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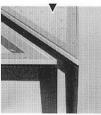
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A Contemporary Theatre proudly donates space in its upper lobby to display the works of visual artists. We feel this gives our audience a chance to view new works by emerging talents and enhance their theatre

experience. ACT has invited Pamela Powers, curator of the program since its inception, to present her own artwork during the run of *Sunsets and Glories*.

Pamela's formal education in art began when she was very young and living in Hawaii. In the islands, she recalls, she was "bombarded with color, and it came out forcefully in my paintings. I was encouraged by some wonderful teachers at the Honolulu Academy of Art."

Spending most of her childhood in Bloomington, Indiana, with summers in Mexico, Pamela was influenced by contemporary art and the dynamic colors she saw on vacations. Later she studied at the BellasArtes in Tasco, Mexico and designed silver jewelry with Antonio Pineda. After earning her degree at Scripps College in Claremont, California, she attended the San Francisco Art Institute. She became a buyer for Gumps

in San Francisco — and an actress in film and television.

In 1976, studies at the Cornish College of the Arts brought Pamela and her family to Seattle. Since then she has coordinated exhibitions in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington D.C. and throughout Washington State. A long-time Board member at ACT, she has curated Art in the Lobby since 1978.

"When I moved to the Northwest," the artist says, "I struggled to become more 'Northwest' by being subtler and softer with color. But it was not comfortable for me, and I finally realized that *I must do color!*" Discovering the Skagit Valley in Spring and "all its exploding color" helped her to feel at home here. In recent years the San Juan Islands have become a major inspiration and influence in her work. Her works hang in numerous collections throughout this country and Mexico.

As an art advisor to corporations and individuals, Pamela has operated her own business for 12 years and represents many area artists.

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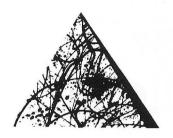
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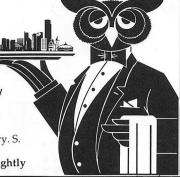
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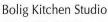
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—The Seattle Times

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The Pope Who Quit: The Real Celestine V

When Pope Nicholas IV died in 1292, the Church was thrown into disarray while the College of Cardinals — torn by a rivalry between the Orsini and Colonna families — bickered about choosing a successor. This stalemate would last for over two years, until Cardinal Latino Malabranca received a letter warning him that God would surely punish the cardinals if they did not put an end to their differences and elect a pope immediately.

The letter came from Peter de Morrone, a holy monk living as a hermit in the mountains of Abruzzi. Seeing the letter as an act of Providence, Malabranca proposed Morrone himself as the next pope and the cardinals assented. When the cardinals climbed the mountain to inform Morrone of his election, the hermit thought them to be a vision from hell. Finally convinced that they were telling the truth, he pleaded his ignorance of worldly affairs and tried to escape, but to no avail. Torn between defying God's will and being a bad pope, he finally agreed and took the name of Celestine V.

Celestine's problems began almost immediately. Rather than go to Rome, he remained in his native Naples, much to the chagrin of the cardinals, but to the great pleasure of King Charles. Having one of his subjects elected Supreme Pontiff gave Charles great influence, and when Celestine created twelve new cardinals, seven of them were French. These men were all unknown to Celestine, and so many of the appointments were of Charles' subjects, that the cardinals presumed that the pope was entirely under the influence of the King who, they believed, had persuaded him to remain in the Kingdom of Naples instead of journeying to Rome to take his seat at the Vatican.

Already exasperated by Celestine's willingness to be ruled by King Charles, his appointing of cardinals unknown to the sacred college, his lack of government and his practising the same austerities as he had on the mountainside, the cardinals began to take note of his frequently expressed desire to return to his hermitage. They agreed that if he should offer to resign, they would accept. Cardinal Benedict Gaetani, who aspired to the papacy himself, had a private conversation with Celestine, making him aware of the deplorable state of the Church, which needed a pope able to control secular powers usurping Church power. The pope replied with great simplicity - if they had wanted such a man, why had they elected him? He was willing to resign at once.

(Some sources claim that Gaetani appeared at night speaking through a tube to make it appear like a voice from heaven.)

At the instigation of King Charles, who was distressed to hear of Celestine's plans, the people of Naples rose up declaring that they would accept no other pope while Celestine lived. Many declared that a pope could not resign, but Gaetani persuaded Celestine to issue a constitution empowering a pope to abdicate.

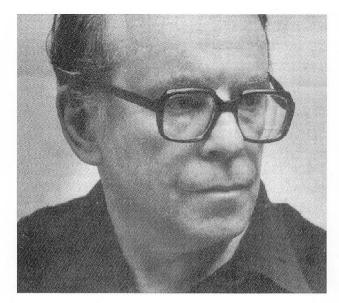
On December 13th, 1294, after only five months and eight days as pope, Celestine resigned:

"I, Celestine, the fifth pope of that name, being moved by lawful causes, by motives of humility, by the desire of leading a more perfect life, by my great age, my infirmities, my want of experience, and ignorance of all worldly affairs, and wanting to enjoy the comforts and sweets that I found in retirement, do hereby freely, and of my own accord, renounce the Papacy..."

Cardinal Benedict Gaetani was elected Pope Boniface VIII the following day and immediately returned to Rome. Fearing the popularity of the saintly Morrone would be a danger to his papacy, he had the former pope seized and imprisoned in the Castle of Fumone where he died just two years later.

In his *Inferno*, Dante assigns Celestine V to the region of hell populated by the cowardly, the indecisive and the inadequate, but 17 years after his death, he was canonized by Pope Clement V.

Introduction by Peter Barnes



It is all imagined: the Middle Ages, Waterloo, 1066. History is not history unless it is imagined. No one I knew was present in the distant past, so the past, like the future, is an act of imagination. The ghosts are all here and now and with us always. We conjure them up, clothe them with historical facts and call them Caesar and Alexander and say they are real. But even those of us who live in the past only live there in our imaginations. It is not real—not even yesterday.

"Life is like a river."

"Why?"

"How should I know. Am I a philosopher?"

I am coming to feel all the big ideas about God, faith, free-will, and the rest are fascinating games but not something, in the end, you should, perhaps, commit yourself to; live or die for. Particularly, when it seems, they answer nothing in a soulless universe.

All I can do is tell stories and leave the big ideas to priests and politicians who will steal the whites of your eyes if you let them get close enough.

"Eureka, it's finished! It's a winner, I can smell it!"

"What're you going to call it, Signor Bocaccio?"

"I thought maybe *The Decameron*. That has a ring to it. It may be just a collection of filthy stories to you, Fred, but mark my words, it'll be a classic."

Have you heard the story of the Emperor Claudius? It seems that he "bubbled up his ghost" at a banquet when he was listening to a troupe of comics. Which just goes to show how dangerous comics can be.

In the middle of a joke, Claudius farted, and cried out before he died, "Oh dear, oh dear! I think I've done a mess." Whether he had or not, nobody is certain, but it is likely, after all he made a mess of everything.

Talking about comics, the American entertainer, Eddie Foy, lost a court

case and was berated by his lawyer: "When you were in the witness box and they asked you your occupation why did you say, 'The greatest comedian in the world'? Don't you see it completely antagonized the jury?" Foy looked at him in astonishment. "But I had to say that," he replied. "I was under oath."

In another court case, the courtesan, Phyrne, a native of Thespiae, was prosecuted on a capital charge of corrupting the citizens of Athens. They did not mind Athenians corrupting Athenians, but were presumably incensed at foreigners taking all the best jobs. Her lover, Hyperides, defended her but it was obvious the judges were about to condemn her, when she tore open her tunic and showed her breasts. She was acquitted of all charges. But others, like the poet Posidippus, say this is all a pack of lies. What Phyrne really did was see each of the judges sepa-

rately and in private and there was consequently never any doubt that she would get off.

Which reminds me of the Athenian prostitutes who followed that "great statesman" Pericles when he laid siege to Samos and they made a fortune. Afterwards they presented the politician with a large sum of money — raised by subscription — as a token of their appreciation for the trade he had put their way.

In contrast, one hard winter in Bologna, Leopardi encased himself in a sack of feathers to keep warm whilst Thorstein Veblen, on the other hand, said he studied foreign languages by staring at each word until he knew what it meant. Ezra Pound claimed he understood Chinese ideograms the same way. Is this gift hereditary?

Then again Shakespeare, seeing Jonson on a toilet and reading a book said that he was sorry Jonson's memory was so bad he did not know how to shit without a book. This is probably the only remotely half-decent joke Will ever made—if he made it. Certainly it is the only one that does not need footnotes.*

Whereas there was Oscar Wilde dying in a hotel room saying, "Either that wallpaper goes or I do."

Apropos of nothing, what about the saint who became pope? That story, however, needs rather more space to do it justice.

Peter Barnes, 1990

*John Barrymore said that footnotes are like going downstairs to answer the doorbell on your wedding night.

About the Playwright

The Sunday (London) Times called Peter Barnes "one of the most original and biting comic writers working in Britain." His first performed play, Sclerosis, was produced in 1965, but it was with The Ruling Class that he was first noticed as a remarkable new theatrical writer. The Ruling Class won the Evening Standard's award for Most Promising Newcomer and the John Whiting Award. Since then his plays have included Leonardo's Last Supper, Noonday Demons, The Bewitched and Laughter. His play Red Noses won the Olivier Award for Best Play in its premiere by the Royal Shakespeare Company, and was one of the major events in Seattle theatre in its 1989 ACT production.

Barnes has adapted and edited many plays, including Jonson's *The Devil is an Ass*, *Bartholomew Fair* and *The Alchemist* as well as his acclaimed version of Wedekind's *Lulu*. He has written and adapted extensively for radio, including three series of *Barnes' People* — one of which won the Best Radio Play of the Year Award. His prolific writing includes many works for television and cinema, such as the screenplay for the recent film, *Enchanted April*.

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Cardinal Orsini Cardinal Colonna

Cardinal Cholet

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Jacopone

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Maifreda

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Mark Chamberlin

Time: The end of the 13th century and beginning of the 14th century Place: The Kingdom of Naples and Rome

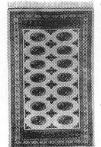
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The Actors



Laurence Ballard Gaetani

directed Eleemosynary and was seen in Shadowlands and The Revengers' Comedies earlier this season. This past winter, he appeared in The Guardsman, Betrayal and King Lear with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival/Portland. He has performed in several past ACT productions, including The Illusion, Our Country's Good and Halcyon Days. He also appeared in A Normal Life, A Walk in the Woods, Red Noses, Woman in Mind, A Christmas Carol, The Voice of the Prairie, Principia Scriptoriae, Tales from Hollywood, True West, Maydays and Other Places. He directed the ACT production of The Falcon for the 1991 Washington State Cultural Enrichment Program Tour. He has performed locally with Seattle Repertory Theatre, Intiman Theatre Company, The Empty Space Theatre and Tacoma Actors Guild. Nationally, other theatres include Arena Stage, Arizona Theatre Company, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Eureka Theatre, Joyce Theatre, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Oregon Shakespeare Festival/ Ashland, and Stage West. Internationally, he has performed with the Suzuki Company of Toga-Mura, Japan (SCOT) at the International Performing Arts Festival and the Mitsui Performing Arts Festival in Tokyo. Film and television credits include The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial, The Tale of Lear (Japan), and The Falcon (USA, Republic of Georgia).



Kurt Beattie Orsini

Now Artistic Director of The Empty Space Theatre, Kurt was a founding member of The Space's acting company in the 1970s, and later became literary manager there. As an actor he has appeared for over 19 years in a wide variety of roles in Seattle at The Empty Space, ACT, Intiman Theatre Company, Seattle Repertory Theatre as well as with regional theatres and in New York. Most recently at The Empty Space he played Dr. Gustaf Terror in the first Ensemble production, *Dr. Terror's 3-D House of Theatre*, and previously appeared in *Arden of Faversham* before

directing *Dark Rapture*. Kurt also performed recently at Intiman in *The Grace of Mary Traverse* and *Waiting for Godot*. In addition to writing *Oregon Gothic*, Kurt adapted *The Odyssey* with Greg Falls for the Young ACT Company in 1985. TIME Magazine named *The Odyssey* one of the best plays of that year, and it has been produced by numerous regional theatres.



Mark
Chamberlin
Roffred/James of
Aragon

last appeared on our stage as Dr. Oakley in Shadowlands. Previous appearances at ACT include Halcyon Days, A Normal Life, Woman in Mind and The Downside. Mark was seen recently in How the Other Half Loves at Intiman Theatre Company and previously at Seattle Repertory Theatre in M. Butterfly, Much Ado About Nothing and Red Square. He has worked around the country at the Arizona Theatre Company, Alliance Theatre, Pittsburgh Public, Huntington Repertory and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival/Portland. On Broadway, he created the role of William in 84 Charing Cross Road. Mark co-stars in the films Edge of Honor, Ghost Story and Kent State. He is a graduate of Whitman College and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York.



Clayton
Corzatte
Malabranca

An Obie Award winner and Tony nominee, Clayton Corzatte recently celebrated 40 years in professional theatre. He has played nearly 200 roles, including Katharine Hepburn's twin in Twelfth Night, Eva LeGallienne's son in Ghosts and the title role in The Show Off with Helen Hayes. Recent local performances include Grandpa in You Can't Take It With You at Seattle Group Theatre, Dillwyn Knox in Breaking the Code at Alice B. Theatre and Ernie Cusack in Rumors at Tacoma Actors Guild. He has acted and directed with some of America's most prestigious companies, including The Guthrie, Arena Stage, The Old Globe, Actors Theatre of Louisville and the APA-Phoenix Repertory.



Sara
DeBoer
Verrier

Sara appears on the ACT stage for the first time as an acting intern. She was last seen as Nerissa in *The Merchant of Venice*, Judy in *A Chorus Line* and Rose in *The Sea* at the University of Washington, where she is in her final year in the Professional Actor Training Program. She earned her B.A. in English from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where her roles included Clea in *Black Comedy* and Amaranth in *Wild Oats*. She can be seen this winter in *Bartholomew Fair, Man and Superman* and *Mephisto* at the UW.



Sue **Guthrie** *Maifreda*

Sue appeared earlier this season at ACT in Shadowlands and The Revengers' Comedies. Last Spring she received her MFA from the University of Washington, where she performed in The Shaughran, The Duchess of Malfi, The Voysey Inheritance and Women Beware Women. She toured two seasons with Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, performing in Engaged, Much Ado About Nothing, Scapin and Twelfth Night. Most recently she understudied the women in A Midsummer Night's Dream at Intiman Theatre. Sue can be seen later this year in the as yet untitled Ensemble production at The Empty Space Theatre.



William
Hall, Jr.
Colonna

A founding member of Seattle's Group Theatre, William has appeared in many productions there, including *Short Eyes, Pantomime, Cops* and *Medal of Honor Rag.* William has spent the last 10 years working out of New York City where he appeared in the Tony Award-winning *I'm Not Rappaport.* He has worked in Moscow, Leningrad and Shanghai in a touring production of *Driving Miss Daisy*



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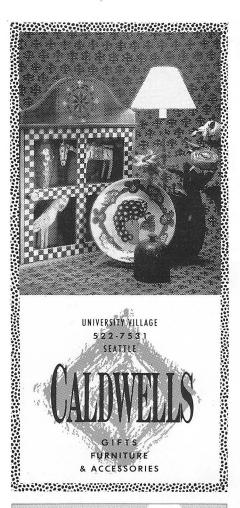
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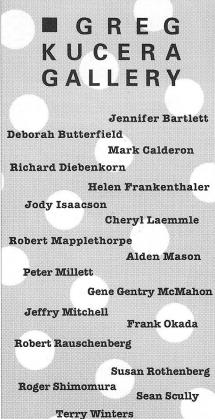
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The Actors

and also had a small role in the Oscar-winning film.



Todd Jamieson Lucera

is making his ACT Mainstage debut in Sunsets and Glories. He first worked for ACT last winter as the Storyteller in The Falcon, touring schools in southwest Washington. In the spring, Todd played Colon (Columbus) in the award-winning production of The City of Gold, the "true and honest story" of the "discovery" of America, for the Seattle Repertory's Mobile Outreach Program. Additional Seattle-area credits include May in Lend Me a Tenor at the Tacoma Actors Guild, Buckingham in Richard III with the Seattle Shakespeare Festival, and the New Guy in Virtus at The Empty Space and and roles in the films American Heart and The Hand That Rocks the Cradle. Before coming to Seattle in 1989, Todd worked on and off Broadway, at the Denver Center Theatre, the Old Globe, the Berkeley Repertory, the New York Shakespeare Festival, the Huntington Theatre, the Shakespeare Theatre at the Folger and several regional Shakespeare Festivals. Todd recently directed a very successful staged reading of Henry IV, with an all-women cast, for the Seattle Shakespeare Festival. When he isn't acting or directing, Todd trains professionals in presentation and clientservice skills.



Larsen Queen Maria/ Isabella Bartol

Lori's first professional job was as Rossignol in Marat/Sade here at ACT in 1968. In more recent appearances, she played the title role in Hapgood and Muriel, the bad cook in Woman in Mind. This summer, Lori played Emelia in Othello for the Seattle Shakespeare Festival and was seen at The Empty Space in The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe. In January, she directed The Ballad of Baby Doe for the Seattle Opera. In 1991 she toured Norway, Switzerland and the former U.S.S.R. in Francois Rochaix's production of The Oresteia, performing her role of chorus leader both in Norwegian and French.



Sheila
McClure
Gina/Benvenuto

A recent graduate of Whitman College in Walla Walla, Sheila performed a range of roles there, including Dorothea in *Eleemosynary*, Lucy in *Largo Desolato* and multiple roles in *The Illusion*. She studied at the British American Drama Academy in London as well as Emerson College in Boston and Cornish College of the Arts. As a student she was a DJ for KWCW Radio at Whitman and a newscaster for WERS Radio at Emerson.



David Morden Elijah

David recently returned from a season at the Utah Shakespearean Festival, where he was seen as Oswald in King Lear, Ford in The Merry Wives of Windsor and Ligniere in Cyrano de Bergerac. Northwest appearances include productions of Richard III with the Seattle Shakespeare Festival, Intimate Works with Shirley Jenkins/Dance on Capitol Hill and Passion for Fresh Flowers at the Storefront Theatre in Portland. Currently an M.F.A. candidate in the University of Washington's Professional Actor Training Program under the direction of Jack Clay, he has appeared in A Chorus Line, The Merchant of Venice and The Sea there. Showcase productions in which he will appear this season will be Bartholomew Fair, Man and Superman and Mephisto.



J. Christopher
O'Connor
Sala/Guard

Chris last appeared on our stage playing Bill Howell in *Principia Scriptoriae* and in two productions of *A Christmas Carol*. His extensive local credits include Cleante in *The Imaginary Invalid* and Princess Grace in *The Hostage*, both at The Bathhouse Theatre, and Templeton in *Charlotte's Web* at the Seattle Children's Theatre, where he is on the

faculty of the education program. Chris has worked with The Ahmanson Theatre, The Odyssey Theatre and The Provisational Theatre in Los Angeles. A graduate of Carnegie-Mellon, he was a company member of both the Pittsburgh City Theatre and Theatre Express in Pittsburgh.



Patrick
Page
Montefelto

makes his debut at ACT with this production. Recent credits include the title roles in Richard II at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Henry Vat Pioneer Theatre Co. in Salt Lake City and Macbeth with the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Most recently he was seen at Missouri Repertory Theatre as Mercutio in Romeo and Juliet. His many other credits include several seasons with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland and Portland as Mark Antony in Julius Caesar, Wisehammer in Our Country's Good and Brazen in The Recruiting Officer. Patrick is the co-author and performer of Nothing Like the Sun, a one-man play based on the life of Elizabethan playwright Ben Jonson, and Passion's Slaves, another one-man show which tours extensively. In 1989 he received the Princess Grace Foundation Award for achievement in theatre. Patrick is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Whitman College in Walla Walla.



Larry
Paulsen
Nicholas IV/
Jacopone

Larry returns to ACT where he has performed in Our Country's Good, Shadowlands, Four Our Fathers, The Marriage of Bette and Boo and two productions of A Christmas Carol. Other Seattle-area credits include Inspecting Carol, The Caucasian Chalk Circle and Curse of the Starving Class at Seattle Repertory Theatre as well as Tales of the Lost Formicans at The Empty Space Theatre, The Dining Room and The Glass Menagerie at Tacoma Actors Guild. In addition to performing for seven seasons with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Larry has appeared with Alaska Repertory Theatre, South Coast Repertory,

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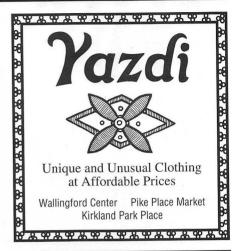


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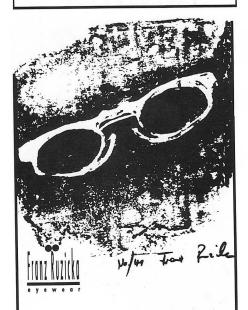
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David
Pichette
Charles II

A familiar face to ACT audiences, David has appeared in The Revengers' Comedies, A Christmas Carol, Red Noses, Maydays, Glengarry Glen Ross, On the Razzle and The Diary of a Scoundrel. At Intiman Theatre Company he played Sergius in Arms and the Man, Bob Acres in The Rivals and Guildenstern in Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead. David also played George Bernard Shaw in Dear Liar at the Tacoma Actors Guild. He has made numerous appearances at the Empty Space Theatre, including roles in The Mystery of Irma Vep and Fen, and recently completed a five-month stint there as a member of The Acting Ensemble, playing Heidi, the psychotic chainsaw-wielding nun in Dr. Terror's 3-D House of Theatre, and Lexington in Dark Rapture.



Demetra
Pittman
Sophia Aldesca

Demetra portrayed Artie in Eleemosynary this season, having performed previously at ACT in Maydays, For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf and The Fantasticks. For the past seven seasons, she has been in the acting company of The Oregon Shakespeare Festival in both Ashland and Portland. Her roles with that theatre include: Regan in King Lear, Beatrice in Much Ado About Nothing, Bananas in The House of Blue Leaves, Hesione in Heartbreak House, Liz Morden in Our Country's Good and Lady Macbeth in Macbeth. Last year Demetra appeared in Misalliance and The Grace of Mary Traverse at The Intiman Theatre Company.



Peter
Silbert
Peter de Morrone

Last on our stage as Col. Marcus Lipscott in The Revengers' Comedies, Peter has appeared at ACT in numerous productions, such as Halcyon Days, Our Country's Good, A Normal Life, An American Comedy, Red Noses, Breaking the Silence and as Scrooge in A Christmas Carol. Other Seattle credits include performing at The Empty Space, where as a charter member of The Acting Ensemble he appeared in Dr. Terror's 3-D House of Theatre and Dark Rapture, Intiman Theatre Company, Tacoma Actors Guild, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Pioneer Square Theatre and Center Stage. Nationally, Peter has appeared at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse, The Goodman Theatre, Portland Repertory Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Oregon Shakespeare Festival and, for six seasons, at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater.

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Gregory A. Falls, Founding Director

is the founder of ACT and the Young ACT Company. He has directed over 70 productions and adapted ACT's version of A Christmas Carol in 1976. He created five original children's theatre revues and three Christmas shows, plus a scripted version of The Odyssey with playwright Kurt Beattie which was selected by Time magazine as one of the Ten Best Plays of 1985. His other original scripts include The Persian Princess, Aladdin and the Magic Lamp, The Forgotten Door, The Pushcart War, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves and A Wrinkle in Time. For ten vears he was the Executive Director of the University of Washington School of Drama. He is past president of the National Theatre Conference and the Washington Association of Theatre Artists, a founding member of the United Arts Council of Puget Sound, and founder of the Champlain Shakespeare Festival.

Susan Trapnell Moritz, *Managing Director*

has been with ACT since 1982. Before that she spent four years with Dance Theatre Seattle as Educational Director and then General Manager. She has served as a UNESCO bilingual aide in Paris and has held writing and editing positions in the Washington, D.C., area. Other experience includes work with the National Urban League and a teaching position in Algeria. She holds a B.A. in French from the University of North Carolina, attended the University of Lyons in France, and has done graduate work in dance education at George Washington University. Susan is a member and past president of the Washington State Arts Alliance and is a member of the King County Arts Commission.

Phil Schermer, Producing Director

has been working in professional theatre for over 25 years. He began his career at the Seattle Repertory Theatre as a painter and then scenic carpenter. He has also designed lighting for the Seattle Rep and its Second Stage. The Bathhouse Theatre, The Empty Space Theatre, The Seattle Group Theatre, Tacoma Actors Guild and Montana Repertory Theatre as well as numerous productions at ACT, including last season's My Children! My Africa! He served as Technical Director and Production Manager at ACT before being named Producing Director in 1989. For the past three years, he has been actively involved in the design process for ACT's new facility. Phil received a B.A. in Literature/History from Reed College in Portland and an M.A. in Lighting Design/Technical Production from the University of Washington.

Jeff Steitzer, Artistic Director

came to ACT in 1985 as a resident director, and was appointed Artistic Director in 1988. He has directed more than 20 productions at ACT including The Revengers' Comedies and last season's Our Country's Good and Halcyon Days. Locally, he has directed extensively at The Empty Space Theatre (where he began his career as an actor and director). Seattle Children's Theatre, The Bathhouse Theatre, and Village Theatre in Issaquah. Outside Seattle, he has directed for the Goodman Theatre, Milwaukee Repertory, Berkeley Repertory, the Alliance Theatre (Atlanta) and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Portland and Ashland. In 1981 he was an NEA Directing Fellow at The Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis and in 1982 he served as an NEA Artistic Associate to Actors Theater of St. Paul. Jeff has also been an on-site evaluator for the NEA theatre program and was recently elected to serve as a board member for Theatre Communications Group. Recent projects have included Into the Woods at Civic Light Opera, Tons of Money at the University of Washington's newly refurbished Penthouse Theatre and Dr. Terror's 3-D House of Theatre at The Empty Space where he is a member of the Ensemble Acting Company. He is the obsessively proud father of 9-1/2 year old Caitlin and 7-1/2 year old Ben.

Steven E. Alter, Assistant Director and Dramaturg

is in his fourth year as ACT's resident dramaturg after coming to Seattle to work on the world premiere of Steven Dietz's *God's Country* in 1988. He has served as Production Dramaturg on over twenty new plays, and is particularly proud of his ongoing relationships with playwrights Doris Baizley (*Agnes*)

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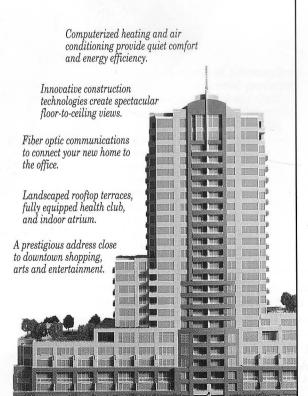
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Todd Barton,

Composer and Sound Designer

has been composer and musical director for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival since 1969. He has composed scores for more than 70 plays at OSF, arranged period music for many productions and overseen all musical activities there. Todd's national credits include compositions for the University of Wisconsin/ Milwaukee, Denver Center Theatre Company, Shakespeare Theatre at the Folger and Berkeley Repertory Theatre. Last year the Oregon Symphony premiered his Terrains for Orchestra. He recently wrote music for a CD by John Singer, the master shakuhachi player, and for a video on the creative process of poet William Stafford. His Music of the Kesh, composed with Ursula K. Le Guin, was recently re-released across the country.

Brenda Berry, Lighting Designer

is designing her first show at ACT. Her credits include *A Funny Thing Happened* on the Way to the Forum at La Jolla Playhouse; *Cymbeline, Slingshot, Rocky*

Horror and Crever Couer for San Diego Repertory and Emiliano at El Teatro Campesino. Most recently she designed The Women for Anne Bogart. The recipient of Drama-Logue and San Diego Theatre Critics Circle awards, Brenda was a 1991-92 NEA design fellow with the Theatre Communications Group.

Charlene Hall, Scene Designer

is originally from the Northwest, but her career has taken her to theatres in Boston, New York, Santa Fe, Providence and Alaska. In this area she has designed *Jungle Queen Debutante* and *Big River* for The Village Theatre, as well as Dr. *Terror's 3-D House of Theatre* for The Empty Space.

Jeff Hanson, Stage Manager

returns to ACT after stage managing *The Revengers' Comedies*. Previously he managed *Halcyon Days, The Illusion, Lloyd's Prayer* and, as part of the Goodwill Arts Festival, *The Falcon.* Other local credits include productions with The Bathhouse Theatre, Intiman Theatre Company, The Empty Space and the Seattle Repertory Theatre. Jeff spent two seasons stage managing at New Mexico Repertory Theatre. A native of Minnesota, he earned his graduate degree from UCLA and stage managed a dance company in Los Angeles.

Rose Pederson, Costume Designer

designed Shadowlands and Eleemosynary this year at ACT, and My Children! My Africa last season. Her other credits at ACT include Lloyd's Prayer, Hapgood, Woman in Mind, The Downside, Glengarry Glen Ross, Biloxi Blues, Merrily We Roll Along, Other Places, Brighton Beach Memoirs and Mrs. California as well as Young ACT productions of Theseus and the Minotaur and The Odyssey. Her extensive work for the Seattle Repertory Theatre includes Bill Irwin's Largely/New York, which went on to Broadway, and most recently, Substance of Fire. Rose's work has also been seen locally at Intiman. Seattle Children's Theatre, The Group, Tacoma Actors Guild and New City Theatre. Last year she designed The Importance of Being Earnest at Berkeley Repertory Theatre and The Heidi Chronicles at the Arizona Theatre Company.



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