

Starkville Community Theatre Boardtown Players

Arsenic & Old Lace

by Joseph Kesselring



October 16,17,18 - 8:00 PM
Old Boardtown Cafeteria

Tickets - \$5.00

(Tickets available at Chamber of Commerce)

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatic Service, Inc.

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presents

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October 16, 17, and 18, 1980

Director

Assistant to the Director

Stage Manager

Set Design

Set Construction

Laurie A. Wolverton

Betty Frnka

Marilyn Blake

Robert Anderson

Robert Anderson, Chairperson

Mary Eleanor Anderson, Charles Thomas, David

Cook, John M. Sullivan, Roger Schoeppel, Ed

Anderson, Mary Anderson, John Graef, Kathryn

Conroy, Jamie Conroy, Edwin Ellis, Joan Embree,

Peggy Brown-Myers, Peggy Brennen, Robert

Wolverton, Laurie Wolverton

Set Decor

Margaret Bateman, Robert Anderson

Properties

Myla Mitchell, Debbie Ziebarth

Costumes

Mary Anderson, Norcosto, Atlanta, Georgia

Makeup

Mindy Hetrick

Publicity

Richard Crick, Laurie Wolverton

Program

Denise Martin, Laurie Wolverton

Poster Art and Program Covers

Danae Broxson

House Manager & First Night Party Chairperson

Ann Martin

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Synopsis

During the late 1940's, two charming old ladies are discovered donating to their favorite charity, much to the dismay of their nephew Mortimer. The plot is further complicated by the arrival of their long-lost nephew Jonathan and his accomplice Dr. Einstein. What ensues is a true "comedy of errors".

Act I

The Brewster Home, late afternoon, Brooklyn, New York

Act II

The Brewster Home, later that same evening.

Act III

Still later that same evening
and early morning of the next day.

There will be two ten minute intermissions between Acts I and II.

Cast of Characters

(in order of appearance)

Abby Brewster	Peggy Brown-Myers
Rev. Dr. Harper	Robert Wolverton
Teddy Brewster	John M. Sullivan
Officer Brophy	Reggie Wade
Officer Klein	David York
Martha Brewster	Diane Ellis
Elaine Harper	Margaret E. Anderson
Mortimer Brewster	Gary Jackson
Mr. Gibbs	Charles H. Thomas
Jonathan Brewster	Howard N. Lee
Dr. Einstein	David D. Cook
Officer O'Hara	Richard L. Crick
Lieutenant Rooney	Lloyd Eric Donaldson
Mr. Witherspoon	Don Vaughan

Actors Appearing on Stage Tonight

Peggy Brown-Myers is making her third with the SCT. She appeared as Margo in "Dial M for Murder" and as Honor in "The Wager". Peggy has also worked backstage in several other productions. She is presently taking an acting course at MSU and also works at the MSU Library. Be sure to watch for Peggy's directorial debut this February when she opens with "The Rainmaker".

Robert Wolverton, Academic Vice President at MSU, first had the opportunity to play in "Arsenic & Old Lace" as an undergraduate student. He is familiar to SCT audiences for his roles as Mr. Kirby in the production of "You Can't Take It With You" and Oscar in "Mary, Mary".

John M. Sullivan is a veteran of numerous productions, having been involved both on stage and as a director and playwright. "Arsenic & Old Lace" marks a long time desire to play Teddy Brewster.

Reggie Wade is making his first appearance with SCT. He is a senior Communication major at MSU and has an interest in Radio and Television.

David York a senior Marketing major from Sikeston, Missouri is another newcomer to the SCT stage. David is also involved on campus with the Blackfriars dramatic society. We welcome David to our cast.

Diane Ellis is another new face and we hope that this will be only the beginning of her acting with SCT. Diane is married to Edwin Ellis and they have three children, John Thomas, Ann Elizabeth and Matthew.

Margaret E. Anderson debuts with SCT in the role of Elaine. She has performed in productions such as "Martha", "Blythe Spirit" and "Little Foxes" as well as serving on several committees for the SCT. Margaret was a former instructor of Communications at MSU and now works with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service as the Publications Editor.

Gary Jackson is the Executive Vice President at the Bank of Starkville. He was last seen as Conrad Birdie in "Bye Bye Birdie". As Mortimer Brewster, Gary has proven himself to be a very competent actor.

Charles H. Thomas brings with him a number of involvements with SCT. He has served on the Board of Directors, as well as performed the roles of Mr. Depinna in "You Can't Take It With You", Chief Brown Bear in "Little Mary Sunshine" and Judge Samuel Savage in "The Curious Savage". Charles is a professor of Poultry Science at MSU.

Howard N. Lee comes to us from the Vicksburg Theatre Guild. He brings along a bundle of experience too. While in Vicksburg, Howard had leading roles in "Gold in the Hills", "Table Manners" and "6 Rms Riv View", as well as numerous singing roles. In addition to his directorial and backstage experience, Howard is a member of SPEBQSA and an active member of "The Bowery Boys", a barbershop quartet in Vicksburg.

David D. Cook is a familiar face to most SCT members. He was last seen as Jeffrey in "The Curious Savage" and has helped out backstage with many SCT productions. His other roles have included Weo Cho in the original cast of "The Magic Gifts of Weo Cho" and Creon in "Antigone". David is a graduate student in Psychology and works as a salesman at East Mississippi Lumber Company.

Richard L. Crick is the Music/Youth Director at Calvary Baptist Church in Starkville. He was last seen as Mr. McAfee in "Bye Bye Birdie". Richard has also played the roles of Jud in "Oklahoma", and Laser Wolfe in "Fiddler on the Roof". He now adds the role of Officer O'Hara to his list of accomplishments.

Lloyd Eric Donaldson is a native of Brisbane Australia. He is in Starkville with his wife Morva, son Peter and daughter Sarah and is serving as a Visiting Professor with the College of Veterinary Medicine. This is Lloyd's acting debut with the SCT and we certainly hope it won't be his last.

Don Vaughan is perhaps best known for his local radio show on WKOR each Monday through Saturday. He has a big interest in the theatre and was last seen as Ed in "You Can't Take It With You". Don is engaged to be married June 5th of next year. We wish him the best of luck and hope to see him in future SCT productions.

From the Director's Chair...

"Arsenic & Old Lace" has been both enjoyable and a challenge. I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the people who helped make this creative endeavor a production. Although many people came out to help with the set construction, a medal of honor goes to Bob and Mary Eleanor Anderson, who have persevered throughout it all. Special thanks also to Ed McGlone and all his distinguished "corpses", who are all active in the growth of this community. I appreciate them taking the time to support both SCT in our third season and the arts in Starkville. Thanks are also deserving to the College of Veterinary Medicine's Media staff who gave me the flexibility to take this on as well as my family, friends, and cast who supported me. I hope you enjoy this play as much as I have!

Newly Elected Officers of the Starkville Community Theatre

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Starkville Community Theatre has started its third successful season with the opening of "Arsenic & Old Lace". Subscriptions are still available for the coming season. To purchase your subscriptions, see the box office this evening or contact the Chamber of Commerce.

The Starkville Community would like your input. There is a suggestion box located at the back of the theatre tonight. Please feel free to add your comments about the Community Theatre or suggest a show that you would like to see done in the future. You are also more than welcome to join us for our meetings. The Starkville Community Theatre meets every first Thursday of the month at the Chamber of Commerce.

Coming Attractions...
"The Rainmaker"
and
"Bell, Book, and Candle"