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November 11, 12 & 13



Curtain 8pm

Tickets \$5

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by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman

Scenes

The action takes place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stanley, which is located in a small town in Ohio.

Act I

Scene 1: A December morning

Scene 2: About a week later

Act II

Another week has passed; it is Christmas Eve.

Act III

Christmas Morning

There will be a ten minute intermission between acts.

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CAST

(In order of appearance)

Mrs. Ernest W. Stanley	Edith Teasley
Miss Preen	Katherine Conroy
Richard Stanley	John Baine
June Stanley	Kathryn Green
John	Larry Alred
Sarah	Holly Tramel
Mrs. Dexter	Pat Kelly
Mrs. McCutcheon	Pat Alred
Mr. Stanley	Ron Walker
Maggie Cutler	Jeri Mangum
Dr. Bradley	Bob Fritzius
Sheridan Whiteside	E. O. Hawkins
Harriet Stanley	Joan McMinn
Bert Jefferson	David Cook
Professor Metz	Peter Shillingsburg
The Luncheon Guests	Norman Tramel, Leonard Brandon, Kandasamy Veeramany
Mr. Baker	Steve Martin
Expressman	Bob Alred
Sandy	Phil Mitchell
Lorraine Sheldon	Gatha Wallace
Beverly Carlton	Raggy Ragsdale
Westcott	Denise Ragsdale
T.V. Technicians	Nita Bishop, Tom Wellborn
Choir Members	Eric Fritzius, Justin Conroy, Steven Dewberry, Jay Perry Kevin Graef, David Bouchillon
Banjo	John Perry
Two Deputies	Norman Tramel, Kandasamy Veeramany
A Plainclothes Man	Steve Martin

Director	John Graef
Assistant Director	Mindy Hetrick
Set Design	John Graef
Set Construction	Bob Alred, Pat Alred, Edwin Ellis, Tom Wellborn, John Baine, Bob Fritzius, John Graef, Mindy Hetrick, David Cook, Norman Tramel, Glenn Cook, Tom Gunn, Kandasamy Veeramany, Steve Martin, Frances Heller, Raggy Ragsdale, Denise Ragsdale, Joan McMinn, Pat Kelly, Edith Teasley, Jeri Mangum, Jason Kelly, Kevin Graef, John Graef
Furnishings	Gene Fulgham Furniture
Set Decorations and Props	Frances Heller,

Barbara Bouchillon, Marsha Williams

**Costumes and Make-up Diane Ellis, Betty Frnka,
Joan Embree, Suzanne Thompson,
Frances Reedy, Bettye Tumeay,
Deborah Reed, Beth Watson**

Lighting Edwin Ellis

Poster and Program Cover Design Ruth Thompson

Program Copy Nancy Lay

Publicity Jennifer Stevens, Linda Morse

House Manager Betty Frnka

Opening Night Party Charleen Carroll

Refreshments Howard Schickendanz

THE DIRECTOR

John Graef, a native of Chicago, Illinois, is a well-known figure in SCT. John has directed "You Can't Take It With You," "Mary, Mary," and "Plaza Suite." He has appeared on stage as Hannibal in "Curious Savage" and a reader in "Spoon River Anthology." In "Vanities" and "Bell, Book, and Candle," John served as production manager. A professor of mathematics at MSU, John is the father of two sons, John and Kevin.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Mindy Hetrick, a wildlife biologist at Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, has appeared on stage as Elvira in "Blithe Spirit." Behind the scenes, Mindy has worked on set construction, props, make-up, and stage crews for various SCT productions. She is a native of Wilmington, Delaware.

ACTORS APPEARING ON STAGE TONIGHT

Making his acting debut as the expressman is **Bobby Alred**. Bobby has worked behind the scenes on many productions for SCT. He is a self-employed plumber and electrician. Bobby has one son, Eric, and is a native of Burnsville.

Larry D. Alred appears as John. A native of Burnsville, Larry made his acting debut in SCT's production of "Plaza Suite." He is Director of Respiratory Therapy at the Golden Triangle Regional Medical Center.

Patricia Alred portrays Mrs. McCutcheon in her first stage appearance for SCT. Patricia, a native of Ripley, Tennessee, was stage manager for "Blithe Spirit" and "Plaza Suite." She is a LPN at Oktibbeha County Hospital and has one son, Eric.

John Baine appears on stage tonight as Richard Stanley. He played Nicky in SCT's 1981 production of "Bell, Book and Candle." John is working very hard as a second year veterinary student at MSU.

A newcomer to SCT, **Nita Bishop** appears as a T.V. technician. Nita played in various roles in high school and college. She is a teacher at Alexander High School.

A native of Van Buren, Arkansas, **E. O. Hawkins** appears as Sheridan Whiteside. While in college, he was involved in several musicals including "The Mikado." E. O. teaches English at MSU.

A native Starkvillian, **Pat Kelly** appears on stage tonight as Mrs. Dexter. Pat, a newcomer to SCT, is employed as a Nursing Secretary at Oktibbeha County Hospital. She is married and has one son, Jason.

A veteran SCT actress, **Jeri Mangum** appears as Maggie Cutler. Jeri's numerous appearances on stage include roles in "White Sheep of the Family," "Mary, Mary," "The Curious Savage," "Little Mary Sunshine," and "Spoon River Anthology." She is Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Division of Business Services. Jeri and her husband Bob have two children.

Another newcomer to SCT, **Steve Martin** portrays Mr. Baker and the plain clothesman. Steve comes to us from Miami, Florida. He is married, has one child, and is a cable splicing technician for South Central Bell.

Another newcomer to SCT, **Leonard Brandon** portrays the luncheon guest. A practicing physician, he is a native of Arcola. Leonard and his wife Rae have 4 children.

A veteran of SCT, **Katherine Conroy** portrays Miss Preen. She has appeared in several SCT productions which include "Rainmaker," "Curious Savage," and "Little Mary Sunshine." Katherine and her husband Jim have three sons. She is a native of Columbus, Ohio.

David Cook, appearing as Bert Jefferson, is no stranger to SCT. David has displayed his talents in "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Plaza Suite," and "Curious Savage." A native of San Antonio, Texas, David is a graduate student in clinical psychology at MSU.

Bob Fritzius, a native of Malden, Missouri, appears as Dr. Bradley. He made his first stage appearance for SCT as the Vicar in "White Sheep of the Family." Bob does computer programming in Extension Entomology.

A newcomer to SCT, **Kathryn Green** will be portraying June Stanley. She is employed as a Social Worker at Oktibbeha County Hospital. Kathryn is a native of Meridian and enjoys swimming, canoeing, and reading in her spare time.

Making her SCT stage debut, **Joan McMinn** appears as Harriet. A native of Abilene, Texas, she has performed in "The Medium," "The Mikado," "The Mouse Trap," and "Picnic." Joan and her husband William are the parents of two teenagers.

Phil Mitchell, another newcomer to SCT, plays Sandy. Originally from North Carolina, Phil is an Assistant Professor with the Forest Products Utilization Laboratory at MSU.

John Perry, Banjo, is making his second stage appearance with SCT. He played Sam Jackson in SCT's 1982 production "White Sheep of the Family." John, the father of two sons, is an Assistant Professor of Business Education at MSU and a native of Winfield, Alabama.

Denise Ragsdale, a newcomer to SCT, portrays Westcott. A native of Artesia, Denise is a part-time secretary for the Methodist Student Center at MSU and a piano teacher.

A veteran of the theatre, **Raggy Ragsdale** appears as Beverly Carlton. Raggy's theatre experience spans the continent and includes stage appearances, directing, and writing. A native of Okeechobee, Florida, he is a minister in the United Methodist Church.

Peter Shillingsburg, portraying Metz, is making his stage debut with SCT. He is an English professor at MSU and the father of five children. Peter's hobbies include beekeeping and book collecting.

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, **Edith Teasley** appears as Mrs. Stanley. In her acting debut for SCT, Edith played Alice Winter in "White Sheep of the Family." She is Sales and Display Coordinator for Sears Roebuck, the mother of four daughters, and six times a grandmother.

As well as making their acting debut, "The Man Who Came to Dinner" is becoming a family affair. **Holly and Norman Tramel, Sara and Michaelson-Guard**, are the daughter and son-in-law of Edith Teasley, Mrs. Stanley. Holly is employed at MSU and Norman is a copier repairman.

Another newcomer to SCT, **Kandasamy Veeramany** appears as a luncheon guest. Kandasamy, a graduate student in computer science at MSU, arrived in August, 1982 from India.

Ron Walker, playing Mr. Stanley, was seen in SCT's "Little Mary Sunshine." Originally from Meridian, he is Energy Education Specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service. Ron and his wife Barbara have four children.

Gatha Wallace, another newcomer to SCT's stage, appears as Lorraine. She played the lead in several musicals and sang on radio during her high school days. A native of Independence, Gatha and her husband Raiford are the parents of three children and grandparents of two. She is an accountant for the Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors and Deputy Chancery Clerk.

Tom Wellborn, the T.V. technician, has appeared in "Blithe Spirit" and "White Sheep of the Family." He is a Fish Pathologist in the Extension Wildlife and Fisheries Department. Tom and his wife Virginia have four children.



Note From the Director

Welcome to the first show of the Starkville Community Theatre's fifth season. As you look over the list of actors and actresses who appear in tonight's show you will see that they have widely varying backgrounds, interests and occupations. That is what community theatre is all about. Why not become a part of SCT and join us on stage or behind the scenes on our next show.

On behalf of myself and the "cast of thousands" I would like to thank everyone who has worked on the various crews. Without you there would not have been a show. To the cast, one of the craziest I have ever worked with, I extend my sincerest thanks; you have been a joy to direct.

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