

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town

About The Cast:

JONATHAN LIPNICKI (Toby Wilson):

From his breakout role in *Jerry Maguire*, to his coming-of-age feature, *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*, Jonathan Lipnicki is rising through the ranks as one of Hollywood's leading young actors...and all by the age of 14!

Currently, Lipnicki can be seen co-starring in the independent film *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*, which is based on the award winning young adult novel by Kimberly Willis Holt of the same name. Lipnicki knew he wanted to play the lead role of "Toby Wilson" after reading the book and immediately contacted producer Jay Julien. With writer/director John Schultz and stars Eric Stoltz and Jane Krakowski, the film was a hit on the festival circuit and has already been honored with the Crystal Award at the Heartland Film Festival.

Jonathan's next project is the feature "Knights of Impossingworth Park," with director Keith Cavele and co-stars Ron Perlman and Dale Midkiff, which will be filmed in Vietnam and London. This film is due to premiere in 2005.

He was also seen in *Stuart Little 2*, reprising his role from the 1999 number one holiday hit, *Stuart Little*, for Columbia Pictures. Lipnicki co-starred with Geena Davis and Hugh Laurie in both of these films, both of which were based on the classic 1945 children's book by E.B. White.

Lipnicki is probably best known for his feature film debut at the young age of five, in the TriStar box-office hit, *Jerry Maguire*. Prior to this, he appeared in several television commercials before director Cameron Crowe cast him as "Ray Boyd," the intelligent, sensitive son of secretary "Dorothy Boyd" (Renee Zellweger). Lipnicki's on-screen portrayal of "Ray Boyd" earned him the "1996 Best Child Performer of the Year" award, presented by the National Broadcast Film Critics Association.

When he's not working, attending school, or playing the drums, Lipnicki enjoys playing in his hometown basketball leagues as well as NBA Entertainment Charity League. He currently resides in the Los Angeles area with his family.

ERIC STOLTZ (Otto Wilson):

Eric Stoltz's numerous feature film credits include *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, *Mask*, *Memphis Belle*, *Little Women*, *Rob Roy*, *Anaconda*, and *Pulp Fiction*. He also starred in the Indie features *The House of Mirth*, *The Waterdance*, *Killing Zoe*, and *Mr. Jealousy*, which he also produced. He recently directed his first film entitled, *My Horrible Year*, for which he was nominated for a Daytime Emmy for Best Direction. Mr. Stoltz is a member of the Actor's Studio and has been nominated for a Tony, a Golden Globe, and an Independent Spirit Award, as well as a Drama Desk Award. His stage performances include the Broadway productions of "Our Town," "Two Shakespearean Actors" and "Three Sisters".

KEVIN FITZGERALD CORRIGAN (Paulie):

Kevin Fitzgerald Corrigan made his feature debut in *Lost Angels*, directed by Hugh Hudson, and has since appeared in over 40 features, including *Walking and Talking*, *Illtown*, *Men Don't Leave*, *Goodfellas*, *Buffalo 66*, *True Romance*, *Living in Oblivion*, *Trees Lounge*, *Rhythm Thief*, *Henry Fool*, *Slums of Beverly Hills* and *Chain of Fools*.

His most recent film credits include *Steal This Movie* with co-star Donal Logue, and *See Jane Run*.

Corrigan co-wrote (with director Matthew Harrison) the film *Kicked in the Head*, a semi-autobiographical story of Corrigan's experiences several years ago. He also starred with James Woods and Linda Fiorentino in the film, which was produced by Martin Scorsese and selected for the 1997 Cannes Film Festival.

Trained at the Less Strasberg Institute, Corrigan has appeared in a number of stage and television productions, including "Pearl," "Homicide: Life on the Street" and "Subway Stories". At the age of 17, he wrote the play "The Boiler Room," which was performed at Playwrights Horizons and the Young Playwrights Festival. Most recently, Corrigan performed in the play "Shoppers Carried by Escalators into the Flames," by Denis Johnson.

JANE KRAKOWSKI (Heather Wilson):

Jane Krakowski is currently starring on Broadway in the musical "Nine" for which she won the Tony Award. She is also known for her starring role as Elaine Vassel in Fox's Emmy and Golden-Globe winning series, "Ally McBeal," has a bevy of upcoming roles - on the big-screen, small-screen, stage, and otherwise, which will launch an exciting new chapter in this talented woman's already burgeoning career.

Krakowski next stars opposite George Eads ("C.S.I.") in the ABC Family original movie, *Just a Walk in the Park*. This lighthearted romantic comedy is about a woman who

unknowingly falls in love with a dog walker whom she believes is a wealthy businessman.

Her other film credits include *The Flintstones: Viva Rock Vegas* as Betty Rubble, the critically-acclaimed feature *Go, Dance with Me, Mrs. Winterbourne, Steppin' Out, Fatal Attraction* and *National Lampoon's Vacation*.

A Tony Award and Drama Desk Award nominee for "Grand Hotel," Krakowski has also starred in the Broadway productions of "Company," "Once Upon a Mattress," "Tartuffe" and "Starlight Express". In Los Angeles, she starred at the Mark Taper Forum in "Henceforward," winning the Los Angeles Drama Critics and the Dramalogue Awards. She also starred as Mabel in Broadway's Reprise series of "Mack & Mabel".

In addition to singing for several original Broadway cast recordings of shows in which she appeared, she has recently recorded the single track "You" with A/C hitman Jim Brickman on his forthcoming album "Love Songs & Lullabies," due out in early August 2004.

CODY LINLEY (Cal McKnight):

By age 14, Cody Linley has been in many hit feature films, and appeared often on popular TV shows. Having shot films in Mississippi, Texas and California, Cody knows his way around a movie set! With budgets ranging from three to 45 million, Cody chooses his projects carefully, balancing between big movie projects and small independent features.

Cody's diversity is shown, not only in his choice of films, but in his range of characters. In his newest role as "Larry Burgess JR," in the feature, *The Untitled Martin Lawrence Project*, Cody plays a basketball stud who wreaks havoc for the opposing team. Cody's role as a Beverly Hills snob in Steve Martin's *Cheaper by the Dozen*, had him intimidating Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt's kids. In the independent feature, *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*, Cody shows himself to be an innocent, young boy from Texas, who leads a small town life, until he meets and befriends Zachary Beaver (Sasha Neulinger,) a boy dubbed "The Fattest Boy in the World," and learns about true friendship, loss and acceptance. In *Echoes of Innocence*, Cody plays the lead as a kind, generous and caring prince-in-hiding who begins a romance with his soul-mate, a girl of twelve that lasts a lifetime. Cody also has a guest-starring role in "That's So Raven" (Disney), where he plays "Daryl," a cool kid who tries to get "Corey" (Kyle Massey) to shoplift.

He has worked with an impressive group of world-class actors, including Steve Martin and Hillary Duff (*Cheaper by the Dozen*), Kevin Bacon and Frankie Muniz (*My Dog Skip*), Ashley Judd and Natalie Portman (*Where the Heart Is*), Sandra Bullock, Benjamin Bratt and William Shatner (*Miss Congeniality*) and Jonathan Lipnicki and Eric Stoltz (*When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*).

He also has done several TV movies including "Beyond the Prairie 2: The True Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder," where he plays Laura's best friend and has shown his true Texan spirit, by appearing on episodes of "Walker Texas Ranger," starring Chuck Norris.

Cody lives with his parents and two of his four brothers in Texas, along with their dog, Missy.

SASHA NEULINGER (Zachary Beaver):

Fifteen-year-old Pennsylvania native Sasha Joseph Neulinger is no stranger in front of the camera. Sasha's passion for acting began with TV appearances in national commercial spots. However, he quickly made the leap to film. At the age of ten, Sasha played "Bobby Walters" in the independent film, *The Pirates of Central Park*, a touching and imaginative story, based on the short story, "The Pirate of the Round Pond," by Lord Dunsany.

Sasha was then cast in his theatrical film debut, still at the age of ten, in M. Night Shyamalan's *Unbreakable*, starring Samuel L. Jackson and Bruce Willis. Following closely was his role as the bewildered young "Hal Larson" in the Farrelly brother's *Shallow Hal*, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black.

In the title role of "Zachary Beaver" in John Schultz's *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*, Neulinger shines in his sensitive portrayal of "*the fattest boy in the world*" alongside Jonathan Lipnicki and Eric Stoltz.

Kids often recognize Sasha from his varied roles, from the young "Hal" to "Austin" – the title character in the wildly successful, multi Effie Award winning advertising campaign for Embassy Suites.

When he is not working, Sasha attends the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts in Bethlehem, PA. Sasha is a devoted fisherman and pursues both deep sea fishing expeditions and freshwater fishing in the lakes and streams of Pennsylvania, where he lives with his mother, sister and three dogs.

BRADY COLEMAN (Sheriff Fetterman):

Coleman was born in Texas, raised in New Jersey, went to school in New England, and was a star hockey goalie at Amherst College. After attending the University of Texas Law School and a 28-year career as a civil rights and criminal trial lawyer, Brady turned to theatre, film, and music. He has appeared in 35 feature and TV films and numerous

theatrical and national commercial roles. Favorite film roles include *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, *October Sky*, *Powder*, *Walker*, *Texas Ranger*, and *Varsity Blues*.

Coleman plays guitar, fiddle, sings and yodels with the “Melancholy Ramblers,” a folk harmony trio that has recorded and performed locally and internationally for ten years.

Brady has just completed a New Mexico shoot, *Suspect Zero*, a Tom Cruise/Paramount feature with Ben Kingsley, Aaron Eckhart and Carrie-Ann Moss. He looks forward to his upcoming role in *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*, back in his hometown of Austin, where he lives with his beagle, Milo. Coleman has a daughter, two sons and two grandsons, all of whom fortunately live close by.