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Presents

# **Buyer & Cellar**

A comedy  
by Jonathan Tolins

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## BUYER & CELLAR

Alex More	Zachary Chiero*
Director	Mona Wood-Patterson+
Tech Director/Designer	Charles Ford+
Sound Designer	Alex Dakoglou and Mona Wood-Patterson+

\* Member of Actors' Equity Association  
+ Merely Players Artistic Company

*This show will be performed with no intermission.*

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Zachary Chiero originally appeared in *Buyer & Cellar* at Act II Playhouse, Philadelphia, PA under the direction of Tony Braithwaite ([www.act2org](http://www.act2org))

Original Off-Broadway Production produced by Darren Bagert, Dan Shaheen and Ted Snowdon World premiere produced by Rattlestick Playwrights Theater (David Van Asselt, Artistic Director; Brian Long, Managing Director)

## WHO'S WHO

**Zachary Chiero** (*Alex More*) is thrilled to be back with Merely Players! After graduating from Muhlenberg College, Zachary has spent the last decade performing in theatres throughout Philadelphia. Currently an associate Artistic Director with Enchantment Theatre Company, he has created three world-premiere national tours; and, in February of 2023, Zachary will be performing the title role in *Peer Gynt*, debuting with the Philadelphia Orchestra. He is a proud company member of Tribe of Fools, a physical theatre company, where he has received Barrymore nominations for his choreography in the world premieres of *Fly*, *Eagles Fly* and *Fishtown: A Hipster Noir*. Favorite performances include Leo in *The Producers*, Riff in *West Side Story*, Prince Herbert in *Spamalot*, and Clown in *Clown Sex Ed*. Love to my wonderful Colorado family and to my husband, Dallas, who always knows what to do on a Sunday.

**Alex Dakoglou** (Sound Designer) received a degree in jazz guitar from the University of the Arts, after which he moved to Los Angeles and quickly became head sound mixer at

the House of Blues on Sunset Strip. In his seven years there, he worked with many well-known musical acts, before shifting his career to the road and full-time sound mixing. He has mixed in such venues as Madison Square Gardens, Sydney Opera House, and Radio City Music Hall. Currently, he lives in Philadelphia and tours with Idina Menzel, Herb Alpert, and LIVE, while also designing and mixing for musical theatre and guest lecturing in live sound at his alma mater.

**Charles Ford** (*Technical Director and Designer*) is a master backstage technician and the Technical Director of Merely Players. An avid puppeteer, mask-maker, make-up artist, robotics engineer, and special effects designer, he has designed dozens of sets for a variety of theatrical genres. During his career as Durango High School's tech director and resident designer, Charles was the recipient of several awards, including the Durango Foundation of Educational Excellence's Outstanding Teacher Award and the Rocky Mountain Theatre Association Technical Theatre Award.

**Mona Wood-Patterson** (*Director*) has devoted her professional life to studying, teaching, and making theatre. She has directed somewhere around 150 productions in various venues and presented at educational and theatre conferences both in the United States and abroad. The Artistic Director of Merely Players, Mona has been the recipient of numerous awards; including Colorado Theatre Teacher of the Year and Fort Lewis College Distinguished Alumnus. Mona was recognized as the director of an exemplary theatre program by the International Thespian Society, and was awarded a Fulbright to teach theatre in England. In 2011, she was inducted into the Colorado State Thespian Hall of Fame, and she was selected as a participant in LaMama's International Director's Symposium in Italy in 2019. She is grateful that she gets to work and play amidst remarkable people in Durango.

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