

Starkville Community Theatre

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Blithe

Spirit

An Improbable Farce
by NOËL COWARD

October 24, 25, 26, 27 and
November 7, 8, 9, 10, 1996

Performing in
The Playhouse on Main

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

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Director Robert G. Anderson

Associate Director Jo Durst

Cast

(In order of appearance)

Edith Melanie Ann Gilmer

Ruth Condomine Haley Hawkins

Charles Condomine Guy Hargrove

Dr. George Bradman James Avery

Mrs. Violet Bradman Jo Durst

Madame Arcati Madeline Golden

Elvira Marianne Ulmer

Scenes

The action of the play passes in the living room of Charles Condomine's house in Kent, England.

Synopsis of Scenes

Act I

Scene 1: Before dinner on a summer evening.

Scene 2: After dinner.

Act II

Scene 1: The next morning.

Scene 2: Late the following afternoon.

Scene 3: Early evening. A few days later.

Act III

Scene 1: After dinner. A few days later.

Scene 2: Several hours later.

There will be a ten-minute intermission between acts.

The Crew

Stage Manager **Shelia Rane** Tolar adds *Blithe Spirit* to her list of SCT credits. *The Sisters Rosensweig* marked her first play with SCT. She is continuing her role as stage manager and hopes to continue with SCT in future productions.

Lights/Sound Edwin Ellis, June Chressanthis
Set Decoration Joan Wilson, Judy Amadee
Properties Dana Lee, Carrie McCarty
House Manager Stephen Cunetto
Set Construction Bob Anderson,
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Appearing on stage in this performance

James Avery is making his debut. He is a Retired Army Officer who instructs US Army JROTC at Starkville High School. He is a supporter of the high school drama classes and has long admired the talent and dedication of the young actors. He is amazed at how much work goes into a production and the many hours of rehearsal.

Jo Durst returns to the SCT stage after an absence of many years. Having been the boss, she is now having to learn how to take direction. She does admit it has been fun to tread the boards again.

Melanie Ann Gilmer, a Starkvillian of 8 years, is currently a sophomore at Starkville High School. Melanie has preformed in shows such as SHS's *The Music Man*, two summer scholars productions: *From Djibouti With Love* and *And Then There Were 39*. She also appeared in a previous SCT production *No Sex Please, We're British*.

Madeline Golden is a native of Starkville and a veteran SCT performer. Her first role was many years ago in *I Remember Mama*. Favorite roles include Sister Robert Ann in *Nunsense* and the pesky mother-in-law in last season's *No Sex Please, We're British*. Madeline feels the best aspect of being a part of SCT is working with the wonderful, fun, creative, talented, and crazy folks found at The Playhouse on Main. She sends birthday wishes to Baby Kitty, who turns Sweet 16 soon.

Guy Hargrove and his wife Nancy have been in Starkville since 1970. He was with the Music Dept. at MSU until 1995 where he taught voice, music history, and musically directed such shows as *Man of La Mancha* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. He also conducted the Starkville-MSU Symphony from 1975 to 1992. He musically directed the SCT production of *Little Mary Sunshine* and has appeared in the SCT productions *Critic's Choice* and *Lend Me a Tenor*.

Haley Hawkins is a 1995 graduate of Starkville High School who is currently a student at MSU. After a five semester stint at the Univ. of Florida, she left her beloved Gators (this year's National Champions) to fulfill her lifelong dream of acting professionally. Her list of on-stage credits include SCT productions of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *Damn Yankees* and SHS productions of *Oklahoma*, *A Midsummer-nights Dream*, and *Hello, Dolly*. Haley has too many loved ones to credit with her successes—she simply considers herself blessed! Go Gators!

Marianne Ulmer has been with SCT for 12 years. Her favorite on-stage roles have been in *How the Other Half Loves*, *The Odd Couple*, *Damn Yankees*, *The Wake of Jamie Foster*, and most recently *The Sisters Rosensweig*. She also enjoys working with costume and make-up. Marianne is a member of the Communication Dept. Faculty at MSU and a "Loyal" Bulldog fan. Thanks and love go to Allen, Curt, and Cherry for all their help with lines.

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