

Camp Good Grief's Gingerbread Dream celebrates 'Annie' at Playhouse



Our Gingerbread Dream is offered as a new Yuletide tradition to help kids whose holidays have been forever changed; as well as, for whole-families, fortunate enough to still share the joy of this season with each other.

John Pruett Architects invited some of Memphis' top artists to work with us in creating the Midsouth's only Gingerbread Village built to scale. Since this year's edition of thoughtful urban planning in baked goods and candy is sited in the lobby of Playhouse on the Square, during the run of the Holiday musical, "Annie," our Dream's theme is NYC in the 1930's: Art Deco, the Depression, and the Lights of Broadway...populated by Gingerbread Annies, Sandies & Warbucks-es.

WE selected Camp Good Grief, the children's bereavement program of Baptist Healthcare, and some of Memphis leading artists volunteered to help, including:

Bill Andrews, noted scenic designer and principal of Good Show LLC, is recognizable to many for the roles he has played on stage as an actor. Bill worked with talented students from the Memphis College of Art to add artful touches, creating the background and our city's Christmas tree to bring real substance to our dream.

The students enrolled in the Beginning Sculpture Class at the University of Memphis Art Department joined forces to create *Building number one*. Working under the direction of instructor, Greely Myatt, the UofM team soared to new heights, contributing the penultimate point of the skyline for our gingerbread version of 1930's NYC.

Professional artists, **Sam Griffin & Emma Self** are the artistic tag team responsible for *Building number two*. These talented designers have added exciting dimension to our dream.

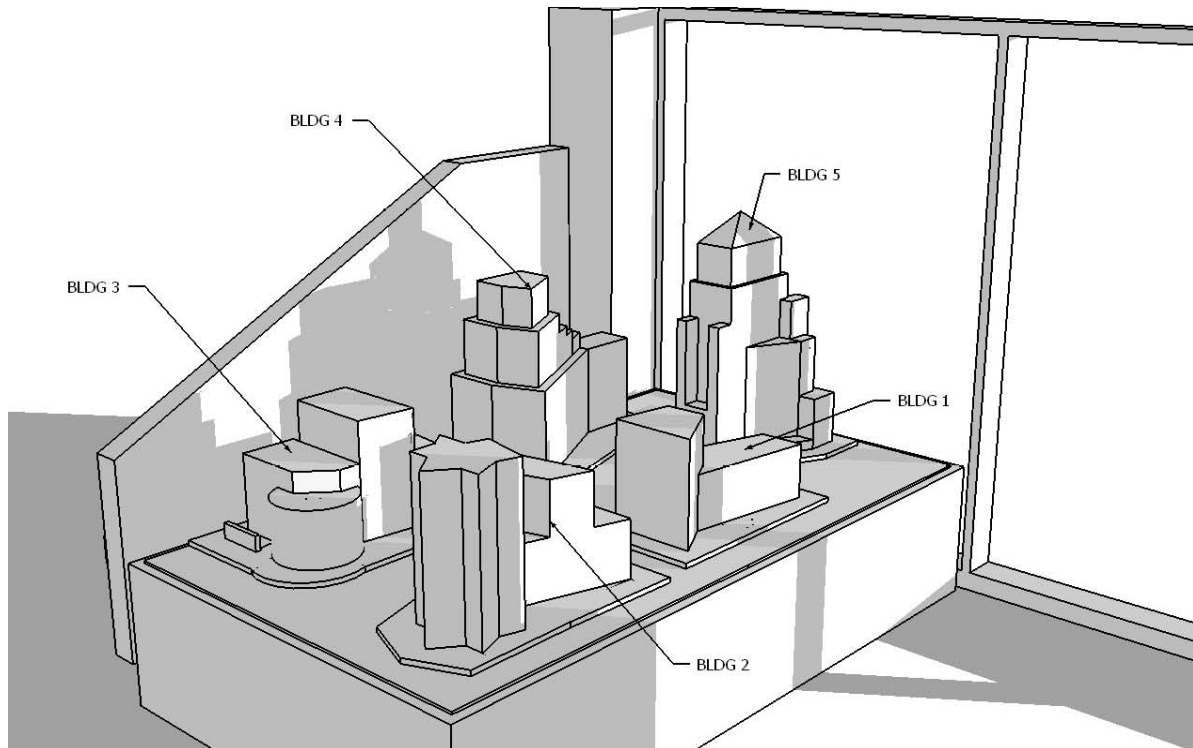
Mary Norman, noted painter whose credits include Memphis in May's much praised Italy Poster is also the force behind the construction of *Building number three*.

Students from Memphis College of Art created *Building number four*. This talented group, working under the College's "give back program," elected to dedicate their public service efforts toward helping Camp Good Grief. Other MCA students worked on the background and tree.

University of Memphis Art Department Graduate **Edie Love**, who is currently attending the Memphis Theological Seminary, is responsible for scrumptious looking *Building number five*. Ben Netterville assisted in constructing the scaffolding.

Heather Ries of LadyBugg Bakery and her crew populated our Gingerbread Dream with a Gingerbread community of people and their pets.

Will Johnson of Yolo Bakes has performed the miracle of making Gingerbread Bricks without straw: to him and Yolo's founder, Taylor Berger, we are eternally grateful (go buy some of their delicious bakery treats or yogurt!).



This Holiday fantasy benefits **Camp Good Grief**, which will also be offering Gingerbread Annies for adoption to raise funds for grief programs serving children who have lost a parent or sibling. Camp Good Grief's **Ginger Bread Annies** may be adopted at all **Malco Theater and Pugh's Flowers** locations for a **donation of \$20**.

We'd like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support of this project: Malco Theatres - Pugh's Flowers - Holiday Ham – Spectrum Lighting - Solar Tech & Good Show LLC.

Camp Good Grief's Gingerbread Dream benefits the Children's bereavement programs of the **Kemmons Wilson Family Center for Good Grief**.



As the first comprehensive bereavement center for children, adolescents, and adults in the region, the Center for Good Grief provides support for individuals who are grieving the death of a loved one. The

center allows them to share their experience with others as they move through the healing process – all in a therapeutic environment. Our professional, caring staff is dedicated to providing comprehensive bereavement services to children, teenagers, and adults regardless of ability to pay.

For more information about Camp Good Grief, or other aspect of the Kemmons Wilson Family Center for Good Grief, call (901) 861-5656, or visit www.trinity.baptistonline.org.