

The Cupid Players Cast Bios

Main Cast

Jack Perdue started in theater in Portland, Oregon in productions such as *Pirates of Penzance* and *Mother Courage*. Jack has been with The Cupid Players since day 1. He has also studied acting with Betty Brooks, improvisation with Second City and Improv Olympic and has performed with various bands, including Pulp Road Kill.

Brian Peterlin a graduate of the DeVry Institute of Technology, has been a technical director for productions all around Chicago. Brian is a self-taught genius in the booth. He can be seen climbing ladder, hanging lights, and watching the girls change back stage. Brian also has been the technical director of The Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival for six years, where he has teched over 300 sketch comedy shows! He would like to thank his wife, Jill and his partner-in-crime Posen.

Brian Posen is a core faculty member at The Second City Training Center, and faculty at Columbia College. He has taught at the Steppenwolf Theater, Actor's Theater of Louisville, University of Illinois (where he received his MFA & The Charles Luckman Award for excellence in teaching) and various theaters and corporations. Besides teaching, Brian is the artistic director of the award winning theater company Broutil & Frothingham Productions. He is also the executive producer for Lukaba Productions-- the parent company of The Cupid Players and The Annual Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival where close to 500 sketch comedy groups will have performed over its 6 years running. He professionally acts, directs, produces, works on-camera, and writes musicals. Brian has worked with such companies as: The Second City, Steppenwolf, ImprovOlympic, The Organic Theater, Pegasus Players, Theater Building Chicago, Bailiwick, Red Hen, Red Orchid, Chopin, Chicago Cultural Center, Griffin, Raven Theater, Strawdog, National Pastime, New Tuners Theater, WNEP, Illinois Rep. Theater, Donny's Skybox, Chicago Historical Society, Open Eye, Stir-Friday Night! and various regional theaters and Renaissance Faires.

Kevin Sciretta is an actor/improviser from New York. He graduated SUNY Fredonia with a degree in Theatre and has been in Chicago doing improv and sketch ever since. When not globetrotting with Cupid, Kevin performs with the iO Chicago team Reverend Meeker. He enjoys Led Zeppelin and baseball. Thank you.

Ranjit Souri has co-written and performed in numerous sketch comedy shows and musicals with Cupid Players, Stir-Friday Night!, and Paper Monkeys. He has a B.S. in Accounting from Case Western Reserve University and an MBA from Columbia University. Ranjit has worked as an accountant, stand-up comic, musician, pre-school teacher, and social services caseworker. He currently serves as the General Manager of The Second City Training Center, and is also a frequent contributor to India Currents magazine.

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Tim Soszko is very proud to be a member of the Cupid Players. He also performs with pH Productions (www.whatisph.com), Trim The Fat, and is attempting to make millions as a voiceover artist (www.timsoszko.com). He's has yet to reach his goal.

Billy Sullivan, originally from Massachusetts(go Red Sox!!), has been with Cupid since 2001. Aside from CUPID HAS.., he's been featured in CUPID IS AS CUPID DOES, CUPID'S KITCHEN, IT'S NOT THE HEAT IT'S THE CUPIDITY, THE CUPID CONDITION, CUPID ON THE DOWN LOW and most recently CUPID IN YOUR PANTS. He also performed at the Chicago Sketchfest, Chicago Improv Fest, Boston Comedy Festival, Seattle Sketchfest, Best of the Best (Portland, OR), NYC Sketchfest, and San Francisco Sketchfest. When not on stage, Billy is works on staff at the Chicago Sketchfest. Love and thanks to family, friends and especially..FEARLESS LEADER.

Jill Valentine is a Chicago Southsider that has worked with The Cupid Players from the beginning. She has studied at The Second City, Improv Olympic and Chicago Comedy College. You may have also seen Jill playing with The Cleaning Ladies, directing One Two Three Comedy or breaking it down in random Irish bars. Jill is also the Executive Director of The Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival, the largest sketch comedy festival in the world. Jill would like to send a shout out to her family and of course love to her favorite tech guy!

Mandy Whitenack has been a part of Cupid ever since its first show! She is a wacky wierdo farm girl from Portland,IN but has lived in Chicago for 7 years. Her most current projects have included Cupid is as Cupid Does, Philomena in Sister Mary Ignatious, and Salazar/Oatsie in Vampire Lesbions of Sodom. She is currently working on her first independent feature film with Steven Ivich. She would like to thank the entire crew of Cupid, her family, and her friends for all the support they give!! Rock on!!

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Featured Cast

Carisa Barreca is a Chicago native and is just pleased as punch to be performing with the most badass musical sketch comedy group around. After graduating with a degree in Theatre Arts from Marquette University, she performed with theatre companies throughout Chicago and Milwaukee and graduated from Second City's Conservatory program. When Carisa isn't performing with the Cupid Players, she can be found choreographing for Matter Dance Company, managing a rock band Monster-0 or producing/performing with her sketch comedy group New Batch of Genes.

Carisa's favorite joke: 2 pieces of sausage in a pan: one sausage says to the other : "HOT IN HERE!" The other sausage says : "OH MY GOD, A TALKING SAUSAGE!"

Ashley Bush is overjoyed to be fulfilling her long time dream of being a Cupid Player. Since moving to Chicago to pursue her career she has worked with various companies. A few favorite recent roles include Lucy in A Lesbian in the Pantry and Shelby in Steel Magnolias. She has studied at Purdue University, The Audition Studio and is a graduate of the Second City Conservatory. Cupid is the perfect show to blend together her loves of music, comedy and of course dramatic acting! She would like to thank everyone in the Cupid players for their enthusiasm and support, as well as her family and friends for their patience and love!! Specifically her Dad who will watch her sing about her Vagina any day. What a great dad huh!

Trey Chambers is a man of incessant intermittence. Born in Atlanta, he studied at the University of Georgia and worked as both a minister and a political consultant. Having been fired from both, he became a professional actor in Nashville TN where he was in virtually no demand. Upon moving to Chicago, he turned his life around. He is now a student at IO and is a disciple of world-renown motivator Lance Bravery. He hopes to one day be 6'2".

Ever since **Sam Lewis** was a little boychik, he's been expressing himself through comedy, dance and song. Nowadays, Sam writes and performs with the cubicle rock band Feathergun, whose songs are featured in TV & film. Shows like MTV's Pimp My Ride, Date My Mom or VH1's Bands Reunited often feature Sam's songwriting. When Sam isn't drinking whiskey or flashing devil horns, he composes bittersweet pop ditties on one of his many home pianos, including the "pooper piano", which sits in the bathroom adjacent to the toilet. He is currently working on his own original rock 'n roll musical, inspired by years as a performer while working for the man. Sam thanks his family, friends and his beautiful wife for the endless love and support. If you see him after a show, please give him a high five! That would rule.