



Proudly Presents

# Those the River Keeps

A Drama in Two Acts

David Rabe

STARRING

Natalee Cooney, Frank Menolascino, Jim Spangler, and Caitlin Unumb

*Artistic Director*  
**Steve Calzaretta**

*Scenic Design by*  
**Michael Nedza**

*Set Design by*  
**Michael Nedza**

*Multimedia Design by*  
**Micheal A. Kott**

*Costume Design by*  
**Matthew Guthier**

*Lighting Design by*  
**Steve Calzaretta & Michael Nedza**

*Directed and Produced By*  
**Steve Calzaretta**



*Those the River Keeps* is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.,  
at 45 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10010

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Thank you for being a part of the new JPAC Theatre. It is my goal to introduce some newer type shows than JPAC has ever done. I will incorporate one show a season that is very edgy like this one, *Those the River Keeps*.

One exciting thing I would like to share with you is that the author of this show, David Rabe, has been working with me closely and incorporating new revisions. For those of you who do not know, David Rabe is married to academy award winner Jill Clayburgh, and has written several movies that have international fame. This was very exciting for us here at JPAC and Morton College.

So, I ask you to open your minds and experience this new piece of theatrical art and know that it is our goal as a college and my goal as director to bring you new, old and wonderful theater for the future. To expand all of our horizons and appreciate stepping outside the box once in a while.

Again, thank you for your continued support and welcome to the new JPAC Theater at Morton College.

Sincerely,  
Steve Calzaretta, Artistic Director

## SETTING

**Phil and Susie's rented house in the Hollywood Hills.**

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

The use of flash photography and video recording devices without the written permission of the management is prohibited.

Please remember to silence or turn off your cellular phones and other messaging devices.

## CAST

Phil .....Frank Menolascino  
Susie ..... Caitlin Unumb  
Sal..... Jim Spangler  
Janice ..... Natalee Cooney

## CAST PROFILES



**Natalee Cooney** (*Janice*) is excited to be back on the JPAC stage as she was last seen here in *The Good Doctor*. Currently, Natalee's work can be seen as a part of Chicago's Night Out in the Parks in the film *Cool Apocalypse*. Other

credits include, Beef & Boards Christmas Spectacular, *Too Much Light Makes the Baby...* with The Hangar Theatre, Celia in *As You Like It* with Indiana Shakespeare Company, *The Degas Project* with Commedia Beauregard, Judy Turner in *A Chorus Line*. She has also had the pleasure of working and touring with Thodos Dance Chicago and Gregory Hancock Dance

## CAST PROFILES CONT.

Theatre. She holds a MFA from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland and a BFA from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. She was a 2012 recipient of an Indiana Arts Council Creative Artist Renewal Fellowship grant. You can find out more about her at [nataleecooney.com](http://nataleecooney.com)



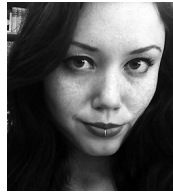
**Frank Menolascino** (*Phil*) Trained and based in Chicago, Frank is excited to be back at the JPAC Theater, once again working with the incredible Steve

Calzaretta. Frank was seen in JPAC's production of *The Rainmaker* last year, as Jim. Other stage credits include *Broken Nose Theatre* (u/s), Evergreen Theater, Open Door Repertory Theater, Brightside Theater, and Gorilla Tango Theater. In addition to stage work, he also works in various on camera projects around the city. Frank is represented by Gill Hayes talent in Chicago and Atlanta for TV/Film work, and looks forward to ongoing work in this business. In his spare time, Frank gives gangster tours with Untouchable tours Chicago, as Babyface Bambino. Nothing beats the nonstop hustle life of an actor. Learn more at [frankmenolascino.com](http://frankmenolascino.com).



**Jim Spangler** (*Sal*) is thrilled to be back on JPAC's stage for *Those the River Keeps*. He was last seen here playing Dr. Sheinfeld in JPAC's 2016 spring comedy

*E/R*, as well as many other roles in previous JPAC seasons such as Dr. Seward in JPAC's fall 2015 thriller *Dracula*, Sheriff Thomas in *The Rainmaker* and Richard in *Moon Over Buffalo*. Some of his favorite past roles have been Malcolm in *The Full Monty*, Pseudolus in *A Funny Thing...*, Mary Sunshine in *Chicago*, Jaime in *The Last Five Years*, and Ko Ko in *The Mikado*. His VERY favorite role is being a father to two beautiful girls, and a husband to an amazing woman. Thanks for all of your amazing support with this crazy dream!



**Caitlin Unumb** (*Susie*) is excited to return to the stage after a three-year theater hiatus. Past work includes Miranda in *The Tempest* and Alma in

*Summer and Smoke*. She would like to thank her parents for their theatrical inspiration and encouragement.

## CREATIVE STAFF PROFILES

**Steve Calzaretta** (*Director/Artistic Director*) over the past 26 years, has performed on this stage in many productions here at JPAC. He's directed past shows such as *Dial M for Murder*, *Aladdin* (TYA), *The Good Doctor*, *Moon Over Buffalo* and *Asst. Directed Return to the Forbidden Planet*. Last season he directed *The Rainmaker* and *E/R* and performed in the *Big Band Show*. Steve toured with country legend Kenny Rogers as asst. tour manager and featured vocalist, toured with the Paul Chapman Project (former lead guitarist for multiplatinum band UFO) as tour manager and vocalist. As an actor Steve performed in regional theatre throughout the United States including Chicago's Marriott's Lincolnshire Theatre and

Drury Lane Oak Brook Theatre and had four great months on Broadway. Steve has done many voice overs and been in several television shows and movies. Most recently he was the Company Manager and Casting Director at the historic Fulton Theatre in Lancaster PA.

**Michael Nedza** (*Set Designer/Scenic Designer/ Props Master*) is a full-time faculty member at Morton College, and has been designing throughout the Midwest for over 25 years. He has designed over 75 shows here at the JPAC. Some of the designs he is most proud of include, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Hairspray*, *In My Life*, *We Will Rock You*,

## CREATIVE STAFF PROFILES CONT.

*Jekyll and Hyde*, and *1776*. Michael has been recognized twice with the "Award of Merit" from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

**Micheal Kott** (*Multimedia Director*) has directed numerous plays and musicals both stateside and in Europe, including his critically acclaimed production of *Murderer*, by Anthony Shaffer. His JPAC directing credits include *Doubt*, *Lilies of the Field* and *The Boys Next Door*. Michael is also a veteran performer at the JPAC having been involved in 18 shows over the last 12 years. Among his favorites are *Blood Brothers*, *Moonlight and Magnolias*, *Peter Pan*, and *Tuesdays with Morrie*. He is very grateful to Dante Orfei for his friendship, support, encouragement and trust. Micheal played the scene-stealing *Psychic* in *Brain Damaged Film's* 2008 release *Secrets of the Clown*, available at [www.blockbuster.com](http://www.blockbuster.com)! Micheal is the founding director of the Green Door Theatre in Garlstedt, West Germany. Currently he is the Artistic Director of Master's Backstage Players in Carol Stream, Illinois. Micheal was also an ensemble member of Cenacle Theatre in Chicago, where he acted and directed numerous productions. Mike is the multimedia specialist for Morton College by day and at night divides his time among the various theatres in the Western Suburbs of Chicago. He is very thankful to Dr. Felicity for her guidance and direction. She is a wonderful director and I thank her for her knowledge.

**Matthew Guthier** (*Costume Designer*) is very pleased to be working on his 6th show for Jedlicka having designed for 5 shows last season. He is the resident costume shop manager and occasional designer for the Paramount Theatre in Aurora. Prior work

includes resident designer for Pheasant Run Resort's Theatre, Second City, Porchlight Theatre, Bailiwick Theatre, Silk Road Rising and Theo Ubique Theatre. Matt would like to thank Steve Calzaretta for his friendship and collaboration over the years.

**Margaret Bystrek** (*Stage Manager*) is excited to be a part of the next season at JPAC and is thrilled to be stage managing *Those the River Keeps*. Margaret has been a part of the tech crew at JPAC since 2014 and has done a little bit of everything such as set building, stage crew, sound, lights, and assistant stage managing. She would like to thank everyone at JPAC for giving her the opportunity to do what she loves while surrounded by amazing people and talent! She hopes you enjoy *Those the River Keeps* and the rest of our season!

**Samantha Nieves** (*Theatre Assistant*) graduated with an Associates in Arts from Morton College the year 2015 and continues her studies at Northeastern Illinois University in Communications/Media/Theatre. For all you loyal JPAC patrons you might recognize Samantha as the "girl in the box office" as well as the "girl at the concessions counter." That being said, Samantha is a versatile employee of The Jedlicka Performing Arts Center. She has stage managed, assistant directed, and performed in a number of theatrical productions here at the JPAC theatre. Recent credits include: assistant director for *E/R*, ensemble in *Miss Saigon*, assistant director for *Moon Over Buffalo*, Savannah in *How Can You Run with a Shell on Your Back* for JPAC's TYA Program, ensemble in *Evita*, assistant director/swing for *Love Story*, and stage managed *Accomplice*. Samantha holds her JPAC family very close to her heart for the support and opportunities they have given her.

## THEATRE STAFF

Artistic Director .....	Steve Calzaretta
Set Designer/Scenic Designer/Props Master .....	Michael Nedza
Multimedia Director .....	Micheal A. Kott
Theatre Assistant .....	Samantha Nieves
Public Relations.....	Steve Patterson
Theatre Crew/Set Construction.....	Margaret Bystrek and Izabella Cebula

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