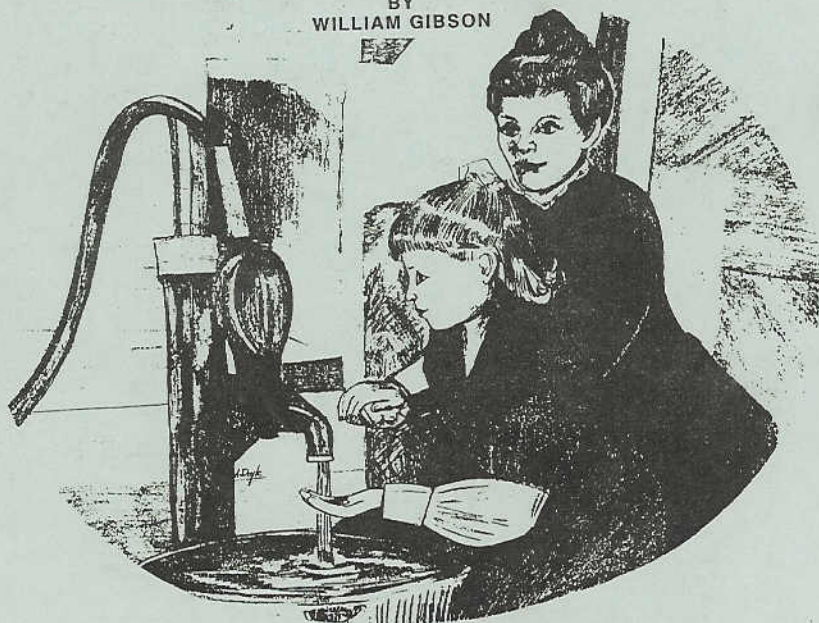


GLENBROOK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
DRAMA DEPARTMENT

PRESENTS

THE MIRACLE WORKER

BY
WILLIAM GIBSON



OCTOBER 28,29,30
7:30 P.M.

Glenbrook South Auditorium
4000 W. Lake Ave.
Glenview

The Miracle Worker

by William Gibson
A Play in Three Acts

Directed by Beth Barber

Most of the action of the play takes place in and around the Keller homestead in Tuscumbia, Alabama in the year 1887; Also, briefly, the Perkins Institution for the Blind, in Boston.

There will be two 10 minute intermissions.

Working on The Miracle Worker has been a wonderful challenge for me. Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan were extraordinary people. I am continually amazed at the hardships that both women overcame. This has truly been a humbling experience. I have enjoyed working with this young but talented group of students who have been very dedicated to the show. It is our hope that we can do justice to this most amazing story of courage, faith, determination, and love. B. Barber

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"Although the world is very full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."

"...that living word awakened my soul, gave it life, hope, joy, set free... Everything had a name, and each name gave birth to a new thought."  
....Helen Keller

### Production Staff

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|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Director.....                                     | Beth Barber                     |
| Set and Lighting Designer/ Technical Director.... | Rich Winship                    |
| Assistant Technical Director.....                 | Rori Paul                       |
| Costumes.....                                     | Marilyn Berkow<br>Barbara Blohm |
| Props.....                                        | Jill Neuman<br>Paul Burkhardt   |
| Poster Design.....                                | Linda Doyle                     |
| Manual Alphabet Coach.....                        | Patti Shore Kader               |
| Tickets.....                                      | Lorraine Kroll                  |
| Printer.....                                      | Chris Bieschke                  |
| House.....                                        | John Sullivan                   |



# Cast of Characters In Order of Appearance

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Doctor Burton.....         | Todd Gernady     |
| Kate Keller.....           | Katherine Pratt  |
| Captain Keller.....        | Brian Nitzkin    |
| Helen Keller.....          | Tara Wasserman   |
| Martha.....                | Dana Bagge       |
| Percy.....                 | Eli Schmidt      |
| Viney.....                 | Nikki Sansone    |
| Aunt Ev.....               | Sondra Mayer     |
| James Keller.....          | Mike Geline      |
| Mr. Anagnos.....           | Stewart Witwer   |
| Annie Sullivan.....        | Sara Alan        |
| The Perkins School Girls   |                  |
| Beatrice.....              | Megan Martin     |
| Emily.....                 | Vicki Fellingham |
| Margaret.....              | Ginna Moon       |
| Sarah.....                 | Rachel Bezark    |
| Alice.....                 | Debra Ann Raich  |
| Jimmy Sullivan.....        | Tony Moretti     |
| Dr. Howe.....              | Steve Roseman    |
| Perkins Administrator..... | Todd Gernady     |
| Women of Tewksbury.....    | Jennifer Morgan  |
|                            | Kelly Morgan     |

## Understudies

Helen Keller - Dana Bagge, Annie Sullivan - Sondra Mayer,  
Aunt Ev - Jennifer Morgan, Captain Keller - Stewart Witwer,  
Martha - Megan Martin, Mr. Anagnos - Todd Gernady.

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"The more I think, the more certain I am, that obedience, is the  
gateway through which knowledge enters the mind of the child."  
...Anne Sullivan

## Production Crews

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| Assistant Directors.....     | Jennifer Morgan<br>Scott Klarman<br>Kelly Morgan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Stage Manager.....           | Milan Patel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Assistant Stage Manager..... | Barry Putman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Light Board Operator.....    | Pete Deol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Sound.....                   | Kai Skvarla                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Backstage.....               | Chris Bessler, Angela Cholewa,<br>George Dakis, Marty Jablonski, Katie Kooistra, Renee<br>Miciek, Rodrigo Morales, Melissa Raynor, Kerri Storck                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Construction.....            | Susan Avery, Chris Bessler, Carl Boraca, Terese<br>Bretz, Sarah Burch, Angela Cholewa, George Dakis, Pete Deol,<br>Annie Di Mattina, Brad Harris, Kurt Heilemann, Heather Helt,<br>Brian Hicks, Marty Jablonski, Katie Kooistra, Zach Lindon, Renee<br>Miciek, Rodrigo Morales, Amy Novotny, Milan Patel, Christi<br>Peterson, Barry Putman, Tony Raitano, Melissa Raynor, Jason<br>Rosenbaum, Kai Skvarla, Kerri Storck, Margaret Ward |
| Props.....                   | Kelly Morgan, Melissa Nash<br>Darina Dearwood, Ryan Baker, Monica<br>Elmer, Lauren Hannah, Bromleigh McCleneghan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Make-Up.....                 | Lisa Somogyi, Ryan<br>Baker, Lauren Hannah, Bromleigh McCleneghan Lauren Sopocy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Costumes.....                | Susan Corrigan<br>Lisa Somogyi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Program.....                 | Scott Klarman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tickets/Publicity.....       | Susan Corrigan<br>Hillary Wala                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Ushers.....                  | Drama Club Members                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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# About the Cast...

**Sara Alan** is a junior at G.B.S. and is very excited to play Annie Sullivan. Last year, Sara began learning sign language as a hobby, and now her goal is to be a leader with the Outward Bound's program for the deaf. Alan is a member of the 1993-94 G.B.S. Speech Team and the junior class rep for Drama Club.

**Dana Bagge**, a senior at South, is very excited about appearing in this production! Dana is not a stranger to the G.B.S stage. She began performing at the age of eight in her church musicals and has continued through high school. This year, she is vice president of Drama Club and an active member of her community. Dana plans to continue theatre in college though she wishes to double major in law and psychology and become a special interest lawyer for children.

This is freshman **Rachel Bezark's** debut on Glenbrook South's stage. She enjoys singing, dancing, acting, and playing her guitar. Rachel also enjoys writing music. She is very happy to be a part of this production.

**Vicki Fellingham** is a sophomore at G.B.S. She enjoys the theatre, and is excited to be a part of THE MIRACLE WORKER this fall. She has been in many musicals and plays with her church Junior High and in the community. She hopes to remain involved with theatre for her remaining high school years.

**Mike Geline** is a freshman at G.B.S. In his past theatre experience, he played the roles of Ebenezer Scrooge and Jacob Marley in A CHRISTMAS CAROL. He is looking forward to a prosperous career in theatre in Broadway and London.

Junior **Todd Gernady** is very happy to do THE MIRACLE WORKER. He has performed in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS, THE MUSIC MAN, THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER, the Variety Shows '92, '93, and CAMELOT. Todd also enjoys singing. He is in the Master Singers, plays the bass in the orchestra and Jazz Band, and he is playing in his own band called GEARBOX. Todd also wants to thank Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea Clinton for being in the audience tonight.

Scott Klarman is a senior at G.B.S. and has worked on the 1993 Variety Show, AND THE WINNER IS... as a back-up singer dancer, and the spring play, CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY where he was head of props and set. He plans to work with some aspect of theatre later in life.

This is sophomore Megan Martin's second performance on the Glenbrook South stage. She was first seen, last year, in the Variety Show as a part of the freshman act. She is delighted to be a part of this year's fall play and looks forward to the Variety Show, and the winter and spring plays. She would also like to extend a thank you to Mrs. F. for numerous rides home after rehearsals!!

Sondra Mayer is no stranger to the Glenbrook South stage. She is one of the senior veterans who hopes to finish this year off phenomenally. Sondra also is involved in the music department, but she devotes most of her time to television. She plans to pursue a career in cinematography. The one line that sums her up is "to experience Sondra, is to know Sondra."

Ginna Moon is a freshman at G.B.S., and this is her first real production of a play. She hasn't been on stage much, but has been in her sixth grade operetta and church skits. During her free time, Ginna likes to go shopping, play sports, watch t.v., talk on the phone, go out with friends, and relax at home. She also plays the cello in the G.B.S. orchestra and plays the piano. Ginna plans to try out for future plays at G.B.S.

Junior Tony Moretti has always loved Drama. He's been in various G.B.S. productions such as THE VALLEY OF ECHOES, LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE, and the 1991 Variety Show - SPELLBOUND. He has also worked with the North Shore Theatre Company's production of FANNY. His main interests are tennis and playing the piano. You can often see him at many of the G.B.S. hockey games or see him at the high school state championship as the organist. His identity is painted on the back of his jacket: "Glenbrook South's Hockey Pianoman!"

Jennifer Courtney Morgan is a sixteen year old senior. She has participated on stage in CHARLOTTE'S WEB, VALLEY OF ECHOES, and CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY. Jennifer has also worked off stage by joining in on props crew and ushering. She hopes to continue her participation in plays throughout college. Jennifer is a member of the Drama Club and the National Thespian Honor Society, as well. Outside of her school activities, Jennifer rides horses and reads books.

Kelly Morgan is a fifteen year old sophomore at G.B.S. THE MIRACLE WORKER is her first onstage experience. She has had much offstage/ props experience. Other shows she has worked on include LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE, and CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY.

Brian Nitzkin is a sophomore at Glenbrook South. He is currently fifteen years old, and this is his second production here at South. Last spring, Brian played the role of Mr. Bucket and the understudy role of Grandpa Joe in CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY. Brian hails from Glenview, Illinois. He has one brother, and three sisters (one of whom is his twin. ) Brian hopes to be an aspiring actor in the future.

Katie Pratt is a senior and has been involved in theatre all her life. She has worked behind the scenes as well as on stage. She took Piven Theater classes in Evanston for three years and was Antigone in her class's production of ANTIGONE. During her freshman year, she was cast in the John Hughes film CURLY SUE (however she was cut from the final version.) She hopes to go on to Northwestern or Depaul's Theater school next year and is excited for the upcoming school year.

Debra Ann Raich is a sophomore at Glenbrook South. She was Dorothy in THE WIZARD OF OZ in eighth grade. She loves to sing as well as act. She was in the chorus of LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE and CAMELOT during her freshman year. She was also in the 1993 Variety Show as a back-up singer dancer. This year she is thrilled to be in the fall play, THE MIRACLE WORKER as a blind girl.



**Steve Roseman**, a sophomore, has performed in several shows here at G.B.S. Along with performing here, his repertoire includes fifteen shows with the Northbrook Children's Theatre, five years at Harrand Theatre Camp, and extensive training with Sandra Grand, a casting liaison for Disney at the Talent Forum Theatre School. He has also worked at the Apple Tree Theatre. Steve hopes to become an actor and a musician. "My goal is to obtain a star in the Hollywood Walk of Fame!"

**Nikki Sansone** is a senior who is very dedicated to theater. For three years, she has been a member of Drama Club and this year is serving as president. Nikki started performing her sophomore year and hopes to continue in college. She is thrilled about her role as Viney in this play, and cannot wait for the performances. Nikki intends to study Pre-Med in college, with plans to become a doctor. She would just like to thank B.E.N. for making this play such a wonderful experience.

**Eli Schmidt** is new to Glenbrook South this year as a freshman. This is his first drama experience at G.B.S. Previously, he performed the role of Daddy Warbucks in ANNIE. In the future, Eli hopes to pursue acting at South. He enjoys rock climbing and writing in his free time.

**Tara Wasserman** is a fifteen year old junior and is thrilled to be in the production of THE MIRACLE WORKER. She was in the spring play, CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY and is an active member in Drama Club. Tara is an associate editor on the Etruscan staff, a competitive ice skater, and she loves to sing and act. She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.

What can we say about sophomore **Stewart Witwer**? His story began years ago as a freshman when he appeared in LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE, the 1992 fall play. Later that year, he moved into the Variety Show spotlights, "AND THE WINNER IS..." as part of the now famous "Dramatis Personae" (comedy acts), and assorted variety acts. He stands approximately six feet tall, has measurements of 53-26-39 and enjoys tennis, his band (Love Plumber) and women who direct high school plays!

"Your success and happiness lie in you - External conditions are the accidents of life, resolve to keep happy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."  
...Helen Keller

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BACKSTAGE - ANNIE DIMATTINA

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PRODUCTION.

THIS SHOW IS DEDICATED TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE  
OVERCOME GREAT ADVERSITIES IN THEIR LIFE.