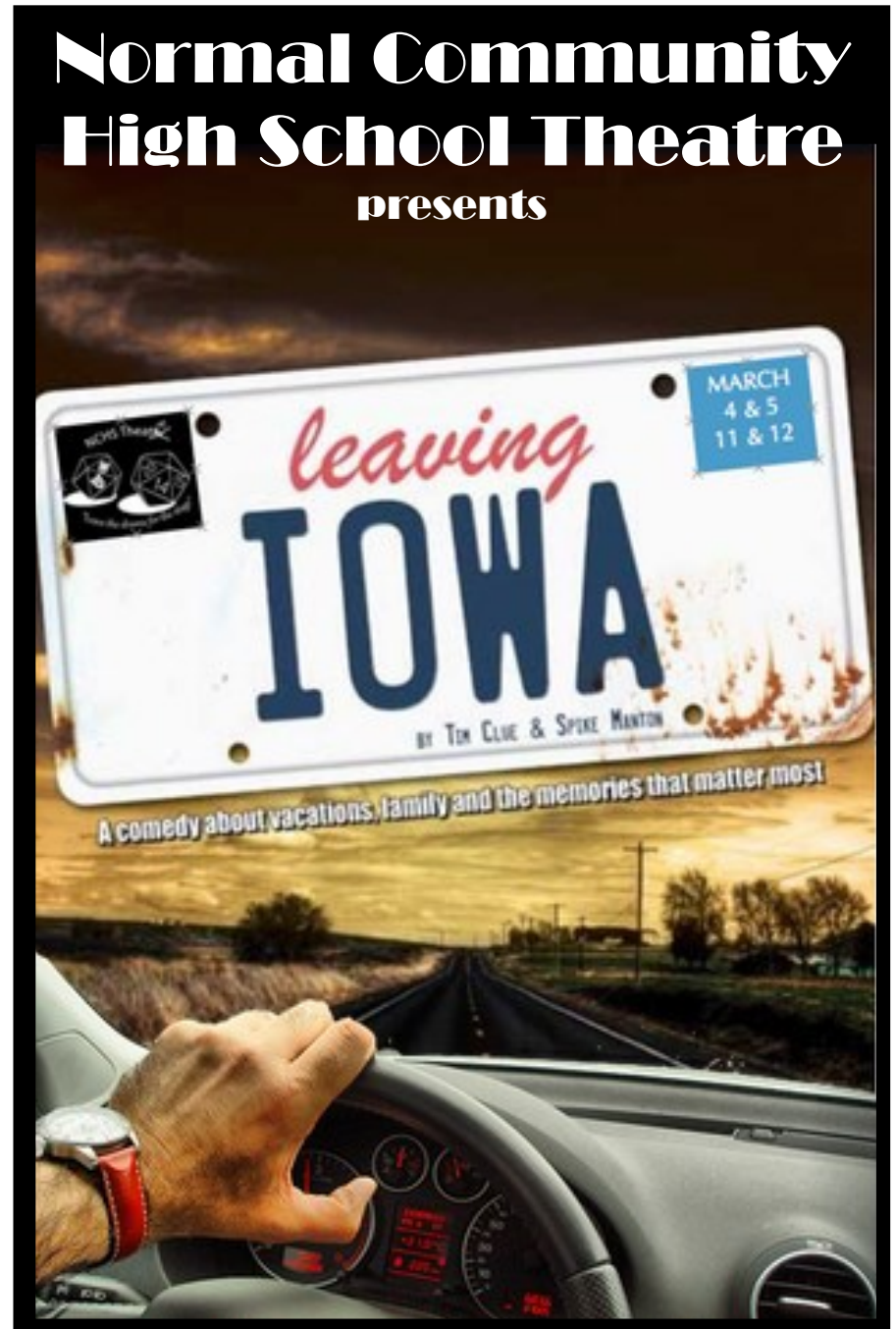


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- Spouse

*Thank you for supporting the arts in Unit 5. The discipline and creative problem-solving skills provided by music, dance, art, and theatre provide our students with skills that serve them the rest of their lives in many different careers. Your participation in this production is an investment in our community, and our future.*



# Leaving Iowa

The Comedy About Family Vacations  
by

TIM CLUE and SPIKE MANTON

Produced by special arrangement with  
THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC., of Woodstock, Illinois.

March 4-5 & 11-12 2016  
7 p.m. NCHS Auditorium

*Leaving Iowa* premiered at the Purple Rose Theatre Company on January 22, 2004,  
in Chelsea, Michigan, directed by Anthony Caselli.

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## Drama Club 2015-2016

### Officers:

President	Katelin Dirr	(12)
Vice President	Justin Dirr	(12)
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	Natalie Stapleton	(10)
Props	Kami Vitor	(12)
Costumes	Rachel Lowrance	(11)
Lighting	Brighton Coe	(11)
Sound	Maddy Herwig	(11)
Hair/Makeup	Torey Fitzpatrick	(12)



To the cast, crew,  
and directors:

Break a leg!

From,

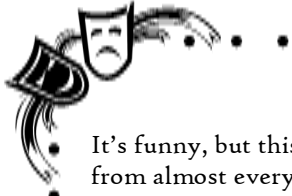
The Bixby Family



"Jeremiah Tyler,

Star of our  
show."

-Dad



## Director's Note:

It's funny, but this script instantly brought up memories and stories from almost everyone.

- "Oh yeah, I remember 'do you want me to give you something to cry about?'"
- "Beer battered beans – it's comfort food!"
- "A Midwestern kid would *totally* say that to her mother!"
- "WE went to The Dells!"

Families are complicated and messy, and vacations can bring out both the worst and the best in us, but family doesn't have to be just blood relatives. The trust, camaraderie, inside jokes, respect, frustration, comfort, eye rolling, gratitude, and everything else that comes with spending so much time creating something this complex is what makes this group special. We learn skills and confidence, appreciation and patience, creativity and productivity from each other. We work together to bring you this show. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to present it tonight, and for becoming part of the family.

KYV

### Coming up on the NCHS Stage:

Unit 5 Choir Festival	Mar 8
Unit 5 Orchestra Concert	Mar 15
Children of Eden	Apr 7-9 & 14-15
Shakespeare Shorts	Apr 29
Thespian Improv	Apr 30
Jazz Night	May 6

## NORMAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE HOUSE POLICIES

Welcome to the Normal Community High School theatre. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with our house policies.

- Doors will be open to the public one half hour prior to the curtain time.
- Late arrivals may be held in the lobby until a time designated by the director. Late seating is at the discretion of the director and may vary.
- Normal Community High School and its grounds are smoke free.
- Due to contractual agreement, recording devices of any kind are not allowed. Flash photography is strictly prohibited.
- Please no calling or texting during the show; it's distracting to the performers and interferes with our equipment.
- A variety of refreshments are available during intermission in the theatre lobby. Please be aware that no food except water is allowed back into the theatre.
- Please do not leave during the performance, as you may not be able to re-enter the theatre during the show.
- Please do not talk during the performance, rattle wrappers, text, call, or otherwise disturb fellow audience members and actors.
- Any child four years or older must have a ticket. If you have an infant or toddler, please be considerate and remove them if they are disruptive.
- Anyone needing special seating due to health or physical problems please contact Kevin Yale Vernon at [vernonk@units.org](mailto:vernonk@units.org)



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THEATRE

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Bloomington, IL 61701

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**Little Shop of HORRORS**

Pay-What-You-Can Preview: March 10, 2016

**MARCH**  
**11-13, 17-20 & 24-26**

\$17 Adults • \$8 Children  
\$15 Senior / Student / Military

THURS-SAT @ 7:30 PM • SUNDAYS @ 2:30 PM

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Pay-What-You-Can Preview: May 5, 2016

**MAY**  
**6-8 & 12-15**

\$14 Adults • \$7 Children  
\$12 Senior / Student / Military

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## Cast

<b>Don Browning</b>	Nathan Fryer*
<b>Dad</b>	Justin Dirr*
<b>Mom</b>	Megan Avery
<b>Young Don</b>	Adam Alexander
<b>Young Sis</b>	Tristan Bixby
<b>Sis</b>	Katelin Dirr*
<b>Bob, Grandpa, Wayne, Amish Guy</b>	Jeremiah Tyler
<b>Judy</b>	Abbie Rasmus
<b>Uncle Phil, Jack Singer</b>	Evan Milsteadt
<b>Aunt Phyllis, Shopping Lady</b>	Sarah Lancaster
<b>Grandma, Civil War Guy, Drunk Lady</b>	SophiaRose Brown*
<b>Fruit Cart Guy, Museum Assistant, Joe Hoefingers</b>	Keegan Colcleasure
<b>Fruit Cart Gal, Amish Gal Jessie</b>	Natalie Stapleton*
<b>Cart Chaser, Fred</b>	Noe Cornejo
<b>Jamie</b>	Abby Kimbell
<b>Hotel Clerk</b>	Tyger Gudeman

**There will be one 15 minute intermission.**

### *The Scene:*

**Flashbacks:** 1970's Browning family road trips; various locations

**Present:** 1990's Winterset, Iowa & other Midwestern towns

## Production & Technical Team

Director/Technical Director	Kevin Yale Vernon	
Director/Assistant Technical Director	Tyler McWhorter	
Theatre Assistant	Suzanne Guttschow	
Stage Manager	Sara Nur-Awaleh	
Assistant Stage Managers	Molly Krawcyk* Anna LaRose	
Set Design/Construction	Natalie Stapleton* Suzanne Guttschow	
Set Decoration	Mary Lee Buffo	
Slide Design	David Vernon	
Light Design	Brighton Coe*	
Sound Design	Maddy Herwig	
Sound Board Operator	Logan Dirr	
Costume Design	Molly Cargill	
Prop Master	Kami Vitor	
Makeup Crew Chief	Averie Fletcher	
Shirt Design	Lea Young	
<b><u>Props/Stage Crew</u></b>		
Kami Vitor	Maria Buffo	Annabelle Chinski
Kim Halm	Will Koski*	Victoria Moore
Sydney Trask	Andy Zajac	Madison Zimmerman
<b><u>Light Crew</u></b>		
Brighton Coe*	Kyle Manning	Ethan Maloy
<b><u>Sound Crew</u></b>		
Maddy Herwig	Matt Aschbrenner	Logan Dirr
<b><u>Costume Crew</u></b>		
Molly Cargill	Olivia Carillo	Breanne Halperin
Emily Wade		
<b><u>Hair and Make Up Crew</u></b>		
Katie Belsaas	EmmaLea Brown	Keajia Hardin
<b><u>Building Crew</u></b>		
NCHS Drama Club		
NCHS Drama Mamas & Dads		

*\*denotes Member of Thespian Troupe 613*