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# LOVE LETTERS

By A. R. Gurney

WITH DON PEARCE AND TRACY VANCE



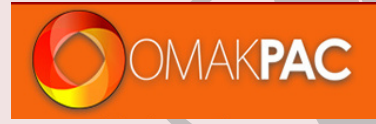
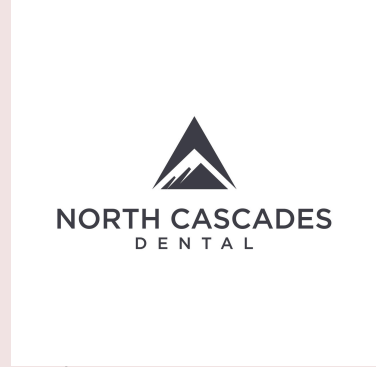
**Tracy Vance** (actress) made her stage debut at age 7 as an orphan in Oliver! where she fell in love with theater. She's had chorus roles in Music Man, Fiddler on the Roof and Oklahoma with Puget Sound Musical Theater in Federal Way, Washington and played Peggy in a production of Godspell. Her favorite role was as a disembodied head in Pippin. Tracy currently works for Green Okanogan and Apple Hill Art Camp. She shares her life with her husband, Rob, and two spoiled dogs on 30 acres of bliss near Tonasket. Tracy is writing a novel and harbors a (not so) secret desire to direct plays.

**Don Pearce** (actor) is in his 41st year of teaching music, the last 17 here in Omak, where he teaches 6th - 12th Grade Choir. Over the years his groups

have consistently received Excellent and Superior ratings, and have performed throughout the Western United States, Canada, Europe and Ukraine. He is a former Director of both the OVOC Chorus and Orchestra. Don played Jean Shepherd in the OVOC production of A Christmas Story; and was most recently music director for the Pioneer Players (Omak HS) production of Seussical, for which his wife was the director. In 2022 Don was inducted into the Washington Music Educator Association Hall of Fame. He and his wife Lyn are the parents of three, grandparents of six, and currently live in Riverside, WA.



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# THE PLAY

**Love Letters** by A.R. Gurney, is a captivating drama that explores the complexities of human relationships and emotions. This Pulitzer Prize-nominated play delves into the lives of Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, two characters from affluent East Coast backgrounds, whose deep and nuanced friendship spans nearly half a century. The story unfolds through their exchange of letters, starting from their childhood and continuing through their adult lives, including their experiences at boarding school, travels in Europe, and various personal trials.



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**Doug Brandt** (director) moved to the Okanogan area in 2017 from Moscow, Idaho, where he was active in both Moscow Community Theater as an actor and board member, as well as Pullman Civic Theatre where he acted in “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf” (George), “The Graduate” (Mr. Robinson), and “Barefoot in the Park” (Victor Velasco) and co-directed the Christmas play “Fruitcakes.” He has also acted in numerous parts such as the Sheriff in “Our Town,” The Toymaker in “Babes in Toyland,” and Don in David Ives’ “Universal Language” from the “All in the Timing” collection. Doug’s most recent play was his first with OVOC, when he wandered into auditions for “A Christmas Story,” and was dragged onto the stage to read and was offered the part of “The Old Man.” Doug has appreciated the welcome and friendships he has received from the OVOC community and is excited to further expand his directing experience..



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OVOC Coordinator: Kristen Acesta

### PRODUCER:

Cari Zachow

### DIRECTOR:

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