

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 Gainesville, Florida, he found two life-long loves: comedy and his wife, Sam. Along the way, Dann and Sam have been very involved in community theatre, improv comedy, and taking in stray dogs. Free Range Improv is the 7th improvisational comedy troupe Dann has performed in, and the 3rd he and Sam have established and directed. Bringing Free Range Improv to their new home of 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!



Sam Alagna, Director

Sam directs the "back-end" of Free Range Improv. Although, she is not a performer in the troupe, Sam has a soft spot for improv comedy, as a college improv troupe was responsible for introducing her to the adorable and immensely talented man that she would marry, Dann. Nearly 2 decades, 10 cities, 2 cats, 5 dogs, and 3 improv troupes later, Dann and Sam are absolutely thrilled to have found their "Home" in Annapolis. They are truly enamored by this town, awed by the hilarious talent that they have corralled, and so grateful for the amazing local support for Free Range Improv.



Thomas Beheler

Thomas is an actor working in the Maryland area as well as a student at the University of Maryland College Park. He has been improvising for the last 5 years in numerous troupes and is so excited to now be working with Free Range Improv. His favorite food is macaroni and cheese. His favorite drink is chocolate milk. His favorite color is blue. His favorite bios are short. Enjoy the show!



Amy Chase

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, writing her blog at www.thesirenofsnark.com and performing stand up.



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.



Pat Reynolds

After 18 years in the entertainment business, there is one thing Pat has learned: find the taboo and make it hysterical! When he is not with his improv compatriots, he can be seen at various local community theatres in the Annapolis, Baltimore, Bowie, and DC. He is a proud member of The Scented Candle of the Month Club and is often seen chasing puppy dogs in parks. Even as a gentleman in his "Douche bag Thirties", he still collects comic books and action figures. Pray your daughters never bring him home.



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.