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A PLAY BY TODD KREIDLER
BASED ON THE SCREENPLAY BY WILLIAM ROSE



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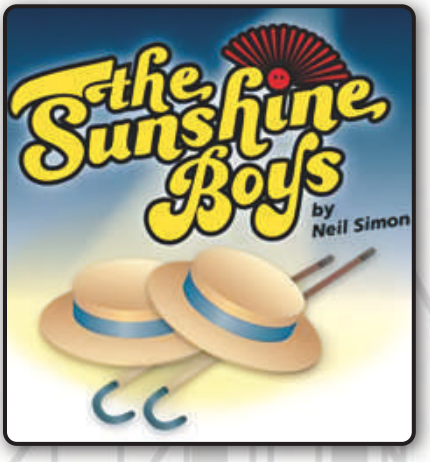
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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



When I told someone that I was directing **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** they replied, "A bit dated, isn't it?" While the screenplay was written in 1967, the themes remain just as current today. The Draytons and the Prentices are divided by race and the generation gap. Today we are divided by many more things: political ideology, religion, gender identification, to name a few. What if, instead of John, Joanna had come home with Jane or someone with a different political ideology or religious belief? How do we bridge what divides us?

We place so many labels on each other: conservative, liberal, boomer, millennial, gay, straight, and many more. John and Joanna remind us to look past the label to see the person and to love. Maybe that's a great place to start building a bridge.

DENISE BAKER - DIRECTOR

CREW

Director ..... **Denise Baker**

Assistant Director ..... **Ryon Lane**

Stage Manager ..... **Gregory Franklin**

Assistant Stage Manager ..... **Monica McFadden**

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SCENE & SETTING

Set in the spring of 1967 in the home of the Draytons,
a house on a hill in San Francisco

ACT I

Scene One
Nearing lunch

Scene Two
Two Hours Later

Scene Three
That evening, shortly before 7:00

ACT II

Scene One
Seven minutes later

Scene Two
Seven minutes later

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Elaina Thompson for all your hard work on the show

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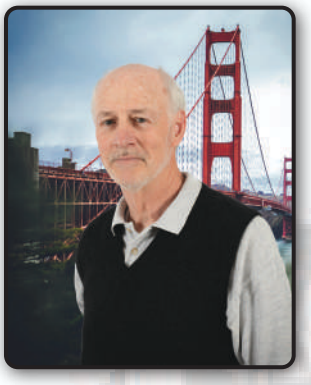
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CAST



MIKE BUZEK *(Matt Drayton)*

Mike was last seen on stage as Long John Silver in the outdoor production of **Treasure Island** at Riverside Park. He feels this play has an important message for our times. It measures race prejudice in 1967, some 55 years ago, and makes one wonder what degree of race prejudice might still exist in our country 55 years from now.



MONIQUE MCKISSON *(Christina Drayton)*

Monique is very excited to be doing her second production with Barnstormers Theater. You may remember her as Aunt Abby in **Arsenic and Old Lace**. She was recently at Collaborative Theatre Project in **MacBeth** as Witch 2. She has been acting since age nine and has a degree in theatre arts. Some favorite roles include Miss Hannigan (**Annie**), Lady MacBeth (**MacBeth**) Mildred (**Squabbles**) and Annice (**Belles**) to name a few. She is fairly new to Oregon and thanks her wonderful cast mates, Director Denise Baker, Assistant Director Ryon Lane, and Stage Manager Greg Franklin for their kindness and support. A special thanks to her dog Gia who endured line readings and rehearsals. For fun the stage is her happy place that holds her heart and soul.



SKYLER BENNETT *(Joanna Drayton)*

Skyler Bennett has been preforming since the age of six and has never stopped. She is very excited to be working on this show with the incredible cast and crew. The last show she was in was **Radium Girls** here at Barnstormers as Grace Fryer. She is currently a student at SOU studying Communication Sciences. Skyler would like to thank her wonderful supportive family. She hopes that you enjoy the show.

CAST

MARCUS HARDESTY *(Dr. John Prentice)*



Marcus is making his return to Barnstormer's stage after nearly six years! He recently performed last year in One Eleven Theater's **Shrek: The Musical** as Donkey. While he never went to college for Performing Arts, he's been acting in local community theater since his senior year in high school. Outside in the real world, you can find him cutting hair in Ashland! He'd love to thank his partner Andrea for her support in his colorful pursuit.

GREG BROWN *(John Prentice Sr.)*



Greg has stood in Union Square as a doorman at the St. Francis Hotel, it was his first "gig". In Redding California he was approached by the theater at Shasta College to play Jim in the musical **Big River**. He also played Reverend Sikes in **To Kill a Mockingbird** and participated in choir at Shasta College. Greg moved to Southern Oregon five years ago and has been retired now for 20 years.

SYLVIA MCKINLEY *(Mary Prentice)*



Sylvia is very excited to be a part of this classic story and to play the role of Mary Prentiss. This is Sylvia's ninth show with the Barnstormers Theater. Her last show she played several roles in the **Radium Girls**. Sylvia is a theater lover both as a participant and an attendant. Sylvia is also a writer who enjoys writing short stories, monologues, and poetry. Sylvia has enjoyed many years of Open Mic poetry in Grants Pass. Sylvia is the mother of one and the grandmother of two adult grandchildren. Sylvia also enjoys traveling, cooking, interior design, and event planning. Sylvia sincerely hopes that our Barnstormers' audiences enjoy the show! Thank you for your support...xoxo

CAST



NANCY CALLAWAY *(Matilda Binks)*

This is Nancy's third show at the Barnstormers Theatre. She has previously appeared in **Rapture, Blister, Burn** and **Becky's New Car** and is thrilled to be cast in this play. Prior to moving to Oregon, she appeared in numerous productions in her home state of Virginia.



STEVEN CORELIS *(Monsignor Ryan)*

Steven, retired, and for a few weeks now, a man of the cloth, is thrilled to have been cast in this classic play. He has also had the pleasure of performing for Barnstormers in the past, most recently **Clue, the Play**, **Beckys New Car**, and **Sherlock**. Enjoy the show, and he promises not to bump into the furniture.



JAMIE COLLERAN *(Hillary St. George)*

Jamie Colleran is a recent transplant from Los Angeles. She has acted in community theater for many years in both California and Oregon. Some of her favorite roles have been Georgie in **Spike Heels**, Margaret in **The Language of Flowers**, and Meg in **The Beauty Queen of Leenane**. Most recently you may remember her as Madame Currie in **Radium Girls**.

PRODUCTION TEAM

DENISE BAKER *(Director)*

Denise is a Director, Actor, and Choreographer originally from Minneapolis. In the six years she has lived in the Rogue Valley she has directed **Here I Stand**, **The Prodigals**, and **Hatter's Daughter** for Clarion Theatre, **The Dixie Swim Club**, **Quilters**, and **Becky's New Car** for Barnstormers Theatre, **Mamma Mia!** for Rogue Music Theatre and Choreographed **Beauty and the Beast** for One Eleven Theatre.

RYON LANE *(Assistant Director)*

Ryon Lane is an actor, director, and an Emmy-winning producer who grew up in Grants Pass and graduated from GPHS, falling in love with acting at an early age and performing in many local theater productions. **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** is the second play for which he has served as Assistant Director at Barnstormers. Ryon has appeared in various films, commercials, and stage productions. Most recently as Joe Foster in Barnstormer's production of **Becky's New Car**, Sam Carmichael in Rogue Music Theater's production of **Mamma Mia!**, and various roles in Barnstormer's **Radium Girls**.

GREG FRANKLIN *(Stage Manager)*

Greg is thrilled to share stage managing responsibilities for the production of **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**. He enjoys all aspects of the theater and has been with Barnstormers for eight years, while acting for over 30 years! He wishes everyone to "Break a Leg" and applauds the hard work of the cast and crew as well as the production team! On with the show!

MONICA MCFADDEN *(Assistant Stage Manager)*

GWCD is Monica's first stint in stage management—and she's having a blast! Monica has volunteered before at Barnstormers, assisting the great Ruth Sears with costumes. When not at Barnstormers, Monica is the Training Coordinator and a Search Manager at Josephine County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, an instructor in the Oregon State Sheriff's Association Ground Search Management program, and serves on the Board of Siskiyou Community Health Center.




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