THE RICE CITY PLAYERS

A Rice City Seance

A Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

by Eileen Moushey

October 24th , 2026 at The Crowley Town Club

October 30th , 2026 at Chef Roy's

A Rice City Seance is presented with special arrangement from Mysteries by Moushey

CAST

Madame Zodiak.....Shawn McNielly
Taurus.....Jimbo Webb
Gemini.....Claire Doré
Leona Turnbull.....Kathryn Loewer
Horace Cope.....Jay Suire

PRODUCTION CREW

Director.....Laurie Suire
Assistant Director
& Show Coordinator.....Christine Fulton
Hair/Makeup Designer.....Claire Doré
Sound Designer.....Logan Gabriel Frederick



Director Bios

Laurie Suire (Director) first found her way onto the community theater stage as one of the boldly-British and boisterous Pigeon Sisters in *The Odd Couple* and has been collecting memorable moments ever since. In *Moon Over Buffalo,* she quite literally lost her hair when her wig fell off mid-performance. She later played twin sisters in a Moushey Mystery dinner theater, a role that came with the added perk of getting to slap a fellow actor. Repeatedly.

Laurie has appeared in feature and supporting roles in numerous community productions and has developed and directed more than 15 large-scale Mardi Gras Ball productions for the Krewe of Town Revelers. A past president of the Acadia Players, she makes her community theater directing debut with A Rice City Seance.

A Crowley native, Laurie is the mother of three sons and is married to her own leading man, "The Kingfish," Jay Suire.

Christine Fulton (Assistant Director & Show Coordinator) is a well-known friend of the Rice City Players, as well as serving as their Treasurer. This Jennings native is known for her many characters on the stage, but probably most well known for Sister Hubert in *Nunsense.* She is trilled to be on the other side of the table for this Murder Mystery. She is so thankful to her husband Dwayne and their 5 lovely children for supporting her endeavors.

Bios

Shawn McNeilly (Madame Zodiak) is a retired teacher who was born and raised in Jennings. She is an ABOB board member and a member of the Jeff Davis Arts Council. Shawn has been in a number of ABOB productions in Jennings, most recently appearing in *Steel Magnolias* as Ouiser. She is returning to the Rice City Players after debuting as Sister Robert Anne in *Nunsense* (2024).

Jimbo Webb (Taurus) is excited to make his debut with Rice City Players. Previous credits include Tournel in *A Flea in Her Ear* with Pandemonium 15 yrs ago. By day, Jimbo works for Louisiana Materials as an aggregate salesman. Endless thanks to his wife, Stephanie for always supporting him through all adventures and shenanigans.

Claire Dore (Gemini) is the Programming and Outreach Librarian/Archivist at the Acadia Parish Library. She has been active in local theater groups since 2009 and also serves as the hair and makeup artist for The Rice City Players. She is a lifelong resident of Crowley, Louisiana and has served on both the Crowley Main Street Board and Historic District Commission. She currently leads the Haunted History Alive walking tour of Downtown Crowley and is also a member of the Crowley Art Association.

Bios

Kathryn Loewer (Leona Turnbull) has had the pleasure of performing with the Arcadia Players and then with the Rice City Players for over 10 years beginning with a small part in *Into The Woods*, leading in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Steel Magnolias*, and supporting roles in *Freaky Friday*. Kathryn has worked in many roles of media from production, to hosting, and writing. She has performed emcee duties and sung the national anthem for local events.

Jay Suire (Horace Cope) is best known for his portrayal of Huey P. Long in *The Kingfish*, a one-man, two-act play chronicling the life of one of Louisiana's most infamous governors. Since first taking on the role in 1998, Jay has reprised *The Kingfish* throughout Acadiana and as far afield as Texarkana and Washington, D.C. His community theater career began somewhat less auspiciously as the Village Idiot in *The Foreigner.* Since then, he has tackled roles ranging from the lead in *Barefoot in the Park* to the Judge in *Miracle on 34th Street*, along with numerous mystery dinner theater productions. A Crowley native, Jay has practiced law since 2000 and is the father of three sons. He is married to director Laurie Suire and graciously agreed to be in this production after learning that "director" is apparently just theater-speak for "wife who gets to boss you around even more than usual."

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