

## **Gary Varvel**

### **Executive Producer, Co-Writer, Actor in "The Board"**

Gary Varvel is an award-winning, syndicated, editorial cartoonist, part-time high school art teacher, adult Bible study teacher, deacon board member, actor and script-writer for the movie, "The Board."

Varvel draws political cartoons for The Indianapolis Star and has over 30 years of experience as a professional journalist. His work is internationally syndicated through Creators Syndicate and appears in 100 newspapers around the world. Varvel's cartoons have appeared in The New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, Newsweek, Time, Sports Illustrated as well as on CNN and Fox News.

He graduated from Danville High School in 1975 and received his art training at John Herron School of Art in Indianapolis. In '77, Varvel began working as a production manager and drawing cartoons at a small weekly paper in central Indiana. In '78, he landed a job at The Indianapolis News where he became the chief artist. In 1994, Varvel moved to his current position at The Indianapolis Star.

He co-wrote the script for "The Board" with his son, Brett, who is the director of the movie. Varvel worked as the executive producer as well as played the part of "Mr. Will" in the movie. He is a member of Bethesda Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon, teaches an adult Bible study class and teaches art part-time at Bethesda Christian High School.

## **Brett Varvel**

### **Executive Producer, Co-Writer, Director, Co-Editor, Actor in "The Board"**

Brett Varvel is an Emmy award winning director who runs his own production company called Timeless Pictures. Some of his other awards are two-time David Letterman Scholarship winner, and two-time L.A. Showcase Director. Brett is the Director of the movie, The Board.

Varvel graduated from Bethesda Christian High School in 2004, and got his Bachelors degree in Telecommunications at Ball State University. He now runs Timeless Pictures and specializes in Wedding Videography. His real passion however is filmmaking.

From a very young age Varvel loved to experiment with the camera, and was not shy in front of an audience either. Varvel wanted to pursue acting until God directed him to filmmaking. He discovered his passion for storytelling, and how

movies could be used to further the Kingdom of God. Varvel has dedicated his life to media ministry, and prays that God will continue to use him to spread the Gospel to the nations.

## **Drew Varvel**

### **Actor in “The Board”**

Drew Varvel just graduated from Bethesda Christian High School and is headed to Ball State University in the fall where he will study Telecommunications. Drew is an award-winning filmmaker and actor. His films won prize money all four years of high school placing in the State Finals of the Excel Awards Art Competition. He also won best picture in 2008 and best actor in 2009 at the Phantoscope Film Festival in Richmond, Indiana. While at Bethesda, Drew also performed in school plays 3 of his 4 years, playing such parts as the Cowardly Lion in the Wizard of OZ, and the leading role in the play "Twelve Angry Men."

Drew got his start in acting at the age of 10 in the play, "Christmas Shoes." The play was part of a Christmas program at Bethesda Baptist Church and ran for 11 performances. Drew has recently acted in television commercials and is represented by Artistic Enterprises in Indianapolis. In the movie "The Board," Drew plays the part of Mr. Memory. He also edited the special features part of The Board DVD.

Some of his video re-enactments can be seen on [youtube.com](http://youtube.com).

Drew is the son of Gary Varvel.

## **Terry Varvel**

### **Actor in “The Board”**

Terry is a Graphics Specialist for 5MetaCom, an advertising agency in Carmel, Indiana. He has been there for almost 10 years. Before that he was a Scanning Specialist for Howard W. Sams for 13 years. A graduate of Danville High School in Indiana, he also attended Herron School of Art and Indiana University.

Terry has acted in stage productions and short films. He has acted in a variety of roles, from dramatic to comedic, in plays for his home church. Bethesda Baptist Church's Living Christmas Tree was where he has learned the art of acting. Terry is probably best known for his comedy roles and ability at impersonations. He has been hired for corporate and social engagements. Barney Fife (The Andy

Griffith Show), George W. and H.W. Bush, Jack Nicholson, and many cartoon characters make up Terry's repertoire of voices.

Terry plays the role of Mr. Mind in *The Board*. The challenging aspect of this role for him was that Mr. Mind was more subdued than any other character he has done. "This role really made me focus on the subtleties of acting, the facial expressions and overall body language that go into it," he says. "Mr. Mind is the logical part of the discussion in the movie. I think a person can logically believe that Jesus Christ lived and died. It's what a person does with that information that determines their destiny."

## **Daron Day**

### **Actor in "The Board"**

Daron Day is currently a pastoral studies student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He also enjoys teaching Sunday School and helping in the Awana ministry at Hope Community Church (Brownsburg, IN). He lives near Indianapolis and is employed at National City Bank (now a part of PNC Bank).

Daron graduated in 2002 from Bethesda Christian High School (Brownsburg, IN) and received his bachelor's degree in 2006 from Cedarville University (Cedarville, OH). He began acting as a freshman in high school and continued at Cedarville, where he was twice the recipient of a "DayTony" (Dayton, OH) Award for his supporting actor roles in *All My Sons* and *Romeo and Juliet*. It was also his privilege to travel across the country ministering to churches and schools with Cedarville University's Lifeline Players. Daron used these experiences to convey the idea of one's conscience to the screen in *The Board*.

## **Bruce Crum**

### **Actor in "The Board"**

Bruce Crum has been an engineer at Allison Transmission in Indianapolis, Indiana for the past 29 years. Prior to that he worked for 5 years at Caterpillar Tractor in Illinois. A graduate of Brownsburg High School and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Bruce has spent most of his life in central Indiana.

Bruce's acting career spans four decades, having gotten the bug in high school plays. He continued acting in college dramas and comedies as well as community theater musicals and was president of the Rose-Hulman Drama Club.

As a singing, dancing cowpoke in the Caterpillar Mixed Chorus production of “Oklahoma!”, Bruce caught the eye of flirt Ado Annie. Unable to resist her charms, he and Ado (JoAnn Wilson) have been married for 33 years and have three talented daughters.

Bruce's roles the last several years have been in skits, plays, and special musical productions at his church, Bethesda Baptist, in Brownsburg. He has also co-directed musicals with his wife at Bethesda Christian High School (including another Oklahoma! connection – Brett Varvel as Ali Hakim). After all those years on stage, Bruce is gladly submitting to director Brett in making his film debut as Mr. Memory in The Board.

Bruce's interests vary widely with involvement in the local Antique Tractor Club, Master Gardeners, and Symphonic Chorus. Bruce has been a member of Bethesda Baptist Church for 25 years and is currently serving as a deacon and assisting as choir director and worship leader on an interim basis.