

Starkville Community Theatre

presents

Trifles* and *The Neighbors



Two one-act plays

Arena Theatre (downstairs McComas Hall)

February 18, 19, 20 at 8:00 pm

February 21 at 2:00 pm

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two one-act plays:

TRIFLES

by Susan Glaspell

THE NEIGHBORS

by Zona Gale

Directed by Greg Bentley

Trifles

(Scene: a gloomy kitchen)

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| George Henderson, County Attorney | Matthew Ellis |
| Henry Peters, Sheriff | Ross Williams |
| Lewis Hale, A Neighboring Farmer | John Wells |
| Mrs. Peters | Madeline Golden |
| Mrs. Hale | Marsha Williams |

The Neighbors

(Scene: a kitchen in a small southern town)

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| Grandma | Marsha Williams |
| Mis' Diantha Abel | Terry McDowell |
| Ezra Williams | William Watkins |
| Peter | Matthew Ellis |
| Inez | Madeline Golden |
| Mis' Elmira Moran | Barbara Bouchillon |
| Mis' Trot | Kathi Patton |
| Mis' Carry Ellsworth | Sally Stapler |

The Cast

Matthew Ellis, a second generation SCT player (son of Diane and Edwin Ellis), is a junior at Starkville Academy where he has acted in several plays. He also appeared in Summer Scholars *On Stage* in 1992 and hopes to eventually major in drama.

Ross Williams, a veteran SCT actor, has performed in *Ten Little Indians*, *God's Favorite*, *Witness for the Prosecution*, *Harvey*, and *The Philadelphia Story*. Although Ross is the county youth court school attendance officer, he wasn't typecast for this part.

John Wells, a video producer for Information Services, MSU, is drummer for the Breakbone Blues Band. He is a past president of Blackfriars Drama Society at MSU, a member of Alpha Psi Omega Honorary Drama Fraternity and a charter member of SCT. John has acted in and directed various SCT productions.

Madeline Golden has been involved and acted in SCT productions for many years, has worked for MS Cooperative Extension Service for many years and has been devoted to Baby Kitty for many years (and that's the truth).

Marsha Williams' first SCT performance was *Wait Until Dark* ten years ago. Since then, she has acted in *Octette Bridge Club*, *Life with Father*, *Social Security* and several others. Marsha has been assistant director and in charge of props for many shows and directed *Harvey* and *Lend Me a Tenor*.

Terry Reese McDowell says her favorite performances for SCT have been *Philadelphia Story*, *How the Other Half Loves*, *The Nerd*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Octette Bridge Club* and *Driving Miss Daisy*. She is a third grade school teacher. Terry is married to Ledge and has three boys, Matt, Silas and Ledge.

William Watkins, another second generation SCT player, is the son of Frances and John Wells. He is a junior at Starkville Academy where he has acted in *Makin' it*, *Willy Wonka*, *The Secret Garden*,

The Hobbit and **Doctor Doolittle**. He is a member of Library Assistants, Drama Club, annual staff and Career Explorer Post. William enjoys collecting comic books.

Barbara Bouchillon, wife of Charles, mother of four and grandmother of five, has performed in **Plaza Suite** and **Octette Bridge Club**. She substitute teaches in the Starkville Public Schools and is the town volunteer!

Kathi Patton has been enjoying her other lives since joining the SCT crew last spring. From a nervous cook in **Ten Little Indians** to a jealous Italian wife in **Lend Me a Tenor**, she has finally made it in **The Neighbors** as a southern busybody. Kathi is a second grade teacher at Overstreet and the proud mother of John Aiden, a zealous first grader.

Sally Hubbard Stapler had her SCT debut in **Ten Little Indians** and has more recently performed in **Damn Yankees**. She has performed and directed professionally and is a former high school drama and speech teacher. Last summer she directed the Children's Summer Theatre Workshop at MSU and will be the assistant director for the 1993 Summer Scholars **On Stage** next July.

Backstage

Assistant Director Shay McDonnall
Properties Nell Crowe
Lights Ann Ellis
First Night Party Alice Carol & Price Caldwell
Theatre Painters Greg, Laura, Clyde, Marsha, Shay, Paul

Thank You

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