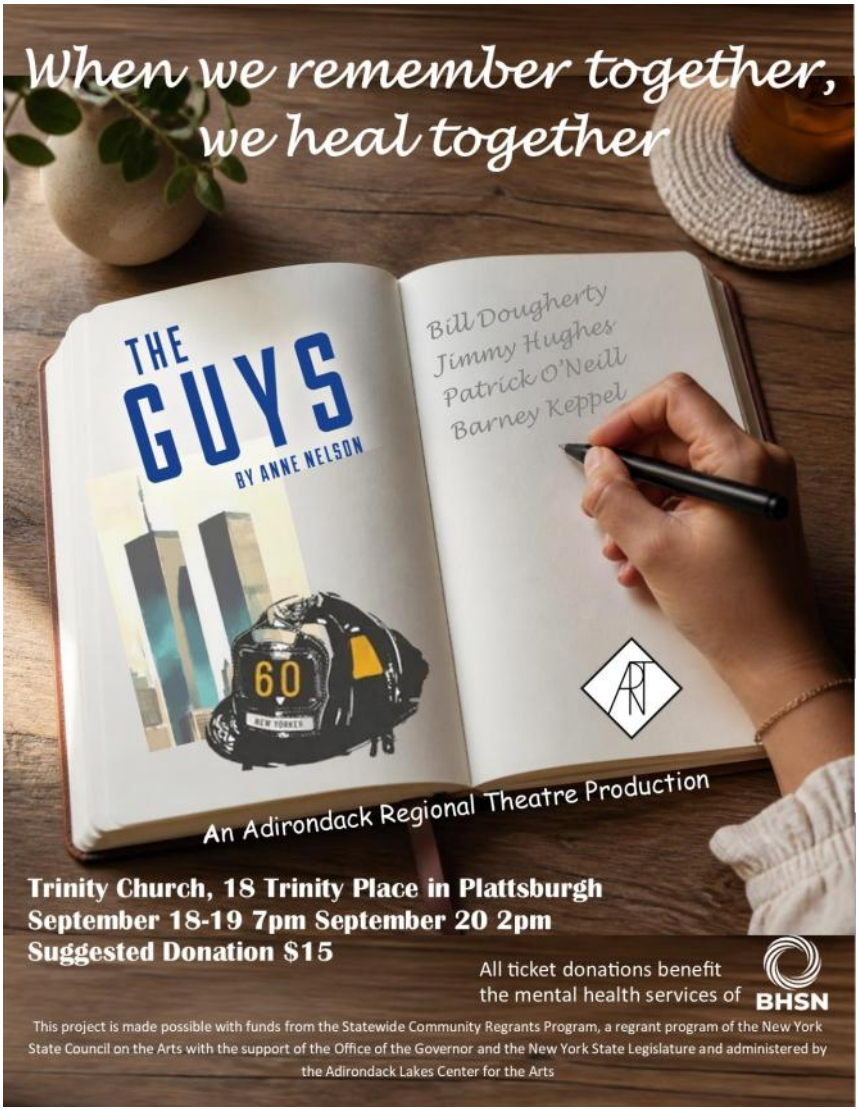
PLAYBILL


When we remember together,
we heal together
THE GUYS
BY ANNE NELSON
Bill Dougherty
Jimmy Hughes
Patrick O'Neill
Barney Keppel
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An Adirondack Regional Theatre Production
Trinity Church, 18 Trinity Place in Plattsburgh
September 18-19 7pm September 20 2pm
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THE GUYS

Written by Anne Nelson

The Cast

Joan	**Lee Ann Thomas**
Nick	**Jim Calnon**
Directed by	**Tom Lavin**
Tango instructor	**Jackie Robertin**

Synopsis

THE GUYS is based on a true story. First performed in a hit off-off-Broadway production, and later a film, ***The Guys*** is a timeless drama about the surprising truths people can discover in ordinary lives, and the connections we make with others and ourselves in times of tragedy.

Paralyzed by grief and unable to put his thoughts into words, Nick, a fire captain, seeks out the help of a writer to compose eulogies for the colleagues and friends he lost in the catastrophic events of September 11, 2001. Joan, an editor by trade, draws out powerful profiles from Nick about "the guys," revealing vivid personalities and the substance and meaning that lie beneath the surface of seemingly unremarkable people. As the individual talents and enthusiasms of the people within the small firehouse community are realized, we come to understand the uniqueness and value of what each person has to contribute. And Nick and Joan, two people who under normal circumstances never would have met, jump the well-defined tracks of their own lives, and so learn about themselves, about life, and about the healing power of human connection, through talking about 'the guys'.

The Author:

Anne Nelson wrote "The Guys" in just nine days, based on her experiences following the September 11th attacks. Nelson is an author and lecturer in the fields of international affairs, media and human rights.

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The Actors:



Lee Ann Thomas (Joan) is honored to be part of this production which remembers the first responders who served following the attacks on 9/11. On 9-11-2001, Lee Ann was eight months pregnant and admitted into the hospital that same afternoon. She and her husband welcomed their baby on 9/13. It has been 25 years and the anniversary of that date continues to be an emotional mix of sadness, joy, and hope. Her recent performances include roles with local, theater groups including Artistry Community Theatre playing *Officer O'Hara* in "Arsenic and Old Lace", *M'Lynn* in "Steel Magnolias", and with Adirondack Regional Theatre (ART) as *Gwendolyn Pigeon* in "The Odd Couple", along with an assortment of zany characters in ART murder-mystery dinner shows. She is a full-time professor at Clinton Community College and teaches courses in the discipline areas of Communications, Business, and English. She is grateful to work with Tom and Jim, two awesome guys who committed their talent "tools" to this project so that "no one here will ever forget" those who gave their lives on 9/11 and those who continue to sacrifice and to serve.



Jim Calnon (Nick) is perhaps best known for his "role" as Plattsburgh Mayor, has been an actor, director and stagehand over many shows with Nostalgia Players in Malone. Jim's ART credits include Juror #9 in "12 Angry Jurors" and *Oscar Madison* in "The Odd Couple" Jim also portrayed *Willy Clark* in the Essex Theatre Company's production of "The Sunshine Boys" and appeared in several dinner theater productions with ART. Currently he is serving as a President of the Adirondack Regional Theatre Board of Directors.

Behind the Scenes:



Tom Lavin (Producer/Director) is a veteran of the North Country theater scene having be an actor, director or producer with numerous theater companies in the area. "The Guys" has turned into a labor of love for Tom with its multi-layered story of tragedy, redemption, love and the healing power of the human connection. On 9/11 Tom was working on logistics with the blood bank at CVPH to accept donations of units of blood for victims. Donations that unfortunately were never used. This event and the recent events of the past year show us the importance of the first responders and the connection we have with each other. Even the ones we were never meant to meet.

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