

# Funeral For A Gangster

Welcome to the year 1928. You have entered a speakeasy called “Ruby’s Place.” Tonight is a memorial service for Vito “The Gut” Marzetti, who was gunned down last week in a gangland slaying. As a dear friend of Vito’s you have been invited here to pay your respects to the family.

## Schedule of Events

5:00 PM—Welcome

5:30 PM—Dinner is served

6:30 PM—Memorial service (The first act)

7:30 PM—Clue hunt

8:15 PM—Dessert

8:45 PM—Solution scene

9:00 PM—Prizes



**Vito “The Gut” Marzetti**



Presented by:

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT THEATER

### Cast and Crew

Bill Dietz—Frankie “Marbles” Marzetti

Wayne Steffen—Director

Teresa Grosserode—Ruby “Fingers” Marzetti

Marilyn Miguel—Mystery Helper

James Bradley—Joey “The Lump” Marzetti

Ms. Ben Walker—Mystery Helper

Lisa Luttinger—Lena Marzetti

Ron Craven—Mystery Helper

Ben Botello—Agent Farmer

Don Stone—Sound technician

Peggy Scalise —The Hostess

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*Funeral for a Gangster* by Eileen Moushey is produced by special arrangement with Mysteries by Moushey



**Bill Dietz** (Frankie “Marbles” Marzetti) is thrilled to be performing in this murder mystery with such an amazing cast. Bill performs with numerous theater companies in the East Bay. He has performed with The Vagabond Players in *On Golden Pond* (Norman Thayer Jr.) and in *A Bench in the Sun* (Burt) which both resulted in Shellie Award nominations for Best Leading Actor in a Play. Bill’s other favorite stage credits include: *The Last Romance* (Ralph Bellini) – OnStage Repertory Theatre; *Lend Me a Tenor* (Tito Merelli) - Clayton Theatre Company. His acting also extends to television and films.



**Teresa Grosserode** (Ruby “Fingers” Marzetti), former nightclub singer, daughter of Vito. Recently Teresa played Sister Mary Lazarus in Pittsburg Community Theater’s *Sister Act*. She received a 2018 Shellie Award, Outstanding Actress in a Play, as Charlotte Hay in Ken Ludwig’s *Moon Over Buffalo*, Clayton Theatre Company. She is a nine-time Shellie Awards nominee, with two 2020 Shellie nominations: Outstanding Actress in a Play, Pamela Peabody, *Fox on the Fairway*, Ghostlight Theatre Ensemble and Supporting Actress in a Play, Randa Covington, *Savannah Sipping Society*, Clayton Theatre Co. She thanks God for the love and support of family and friends and her real-life role as Grandma T.



**James Bradley Jr.** (Joey “The Lump” Marzetti) is excited to be a part of Caught in the Act Theater’s production. James has appeared in shows throughout the East Bay and Central Valley regions. James was nominated for a Shellie Award (Best Actor, Musical) for his portrayal of Charlie Brown in *You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Favorite roles include Jud Fry (*Oklahoma!*), Bill Sykes (*Oliver!*), Max Detweiler (*The Sound of Music*), and Caldwell B. Cladwell (*Urinetown*). James is scheduled to make his debut with Lucky Penny Productions in *Miracle on 34th Street*.



**Lisa Luttinger** (Lena Marzetti) feels very blessed to get to call herself an actor. She strives to bring something unique and truthful to the various characters she’s had the good fortune to play. The character of Lena is one that feels a little dangerous and a lot naughty and to borrow a term from the period, it’s the “bee’s knees.” She’s excited to be involved with so many fellow actors from previous shows, their skill and contributions are immeasurable. The past shows she’s especially fond of are *Sister Act*, *White Guy on the Bus*, *Calendar Girls*, and *Henry V*. She hopes you will take from this experience what she gets, the thrill of being connected for a small moment, which lasts a lifetime.



**Ben Botello** (Agent Farmer) is honored to be investigating this production of the Caught in the Act Theater. It has been confirmed that he has dealt with some of the scoundrels shown on this page several times in community theater shows in the East Bay. He was reported to have been seen with Ruby “Fingers” Marzetti in Ghostlight Theater’s *The Fox in the Fairway*, and with Frankie “Marbles” Marzetti in the Vagabond Players’ production of *The Boys Next Door*, and last month with Joey “the Lump” Marzetti in Clayton Theater Co’s. *“Young Frankenstein.”* Ben thanks his wife, Cathy for all her support. Although Agent Farmer can solve this case, he appreciates your efforts in trying to solve this murder.



**Peggy Scalise** (The Hostess) is delighted to gather her “theatre friends” to provide your entertainment for this evening! She is one of the founders of Caught in the Act Theater. Peggy is a seasoned performer with the Vagabond Players, Clayton Theatre Company, Brentwood Theatre Company and On Stage Theatre Company. She is a three-time Shellie Nominee, for *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, *Rumors* and *Sylvia*. We hope you enjoy yourselves and have loads of fun, but watch out for the Marzetti Mob.... you never know who they’ll knock off next!