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JILL FINE joins the A.C.T. company for her first season. She attended North Texas State University and trained in A.C.T.’s Intermediate Acting Program with Paul Blake and William Ball. For a year, she toured with the Texas-based Alpha-Omega Players in The World of Carl Sandburg, Aria Da Capo, Endgame and as Eve in The Diary of Adam and Eve. While at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, she was seen as Muriel McComber in All’s Wilderful! and was in a Black Swan Project of Pitus/Porch.

SCOTT FREEMAN attains the status of Journeyman this year, following roles in last season’s repertory production of The Sleeping Prince and studio productions in A.C.T.’s Advanced Training Program. His training at A.C.T. was preceded by receipt of a Bachelor of Arts from California State University at Fullerton, and work in the Summer Conservatory at South Coast Repertory Theatre. In addition to A.C.T., he performed studio roles in Twelfth Night, Chekhov in Yalta and A Tale Told, his professional experience includes the Grove Shakespeare Festival, and under-studying the role of Meadle in The Old Globe Theatre’s production of Quarrantine’s Terms.

WENDELL GRAYSON joins the company this season as a third-year student in A.C.T.’s Advanced Training Program. He comes to San Francisco from Ft. Worth, where he performed...
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JANE JONES, a C.T. alumna, leading actress in regional theatres across the country and veteran of Off-Broadway, joins the A.C.T. company in the role of Maire in Translations. From 1979-82 she studied in A.C.T.’s Conservatory, receiving further training from Virginia Commonwealth University and Jeff Corey in Los Angeles. Her extensive regional stage credits include the role of Cecily in the Guthrie Theatre tour of The Importance of Being Earnest directed by Garland Wright; the McCarter Theatre production of All, Wilderness and the Philadelphia Drama Guild’s production of The Member of the Wedding, co-starring with Esther Rolle. While at A.C.T., Miss Jones appeared in I Remember Mama, The Admirable Crichton, Black Comedy and Cat Among the Pigeons, in
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DOUGLAS MARTIN made his local acting debut two summers ago as Daemon Mark Dolson in the Sunnyvale Summer Repertory Theatre’s production of Miss Apple; and will return to the role later this season. As a student in the Conservatory’s Summer Training Congress and Advanced Training Program, he appeared in such studio projects as A Tale Tall, Golden Boy and The Lady’s Not For Burning. His appearances in the Plays-in-Progress series have included Mammon and Fat, Dead Letters and AWOL. Additionally, Mr. Martin has done professional modeling and commercial work.

Dakin Matthews came to A.C.T. in 1981. He is an actor, director, playwright, translator, dramaturge and full Professor of English at California State University, Hayward. A founding member of John Houseman’s Acting Company and a teacher in the Juilliard Drama Division, Mr. Matthews has also served as Artistic Director of the California Actors Theatre in Los Gatos and directed A.C.T.’s Conservatory Summer Training Congress in 1982. He has performed roles in thirteen A.C.T. productions, including Uncle Chris in I Remember Mama, George Bernard Shaw in Dear Dear, Sigmund Freud in the P.L.F production Melanesa in August, Niles Harris in Angels Fall, Scrooge in A Christmas Carol, and the title role in Uncle Vanya. In other theatres, he has performed Pat in The Hasty and Sir Peter in The School for Scandal with The Acting Company; Bottom in A Midsummer Night’s Dream and Fluellen in Henry V for San Diego’s Old Globe; Asadok in Coraorow, Clank Circle and Finian in Finian’s Rainbow for P.C.P.A.; Brutus in Julius Caesar and the title role in King John for the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival; Falstaff in Henry IV, part 1 for both the Marx and the California Shakespeare Festival; Dr. Watson in Sherlock’s Last Case for Los Angeles Actors’ Theatre; and George in Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf and the title role in Enrico IV for the California Actors Theatre. Mr. Matthews appeared as a guest star on Remington Steele this season, performed last summer in the Los Angeles Olympic Arts Festival and is currently Artistic Director of the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival.

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CAROLYN MCCORMICK enters her second season as a company member, having appeared on the Geary Stage last year as Lucrece in *Arms and the Man*, Mary in *A Christmas Carol* and Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. A student for three years in the Advanced Training Program, Miss McCormick now holds an M.F.A. from A.C.T.'s newly accredited Conservatory, in addition to her B.A. in theatre from Williams College. She also participated in the Centre d'Études Françaises Avignon Summer Festival in 1978, following two years as a Channel 39 News Broadcaster in Houston, Texas. While a student at A.C.T. she appeared in studio productions of *The Sea Call*, *The Abduction, Henry VIII (Part 1)* and *The Hot l Baltimore*. She has worked with Blythe Danner, Christopher Reeve, Ed Herrman and Jane Kazerlak at the Williamstown Theatre Festival, as well as performing at the Valley Shakespeare Festival and the Summerfun Summer Theatre. She will be appearing in the 20th Century-Fox film *Enemy Mine*, directed by Wolfgang Peterson and starring Donna Quad and Lou Gossett, and performs in *Macbeth* for A.C.T. this season.

MARK MURPHEY returns to A.C.T. this season having recently appeared at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, where he played such roles as Hamlet, the clown in *The Winter's Tale*, Charles Courtley in *London Assurance*, and Cornelius in *The Matchmaker*. In his five previous seasons at A.C.T. he was seen as Ken Talley in *5th of July*, Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing*, Simon in *Hny Fever* and Oscar in *Another Part of the Forest*. He has also appeared on the Geary stage as Tybalt in *Romeo and Juliet* and Frank in *The Browing Version*. Other theatre credits include the role of Oswald in *Chchs* for the Intiman Theatre, the role of John Grass in *Indians* for the Alley Theatre in Houston and the role of Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet* at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival. He is a native of Dallas, Texas, and has a B.A. degree in theatre from Baylor University.

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WILLIAM PATERSON is now in his 18th season with A.C.T., having joined the company in 1967 to play James Tyrone in Long Day’s Journey into Night. A graduate of Brown University, Mr. Paterson served in the army for four years before starting his professional acting career in a summer stock company. He appeared for at least part of every season for 20 years at the Cleveland Play House, taking time out for live television, films and four national tours with his own one-man shows which he has performed in 32 states of the Union and at the U.S. Embassy in London. His major roles for A.C.T. include You Can’t Take It With You, Jumpers, The Matchmaker (U.S.S.R. tour), The Circle, All the Way Home (Japan tour), Burial Child, Happy Landings, The Gin Game and Dial “M” for Murder. He presently serves as a member of the San Francisco Arts Commission.

JIM POYNTER begins his third year as a student in A.C.T.’s Advanced Training Program, with journeyman status in the acting company. Mr. Poynter began his training at A.C.T. in 1982 playing three and one-half years as Dennis Carrington on two NBC daytime soaps, Another World and Texas. He has also appeared in the made-for-TV movies Ligen’s Run and Fantistic Journey, and in the Paramount film The Big. In addition to roles in The Mousetbuilders and The Lady’s Not for Burning at other resident theatre companies, Mr. Poynter’s theatre credits include an appearance in the Plays-in-Progress series during A.C.T.’s 1982-83 season. He will be seen in Macteth and Our Town this season.

RAY REINHARDT has been with A.C.T. since 1965. A native of New York City and a 22-year veteran of the stage, he attended the Pacator Dramatic Workshop in Manhattan and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. Mr. Reinhardt was invited to join A.C.T. after being spotted in the Broadway production of Edward Albee’s Tiny Alice. Since then, he has performed over thirty major roles with A.C.T. and toured to both Hawaii and the U.S.S.R., as well as having taught in the Conservatory’s Advanced Training Program and Summer Training Congress. Among his A.C.T. roles are Cyrano in Cyrano de Bergerac, Stanley Kowalski in A Streetcar Named Desire, Falstaff in The Merry Wives of Windsor, Astrov in Uncle Vanya, the Narrator in Under Milkwood, Alfred in The Visit, Bottom in A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Mangelarvallo in The Raw Tattoo, The Miser in The Miser, Krapp in Krapp’s Last Tape, and Ephraim in Desire Under the Elms. Mr. Reinhardt has also served as host and narrator for the San Francisco Opera’s radio broadcasts and appeared with the Opera company as the Major Domon in Strauss’ Ariadne auf Naxos. He is well known in the Bay Area as an outstanding teacher of acting and has made guest appearances...
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ROSEMARIE SMITH joins the A.C.T. company this season as a journeyman and instructor in vocal production. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Brown University and has attended the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, where she was born. In addition to studio roles in The Three Sisters and Twelfth Night while a student at A.C.T.’s Conservatory, she has appeared in Bad Habits, Where You Come Back, Red Ryder, and Ten Little Indians for the Brown Summer Theatre in Providence, R.I., and appeared as the voice of Pat in Aresia at the Olympic Arts Festival. While pursuing her B.A., she performed roles in The Playboy of the Western World, In the Boom Boom Room, Old Times, Come of the Starring Class, The Bachelor, and The Birthday Party for the Brown University Theatre. Miss Smith will be appearing on the Geary stage in Transitions and in Dear Liar with the Troubadour Program.

FRANCINE TACKER, a returning company member, has been widely seen in a variety of television and stage roles. After receiving her bachelor’s degree in speech and theatre from Emerson College, Miss Tacker attended the A.C.T. Advanced Training Program before going on to post-graduate studies in the classics at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. She has performed with the San Diego Shakespeare Festival and the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts in Santa Maria, where she performed a number of roles, among them Hyppatia in Minnelli, the Bride in Blood Wedding and Jenny Hill in Mister Barbers. Her studio productions at A.C.T. include the roles of Juliet in Romeo and Juliet, Dainty Fidget in The Country Wife, and Busy in The Man of Mode. Miss Shroyer also has extensive dance experience, having worked on an M.F.A. in dance at Florida State University. She is an instructor in dance for A.C.T.’s Conservatory.

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**BERNARD VASH** began his association with A.C.T. fourteen years ago. As a company member he is active as an instructor of phonetics and ear training in the Conservatory, and now as an actor on the Geary stage in Moby Dick. His previous acting credits include the role of Don Armado in Love’s Labours Lost, Captain Hook in Peter Pan and Sir in the Roar of the Conchepant—the Smell of the Croidol, all for the San Francisco Artistic Theatre, where he is a founding member; and, as a student in A.C.T.’s Advanced Training Program (1979-80), the role of Ben Hubbard in Another Part of the Forest. While a drama student at Carnegie-Mellon University, Mr. Vash studied under Edith Skinner for two years, continuing the association as Miss Skinner’s personal assistant at A.C.T. He is most active as a voice and speech trainer with his wife, Heather Bestian-Vash; together they form the “Tongue Tamers” and have served as dialect coaches for Berkeley Rep.

**SYDNEY WALKER** is a forty-year veteran of stage, film and television, having performed in some 216 productions since 1946. The Philadelphia native trained with Jasper Dexter at the Hedgerow Theatre in Moyle, Pennsylvania, and from 1963 to 1969 was a leading actor with the APA Repertory Company in New York City under the direction of Ellis Rabb. He also appeared for three seasons with the Lincoln Center Repertory Company under Jules Irving. In 1974, Mr. Walker joined A.C.T. and has since performed in forty-seven productions including The Matchmaker (U.S.-S.R. tour), Peer Gynt, The Circle, The National Health, A Christmas Carol, The Chalk Garden, Lost Angels Fall and the current season’s The School for Wives and Translations. He has appeared on television in such serials as The Guiding Light and The Secret Storm, acted in the film Love Story, and performed the voice of Papa Ewok in the television movie, The Ewok Adventure. Mr. Walker is narrator for the KQED-TV series New York’s Master Chefs and teaches Auditioning Psychology in A.C.T.’s Conservatory.

**MARIAN WALTERS**, a native of Montana, attended the University of Washington before beginning her theatrical career. A veteran of more than 600 productions, she was seen most recently on the Geary stage in last season’s The Stepping Prince. She made her Broadway debut with Donald Cook in Made in Heaven and appeared on Broadway with Robert Preston and Kim Hunter in The Tender Trap. Miss Vuitton.
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DIRECTORS

WILLIAM BALL (General Director) founded the American Conservatory Theatre (A.C.T.) in 1965 and remains its general director. Beginning in the theatre as a designer, he turned to acting and appeared with regional companies and Shakespeare festivals across the country. He made his New York directorial debut with an Off-Broadway production of Chekov's Ivanov which won the Obie and Vernon Rice Drama Desk Awards for 1958. He subsequently directed at Houston's Alley Theatre; San Francisco's Actor's Workshop; Washington, D.C.'s Arena Stage; San Diego's Old Globe Theatre; and staged several New York City Opera productions. His 1959 Off-Broadway production of Under Milk Wood won both the Lola D'Annunzio and the Outer Circle Critics' Awards, and in 1962 his Six Characters in Search of an Author proved another multiple-award winner and enjoyed an extended New York run. After directing at Canada's Stratford Festival, Mr. Ball returned to New York to write the libretto for an opera, Natalya Pavlova, with composer Lee Hoiby, based on A Month in the Country. In 1964 he directed Tartuffe and Hamlet at Shakespeare in Lincoln Center, and then traveled to London where he recreated his staging of Six Characters.

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As a deacon you will serve Jesus Christ, who was known among his disciples as the one who served others. Do the will of God generously. Serve God and mankind in love and joy. Look upon all unchastity and avarice as worship of false gods; for no man can serve two masters.

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—The Rites of the Catholic Church

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What is a priest? Obviously many things. But he is first a follower of Jesus. Jesus gathered disciples to himself. He taught them to call God “Father,” to see and understand Him as Jesus saw and understood Him and to be transformed. Jesus still calls disciples to himself. A vocation is just such a call. It is a free gift of God to join the fellowship of Jesus, to see and understand God and be transformed. The image of the disciple is the “child,” one who regards God as the source of all sustenance. A priest too is a follower of Jesus who strives to see God as the source of his life and existence. The Latin phrase of Fr. Olier caught the sense of it. Vivere summe Dei in Christo Jesu. To live fully in God in Christ Jesus. That is what a priest is.

A priest is a man of the Church. He shares in the priesthood of all baptized believers. He shares in this unique priesthood of those especially configured to the person of Christ to preach the Gospel and to offer in the name of the whole Church the Sacrament of the Lord’s Body and Blood; and he listens especially to those words of Jesus which were directed to his first disciples and to all who follow him. “But whoever would be great among you must be your servant and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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A workshop production of Mass Appeal at the Circle Repertory Theatre preceded its 1980 world premiere at the Manhattan Theatre Club. The original production featured Milo O'Shea as Father Tim Farley and Eric Roberts as Mark Dolson and marked the directorial debut of Geraldine Fitzgerald. The play opened on Broadway on November 12, 1981, with O'Shea and Michael O'Keefe. The recent film version of the play has a screenplay by Davis and stars Jack Lemmon and Zejko Ivanek.

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Davis' second play to be seen in New York, Dancing in the End Zone, was performed on Broadway this past season. He recently performed in a workshop production of his newest play, Wrestlers, in Los Angeles and is currently at work on a script entitled Family Planning and several film projects.

A PRIEST'S LIFE

To live in the midst of the world
with no desires for its pleasures;
to be a member of every family,
yet belonging to none;
to share all suffering;
to penetrate all secrets;
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O God, what a life, and 'tis thine,
O priest of Jesus Christ.
—Lacordaire

ON FAITH

For what is faith unless it is to believe
what you do not see?
—St. Augustine

If a man has a strong faith he can indulge
in the luxury of scepticism.
—Friedrich Nietzsche

Those who believe that they believe in
God, but without passion in their hearts,
without anguish in mind, without uncertainty,
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believe only in the God idea, not God himself.
—Unamuno

I had to set limits to knowledge in order to
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During Mass Appeal's off-Broadway run, Davis stepped in to play the role of Mark Dolson when Eric Roberts took a two-week furlough. The playwright again performed the part during the show's pre-Broadway tryout run in Boston and later in a production in Florida directed by Burt Reynolds. Davis' second play to be seen in New York, Dancing in the End Zone, was performed on Broadway this past season. He recently performed in a workshop production of his newest show, Wrestlers, in Los Angeles and is currently at work on a script entitled Family Planning and several film projects.

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EUGENE BARCONE (Company Coordinator) is a charter member of A.C.T. who began his career as stage manager for the company. For the past 16 years, he has served as Associate Director on many of William Ball's productions, and has been largely responsible for revivals of Cyrano de Bergerac, The Taming of the Shrew, Hay Fever, The Circle, Private Lives and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead. After receiving his bachelor of arts degree in music, he directed the famous Red Diamond Chorus in the Army, and since has assisted Gofer Champion, Ellis Rabb and Francis Ford Coppola. Known to the company as “The Minister of Mirth,” Mr. Barcone has directed the Plays-in-Progress program and worked on the televised adaptations of Cyrano de Bergerac.

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JANICE HUTCHINS (Director) joined A.C.T. nine seasons ago, after receiving her B.A. and M.A. degrees from San Jose State University. A Chicago native, she has studied directing with William Ball and speech with the late Edith Skinner. Miss Hutchins, who will direct her first repertory production, Painting Churches, this season after co-directing Our Town with William Ball, is also the producing director of the ongoing Plays-in-Progress series, has served as associate director to Nagle Jackson, Elizabeth Huddle and Allen Fletcher and has co-directed The Wolffather and Miss Agatha with William Ball at Sunnyvale Summer Repertory. In addition to directing, she is an actress and teaches acting in the Advanced Training Program. For PIP, she directed the premiere of Lizzie Borden in the Late Afternoon, AVOL and Dead Letters, as well as directing numerous studio productions. Miss Hutchins has toured with A.C.T. to Hawaii and Japan and last year represented the company on an unprecedented theatre tour of the People's Republic of China. As an actress, Miss Hutchins has appeared in, among other plays, Equus, The Winter's Tale, Ah, Wilderness!, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Hay Fever, The Rivals, The Little Foxes, A Christmas Carol and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

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RICHARD R. GOODWIN (Scenery) designs his first Geary stage production with Painting Churches. His work as Resident Design Associate has been seen in every A.C.T. repertory production for the past two seasons, principally under the direction of Ralph Funicello and Richard Seger. In addition to his work at A.C.T., Mr. Goodwin's other theatre design credits include scenery for Division Street, The Amm Corner and Inherit the Wind, all at the Center Stage in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Goodwin has also done stock work at the Williamstown Theatre Festival. He is a graduate of Dickinson College and has attended the Maryland Institute College of Art, where he studied painting and sculpture.

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Benjamin Moore (Managing Director) has played an integral role in A.C.T.’s development since his arrival 14 years ago. With a B.A. in English and drama from Dartmouth and an M.F.A. in theatre administration from the Yale School of Drama, he served as General Manager of the Westport Country Playhouse before joining A.C.T. as Production Manager in the fall of 1970. In that capacity, he supervised all departments involved in the physical presentation of A.C.T. plays, producing over 70 productions in nine years. These include The Merchant of Venice; The Collector; A Doll’s House; The Matchmaker; Pillars of the Community; Peer Gynt; Desire Under the Ems; 5th of July; Ah, Wilderness!; All the Way Home; Knock, Knock; Cyrano de Bergerac; The Taming of the Shrew; Street Scene and The Master Builder. In addition, Mr. Moore coordinated the televised adaptations of Cyrano de Bergerac and The Taming of the Shrew, and produced A Christmas Carol for PBS television. He was largely responsible for developing A.C.T.’s complex repertory system and has taught theatre administration through our Academy. In 1979, he became General Manager for the company, overseeing all operations on a daily basis with special attention to budget and financial management. He has been fundamental in developing the company’s touring programs to the western states, Hawaii, Japan, the U.S.S.R. and, currently, mainland China and the long-term Troubadour program presently underway. Mr. Moore became A.C.T.’s Managing Director last fall.

Eugene Barcone (Company Coordinator) is a charter member of A.C.T. who began his career as stage manager for the company. For the past 16 years, he has served as Associate Director on many of William Ball’s productions, and has been largely responsible for revivals of Cyrano de Bergerac, The Taming of the Shrew, Hay Fever, The Circle, Private Lives and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead. After receiving his bachelor of arts degree in music, he directed the famous Red Diamond Chorus in the Army, and since has assisted Gordon Champion, Ellis Rabb and Francis Ford Coppola. Known to the company as “The Minister of Mirth,” Mr. Barcone has directed the Plays-in-Progress program and worked on the televised adaptations of Cyrano de Bergerac.

The Taming of the Shrew and A Christmas Carol. Recently, he celebrated his 50th production with A.C.T., and this season will again direct A.C.T.’s expanding Troubadour Program.

Janice Hutchins (Director) joined A.C.T. nine seasons ago, after receiving her B.A. and M.A. degrees from San Jose State University. A Chicago native, she has studied directing with William Ball and speech with the late Edith Skinner. Miss Hutchins, who will direct her first repertory production, Painting Churches, this season after co-directing Our Town with William Ball, is also the producing director of the ongoing Plays-in-Progress series, has served as associate director to Nagle Jackson, Elizabeth Huddle and Allen Fletcher and has co-directed The Wolf’s Tooth and Miss Agnes with William Ball at Sunnyvale Summer Repertory. In addition to directing, she is an actress and teaches acting in the Advanced Training Program. For P.P., she directed the premiere of Lizzi Borden in The Late Afternoon, AWOL, and Dead Letters, as well as directing numerous studio productions. Miss Hutchins has toured with A.C.T. to Hawaii and Japan and last year represented the company on an unprecedented theatre tour of the People’s Republic of China. As an actress, Miss Hutchins has appeared in, among other plays, Equus, The Winter’s Tale, Ah, Wilderness!, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Hay Fever, The Rhine, The Little Foxes, A Christmas Carol and A Midsummer Night’s Dream.

Designers

Richard R. Goodwin (Scenery) designs his first Geary stage production with Painting Churches. His work as Resident Design Associate has been seen in every A.C.T. repertory production for the past two seasons, principally under the direction of Ralph Funicello and Richard Seger. In addition to his work at A.C.T., Mr. Goodwin’s other theatre design credits include scenery for Division Street, The Amm Coron and Inherit the Wind, all at the Center Stage in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Goodwin has also done stock work at the Williamsport Theatre Festival. He is a graduate of Dickinson College and has attended the Maryland Institute College of Art, where he studied painting and sculpture.

Dawn Line (Costumes), a native of the Bay Area and a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Design in San Francisco and Los Angeles, will have her work appear on the Geary stage this season.

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DAVID PERCIVAL (Lighting) returns for his second season with A.C.T. Last season he retooled the lighting for A Christmas Carol, the Peninsula Repertory productions, and A.C.T.’s Hawaii tour of Miss Appeal and Dial M for Murder. Prior to joining the design staff, he served as Lighting Design Intern, designing for the Plays-in-Progress series and the studio productions for the Conservatory. Mr. Percival’s other work includes the San Francisco tour of Will Rogers U.S.A., featuring James Whitmore; the San Jose Repertory Company’s productions of School for Scandal and How the Other Half Lives; and a number of productions for the Oregon Contemporary Theatre, including Last and A Kurt Weill Cabaret.

RICHARD SEGER (Scenery) returns for a tenth season as Resident Designer with A.C.T. Among his credits are The Three Sisters, The Hound, Hotel Paradiso and The Little Foxes, as well as The Chalk Garden, Much Ado About Nothing, The Trojan War Will Not Take Place, Buried Child, The Girl of the Golden West, The Winter’s Tale, 5th of July, The Visit, The Bourgeois Gentlemen, Cm Among the Pigeons and Something’s Afoot, which premiered at the Marines’ Memorial Theatre and went on to Broadway. A graduate of Chicago’s School of the Art Institute, Mr. Seger also created sets for the Broadway production of Butterflies Are Free and several off-Broadway productions. Mr. Seger’s other credits include the Old Globe Theatre’s productions of The Country Wife, Otherdes, Rashomon, and The Importance of Being Earnest; the Ahmanson Theatre’s production of Hay Fever, and the 50th anniversary season production of La Traviata for the Central City Opera Association in Central City, Colorado.

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