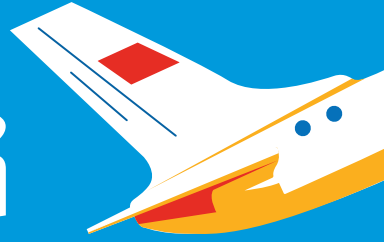




BOEING BOEING



BY MARC CAMOLETTI
DIRECTED BY RALPH FRATTURA

AUG. 17 - SEPT. 2, 2023

ALL PERFORMANCES AT 7:30 PM



FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



Welcome to SummerStage of Delafield! We are excited to have you join us for our 17th season!

There is something special about watching a quality production with the sun setting in the background, the fresh smell of wildflowers, the birds chirping and the ducks, deer and other wildlife making appearances. Theatre under the stars is a unique experience that we feel fortunate to share with you and it is what keeps many of us coming back year after year.

Thank you to those that have supported SummerStage through donations, sponsorships, volunteering time and seeing a show! None of this would be possible without the support and efforts from our dedicated staff, board members and volunteers to help keep our beautiful theatre running smoothly. The financial support of our donors and sponsors helps us tremendously by helping us to keep the lights on and concessions stocked (amongst other things of course).

Whether this is your first time to SummerStage or your 17th, I hope you can sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

Kelly Goeller
President, Board of Directors

FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



It's hard to believe, but SummerStage has been performing in this location in Lapham Peak for 17 years! We have come so far in that time, and it is thanks to our patrons, performers, and sponsors that allow us to stage Great Performances in the Great Outdoors.

As always, we have a busy summer of performances for you at our beautiful stage. First up in our mainstage series is Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical play *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, which is about a Jewish immigrant family living in Brooklyn. We follow that with the classic *The Miracle Worker*, the story of Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan which will be sure to move you. We close out the summer with the hilarious farce *Boeing, Boeing* about a lothario who gets caught in his own tangled web.

Part of SummerStage's mission is to bring all the performing arts to Lake Country. In recent years, we partnered with the Madison Ballet to bring ballet to our stage. This year, I am excited to partner with the Florentine Opera to bring you *Mozart in the Park* on August 1 and 4. Check out our website or theirs for more information!

Finally, in September we will perform *Legacy of Hope: An Evening of Gospel* for a night of uplifting and hopeful music. And stay tuned for another fall play in the Nature Center.

Enjoy tonight's performance!

Dustin J. Martin



Boeing Boeing

by Marc Camoletti

translated by Beverley Cross and Francis Evans

CAST

Bernard.....	Scott Fudali
Gloria.....	Alexa Farrell
Berthe.....	Laura Larson
Robert.....	Michael Stickney
Gabriella.....	Ariana Manghera
Gretchen.....	Brigid O'Brien

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....	Ralph Frattura
Production Stage Manager.....	Lori Albers
Stage Manager.....	Peggy Neary-Frattura
Set Designer/Master Carpenter.....	Scott Fudali
Costume Designer.....	Sharon E. Sohner
Costume Assistants.....	Maggie Flood, Ellen Rohr, Deb Sloane, Kathy Strait
Lighting Designer.....	Maaz Ahmed
Sound Designer.....	Breanne Brennan
Properties Designer.....	Lynn Ludwig-Franitza
Intimacy Director.....	Jenn Dobby

SETTING

1965. Bernard's flat, near Orly Airport, in Paris

Act One, Scene 1: Morning

Act One, Scene 2: Afternoon

Act Two: Evening

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

CREDITS

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Pick up the kids from band practice. Hit the grocery store. Oil the squeaky front door. Pay the outrageous cable bill. Life can get overwhelming at times. Sometimes we all need a break. Comedy reminds us not to take things too seriously.

It's been said that "Comedians say funny things. Comic actors say things funny." That's the perfect definition for a farce and its company of stereotypical characters. Delivering dialogue at breakneck speeds while frenetic actions – and reactions – propel the characters into absurd situations. *Boeing Boeing* is a great example of this type of comedy. It has all the elements of a good farce: a lascivious Lothario, his innocent friend, improbable situations with twists and turns, exaggeration, innuendo, physical horseplay, three "femme fatales" ... and an irritated maid.

I've loved this kind of comedy all my life. Classic vaudeville and early comedians like the Marx Brothers, Abbot & Costello, Buster Keaton all relied on HOW they delivered rather than WHAT they delivered. Other examples include the witty delivery styles of George Carlin, Richard Pryor and Woody Allen. Even some of today's late night talk show hosts often rely on delivery rather than substance.

They've all influenced me: from my first role in 8th grade as "the most erudite cowboy in the west," to writing, performing, and directing sketch comedy with my former Saturday Night Live-esque troupe, to my brief stint into club stand-up (too many hecklers).

And now, after more than 30 years of performing in comedy plays, this is my debut directing a full-length stage show. I hope you have as much fun tonight as I've had working with this very talented cast.

"In bocca al lupo."

Ralph Frattura
Director

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BIOGRAPHIES



Maaz Ahmed

Lighting Designer

2023: Lighting Designer of SummerStage of Delafield. 1st season. **SummerStage:** Lights all summer! **Other:** *Kill Move Paradise* (Next Act Theatre), *Laughs in Spanish* (Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, upcoming), *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Mamma Mia!* (Marquette University). **Training:** B.A., Marquette University. 2022 Cody Renard Richard Scholar, NYC. Asst. Lighting Designer, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre **Etc:** Enjoy the show!



Lori Albers

Stage Manager

2023: Stage manager, *Boeing Boeing*. 1st season. **Other:** Recently stage managed *Our Town* at Lake Country Playhouse. Other stage management credits at Pamiro Opera Company, Starlight Theater, Broadway Baby Dinner Theater, Cornerstone, and Sunset Playhouse. **Training:** BA Technical Theater, UW-Green Bay **Etc.:** Much love to my kiddos Matthew and Anika for giving me the space to be a part of this production.



Breanne Brennan

Sound Designer

2023: Sound Design, *Boeing Boeing*. 1st season. **Other:** Nikki in *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* (Patio Players); Slank/Hawking Clam in *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Rosemary in *Outside Mullingar*, Billie in *Unnecessary Farce* (Lake Country Playhouse) **Training:** BA, Radio-TV-Film, UW-Oshkosh. **Etc:** Upcoming: projection and sound design for *Men on Boats* (Waukesha Civic Theatre), *Poppy* in *Noises Off* (Patio Players).



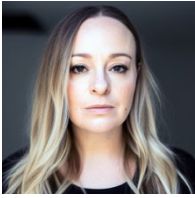
Marc Camoletti

Playwright

Marc Camoletti authored more than 40 plays and became a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur in France. *Boeing Boeing*, his first major international success, ran for seven years and 2000 performances in its debut London production. It became the *Guinness Book of World Records'* most performed French play worldwide. The Paramount film starred Jerry Lewis, Tony Curtis, and Thelma Ritter

BIOGRAPHIES CONT.

A later play, *Don't Dress for Dinner*, also ran for seven years in London's West End. A French citizen, born in Geneva, and an acclaimed artist and associate of the Societe National des Beau Arts, Marc Camoletti launched his theatre career with three plays running simultaneously in Paris. Ten of his plays have also been produced for television. His work continues to flourish in numerous languages and some 55 countries. He died in 2003 at the age of 80.



Jenn Dobby
Intimacy Director

2023: Resident Intimacy Director, 2nd season. **SummerStage:** Intimacy Director for *Anne of Green Gables*. **Other:** Intimacy Direction residencies at Waukesha Civic Theatre and Outskirts Theatre Company. **Etc:** Jenn is a local director, playwright, and intimacy director. She teaches at Carroll University, where she is set to direct *Heathers the Musical* this June. Enjoy the show and thank you for supporting the Arts!



Alexa Farrell
Gloria

2023: Gloria in *Boeing Boeing* 1st season. **Other:** Performing- *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Ens)*, *Matilda (Dr./Ens)*, *Cinderella (Marie)*, *Mamma Mia! (Ens.)*, *The Music Man (Zaneeta)*, et. al. Direction- *The Addams Family (Marquette High School)*, *Lend Me A Tenor (Waukesha West High School)*. **Training:** University Wisconsin-Whitewater BFA Performance 2020. **Etc:** Alexa is thrilled to be making her SummerStage debut with this talented and funny cast. She looks forward to moving to New York with her husband where they will continue performing and working in theatre professionally. Thank you for supporting the arts. IG: @alexamfarrell



Ralph Frattura
Director

2023: Director of *Boeing Boeing*. 3rd season. **SummerStage:** Snout/Mustardseed, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; Walter Hollander, *Don't Drink the Water*. **Other:** Carlino, *Wait until Dark*; Roy Hubley, *Plaza Suite*; Dr. Watson, *Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure*; Rick Steadman, *The Nerd*; Manolo Costazuela, *Odd Couple (Female Version)*; Nunzio, *Over the river and through the woods*; Hercule Poirot, *Black Coffee*; Juror #11, *12 Angry Men* (Sunset Playhouse). Julian Goodman, *Communicating Doors*; Arthur Birling, *An Inspector Calls* (Waukesha Civic Theater). **Etc:** Thanks to Dustin for the opportunity. My deep and sincere appreciation goes out to the very talented cast who made my directorial debut a great joy. Love to Peggy for her tremendous support. Celebrating 35 years just 5 days after opening night - now that's a GREAT RUN! Enjoy the show.



Scott Fudali
Bernard
Set Designer/Master Carpenter

2023: Bernard in *Boeing Boeing*; Set Designer/Master Carpenter for SummerStage of Delafield. 4th season. **SummerStage:** *Leading Ladies* (Rev. Duncan Woolery), *The Odd Couple* (Vinnie). **Other:** *Chapter Two, A Few Good Men, Is Murder Tax Deductible* (Cream City Theater); *Murder's Bad but Monday Can Kill You, Sherlock Homes: The Final Adventure, Lend Me A Tenor, Barefoot in the Park, Getting Away with Murder, A Shot in the Dark* (West Allis Players), *Rumors* (Lake Country Playhouse). **Etc:** Scott has been enjoying the challenges of designing and building in the great outdoors with SummerStage for this season. He hopes everyone has an enjoyable night under the stars and is back to check out the rest of the season. Love to his wife and parents, and a special thanks to those who have supported his theater adventures and pushed him when necessary.



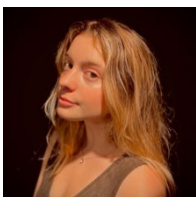
Laura Larson
Berthe

2023: Berthe in *Boeing Boeing*. 1st season. **Other:** *37 Postcards, Not Now Darling* (Lake Country Players) *The Foreigner, Plaza Suite* (Lakeland Players) *The Charitable Sisterhood, Alibis, The Regifters, Death By Chocolate, The Butler Did It!*, (Ivan's Backstage) *Sure Thing* (One Act), *Cheaper By The Dozen, It's A Wonderful Life* (Village Players) **Etc:** Excited to be working with such an amazing cast and crew. Love and so much thanks to my husband and kids for all of your love, support and encouragement. Steve, thank you for all of the extra that you have been doing for me while I've been away for the play! I hope you laugh a lot and enjoy the show!

Lynn Ludwig-Franitza
Properties Designer



2023: Properties designer in *Boeing Boeing*. 1st season. **Other:** *The Little Mermaid; Spider's Web; Young Frankenstein; Love, Sex, and the I.R.S.; Elf; Clue; Newsies; Four Weddings and an Elvis; Wait Until Dark, Run for Your Wife; Noises Off, Mamma Mia; Leading Ladies*; (Sunset Playhouse); *Rumors* (West Allis Players); *Shrek* (Greendale Community Theater) **Etc:** Thank you to my wonderful husband.

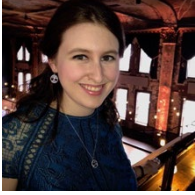


Ariana Manghera
Gabiella

2023: Gabiella in *Boeing Boeing*. 1st season. **Other:** Mary in *Murder on the Orient Express* at Waukesha Civic Theatre and Understudy Actor in *The Hobbit* at First Stage Children's Theatre; *The Sparrow, The Laramie Project, Hamlet, Working: A Concert Musical* (UW: Milwaukee's Peck School of the Arts); *columbinUS, The Drowsy Chaperone, The Taming,*

BIOGRAPHIES CONT.

Sure Thing (One Act) Little Shop of Horrors (Edgewood College). **Training:** BFA Theatre [Acting], University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. **Etc:** Dedicated to the Mangheras. la famiglia è tutto, xoxo.



Brigid O'Brien

Gretchen

2023: Gretchen in *Boeing Boeing*. 5th season. **SummerStage:** *Leading Ladies, Crimes of the Heart, Twelfth Night, The Secret Garden.* **Other:** *Hogwash, Harris Cashes Out, Murdered by Death, Killjoy* (Memories Dinner Theater); *While The Lights Were Out, Beau Jest, The Seven Year Itch* (Bay Players). **Etc:** Thanks to a great cast and crew for managing to pull off a very hard and very silly show. Gut Nacht!



Michael Stickney

Robert

2023: Robert in *Boeing Boeing*. 1st season. **Other:** *The Play That Goes Wrong, Psych, Musical Murder Mystery, House Without a Christmas Tree* (Waukesha Civic Theatre) *Noises Off* (Sunset Playhouse). **Etc:** Thanks to the cast and crew! Special thanks to my wife and kids for letting me take time away to pursue the hobby that I love!



Sharon E. Sohner

Costumes Designer

2023: Costuming Team: *Boeing, Boeing, Brighton Beach Memoirs, Miracle Worker.* **3rd season. SummerStage:** *Crimes of the Heart, Over the River and Through the Woods.* **Other:** *Murder on the Orient Express, Silent Sky, Sister Act, Songs of a New World, Come Back, Billy Elliot, Hunchback of Notre Dame, Les Miserables* (Waukesha Civic Theatre); *The Dixie Swim Club, Miracle on 34th St.* (Sunset Playhouse) Etc. Thanks to Dustin and Kathy for making this opportunity possible.

VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers are vital to our success! Volunteers are needed throughout the summer to assist with our events, but we would love to have you join one of our committees or even the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in joining SummerStage's volunteers, let us know at summerstageofdelafield.org/volunteer.

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