

RRH 2019 Cast Biographies

Todd Coyle

Todd has been performing in and around the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia for over 30 years. He has worked in a wide variety of bands as a guitarist, bassist, singer, and producer. Todd has also released three CDs on his own label and is very involved in the local community, most notably with The Charles Town Farmers Market.

Clissy Funkhouser

Clissy has been part of the Rumsey Radio cast since 1992 and celebrates life through writing songs, skits, and promoting public art, like the mosaics in Charles Town. If you'd like to be part of a C*Town public art project, let her know. She's a CPA by day and a pickleballer in all available free time. Her office is stabled at O'Sullivan Farms, where all the horses are vegan, all the dogs are paleo, and all the cattle are delicious.

Nina Geiger

Nina has been a Rumsey Radiohead since 2004. She is a Family Nurse Practitioner in Greencastle, PA where she lives with her husband. Spending time with this colorful group of friends is one of the creative highlights of her year.

Sam Jannotta

Sam is a private music teacher here in Shepherdstown teaching piano, guitar, and other instruments at the Shepherdstown School of Music. He also performs in the area with the jazz funk band Ginada Pinata as well as various jazz and R&B groups. Look for his new CD coming out soon.

Mark Kraham

Mark Kraham has been part of the Rumsey Radio Hour players for more than 25 years. Working as the News Director of WDVM-TV Mark has extensive experience in the TV and radio field. But, he has always enjoyed the Rumsey Radio Hour to be a pleasant change from the serious side of broadcasting. At an early age Mark realized that he could imitate cartoon characters and soon added other comical characters (politicians in particular) to his repertoire. He finds being able to express his comedic side and at the same time raise money for the Shepherdstown Public Library is indeed rewarding.

John McCarrick

John is a former Shepherd University student who is still studying and practicing film production. John is very active in the Shepherdstown community, helping with local events such as BooFest, DogFest, Christmas in Shepherdstown, CATF and the Rumsey Radio Hour show.

Peggy McKowen

Peggy is the Associate Producing Director for the Contemporary American Theater Festival, and this is her fourth year herding the cats that are the Rumsey Radio Hour. Acting as producer, director, stage manager, scheduler, and all-around cast enabler for the group, all while being a mom, keep her plenty busy. In addition to her position at CATF, she is a free-lance designer with work seen around the world.

Don Oehser

Don has done a number of things with a number of people. He holds an honorary degree in Existential Angst from Kilgore State University where he heads the Department of Redundancy Department. When not surfing space and time via the Chrono Synclastic Infundibulum, he enjoys rock-hopping up the East Branch of the Sacandaga River.

Laura First Oehser

Laura uses music, organic movement, storytelling, and the arts for healing. As an Expressive Arts therapist, she also loves to be in stone circles with goats.

Nelson Smith

Nelson Smith is tickled to be rejoining RRH for a second year and hopes to get it right this time. A Shepherdstown resident since 2010, he's a longtime community-theater actor in the DC area, appeared in Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People" at Black Box last winter, and was typecast as a 30-ish, transgender Appalachian sound engineer in a reading of "Revelations" presented this spring by Speak Stories.