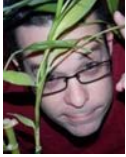


Meet our funny faces!

A note from the Directors: We gave a troupe full of comedians and artists a deadline by which they were to submit their biographies and headshots. Artists and comedians aren't very good with deadlines. So, for our slackers, we took the liberty of providing biographical information ourselves. Troupe members are presented in alphabetical order.



Dann Alagna, Director

While improv is always changing and still new to a lot of people, Dann is no stranger to the medium. Upon auditioning for his first improv troupe in college, he found that comedy is just his thing. Free Range Improv is the 7th improvisational comedy troupe Dann has performed in, and the 3rd he has established and directed. Dann has also been featured in dozens of community theatre productions over the years and has earned a WATCH award nomination as well. Bringing Free Range Improv to Annapolis is a dream, and this one-of-a-kind community has surely embraced the troupe. The goals of Free Range Improv remain simple and, with audiences like you, possible: to always perform fresh, local, 5-star comedy at purposely affordable, local prices. Think of it as a comedic farmers' market: organically grown, locally sourced, and Certified Funny!



Thomas Beheler

Tom is a librarian by day and an actor by night! He has worked with various professional theater companies in the DMV as well as Netflix, HBO and Discovery ID. He graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a degree in Theater and was a recipient of the Creative and Performing Arts Scholarship. He also studied Improvisation and Comedy Writing at the Second City theater in Chicago. When he isn't working, Tom enjoys cooking, performing on silks, and watching tiny house documentaries. He is grateful to be one of the original members of Free Range Improv. Enjoy the show!



Amy Chase

Amy is a bleeding heart liberal soccer mom who works at the BioTechnical Institute of Maryland as a fundraiser during the day, and loves to get politically incorrect at night on the improv stage. Being raised as an only child, Amy learned to amuse herself at an early age, then discovered how much fun it was to amuse others and the result has been countless hours of making classmates laugh to the point of getting detention, a charmed life of being able to joke her way out of speeding tickets, being the snarky colleague you want to sit next to during a painfully boring business meeting, and eventually trying improvisational comedy. Amy loves politics, travel and her funny daughter Gracie and spends her free time plotting to overtake the world with feral cats and jazz hands as well as procrastinating on writing her blogs at www.thesirenofsnark.com.



Rosalind Fraser

Ros emerged from the head of Zeus with an innate love of all things improv. Often revered as the Greek goddess of awkward situations, she's been doing improv for about 10 years now. Ros joined Jeff, her first troupe, when she was in high school. She is now honored to be a founding member of both All Puns Intended and of course, Free Range Improv!



Justin Puig

Justin likes to joust when he's not feeling funny.



Tom "Big Train" Ryan

By day he is mild-mannered Tom Ryan, retail worker. But by night, in the dark shadows of a poorly-lit comedy stage, he puts on his jeans and black t-shirt and becomes BIG TRAIN, Improviser Extraordinaire. Keeping audiences safe and laughing for several years now, he was once a boring teenager until one day, while attending a club meeting at AACC, he was exposed to dangerously high levels of a toxic, hilarious substance known as Improv Comedy. Suddenly, he found that he had the amazing ability to create characters out of thin air, formulate puns from a single suggestion and drink tall beverages in a single gulp. Dedicated to bringing joy and laughter to as many people as possible, BIG TRAIN patrols local venues every weekend with his invaluable teammates as a part of the most prestigious superhero league, Free Range Improv.



Debbie Samek

Debbie, by nature, likes to play. "Pretending" was always her favorite game as a kid, and well, some things never change. After pursuing a career in art, she was employed as a graphic designer, she married and had kids. After a while she decided she needed to go back to "playing", so on a whim began taking acting classes, most recently at The Studio Acting Conservatory in DC. She found her passion for the stage. She has been acting in community theater for years and has appeared in many local productions. While she enjoys creating characters and memorizing lines someone else has written, she finds it more challenging and enjoyable to make up her own. She feels very fortunate to be finding herself amongst these very talented, funny people and is honored to be a member of this funny funny troupe.



Brooks Schandelmeier

Spawned in the wild tundra of Maine as a genetic experiment crossing the DNA of Paul Bunyan and Wonder Woman, Brooks knew he was destined for greater things. He has not accomplished those things yet, but you can't judge him because you're not his real dad. In his spare time, Brooks enjoys puppies, having a strong jaw line, and the cleansing power of fire. Brooks is happy to be the newest addition to Free Range Improv.



Liza Warder

Liza Warder is thrilled to be a part of FRI. Prior to all the fun times and laughs with FRI, she studied a bit of theater at NYU and WVU and found herself in many roles that were just not funny. Dramatic? Yes. But comical? No. She is glad to have an outlet for her ridiculous nature and chooses to use these gifts for good with FRI. Also she would like to give a shout out to Matt on Guitar and thank him for marrying her.