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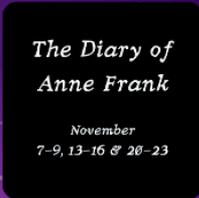
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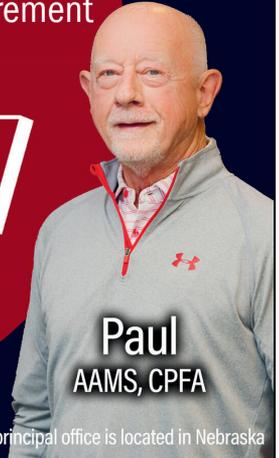
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Written by
James Graham

Based on the Book
"Bad Show: The Quiz, the Cough,
the Millionaire Major"
by Bob Woffinden and James Plaskett

Directed by
Tyler J. Rinne

Cast of Characters

Charles Ingram Noah Mason
Diana Ingram Michelle Frederick*
Tecwen Whittock, etc. Alex Venneman
Woodley QC, etc. Vicki Cain
Hilliard QC, etc. Callan Williams
Judge Rivlin, etc. Merle Jobman
Paul Smith, etc. Connor Tietz
Adrian Pollock, etc. Zach Hartwick
Jon de Mol, etc. Danny Toland
Ruth Settle, etc. Maria Lemus-Piccolo
Quizmaster, etc. Diane Kahnk
Chris Tarrant Doug Cudaback

* indicates CP Mainstage debut

Time:

The Early 2000s

Setting:

England

There will be a 10 minute intermission

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Tammy Cudaback

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Tyler J. Rinne

Set Construction

Mason Gustafson
& Callan Williams

Scene Painting & Props

Tyler J. Rinne

Video Design

Marissa Saure & Tyler J. Rinne

Lighting Design

Brandon Clark

Show Logo

Tyler J. Rinne

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Director's Note



Anyone familiar with the gameshow *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* is aware of the show's three lifelines, or ways a contestant can ask for help on a specific trivia question: "50-50," which narrows possible answers down from four to two; "Phone a Friend," where a buddy at home is put in a 30-second spotlight to save the day; or "Ask the Audience," which polls the studio crowd in a bout of democratic solution-seeking.

During today's production of *Quiz*, based on a real-life cheating scandal on the megahit gameshow, you'll have a chance to vote on a couple multiple choice questions yourself. Just like the gameshow, this play originally premiered in the U.K., so one of the "easy" questions you'll be asked is awfully obscure for our Nebraska audience. When you're quizzed about a character from *Coronation Street*, here's your hint that the answer is "B: Gail." It's my understanding that *Coronation Street* is as ubiquitous over there as something like *Friends* or *The Office* is on our shores.

The other big question you'll be asked has to do with the outcome of the dramatized criminal trial you'll see today. Have your voting cards ready at the end of Act I, and hold them high so our judge, played by Merle Jobman, can see the "correct" answer to Charles and Diana's case. Don't worry, it's a 50-50 question, and the answer will be pretty clear once you see an hour's worth of evidence and testimony.

But, just like a coin or, in this case, a million-pound check, every story has two sides. This show, of which we're the North American premiere, allows you something never offered contestants on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*: a chance to take back your "final answer." *Quiz* takes place before, during, and after Charles Ingram's appearance on the gameshow and his and his wife's trial. Don't worry so much about keeping track of every character, every timeline, and every setting; instead enjoy this larger-than-life web of intrigue, deception, and exceptional eccentricity as we present what may or may not have happened during this fascinating moment of recent history.

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Vicki Cain



Doug Cudaback



Michelle Frederick



Zach Hartwick



Merle Jobman



Diane Kahnk



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Noah Mason



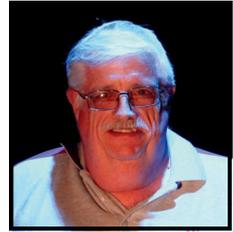
Connor Tietz



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Quiz Biographies

Vicki Cain (Woodley QC, etc.) joins us for her second show at Community Players with the first show being *Murder on the Orient Express* in 2023. She has also worked behind the scenes on the sound board for *Damn Yankees*, *Pinkalicious The Musical*, and *Chicago*. She also worked on shows at Center Stage Theatre in Shelton, CT and Theatre in the Round in Minneapolis, MN. Vicki works as a Fundraising Data Manager. "I have a pilot's license and can ride a unicycle. Dog servant."

Doug Cudaback (Chris Tarrant) returns to the CP stage, having made his debut last year in *Sweeney Todd*. He previously acted in *The Mouse that Roared* at Schuyler Central High School. Doug works at the Homestead National Historical Park as an Education Technician. "Come and see the show... You can A) Laugh, B) Participate, C) Have a Great Time, D) All of the Above. Answer: D... And it's our final answer!"

Michelle Frederick (Diana Ingram) is making her Community Players debut with *Quiz*. She is, however, no stranger to theatre, having acted, directed, and stage managed many times while in school at Nebraska Wesleyan University with shows such as *Waiting for Godot*, *Stage Door*, and *The Crucible*. Michelle is a Field Claim Specialist at Liberty Mutual. Like Diana Ingram, she too enjoys going to pub trivia, and has won (or almost won) quite a few. "If the cough doesn't fit, you must acquit."



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Zach Hartwick (Adrian Pollock, etc.) is once again on the Community Players stage, having previously acted in *Godspell* and stage managed *The Sound of Music*. He has been active in the local community theatre scene, having performed in *Cabaret*, *Anastasia*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Cinderella* at Lincoln Community Playhouse and *Something Rotten* at Lofte Community Theatre. Zach works at Fleet Feet Lincoln as a Shoe Outfitter. "I just want to say thank you to everyone for coming to support live theater, I truly believe in the power of community to bring everyone together. Thank you to the production team for all the work and support that goes into creating a full production in less than 2 months! And finally thank you to my family for always being loving and supportive, especially my mom who has always been my #1 fan."

Merle Jobman (Judge Rivlin, etc.) joins CP again having volunteered at Community Players for over 40 years, first helping with Lights and Sound for *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* in 1985, but waiting to make his stage debut until 2007 with *To Gillian on her 37th Birthday*. Since then, he has acted in 14 shows, stage managed 16 shows, and working on another 19 in other behind the scene roles. Merle volunteers as a Foster Grandparent at St. Joseph's Elementary School.

Diane Kahnk (Quizmaster, etc.) is back on the Community Players stage, having made her debut almost 10 years ago in *Steel Magnolias*. She has most recently appeared in both *Farce of Habit* and *Farce of Nature*. She has also done many shows with the Cook Lion's Club Melodramas. Diane is happily retired!

Maria Lemus-Piccolo (Ruth Settle, etc.) joins us once again for her fourth show, having acted in *Puffs*, *Farce of Nature*, and *Farce of Habit* at Community Players. She is also in her first year of serving on the CP Board of Directors. Maria works as the Records Supervisor at the Lancaster County Clerk of the District Court. "Just want a give a big thanks as always to my husband, Rey, for keeping our lives in order."



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Noah Mason (Charles Ingram) returns to CP for Quiz, having made his debut last season in *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* and *Veronica's Room*. He is active at Lincoln Community Playhouse with his most recent roles including Mr. Kraler in *The Diary of Anne Frank* and Trevor in *The Play That Goes Wrong*. Noah works at Bulu in Lincoln as an Order Fulfillment Specialist. "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting community theatre and attending this show! I'm so thrilled and honored to get to portray Charles Ingram himself in this national premiere production, and go through this very intriguing and fascinating case with this lovely cast and crew. There is so much compelling evidence to prove guilt and innocence both, and I'm excited to hear what people think of this case before, during, and after the show!"

Connor Tietz (Paul Smith, etc.) makes his fourth appearance on the Community Players stage. He was previously in *The Three Musketeers* as Rochefort, *Farce of Nature* as Carmine DeLuca, and *Farce of Habit* as Jock McNair. Connor has also volunteered as house manager for multiple Stars of Summer shows. He works at The Rail as a Manager. He and his wife Katie have 3 kids, Owen, Quinn, and Sebastian. He would like to dedicate his performance to the four of them.

Danny Toland (Jon de Mol, etc.) is onstage again after making his debut in the 2024 production of *Misery*. Danny has also volunteered in a variety of roles at CP including Props, Set Construction, Ushering, and serving on the Board of Directors. He works at Homestead National Historical Park in Facilities Maintenance and is an avid bargain hunter at auctions.

Alex Venneman (Tecwen Whittock, etc.) joins us for his 10th show, having performed in *The Odd Couple* last fall and Stage Door shows such as *The Island of Dr. Libris* and *The Last Ticket Out of Thistleberry Thicket*. He is also a regular volunteer behind the scenes including working the sound board and most recently playing in the orchestra for *Sweeney Todd*. Alex was active in the theatre department at Beatrice High School. He is currently a sophomore studying Music Tech at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Alex works at KWBE Radio Station as a Voice Tracker and at the Mechanical Room as a Bartender. He has two cats named Elton and Al that were adopted from the same litter.

Callan Williams (Hilliard QC, etc.) is back onstage for his 47th show, most recently performing in this season's *The Odd Couple* and last season's *Veronica's Room* and *Farce of Habit*. He has also spent many hours volunteering behind the scenes from Set Construction to serving as the President of the Board of Directors and nearly everything in between. Callan also works as a Maintenance Manager at Hybrid Turkeys. "As always, thanks for coming to our show. It is a thrill to entertain. To my lovely wife, Cindy, your support means everything."

Dawn Hirschler (Stage Manager) is on the CP stage management team for the first time, although she could have been seen onstage in *Sweeney Todd*, *The Addams Family*, *The Music Man*, and *Mamma Mia!* Dawn serves on the Community Players Board of Directors and has also volunteered in the front of house for many more shows. She works at Mead Lumber as a Kitchen and Bath Designer. "It's been a blast to work with such a great cast, and I hope everyone enjoys seeing them perform as much as I have! There's only one right answer to the question 'Did you enjoy Quiz?' YES!!!"

Tammy Cudaback (Assistant Stage Manager) joins the Community Players team for the very first time! She participated in Debate and Drama Club while in high school in Colorado Springs and has also served as accompanist for Sidney High School's State of Mind show choir. "Wanting to be away from the limelight, being the ASM is a fun way to be part of the show and support our community."

Tyler J. Rinne (Director) is the Managing Artistic Director at Community Players, where he has directed over 50 shows, including *The Odd Couple*, *Misery*, *Clue: On Stage*, *Shipwrecked! An Entertainment*, *The Lion in Winter*, and the youth productions *The NeverEnding Story*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *Disney's Frozen JR*. Tyler has written multiple shows for the stage, including the published plays *Forest Paths* (YouthPLAYS) and *The Rest of the West* (Pioneer Drama). An award-winning actor, favorite roles include appearances in *Peter & The Starcatcher*, *Popcorn Falls*, *The 39 Steps*, *Moonlight & Magnolias* and *Completely Hollywood (Abridged)*. He is the Nebraska State Representative for the American Association of Community Theatres (AACT).

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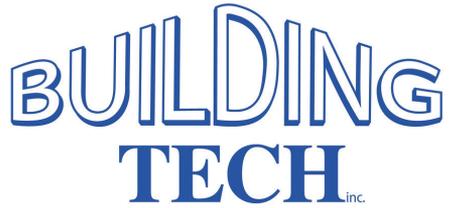
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