

COLORADO STATE COLLEGE GREELEY

THE LITTLE THEATRE OF THE ROCKIES

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Welby Wolfe, Executive Director John Willcoxon, Director John S. Girault, Associate Director C. T. Quinn, Costumer

presents

Life Is A Backyard Circus

An Original Play

by

David Shaffer

Under the direction of John Willcoxon

THE CAST

STEFFANIE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	Cherie :	Dorrier
ARNOLD -	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	Stanley	Lewis
GINNY -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	- Sally	Kemp
JONATHAN	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	- G	ene Par	eghian
MARLENE	-			-	-	-	- ,		-	-	-	Chri	istine Mo	Murdo

The setting was designed by C. N. Thompson

Costumes designed by C. T. Quinn

SYNOPSIS

The action takes place in and around . . . and simultaneously covers a period of five lifetimes.

PART I

"Balloonz"

PART II

"Starz"

PART III

"Rockerz"

Ten-minute intermission between parts

THE TECHNICAL STAFF

STAGE MANAGER Edward Osborn
ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR Daniel Silverman
SCENIC ARTIST Bruce Colzani ASSISTANTS Linda Anthon Steven Patrick, Perry Riley
STAGE CARPENTER Mark Miller ASSISTANTS John Findlater Ronald Lee, Donn Mason, James Meldrum, Judith Shanley
BUILDING CARPENTER John Schmidt ASSISTANTS Robert Casselman Larry Lott, Donald Schulz, Robert Sessions, Dana Starr
PROPERTIES MISTRESS Glynese Floyd ASSISTANTS Cherie Dorrier Russel Giles, Diana Holland, Marilyn Monroe
COSTUME MISTRESS Diane Brown ASSISTANTS William Adams David Bennett, Larry Bulechek, Patricia McWilliams
ELECTRICIAN Charles Thompson ASSISTANTS Alan Paul James Zimmer
PUBLICITY Robert Wells ASSISTANT Stanley Lewis
HOUSE MANAGER James Gehrke

ABOUT THE PLAY:

LIFE IS A BACKYARD CIRCUS is one of several works by David Shaffer, Greeley resident and CSC senior, and has already gained admirable notice with an arena production on campus earlier this year, with two of tonight's cast members in the original presentation. Shaffer has received further recognition with other of his plays being produced this summer in Greeley. Titles include PUPPY LOVE IS REAL TO THE PUPPY, TO KNOW A STRANGER, and CURTAIN TIME, a musical.

Labeled a fantasy, LIFE IS A BACKYARD CIRCUS glances at lifetimes of five children, who remain childlike throughout adulthood because of a failure to mature personal values. The play's inscription reads: "Soldiers, we are attacking. Advance as long as you can. When you can no longer advance, hold your position. When you can no longer hold it, die!"

ABOUT THE COMPANY:

Gene Parseghian (Jonathan)

Antioch College, Guildhall School of Drama in London, and the Stanford Repertory Theatre are the training grounds for Gene, who recently completed a master of fine arts program at Stanford University. His resume includes THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, A TOUCH OF THE POET, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, LA RONDE, TIGER AT THE GATES, and TWELFTH NIGHT. His roles with this company include Eddie in a MAJORITY OF ONE, Prince Hal in HENRY IV, PART ONE, and in two weeks the Unknown Soldier in THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER AND HIS WIFE.

Cherie Dorrier (Steffanie)

From Sylvania, Ohio, Cherie has associated with the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State Summer Theatre, where her roles have included Cybel in THE GREAT GOD BROWN, Colette in THE HOSTAGE, Gloria in WAIT UNTIL DARK, and Martha in WOMEN AT THE TOMB. Cherie earlier appeared as Ayako Asano in A MAJORITY OF ONE.

Stanley Lewis (Arnold)

A Junior at CSC, Stan is becoming a favorite on this stage, with such work as Bill Walker in MAJOR BARBARA, Harold Mitchell in A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE, Archibald in HENRY IV, PART ONE, and an earlier production of tonight's show. Prior to coming to LTR he was active in theatre at Denver's Cathedral High School. He will again be seen as the Sergeant in THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER AND HIS WIFE.

James Meldrum

Jim is from Lamar State College of Technology in Beaumont, Texas, and has held a technical assistantship in theatre for two years. In addition to many acting duties, he has been active technically in such shows as BYE BYE BIRDIE, THE BOYFRIEND, A DOLL'S HOUSE, and WAITING FOR GODOT. He is a graduate student at CSC.

David Bennett

Last week's Worchester in HENRY IV, PART ONE, Dave is here from Woodland Park, Colorado. He has worked at Adams State College, Colorado College, and the University of Denver, as well as his own shows at Cheyenne Mountain Junior High, in Colorado Springs. Among his many shows, acting or directing, are THE MUSIC MAN, THE VISIT, PIRATES OF PENZANCE, and THE CRUCIBLE.

Larry Bulechek

Larry currently teaches high school at Oceano, California, and has many directing credits there. While at Eastern Arizona College, the University of Arizona, and Allan Hancock College, he has worked with shows including DAMN YANKEES, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST, UNDER MILKWOOD, and THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK. He is studying on the graduate level this summer.

LITTLE THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

July 31 - Aug. 1 THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO
Aug. 7 - 8 THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER AND HIS WIFE