



# Our Town

Pulitzer Prize Winning Play  
by Thornton Wilder

Performances will be:

## March 26-28, 2010

Curtain 8:00 pm Friday and Saturday;  
2:00 pm Sunday

Directed by Nancy E. Williams

Produced by special arrangements  
with Samuel French, Inc.

and in partnership with The Big Read

Adult: \$15.00

Children 12 & under: \$12

Senior 60 & over: \$12



Ticket and Show Information  
**(734) 241-7900**  
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Presented at  
The Meyer Theater



**Auditions:** January 19 and 20, 2010

**Location:** Monroe Street Stage  
48 S. Monroe St.

**Time:** 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

NOTE: Auditions are open to the public. If cast in the production, you will be asked to join Monroe Community Players.

### Main characters

Stage Manager  
Mrs. Myrtle Webb  
Mr. Charles Webb  
George Gibbs  
Emily Webb  
Mrs. Julia Gibbs  
Dr. Frank F. Gibbs

### Secondary characters

Simon Stimson  
Joe Crowell  
Howie Newsome  
Rebecca Gibbs  
Wally Webb  
Professor Willard  
Woman in Auditorium  
Man in Auditorium  
Another Woman in Auditorium  
Si Crowell  
Mrs. Soames  
Constable Warren  
Three Baseball Players  
Joe Stoddard  
Sam Craig  
Dead Man  
Dead Woman  
Mr. Carter  
Farmer McCarthy

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The play is set in the fictional community of Grover's Corners. Through the actions of the Stage Manager, the town of Grover's Corners is created for the audience and scenes from its history between the years of 1901 and 1913 play out. *Our Town* is a story of character development that details the interactions between citizens of an everyday town in the early twentieth century through their everyday lives (particularly the lives of George Gibbs, a doctor's son, and Emily Webb, the daughter of a newspaper editor). Throughout the play, the Stage Manager conducts the story being told, taking questions from the audience, describing the locations and making key observations about the world he or she creates for the audience. This "man of the hour" also plays several different but key roles within the story he or she tells, such as a preacher and the owner of a soda shop and an old woman. Thornton Wilder won a Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1938 for *Our Town* and is the only writer to win for both fiction and drama.

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## Characters

**The Stage Manager** He sets up the stage, introduces the play, describes the setting, provides background information during the play, and sometimes steps into scenes to talk with the characters. In some ways, he resembles the chorus of an ancient Greek play or the omniscient narrator of a novel.

**Charles Webb** Editor of the Grover's Corners *Sentinel* and father of two children, Emily and Wally.

**Myrtle Webb** Devoted wife of Charles Webb.

**Emily Webb** Intelligent, pretty, engaging daughter of Charles and Myrtle Webb. She marries a next-door neighbor, George Gibbs, but dies nine years into her marriage while giving birth to her second child.

**Wally Webb** Little brother of Emily. He dies after his appendix ruptures.

**Frank Gibbs** Hard-working town physician who goes out to tend to his patients at all hours. At the beginning of the play, he arrives home after just delivering the twins of a woman in Polish town, a section of Grover's Corners.

**Julia Gibbs** Devoted wife of Dr. Gibbs. She dreams of visiting Paris with her husband but never gets the chance.

**George Gibbs** Upright son of Frank and Julia Gibbs. He is a star baseball player who has always loved Emily Webb. When she dies, he is broken-hearted.

**Rebecca Gibbs** Little sister of George.

**Howie** Newsome Milkman who makes deliveries from a cart drawn by his old horse Bessie.

**Joe Crowell** Newspaper boy who became an outstanding student in high school and later at MIT but died in World War I.

**Si Crowell** Joe's younger brother. He takes over his brother's paper route.

**Sam Craig** Emily Webb's cousin. He went west to pursue his career but returns for Emily's funeral.

**Joe Stoddard** Undertaker in charge of Emily Webb's funeral.

**Bill Warren** Constable who keeps law and order and once rescued a man from a snowdrift.

**Professor Willard** Expert on the geological and anthropological background of Grover's Corners. In a boring speech, he helps the stage manager describe the town and its history to the audience.

**Simon Stimson** He is the choirmaster at the Congregationalist church and the town alcoholic. He commits suicide.

**Louella Soames** Choir member and friend of Myrtle Webb and Julia Gibbs. She criticizes Simon Stimson for his drinking.