" in the high school cafeteria, Jo moved on to direct full-stage productions of Arsenic and Old Lace and Blythe Spirit at Colby College. After more than twenty years on hiatus, she returns to the director's chair with 'night, Mother. She would like to thank all of the amazing actors who made her casting choices so tough, and especially Julie-Anne and Jeanné for their generosity and courage in trusting her with such emotionally complex and vulnerable performances. Thanks also to Elizabeth, Beckie and the T@F Steering Committee for their faith in her.*



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