



## CREW OF "RUMORS"

### FSLT Director

VALERIE VALENTINE

I can't believe that show time is finally here!!! I picked this play to direct nearly two years ago, and I can hardly believe that we are here at production time! This has been such an exciting and fun show to be part of. The Cast has been so engaged and dedicated. The Set-team has put in an unthinkable amount of hours building this beautiful set. The Crew has been an incredible support system for the show. It is truly a privilege to work with this group. A special thank you to my husband Zack for being so supportive and understanding as to why I am never home these past six weeks, and also for being so very helpful when I need him. All thanks goes to my God and Savior because He is my source for life.

Oh, I heard a rumor that *the Cast of this production is putting on an amazing show, and that you are going to love it...!!!*

<b>Producer</b>	MELISSA VITALE
<b>Stage Manager</b>	ERIC WELLS
<b>Assistant Stage Manager</b>	TREVOR BRANHAM
<b>Costumer</b>	HANNAH CURLIN
<b>Prop. Master</b>	NEIL GOODWIN
<b>Prop. Mistress</b>	LINDSAY VICKERY
<b>Lighting Designer</b>	JOSEPH REED
<b>Tech. Board Operator</b>	CHASE POAGE
<b>Set Designer</b>	WILL PAGET
<b>Set Construction</b>	STEPHEN COPELAND DUFF TAYLOR CAMERON LAW GAVIN VICKERY

\* A special note of THANKS to Stephen Copeland – this set would not have been build without you. \*

## Fort Smith Little Theatre Presents



# RUMORS

By Neil Simon

Directed By Valerie Valentine

November 12-15th & 18-22nd  
Reservations: (479) 783-2966

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## CAST OF “RUMORS”

(in the order of their appearance on stage)

**Ben Baldwin** as **KEN GORMAN**

I started my acting career 8 years ago with Film and TV, in Albuquerque, NM. It was my sister Valerie who introduced me to Theatre soon after, in Branson, MO. This marks my second production here at FSLT, the first being ‘Leading Ladies’ in the Spring of 2014.

I am ecstatic to be working with the cast and crew of this amazing production, specifically with my onstage wife Tina; *who rumor has it, is leaving the Times Record as Features Editor for an exciting new career opportunity. That’s right, I did hear that she will be the Matchmaker-in-Chief of the FarmersOnly.com dating service (because city folk just don’t get it)...!!!*

**Tina Dale** as **CHRIS GORMAN**

I am not one to repeat gossip ... so really all I can say is, *is it really a coincidence you never see James Bond and Ben Baldwin in the same place at the same time...?! How did you want that martini, Ben – shaken not stirred...?!*

Oh wait, and about me! I’ve never smoked and would die if I drank vodka straight, but Chris has been a wildly fun character to become.

**Ian Miller** as **LENNY GANZ**

Rumor has it that *Summer Ferguson secretly loves weenie dogs more than raptors.*

A little fun fact about me is that I am obsessed with magic, and would love to aspire to become a magician.

**Summer Ferguson** as **CLAIRE GANZ**

I am so happy to be performing one of my all time favorite plays. Claire is such a fun character with a lot of sass. I’m starting to use her sarcasm in real life! Thank you so much, to my friends and family, for their support during this show.

There’s this rumor going around that *Ian Miller likes to rap ‘Gangsta’s Paradise’ in his “My Little Pony” pajamas, before bed.* I think it’s pretty accurate.

**Matt Ortega** as **ERNIE CUSACK**

*So Cookie was rumored to have injured her back in a stage accident at Woodstock with Jimi Hendrix.*

I am so glad to have the opportunity to achieve my goal of performing in a Neil Simon play. Thanks to my family and friends for making this happen.

**Jill Ledbetter** as **COOKIE CUSACK**

The only familiarity I have with “Kooky Cookie Cusack” is cooking. However, this may be my favorite character ever played on stage!

By the way, it is rumored that *Ernie (Matt Ortega) was caught watching a ballet video while crocheting in a long red curly wig.* And that man graduated from Johns Hopkins!

**Anthony Yates** as **GLENN COOPER**

Rumor has it *Cassie Cooper came to New York to follow her dream of becoming Miss New York and winning a beautiful Swarovski crystal tiara. She was well on her way too, until she learned that Swarovski crystals are actually cut lead glass. She was removed from the pageant when she publically berated pageant organizers and threatened to report them to the international gem society for fraud.*

On the other hand, I am happy to be returning to the stage in this character, which allows for me to tap into my inner politician – while steering clear of all those pesky “issues”.

The last I was on stage here, was as Juror 3, in FSLT’s 2013 production of ‘12 Angry Men’.

**Cassie Mikel** as **CASSIE COOPER**

I hear that *Glenn Cooper only made it through graduate school because his parents paid his way through.*

Me, I love to paint and act.

**Landon Satterfield** as **OFFICER WELCH**

I heard that *Will Paget eats all the marshmallows. Like, if they’re here, he can’t stop. Jenna told me that she once saw Will licking the top off a sweet-potato casserole. NO JOKE...!*

Although I have been around FSLT for a year now, this is my first comedic role, and it is very different from being the wounded womanizer Mike Rice in ‘The Best of Everything’. The energy in this plot gets to come to the foreground and play. Officer Welch’s intentions aren’t as hidden – therefore, making him hilariously serious.

**Will Paget** as **OFFICER PUDNEY**

I have a rumor! *Even though Officer Welch acts like a tough guy, they say that he sleeps with a teddy-bear at night...!*

