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# **Bucks County's *The Nerd* Will Feature Stars of *Murphy Brown* and *Gossip Girl***

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The Larry Shue comedy will play the Pennsylvania venue beginning June 23.



Grant

Shaud Joseph Marzullo/WENN

Casting has been announced for the Bucks County Playhouse production of Larry Shue's *The Nerd*, which will play the New Hope, Pennsylvania venue June 23–July 15.

The cast will be headed by Grant Shaud (*Relatively Speaking*, *Murphy Brown*) as Warnock, Zuzanna Szadkowski (*Gossip Girl*, *The Knick*) as Clelia Walgrave, and Joe Kinosian (co-creator and co-star of *Murder for Two*) as the titular nerd, Rick Steadman.

They will be joined by Kyle Cameron (*Cranked*) as Willum Cubbert, Clea Alsip (*Steel Magnolias*) as Tansy McGinnis, Tony nominee Gavin Lee (***Mary Poppins***) as Axel Hammond, and Avey Noble (*The Affair*) as Thor Waldgrave.

The comedy concerns aspiring young architect Willum, who has told his friends about the debt he owes to Rick Steadman, a fellow ex-GI who saved his life but whom he never met. Rick shows up unexpectedly at his apartment on the night of Willum's birthday, and it turns out not only he is a bumbling oaf, but he also has no plans to leave.

Directed by Marc Vietor, the production will have set design by Maruti Evans, lighting design by Thom Weaver, costume design by Annie Simon, and sound design by Greg Pliska. Alyssa Howard is production stage manager.

For ticket information visit **[BucksCountyPlayhouse.org](http://BucksCountyPlayhouse.org)**, call (215) 862-2121, or go to the box office at 70 South Main Street, New Hope.