



A THURBER CARNIVAL

BY JAMES THURBER,

Samuel French, Inc.

*on Oct 18, 19, 20 at 8⁰⁰
& Oct 21 at 2³⁰*

In Wise Auditorium

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JAMES THURBER

Director
Associate Director

Bob Anderson
Mary Eleanor Anderson

CAST

Greg Bentley
Alice Carol Caldwell
Michael Caldwell
Elizabeth Carter
Debbie Dunaway

Marty Morris
Peter L. Shillingsburg
Carrie Shurden
Nelson Westmoreland

ACT ONE

Word Dance (Part One)

The Night the Bed Fell

Thurber Nelson Westmoreland

Fables for Our Time

The Wolf at the Door

Father Greg Bentley
Wolf Michael Caldwell
Mother Alice Carol Caldwell
Narrator Debbie Dunaway
Daughter Carrie Shurden

The Unicorn in the Garden

Man Greg Bentley
She Elizabeth Carter
Psychiatrist Marty Morris
Policeman Michael Caldwell
Narrator Debbie Dunaway

The Little Girl and the Wolf

Girl Debbie Dunaway
Wolf Michael Caldwell
Narrator Carrie Shurden

If Grant Had Been Drinking at Appomattox

Grant Nelson Westmoreland
Lee Greg Bentley
Shultz Michael Caldwell
Staff Marty Morris
Narrator/Staff Peter Shillingsburg

Casuals of the Keys

Darke Greg Bentley
Visitor Marty Morris

THE CAST

Greg Bentley. Since arriving at MSU in August 1986 as an Assistant Professor of English, Greg has become a SCT regular. Some of his most recent performances include roles in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*, *Same Time Next Year*, and *Social Security*. A published poet, Greg holds the Ph.D. degree from the University of California-Davis and the M.A. from Cal State-Fresno. Greg is a native of Fresno.

Alice Carol Caldwell. A. C. has appeared in a number of SCT productions, including *John Brown's Body*, *Harvey*, *Blithe Spirit*, and *The Philadelphia Story*. In 1985, she directed the musical, *Tintypes*, which won awards at the state community theater competition for Best Play, Best Director, and a special award for Ensemble Acting. Alice Carol feels lucky to have had a role in SCT's award-winning *Octette Bridge Club*, which in 1987 represented Mississippi in regional competition in Richmond, Virginia. A. C. teaches chorus at Armstrong Junior High School and Starkville High School.

Michael Caldwell. *A Thurber Carnival* is the first play in which Michael has ever acted. However, he has been active in SCT, doing set construction, odd jobs, and helping his mother (the afore-mentioned A. C. Caldwell) with her lines. His motion picture credits include playing an "extra" (a member of the Goody's Headache Powder pit crew) in the movie *Days of Thunder*. Michael is an engineering student at MSU.

Elizabeth Carter. A native of Starkville, Elizabeth has stage experience with SCT, Blackfriars, and Boardtown Players. Her credits include roles in *Peter Pan*, *Life With Father*, *Talking With . . .*, *Miracle Worker*, and *Mystery at the Old Fort*. Elizabeth is a 4th year art student at MSU.

Debbie Dunaway. A newcomer to Starkville, Debbie makes her SCT debut in *A Thurber Carnival*. However, previous acting roles include "Bonnie" in *Anything Goes*. Debbie recently moved to Starkville from Cincinnati, Ohio with husband, Greg, and daughter, Meghan.

Marty Morris. Marty is quickly becoming a regular on SCT stages. His latest performances include roles in last season's *Life With Father* and *Social Security*. He has also worked long hours backstage for several productions. Marty teaches elementary school at F. O. Alexander and expresses appreciation to his co-worker, Nita Bishop, for her line-learning assistance. "Thanks, Nita!"

THE CAST (continued)

Peter L. Shillingsburg. Peter appeared briefly as the plant lice expert in the SCT production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. He has no other stage experience.

Carrie Shurden. Another newcomer to SCT, Carrie claims to be "gung-ho" about this, her first, experience with community theater. Carrie, a native of Tupelo, and her husband, Andy, now reside in Starkville, where she hopes to continue her involvement with SCT.

Nelson Westmoreland. Nelson has appeared in several SCT productions including *Harvey*, *Witness for the Prosecution*, and *Life With Father*. Nelson teaches anatomy and physiology at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

BACKSTAGE

Stage Manager: Joan Embree

Poster Design: Elizabeth Carter

Opening-Night Party: Terry McDowell

Choreography: Marianne Ulmer

Photography: Marty Morris

Program: Madeline Golden

OPENING-NIGHT PARTY

SCT's officers and board of directors cordially invite Thursday evening's audience to meet the cast and crew at an opening-night party at the Ivy Guest House, located on Main Street. The party will begin ten minutes after the final curtain.

A Thurber Carnival is produced by special arrangement
with Samuel French, Inc.

The Macbeth Murder Mystery

He Peter Shillingsburg
She Alice Carol Caldwell

Gentlemen Shoppers

Narrator Michael Caldwell
Bar Girl Debbie Dunaway
Sales Girl Elizabeth Carter
Westwater Marty Morris
Anderson Nelson Westmoreland
Bailey Greg Bentley

The Last Flower

Narrator Carrie Shurden

ACT TWO

The Pet Department

Doctor Marty Morris
Miss Whittaker Elizabeth Carter

File and Forget

Thurber Nelson Westmoreland
Bagley Carrie Shurden
Miss Weinege Alice Carol Caldwell
Miss Wynne Debbie Dunaway
Miss Gaines Elizabeth Carter
Mr. Jordan Michael Caldwell
Mr. Cluffman Peter Shillingsburg
Mrs. Thurber Debbie Dunaway

Mr. Preble Gets Rid of His Wife

Mr. Preble Greg Bentley
Miss Daley Debbie Dunaway
Mrs. Preble Alice Carol Caldwell

Take Her Up Tenderly

Nelly Elizabeth Carter
John Peter Shillingsburg
Lou Carrie Shurden

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

Mitty Nelson Westmoreland
Mrs. Mitty Alice Carol Caldwell
Nurse Debbie Dunaway
Renshaw Greg Bentley
Young Man/Remington Michael Caldwell
Benbow/Leader Peter Shillingsburg
Berg/Pritchard-Mitford Marty Morris
Narrator Carrie Shurden

Word Dance (Part Two)

A 15-minute intermission will occur between acts.

