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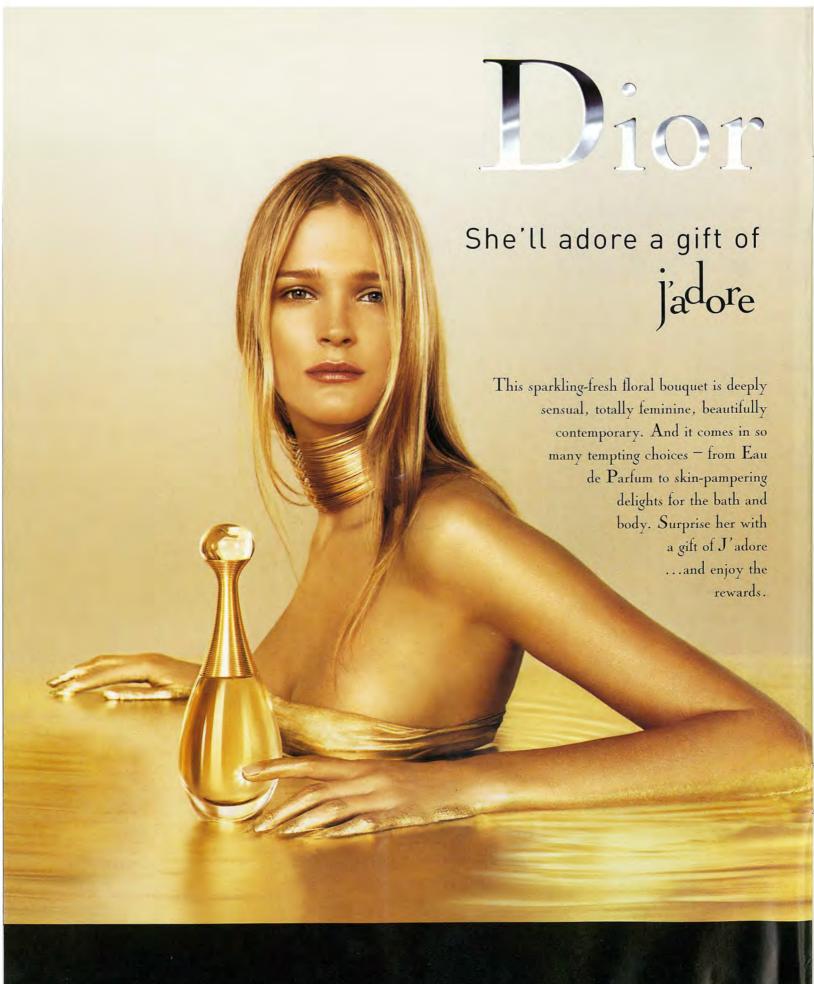


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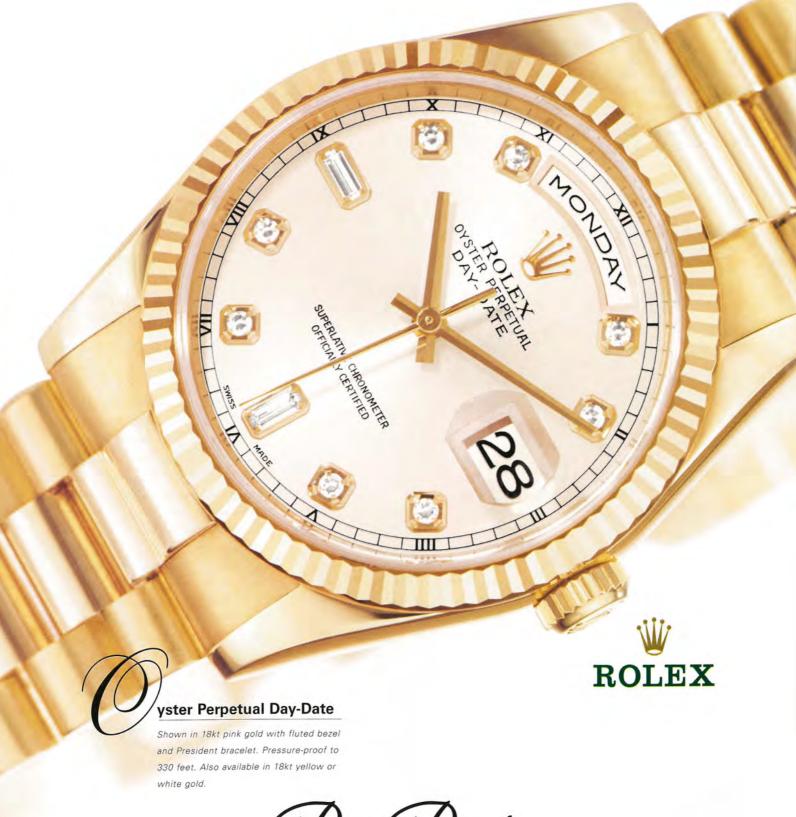
AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER nurtures the art of live theater through dynamic productions, intensive actor training in its conservatory, and an ongoing dialogue with its community. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Carey Perloff and Managing Director Heather Kitchen, A.C.T. embraces its responsibility to conserve, renew, and reinvent its relationship to the rich theatrical traditions and literatures that are our collective legacy, while exploring new artistic forms and new communities. A commitment to the highest standards informs every aspect of A.C.T.'s creative work.

Founded in 1965 by William Ball, A.C.T. opened its first San Francisco season at the Geary Theater in 1967. In the 1970s, A.C.T. solidified its national and international reputation, winning a Tony Award for outstanding theater performance and training in 1979. During the past three decades, more than 300 A.C.T. productions have been performed to a combined audience of seven million people; today, A.C.T.'s

performance, education, and outreach programs annually reach more than 270,000 people in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1996, A.C.T.'s efforts to develop creative talent for the theater were recognized with the prestigious Jujamcyn Theaters Award. In 2001, to celebrate A.C.T.'s 35th anniversary and Perloff's 10th season, A.C.T. created a new core company of actors, who have become instrumental in every aspect of its work.

Today A.C.T. is recognized nationally for its groundbreaking productions of classical works and bold explorations of contemporary playwriting. Since the reopening of the Geary Theater in 1996, A.C.T. has enjoyed a remarkable period of audience expansion and financial stability. In 2001, A.C.T. began producing alternative work at Zeum Theater, which now serves as a venue for student productions and exciting new plays. The company continues to produce challenging theater in the rich context of symposia, audience discussions, and community interaction.

The conservatory, led by Melissa Smith, now serves 3,500 students every year. It was the first actor training program in the United States not affiliated with a college or university accredited to award a master of fine arts degree. Danny Glover, Annette Bening, Denzel Washington, and Winona Ryder are among the conservatory's distinguished former students. With its commitment to excellence in actor training and to the relationship between training, performance, and audience, the A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program has moved to the forefront of America's actor training programs, while serving as the creative engine of the company at large.



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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

A GHOST STORY OF CHRISTMAS

(1843)

by Charles Dickens
Adapted by Dennis Powers and Laird Williamson
Directed by Craig Slaight
Original Direction by Laird Williamson

Scenery by

Robert Blackman

Lighting by

Peter Maradudin

Original Costumes by

Robert Morgan

Additional Costumes and Design Supervision by

David F. Draper

Original Music by

Lee Hoiby

Original Lyrics by

Laird Williamson

Sound by

Garth Hemphill

Music Direction by

Peter Maleitzke

Assistant Director and Choreographer

Christine Mattison

Wigs and Makeup by

Rick Echols

THE CAST

(in order of appearance)

Boy Caroler Forrest Fraser Tiffany II

Charles Dickens

Tommy A. Gomez

Ebenezer Scrooge

Steven Anthony Jones

Bob Cratchit

Brud Fogarty

Charitable Gentlewomen

Ali Baker, Margaret Schenck

Fred

Tyler McKenna

Carol Sellers

Judy Butterfield, Jacob Ming-Trent, Victoria Thompson

Sled Boys

Daniel Patrick Kennedy, Gabriel Kenney,

Chase Macauley Maxwell, Nicholas Perloff-Giles,

Woman in the Street

Christopher Ward Allison Schubert

Daughter of Woman in the Street

Devon Charisse Hadsell

Beggar Girls

Scout Katovich, Charlotte Locke

Mistletoe Carrier

Adam Brooks

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A Christmas Carol will be performed without an intermission.

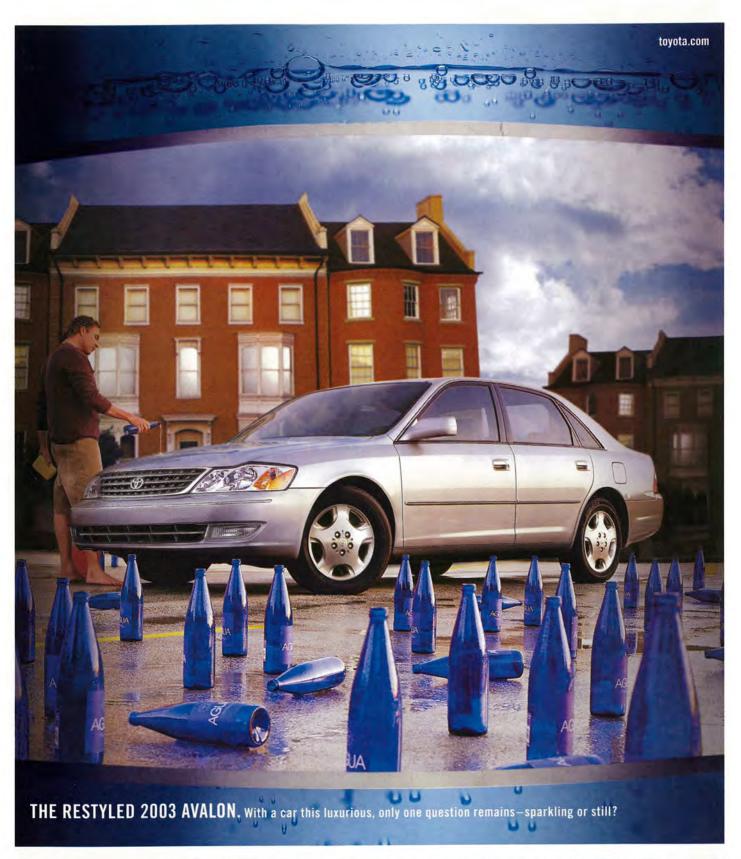
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Christmas Eve Walkers	Camila Borrero,	Miner	Rhonnie Washington
	Amanda Hastings-Phillips,	Miner's Wife	Candice McKoy
	John Patrick Higgins,	Miner's Family	Allison Schubert,
	Lizzi Jones,		Colin Todd Woodell,
	Edward Nattenberg,		Keelin Shea Woodell
	Elizabeth Raetz, Jay Randall,	Helmsman	Brian Keith Russell
	Chara Riegel,	Cabin Boy	Forrest Fraser Tiffany II
	Michelle Roginsky,	Carolers	Adam Brooks,
	Brian Keith Russell,		Jacob Ming-Trent,
	Rachel Scott,		Edward Nattenberg,
	Nathan Thomas Wheeler,		Chara Riegel,
	D. Matt Worley		Margaret Schenck,
Marley's Ghost	Rhonnie Washington		David Ryan Smith
Chain Bearers	John Patrick Higgins,	Celebrants	Judy Butterfield,
	D. Matt Worley		Victoria Thompson
Ghost of Christmas Past	David Ryan Smith	Want	Michelle Roginsky
Wife of Christmas Past	Candice McKoy	Ignorance	Daniel Patrick Kennedy
Children of Christmas Past	Colin Todd Woodell,	Ghost of Christmas Future	Jay Randall
	Keelin Shea Woodell	Businessmen	John Patrick Higgins,
School Boys	Daniel Patrick Kennedy,		Tyler McKenna,
	Gabriel Kenney,		Brian Keith Russell,
	Chase Macauley Maxwell,		David Ryan Smith,
	Nicholas Perloff-Giles,		Rhonnie Washington
	Christopher Ward	Mrs. Filcher	Elizabeth Raetz
Boy Scrooge	Adam Brooks	Mrs. Dilber	Chara Riegel
Little Fan	Lizzi Jones	Undertaker's Boy	D. Matt Worley
Belle Cousins	Allison Schubert	Old Joe	Edward Nattenberg
Young Scrooge	Jacob Ming-Trent	Boy in the Street	Forrest Fraser Tiffany II
Mr. Fezziwig	Brian Keith Russell		
Dick Wilkins	D. Matt Worley	Understudies	
Mrs. Fezziwig	Margaret Schenck	Dickens, Marley's Ghost, Mr. Fezziwig, Male Fezziwig Guests, Ghost of Christmas Present—Robert Ernst	
Fezziwig Guests	Ali Baker,		
	John Patrick Higgins,	Scrooge, Old Joe—Rhonnie Washington Bob Cratchit, Topper—Edward Nattenberg	
	Edward Nattenberg,	Charitable Gentlewomen, Mary—Chara Riegel	
	Elizabeth Raetz, Jay Randall,	Fred—D. Matt Worley	
77. D. 11.	Chara Riegel, Rachel Scott	Chain Bearers—Jay Randall	
Toy Ballerina	Lizzi Jones	Ghost of Christmas Past—Tyler McKenna	
Toy Clown	Devon Charisse Hadsell	Wife of Christmas Past—Amanda Hastings-Phillips	
Toy Cat	Michelle Roginsky	Belle Cousins—Elizabeth Raetz	
Toy Monkey	Nicholas Perloff-Giles	Young Scrooge, Ghost of Christmas Future—John Patrick Higgins Dick Wilkins—Nathan Thomas Wheeler	
Toy Bear Ghost of Christmas Present	Christopher Ward	Mrs. Fezziwig, Female Fezziwig Guests,	
Sally Cratchit	Tommy A. Gomez Charlotte Locke	Mrs. Cratchit—René Augesen	
Ned Cratchit	Gabriel Kenney	Jack, Helmsman, Businessmen—Jacob Ming-Trent	
Peter Cratchit	Nathan Thomas Wheeler	Meg, Beth, Mrs. Filcher—Candice McKoy	
Belinda Cratchit	Scout Katovich	Ted, Miner—David Ryan Smith	
Mrs. Cratchit	Rachel Scott	Mrs. Dilber	—Ali Baker
Martha Cratchit	Camila Borrero		
Tiny Tim Cratchit	Chase Macauley Maxwell	STAGE MANAGEMENT STAFF	
Mary	Amanda Hastings-Phillips	Francesca Russell, Production Stage Manager	
Jack	D. Matt Worley	Shona Mitchell, 1st Assistant Stage Manager John W. Sugden, 2nd Assistant Stage Manager	
Topper	John Patrick Higgins	John W. Sugden, 2nd X K Mauld	
Beth	Ali Baker	ix iviauid	****
Meg	Elizabeth Raetz	The children performing	ng in A Christmas Carol
Ted	Jay Randall	are students in the A.C.	
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THE CHILDREN OF A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Each production of A Christmas Carol becomes a holiday adventure for a host of young people from the A.C.T. Young Conservatory (YC). Filling roles from Tiny Tim to Boy Scrooge, these talented and dedicated students from throughout the Bay Area have the unique opportunity to extend their theatrical education by participating in a professional production from audition to first rehearsal to final applause.

The cast of this season's Carol includes the following students selected from the YC's fall 2002 session:

Adam Brooks (13) played Jim Robeclaux in the YC world premiere of Expectations: Two One-Act Plays by Horton Foote. He attends the seventh grade at Montera Middle School in Oakland. Judy Butterfield (13) is in the seventh grade at The Nueva School in Hillsborough. A YC student for five years, she is a secondgeneration member of A.C.T.'s A Christmas Carol cast-her father played Bob Cratchit and Young Scrooge in past productions.

Devon Charisse Hadsell (11) is a sixthgrader at Vichy Elementary School. Her many local credits include the title role of Annie and both Gretl and Brigitta in The Sound of Music. A cancer survivor, Devon enjoys using her talents to help find a cure. Lizzi Jones (10) has studied in the YC for three years and attends Browns Valley Elementary. She has performed in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Oliver Twist, Charlotte's Web, and Dr. Doolittle. Scout Katovich (13), an eighth-grade student and student council president at Redwood Day School in Oakland, has been a student in the YC since the fifth grade. She has played Ginger in Time Out for Ginger at the Actor's Studio Theater in Oakland, Eliza in My Fair Lady, Maria in The Sound of Music, and Mosquito in Federico Garcia Lorca's The Billyclub Puppets. Daniel Patrick Kennedy (11) attends the fifth grade at West Portal Elementary in San Francisco. He was a stagehand in the UCSF production of Alan Ayckbourn's Confusions. He speaks, reads, and writes Chinese fluently.



THE KIDS IN CAROL (FRONT ROW, L. TO R) DANIEL PATRICK KENNEDY, FORREST FRASER TIFFANY II, GABRIEL KENNEY, COLIN TODD WOODELL; (MIDDLE ROW, L. TO R) MICHELLE ROGINSKY, DEVON CHARISSE HADSELL, CHARLOTTE LOCKE, LIŻZI JONES, JUDY BUTTERFIELD, KEELIN SHEA WOODELL; (BACK ROW, L. TO R) VICTORIA THOMPSON, ADAM BROOKS, NICHOLAS PERLOFF-GILES, CHASE MACAULEY MAXWELL, CHRISTOPHER WARD, SCOUT KATOVICH

Gabriel Kenney (12) lives in San Francisco, where he is a sixth-grader at St. Gabriel School. He has fenced with the Golden Gate Fencing Center since 2001 and has taken classes with the YC for three years. Charlotte Locke (10) played Chrissie in the YC production of Reindeer Soup last summer and was a member of the First Stage Children's Theater Group at the Julia Morgan Theater in Berkeley for two years. Born in London, she now lives in Oakland and is a fifth-grader at Anthony Chabot Elementary. Chase Macauley Maxwell (8) lives in Redwood City, where he attends the third grade at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. He has been a student in the YC since last winter. He has performed in Nutcracker with the Peninsula Ballet Theatre, appearing as Jack Horner and Jack of Jack and Jill. Nicholas Perloff-Giles (8), a thirdgrader at the French-American International School in San Francisco, makes his theatrical debut in this year's A Christmas Carol. His favorite theater experience was watching A.C.T.'s production of Harold Pinter's Celebration.

Michelle Roginsky (11) has performed in The Music Man, Annie, and The Wizard of Oz. She is a sixth-grader at Foothill Elementary in Walnut Creek. She has been a YC student for two years. Victoria Thompson (18) has attended the YC since age 12; her A.C.T. credits include Reindeer Soup, the world-premiere production of Dust, Dangling Conversations: The Music of Simon and Garfunkel, all in the YC, and last year's A Christmas Carol. Other credits

include roles in many school music and drama productions, including Bye, Bye Birdie and two years in the San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker. Forrest Fraser Tiffany II (11) returns to A Christmas Carol after appearing as Boy Scrooge in last year's production. He also performed in the A.C.T. workshop production of The Count of Monte Cristo. He is a fifth-grader at the Phillips Brooks School in Menlo Park. Christopher Ward (14) has a brown belt in karate and sang with the Cincinnati Boy's Choir for two years. He is in the eighth grade at Cunha Intermediate School in Half Moon Bay. His favorite role was John in Peter Pan with Broadway by the Bay. Colin Todd Woodell (11) is in the fifth grade at Our Lady of Angels School in Burlingame. He played Sebastian in the YC's puppet theater production of The Tempest at Zeum Theater. Colin's sister, Keelin Shea Woodell (12), also attends Our Lady of Angels School, where she is a seventhgrader. She played Miranda in The Tempest and the toy monkey in last year's A Christmas Carol.

Who's Who



ALI BAKER* has performed in A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program productions as Gleason in Serious Money, Viola in Twelfth Night, Lavinia in Mourning Becomes Electra: The Hunted,

and Dunyaha in Fathers and Sons. Other credits include Ophelia in Hamlet, Isabella in Measure for Measure, Karen in Boys' Life, and Antoinette in A Flea in Her Ear.



CAMILA BORRERO* recently appeared as Jacinta Condor in the A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program production of Serious Money. Favorite roles include Celia in As You Like It, Lavinia

in Fathers and Sons, Jackie-O in The House of Yes, Emma in Curse of the Starving Class, Beebee in Suburbia, and Petra in A Little Night Music, She has also worked as an apprentice at the Minneapolis Children's Theatre Company. She received her B.F.A. from the University of Utah.



BRUD FOGARTY*

received his B.A. in theater and English from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 2000. Last summer he played Malcolm in Macbeth

and the First Murderer in Richard III at the Colorado Shakespeare Festival. His favorite roles in the A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program include Toby Belch in Twelfh Night, Zackerman in Serious Money, and Torvald Helmer in A Doll's House.



TOMMYA. GOMEZ recently returned from a season with the Georgia Shakespeare Festival, where he played Launce in The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Charlie in Death of a Salesman, and Pistol

in The Merry Wives of Windsor. At A.C.T. he has performed in Enrico IV and in six productions of A Christmas Carol. Other theater credits include productions at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, TheatreWorks, the Aurora Theatre Company, BoarsHead Theater, the Wisconsin Shakespeare Festival, two seasons with Shakespeare Santa Cruz, and four seasons with the California Shakespeare Festival. Gomez has also done extensive work as a drama instructor at Lansing Community College in Lansing, Michigan, teaching incarcerated youth in Michigan, Alabama, and California's juvenile justice system, and in the A.C.T. Summer Training Congress.



AMANDA HASTINGS-PHILLIPS* last performed in A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program productions as Scilla in Serious Money and Olivia in Twelfth Night at Zeum. Her

favorite roles in A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program productions include Nora in A Doll's House and Tartaglia in The King Stag. She is a graduate of Princeton University.



JOHN PATRICK HIGGINS* has performed in A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program productions as Jake Todd in Serious Money, Sir Andrew Aguecheek in Twelfth Night, Oliver in As You

Like It, and Peter Niles in Mourning Becomes Electra: The Haunted. He received his B.A. in theater studies from Yale University, where some of his favorite roles included Gaveston in Edward II, Prior in Angels in America: Millennium Approaches, and Xuthus in Whirligig.



STEVEN ANTHONYJONES,

an A.C.T. associate artist and core acting company member, has been seen at A.C.T. in Night and Day, Buried Child, A Christmas Carol (debuted as

Ebenezer Scrooge last season), Celebration and The Room, "Master Harold" ... and the boys, The Misanthrope, The Invention of Love, The Threepenny Opera, Tartuffe, Indian Ink, Hecuba, Insurrection: Holding History, Seven Guitars, Othello (title role), Antigone, Miss Evers' Boys, Clara, Joe Turner's Come and Gone, Saint Joan, King Lear, Golden Boy, and Feathers. Other local theater credits include Fuente Ovejuna and McTeague at Berkeley Repertory Theatre; As You Like It at the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival; The Cherry Orchard, Every Moment, and The Island at the Eureka Theatre; Sideman at San Jose Repertory Theatre; and Division Street at Oakland Ensemble Theatre. He originated the role of Private James Wilkie in the original production of A Soldier's Play at the Negro Ensemble Company in New York. His many film and television credits include two seasons of "Midnight Caller."



TYLER McKENNA* has appeared in A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program productions as Grimes in Serious Money, Orlando in Twelfth Night, and Captain Adam Brant

in Mourning Becomes Electra: Homecoming. A resident of Marin County for the last eight years, McKenna has also performed in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Hello, Dolly!, Scapino,

H.M.S. Pinafore, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Hair, The Marriage of Figaro, and She Stoops to Conquer.

The actors and stage managers employed in this production are members of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

^{*} Equity Professional Theater Intern

Who's Who



CANDICE McKOY* recently appeared in the A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program production of Serious Money. Other A.C.T. credits include Kristine in A Doll's House, Smeraldina in The

King Stag, and Jacques in As You Like It. New York credits include The Adoption Project (Lincoln Center Stage Readings Series), Nikki in The Council, and Feste in Twelfth Night. McKoy is a recipient of the prestigious National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts scholarship for the acting category and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.



JACOB MING-TRENT* has appeared in A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program productions of Mourning Becomes Elektra, The King Stag, and Serious Money, as

well as in the A.C.T. world-premiere production of David Lang and Mac Wellman's *The Difficulty of Crossing a Field*. Favorite productions and roles include *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Herod), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Thisbe), *The Wiz* (Lion), and *Godspell* (Judas).



EDWARD
NATTENBERG* has performed with the A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program as Billy Corman in Serious Money (dir. Jonathan Moscone), Orsino in Twelfth Night (dir.

Raye Birk), Touchstone in As You Like It (dir. Giles Havergal), Ezra Mannon in Mourning Becomes Electra (dir. Jon Kretzu), and Nikolai in Brian Friel's adaptation of Ivan Turgenev's Father and Sons (dir. Kevin Jackson). He has also performed professionally as Buck Naked in Robert O'Hara's Insurrection: Holding History in New York.

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ELIZABETH
RAETZ* has
performed with the
A.C.T. Master of Fine
Arts Program as
Dobbie in Serious
Money, Rosalinda in
Love and War, and
Layinia in Mourning

Becomes Electra: The Haunted. Other regional credits include Liz in The Philadelphia Story at New Harmony Theater, Anne in Then They Came for Me at George Street Playhouse, Rachel in To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday, Anne in The Diary of Anne Frank at Shadowland Theater, a tap-dancing cow in State Fair, the Other Woman in Witness for the Prosecution at Allenberry Playhouse, and Dame Eleanor in Henry VI at Shakespeare & Company's Summer Performance Institute.



JAY RANDALL* has performed in A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program productions as Krogstad in A Doll's House, Alonso in Love and War, and Malvolio in Twelfth Night. Regional credits

include A Chorus Line, West Side Story, Singing in the Rain, and The Fantasticks with Northern Lights Playhouse and The Mousetrap, Hay Fever, and The Imaginary Invalid with Southern Arena Theatre. He is originally from Vicksburg, Mississippi.



CHARA RIEGEL*
most recently appeared
in the A.C.T. Master
of Fine Arts Program
production of Serious
Money as Marylou
Baines. Other A.C.T.
credits include Phebe
in As You Like It and

Corallina in Love and War. She has also performed with T.A.U.S.T., a political theater troupe in France. Other favorite roles include Sally Bowles in Cabaret and Estragon in Waiting for Godot. She is a graduate of Trinity University.



BRIAN KEITH
RUSSELL previously
performed at A.C.T. in
The Beard of Avon,
Glengarry Glen Ross,
Edward II, The
Invention of Love, The
Threepenny Opera,
Indian Ink, Light Up

the Sky, Pygmalion, The Duchess of Malfi, and A Christmas Carol. Other Bay Area appearances include The Seagull, Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Twelfth Night for the California Shakespeare Festival; Cannery Row, The Bunchgrass Edge of the World, The Halfway Diner, Mrs. Dalloway's Party, and Love Nest with Word for Word; Picasso at the Lapin Agile at Theatre on the Square; Desire under the Elms and The Elephant Man for San Jose Repertory Theatre; Santos & Santos, Affirmative! Action! Adventure!, Hellhound on My Trail, and Shoppers for Campo Santo; The Pharmacist's Daughter at the Magic Theatre; The Beaux' Stratagem at Berkeley Repertory Theatre; Wilder, Wilder, Wilder at Marin Theatre Company; Mascara with the Shotgun Players; and The Two Precious Maidens Ridiculed and The Forced Marriage at Centralworks.



ALLISON
SCHUBERT* most
recently appeared in
the A.C.T. Master of
Fine Arts Program
production of Serious
Money as Mrs.
Etherington. Other
A.C.T. credits include

Audrey in As You Like It, Fabian(a) in Twelfth Night, Princess Olga in Fathers and Sons, Christine in Mourning Becomes Electra: Homecoming, and Clarice/Old Man in The King Stag. She was also in the original cast of Urinetown! (the musical) during its off-off-Broadway debut. She is a graduate of Oakland University.



RACHEL SCOTT*

last appeared as Biddulph and Lady Vere in the A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program production of Serious Money. Other favorite roles include Rosalind in As You Like

It, Christine in Mourning Becomes Electra: The Homecoming, Hermione in The Winter's Tale, and Diana in All's Well That Ends Well. She is a graduate of Columbia University.



MARGARET
SCHENCK returns
for her third production of A Christmas
Carol at the Geary
Theater, where she was
also seen in Juno and
the Paycock. Some of
her recent Bay Area

credits include: The House of Blue Leaves and Rhinoceros at Berkeley Repertory Theatre; The Merry Wives of Windsor, The Seagull, and She Stoops to Conquer at Shakespeare Santa Cruz; Kissing the Witch at the Magic Theatre; Spinning into Butter at TheatreWorks; The Importance of Being Earnest at California Theatre Center; and Hay Fever, Relative Values, Eleemosynary, and The Golden Age with the Chamber Theater.



DAVID RYAN SMITH* has performed with the A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program in Serious Money, Love and War, Fathers and Sons, and As You Like It; as Florizel in The

Winter's Tale at the California Shakespeare Festival; as Frank in Abingdon Square with the Shotgun Players; and in the Chorus of the world-premiere A.C.T. production of Mac Wellman and David Lang's The Difficulty of Crossing a Field at Theater Artaud. He has a B.F.A. from the University of Evansville.



RHONNIE
WASHINGTON is
on the faculty of the
theater arts department, within the
College of Creative
Arts, at San Francisco
State University. He
earned a Ph.D. from

the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, with a major in directing and a minor in theater history and criticism. His most recent directing project, When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?, by Mark Medoff, was invited to the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival regional finals. He was last seen onstage in Thick Description's production of Brighde Mullin's Glickman Award—winning play, Dominant–Looking Males. He was honored by the San Francisco Bay Guardian with Goldie (Guardian Outstanding Local Discovery) Awards in 1999 and 2001.



NATHAN THOMAS WHEELER* has appeared in A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program productions as Orin in Mourning Becomes Electra: The Homecoming and

Ganymede in As You Like It. He received the Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle Award for outstanding male actor in a drama for his performance as Jaime in the West Coast premiere of Beautiful Thing. He has also performed with the Actors Theatre of Louisville, Theatre Works, and American Musical Theatre of San Jose, where he played Tom Sawyer in Big River. He is a graduate of Northwestern University.



D. MATT WORLEY* has appeared in A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program productions as Merrison and Vince in Serious Money, Sebastian in Twelfth Night, Orlando in As

You Like It, Orin in Mourning Becomes Electra, and Piotr in Fathers and Sons. He also performed leading roles in productions of Children of Eden, Pippin, Waiting for Godot, Much Ado about Nothing, and Godspell at Dana College, where he received his B.A. in vocal music with a minor in theater in 1999.



RENÉ AUGESEN

(Understudy), an A.C.T. associate artist and core acting company member, made her Geary Theater debut two seasons ago in The Misanthrope; she has

since appeared at A.C.T. in Celebration and The Room, The Beard of Avon, Blithe Spirit, Buried Child, and Night and Day. New York credits include Spinning into Butter at Lincoln Center Theater, Macbeth (with Alec Baldwin and Angela Bassett) at the Public Theater, It's My Party... (with F. Murray Abraham and Joyce Van Patten) at the Arc Light Theater, and Overruled with the Drama League. Regional theater credits include Mary Stuart (directed by Carey Perloff) at the Huntington Theatre Company; several productions, including the world premieres of The Beard of Avon and The Hollow Lands, at South Coast Repertory; and productions at the Great Lakes Theatre Festival, Baltimore Center Stage, the Los Angeles Shakespeare Festival, Yale Repertory Theatre, and Stage West. Film and television credits include The Battle Studies, "Law & Order," "Guiding Light," "Another World," and Hallmark Hall of Fame's Saint Maybe. Augesen is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama.



ROBERT ERNST

(Understudy) last performed at A.C.T. in A Christmas Carol and Juno and the Paycock. He is a cofounder of the Iowa Theatre Lab and the Blake St. Hawkeyes. His most

recent stage credits include The John, A Moon for the Misbegotten, The Late Henry Moss (replacement for Nick Nolte), Eyes for Consuela, Speed of Darkness, Kingfish, and The Joy of Going Somewhere Definite. His film and television credits include Surefire, Jumpin' Jack Flash, Burglar, Metro, Escape from Alcatraz,

"Nash Bridges," and "Hill Street Blues." In 1987 Ernst broke the *Guiness Book* world record for the longest continuous performance—by performing both set material and improvisation for twenty-four hours and one minute.

LAIRD WILLIAMSON (Coadaptor and Original Director) has staged A.C.T. productions of "Master Harold" ... and the boys, Long Day's Journey into Night, Machinal, The Matchmaker, Sunday in the Park with George, End of the World with Symposium to Follow, The Imaginary Invalid, A Month in the Country, The Visit, and Pantagleize. He has worked extensively with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and the PCPA Theatrefest, where he directed award-winning productions of The Physicists, Blood Wedding, and Indians. He has also directed for Western Opera Theater, the Intiman Theatre, Seattle Repertory Theatre, and Brooklyn Academy of Music. For the Denver Center Theatre Company, he has directed Gross Indecency, Arcadia, Julius Caesar, Galileo, Saint Joan, The Matchmaker, Coriolanus, Pericles, and Wings, among many others. Recent credits include The Skin of Our Teeth at the Denver Center; All's Well That Ends Well and Love's Labor's Lost at the Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C.; Othello at the Guthrie Theater; and Two Gentleman of Verona, Twelfth Night, and The Legacy, by Mark Harelik, at the Old Globe Theatre.

CRAIG SLAIGHT (Director) is an associate artist and the director of the Young Conservatory at A.C.T. Slaight assumed the leadership of the Young Conservatory in 1988. During his time at A.C.T. he has taught in all of the conservatory programs and served as a staff director. Slaight began the Young Conservatory's New Plays Program in 1989 with the mission to develop plays by outstanding professional playwrights that view the world through the eyes of the young. In 1999, Slaight forged a collaboration with the National Theatre in London, developing new plays for young people. In 2000, his Young Conservatory production of Time on Fire, by Timothy Mason, was the first production by a

young American company ever to play the National Theatre. Before coming to A.C.T., Slaight was an award-winning professional director in Los Angeles (directing such notables as Julie Harris, Linda Purl, Betty Garrett, Harold Gould, and Robert Foxworth). Slaight is a consultant to the Educational Theater Association, the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, the Actor's Workshop of Toronto, the O'Neill Playwrights Conference, and the National Theatre of London and is a frequent guest artist throughout the country. In 1994 Slaight received the President's Award from the Educational Theater Association for outstanding contributions to youth theater, and in 1998 he was chosen to receive the first annual A.C.T. Artistic Director's Award.

ROBERT BLACKMAN (Scenic Designer), while in residence at A.C.T. from 1971 to 1977, designed costumes or scenery for more than 35 productions. He has also designed for all of the major resident theaters in the western United States. The costume designer for "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine," "Star Trek: Voyager," and "Enterprise," he has received two Emmy Awards and eight nominations. Television work also includes Stones for Ibarra and "Day by Day." Feature film credits include 'night Mother, Worth Winning, The Running Man, and Star Trek: Generations.

PETER MARADUDIN (Lighting Designer), a member of A.C.T.'s artistic council, has designed the lighting for more than 30 A.C.T. productions, including Night and Day, Blithe Spirit, The Beard of Avon, Celebration and The Room, "Master Harold" ... and the boys, Enrico IV, The House of Mirth, The Threepenny Opera, Tartuffe, Long Day's Journey into Night, and Mary Stuart. He also designed the lighting for The Kentucky Cycle and Ma Rainey's Black Bottom on Broadway and Hurrah at Last, Ballad of Yachiyo, and Bouncers off Broadway. Regional theater designs include more than 250 productions for companies across the United States; other recent Bay Area productions include The Oresteia and The First Hundred Years for Berkeley Repertory Theatre and By the Bog of Cats for San Jose Repertory Theatre. He is the founding principal designer of Light and Truth, a San Francisco- and Los Angeles-based lighting design consultancy for themed entertainment and architecture.

ROBERT MORGAN (Costume Designer) designed costumes for 23 productions as resident designer at A.C.T. between 1971 and 1978. His New York credits include The Full Monty, I'm Not Rappaport, and Sherlock's Last Case on Broadway, Pride's Crossing at Lincoln Center, and The Loves of Anatol at Circle in the Square. He has also designed for many regional theaters, including the Ahmanson Theatre, Denver Center Theatre Company, Huntington Theatre Company, Guthrie Theater, Kennedy Center, McCarter Theatre, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Portland Center Stage, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Studio Arena Theatre, and Old Globe Theatre, where he is a founding associate artist. Morgan most recently designed the costumes for Imaginary Friends on Broadway.

DAVID F. DRAPER (Costume Design Supervisor) has designed A.C.T. productions of Hecuba, Joe Turner's Come and Gone, The Cocktail Hour, Oleanna, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle Award), and the world premiere of David Lang and Mac Wellman's The Difficulty of Crossing a Field. Local credits include May I Now and Breathe Normally (Izzie Award nomination) for Margaret Jenkins Dance Company, Waiting for Godot at Shakespeare Santa Cruz, and independent productions of Song of Singapore, Hitting for the Cycle, Jane Loves Dick, and Babes in Arms (Theatre Critic's Award). He has designed for the Children's Theatre Company in Minneapolis, Annapolis Opera, Baltimore Ballet, Peabody Opera Theatre, and Baltimore Actors' Theatre. He was resident designer at Baltimore School for the Arts before joining A.C.T. in 1988.

LEE HOIBY (Composer) has written scores for many A.C.T. productions. He was composer-in-residence at the 1996 Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, for which he wrote Rain Forest, a setting of poems by Elizabeth Bishop. In 1996, the Dallas Opera presented his opera The Tempest, subsequently broadcast on NPR. Other operas include The Scarf, commissioned for the inaugural season of the Spoleto (Italy) Festival in 1958; A Month in the Country (libretto by William Ball) for New York City Opera in 1964; and Summer and Smoke for New York City Opera in 1972.

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Hoiby is highly regarded as a specialist in vocal music; his songs are regularly performed by Leontyne Price and Jennifer Larmore. Instrumental compositions include two piano concertos, a flute concerto, orchestral suites, and numerous works for chamber ensemble and solo instruments. He is at work on a new opera based on *Romeo and Juliet* and has completed a piano quartet for the Ames Quartet, which is based on a theme composed by James Joyce.

GARTH HEMPHILL (Sound Designer) is in his sixth season as A.C.T.'s resident sound designer. He has designed more than 100 productions, including, for A.C.T., Night and Day, Buried Child, For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, The Glass Menagerie, Blithe Spirit, The Beard of Avon, Celebration and The Room, "Master Harold"... and the boys, Enrico IV, Glengarry Glen Ross, The Misanthrope, Frank Loesser's Hans Christian Andersen, Edward II, The House of Mirth, The Invention of Love,

The Threepenny Opera, Insurrection: Holding History, A Christmas Carol, Mary Stuart, Old Times, and A Streetcar Named Desire (Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle Award). He has earned Drama-Logue Awards for his work on Jar the Floor, A Christmas Carol (South Coast Repertory), The Things You Don't Know, Blithe Spirit, New England, Lips Together, Teeth Apart, Fortinbras, and the world premiere of Richard Greenberg's Three Days of Rain. Hemphill is a principal partner of GLH Design, Inc., a local design firm.

PETER MALEITZKE (Musical Director) is resident music director of A.C.T., where he was most recently involved in world-premiere productions of David Lang and Mac Wellman's The Difficulty of Crossing a Field and Marc Blitzstein's 1941 opera No for an Answer. He was the musical director of A.C.T.'s acclaimed production of The Threepenny Opera, for which he won the Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle Award. His

other Geary Theater credits include A Christmas Carol and The First Picture Show. Before coming to A.C.T., he was the conductor of the first national production of Phantom of the Opera. His regional musicaldirection credits include Gypsy, A Little Night Music, Rags, and The Most Happy Fella. Maleitzke earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in piano performance at the University of Michigan, where he studied with Leon Fleischer and Martin Katz. He studied conducting with George Mester, worked as the musical assistant to Michael Tilson Thomas, and was the resident conductor of the Tuscan Music Festival. He is currently developing the new musical The Count of Monte Cristo.

CHRISTINE MATTISON (Assistant Director and Choreographer) received her master of arts degree in dance from UCLA. She went on to become studio manager/ teacher for Pacific Motion Dance Studio in



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Venice, California, and company manager/ booking manager for the nationally touring Jazz Tap Ensemble. Her A.C.T. mainstage credits include Young Conservatory movement supervisor for the 2000 production of A Christmas Carol. Collaborations with Craig Slaight and the Young Conservatory New Plays Program include choreography/movement for Analiese, Expectations, Dangling Conversations: The Music of Simon and Garfunkel, Portraits, Time on Fire, Illyria, and Dust. The last three of these were co-commissions of A.C.T. and the Royal National Theatre, London.

RICK ECHOLS (Hair and Makeup) has worked on more than 250 A.C.T. productions since 1971. He designed Cyrano de Bergerac, A Christmas Carol, and The Taming of the Shrew for A.C.T. and public television, as well as many other television and major film productions. He also designed for the original Cinderella at the San Francisco Ballet, Christopher Walken's Hamlet for the American Shakespeare Festival, and Angels in America for the Eureka Theatre Company. Echols also works for the San Francisco Opera and teaches in the A.C.T. Conservatory, as well as occasional hairstyling at the

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Oscars. In 1996, he returned to A.C.T. after almost five years with Les Misérables on the national tour and on Broadway.

FRANCESCA RUSSELL (Production Stage Manager) is pleased to return to A.C.T. for her fifth production of A Christmas Carol. Before moving to New York City from San Francisco this past spring, she worked on 15 productions at A.C.T., as well as productions at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, San Jose Repertory Theatre (nine productions), Shakespeare Santa Cruz (two seasons), the California Shakespeare Festival, and the Aurora Theater Company. In New York, she was part of the stage-management teams for The Full Monty (Broadway), Twelfth Night in Central Park (The Public Theater/New York Shakespeare Festival), and the workshop of The Mancini Project (City Center), as well as stage-managing the premiere staged reading of the new musical Eurydice (Lark Studio Theater). Russell is a graduate of the Theatre Arts Department at UCSD.

SHONA MITCHELL (First Assistant Stage *Manager*) is pleased to return to A.C.T. after having worked on previous productions of The Glass Menagerie and A Christmas Carol. Other Bay Area credits include The House of Blue Leaves, Homebody/Kabul, and 36 Views for Berkeley Repertory Theatre; Misalliance and Candida for Marin Theatre Company;

Kissing the Witch, 5 Women on a Hill in Spain, and Howie the Rookie for the Magic Theatre; and Candide for the San Francisco Symphony; as well as work at Theatre on the Square, where she was the assistant stage manager on The Late Henry Moss and Dirty Blonde. Boston credits include work for the Beau Jest Theatre, American Repertory Theatre, and Blue Man Group.

JOHN W. SUGDEN (Second Assistant Stage Manager) received his B.F.A. in acting cum laude from Southern Methodist University and his M.F.A. in acting from A.C.T. He has been on the faculty of the A.C.T. Young Conservatory for seven years and taught acting, improvisation, voice, and Shakespeare. He writes and directs plays with young actors in public and private schools. He was seen most recently as Jim in The Glass Menagerie nat Center Rep in Walnut Creek, Graham in The Entertainer at Aurora Theatre Company, and The Clerk in the musical Paradise Unzipped: The Clerk and Merchant's Tale with Geoffrey Chaucer and Company.

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CAREY PERLOFF

(Artistic Director), who recently celebrated her tenth season as artistic director of A.C.T., opened this season with an acclaimed

revival of Tom Stoppard's Night and Day. Known for directing innovative productions of classics and championing new writing for the theater, Perloff has directed for A.C.T. the American premieres of Tom Stoppard's The Invention of Love and Indian Ink and Harold Pinter's Celebration and The Room; A.C.T.-commissioned translations of Hecuba, The Misanthrope, Enrico IV, Mary Stuart, and Uncle Vanya; the world premiere of Leslie Ayvazian's Singer's Boy; and acclaimed productions of The Threepenny Opera, Old Times, Arcadia, The Rose Tattoo, Antigone, Creditors, Home, and The Tempest. Last season her work also included the world premieres of Marc Blitzstein's No for an Answer and David Lang/Mac Wellman's The Difficulty of Crossing a Field. Her play The Colossus of Rhodes was a finalist for the Susan Smith Blackburn Award and was developed at the O'Neill Playwrights Conference in Waterford, Connecticut, last summer; it will be produced at A.C.T. in January 2003, directed by Robin Phillips. Later this season Perloff will stage Chekhov's The Three Sisters with A.C.T.'s core company.

Before joining A.C.T., Perloff was artistic director of Classic Stage Company in New York, where she directed the world premiere of Ezra Pound's *Elektra*, the American premiere of Pinter's *Mountain Language* and *The Birthday Party*, and many classic works. Under Perloff's leadership, Classic Stage won numerous OBIE Awards for acting, direction, and design, as well as the 1988 OBIE for artistic excellence. In 1993,

she directed the world premiere of Steve Reich and Beryl Korot's opera *The Cave* at the Vienna Festival and Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Perloff received a B.A. in classics and comparative literature from Stanford University and was a Fulbright Fellow at Oxford. She was on the faculty of the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University for seven years and teaches and directs in the A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts Program. She is the proud mother of Lexie and Nicholas.



HEATHER M. KITCHEN

(Managing Director)
joined A.C.T. in
1996. Since that
time, Kitchen has
overseen the
company's expansion

and been instrumental in fortifying the organization's infrastructure and increasing support for A.C.T.'s artists and employees. After earning her B.A. in drama and theater arts at the University of Waterloo in 1975, Kitchen began her career in stage management at the prestigious Stratford Festival. Other career highlights include four seasons as production manager of Theatre New Brunswick, a regional touring company located in Eastern Canada, and as general manager of The Citadel Theatre, then Canada's largest regional theater. Following 15 years of stage and production management, Kitchen received her M.B.A. from the internationally renowned Richard Ivey School of Business at The University of Western Ontario. She is an active member of the larger San Francisco community, currently serving on the board of the Commonwealth Club of California, and is a past member of the San Francisco Leadership Board of the American Red Cross and of Big Brothers/Big Sisters,

San Francisco and the Peninsula. Kitchen is serving her third term on the executive committee of the League of Resident Theatres. She has also participated on peer review panels for Theatre Communications Group, the Canada Council of the Arts, and *Forbes* magazine's Business and the Arts Awards.

MELISSA SMITH (Conservatory Director) oversees the administration of the A.C.T. Conservatory's Master of Fine Arts Program, Young Conservatory, Summer Training Congress, and Studio A.C.T., in addition to serving as the master acting teacher of the M.F.A. Program. Before joining A.C.T., Smith served as director of the program in theater and dance at Princeton University, where she taught acting, scene study, and Shakespeare for six years. Also a professional actor, she has performed in regional theaters and in numerous off-off Broadway plays, including work by Mac Wellman and David Greenspan. Smith holds a B.A. in English and theater from Yale College and an M.F.A. in acting from the Yale School of Drama.

JAMES HAIRE (Producing Director) began his career on Broadway with Eva Le Gallienne's National Repertory Theater. He also stage-managed the Broadway productions of And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little and Georgy (a musical by Carole Bayer Sager), as well as the national tour of Woody Allen's Don't Drink the Water. Off Broadway he produced Ibsen's Little Eyolf (directed by Marshall W. Mason) and Shaw's Arms and the Man. Haire joined A.C.T. in 1971. He and his department were awarded Theater Crafts International's award for excellence in the theater in 1989, and in 1992 Haire was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle.

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SANDRA REAVES-PHILLIPS

recently received a Drama League Recognition Award for outstanding performer for Rollin' on the T.O.B.A. on Broadway. She was born in Mullins, South Carolina, labored long hours in the field with her grandmother, sang in church, and then entered local talent contests when she arrived in New York City. Her success in singing paved the way to show business. As a result of performing in small clubs around New York City, she landed a contract with Epic Records and appeared off-Broadway and garnered critical and audience acclaim with a riveting portrayal of Mama Younger in the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical Raisin. She costarred in Paris at the

Chatelet Theatre in the original production of Black and Blue. Her appearances in numerous stage productions in North America include American Dreams at the Negro Ensemble Company; Champeen, in which she starred as Bessie Smith, winning an Audelco Award for outstanding female performer; and the title role in Citadel Theatre and Pittsburgh Public Theatre productions of Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. Other stage roles include Before It Hits Home at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C.; Further Mo' at New York's Village Gate; and the national tours of One Mo' Time!, Miss Moffat with Bette Davis, Don't Play Us Cheap, and The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas. Off Broadway she has been featured in the original production of Blues in the Night, Basin Street, and Stompin' at the Savoy, and co-authored Opening Night. Club appearances include the Cotton Club, the Supper Club, the Village Gate, the Hollywood Cinegrill, Dangerfield's, and Sweetwater's, and, in Europe, the Groschenoper in Frankfurt, the Meridien in Paris, and Jaylin's and Casino Lucerne in Switzerland. Festival appearances include the Montreal Jazz Festival, the International Jazz Festival of Bern, Switzerland, the North Sea Jazz Festival in Holland, and the International Festival in Lyon, France.

Reaves-Phillips made her Carnegie Hall debut in *Cavalcade of Stars* and appeared in the *W. C. Handy Anniversary*

Tribute at Lincoln Center. She continues to tour in the shows she created, Bold & Brassy Blues, "Glory Hallelujah" Gospel!, and The Late Great Ladies of Blues and Jazz. Her film credits include 'Round Midnight, in which she was featured as Buttercup, and Lean On Me, in which she was featured as Mrs. Powers and sang the title song. She has guest starred on television's "Law & Order," "Another World" (in the recurring role of Esther), "Homicide: Life on the Street," and "Comedy Central" and costarred with Ann-Margret in the NBC Movie of the Week Following Her Heart. Radio and television audiences have heard her voice as the scat singer in the very popular Entenmann's Bakery commercial and in a guest-star appearance on "Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion." She has toured in Europe with her gospel show, sung for an audience of eight thousand, had a private audience with the pope, completed a new CD (A Tribute to "The Queen of Gospel" Mahalia Jackson), and completed filming Don't Explain. She recently appeared as the Chanteuse in San Francisco's long-running Teatro Zinzanni and guested with Ray Charles in concert at West Point.

Reaves-Phillips has been nominated for two Helen Hayes Awards and the NAACP Image Award. She was the recipient of the 1998 Audelco Award for her portrayal of Bertha Mae Little in Rollin' on the T.O.B.A.

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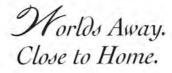
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Full bar service, sandwiches, salads, and other savory items are available one hour before the performance in Fred's Columbia Room on the lower level and the Sky Bar on the third level. There is also a mini-bar in the main lobby. You can avoid the long lines at intermission by preordering food and beverages in the lowerand third-level bars. Food and drink are not permitted in the auditorium.

Beepers!

If you carry a pager, beeper, cellular phone, or watch with alarm, please make sure that it is set to the "off" position while you are in the theater. Or you may leave it and your seat number with the house manager, so you can be notified if you are called.

Perfumes

The chemicals found in perfumes, colognes, and scented after-shave lotions, even in small amounts, can cause severe physical reactions in some individuals. As a courtesy to fellow patrons, please avoid the use of these products when you attend the theater.

Emergency Telephone

Leave your seat location with those who may need to reach you and have them call 415.439.2396 in an emergency.

Latecomers

A.C.T. performances begin on time. Latecomers will be seated before the first intermission *only* if there is an appropriate interval.

Listening Systems

Headsets designed to provide clear, amplified sound anywhere in the auditorium are available free of charge in the lobby before performance. Please turn off your hearing aid when using an A.C.T. headset, as it will react to the sound system and make a disruptive noise.

Photographs and recordings of A.C.T. performances are strictly forbidden.

Rest rooms are located in Fred's Columbia Room on the lower lobby level, the Balcony Lobby, and the Garret on the uppermost lobby level.

Wheelchair seating is available on all levels of the Geary Theater. Please call 415.749.2ACT in advance to notify the house staff of any special needs.

A.C.T. is pleased to announce that an **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** is now available on site.

AFFILIATIONS

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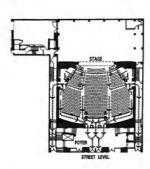


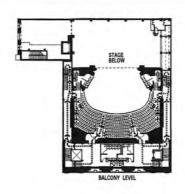
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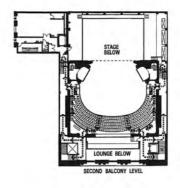


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