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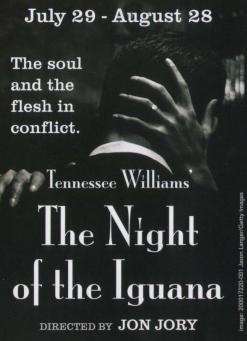
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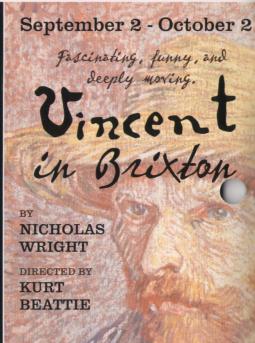


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BY TENNESSEE WILLIAMS

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BY NICHOLAS WRIGHT

OCTOBER 14 - NOVEMBER 13:

Flight

BY CHARLAYNE WOODARD

NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 24:

Charles Dickens'

A Christmas Carol

ADAPTED BY GREGORY A. FALLS

THE COMPANY

CAST (in alphabetical order)

Tim Gouran*

Jennifer Lyon*

Jane May

Joseph P. McCarthy Jayne Muirhead*

David Pichette*

Paul Morgan Stetler* **Brian Thompson*** R. Hamilton Wright*

chard Ziman*

ideez Gracey-Lee

Bootblack/Bellhop/Waiter

Billie Dawn

Manicurist **Eddie Brock**

Mrs. Hedges/Helen Senator Hedges/

Ass't Hotel Manager

Paul Verrall

Barber/Bellhop

Ed Devery

Harry Brock Herself

PRODUCTION TEAM

Warner Shook

Robert A. Dahlstrom

Frances Kenny

Mary Louise Geiger Jim Ragland

Geoffrey Alm

Anne Kearson*

LB Morse Nora Menkin Director

Scenic Design Costume Design

Lighting Design

Composer and Sound Design

Fight Director

Stage Manager Assistant Lighting Design

Production Assistant

*Denotes membership in Actors' Equity Association, the professional union for actors and stage managers in the United States.

There will be one intermission.

The scene is Washington, D.C.

TIME 1946

ACT 1 September

ACT 2 About two months later

ACT 3 Later that night

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THE ACTORS



Tim Gouran (Bellhop/Bootblack/Waiter) is happy to be returning to ACT!!! He was last seen here in 2002 as Kenny in Fuddy Meers. Recent roles in Seattle include Jett Rink in Book-It Theatre's Giant and Colin in Seattle Children's Theatre's production of The Secret Garden. Tim has also been seen on the stages of Seattle Repertory Theatre, Seattle Shakespeare Company, Theater Schmeater and Annex Theatre. He sends love to "Sugarpop," "Bare Belly" and "Soft & Twitchy."



Jennifer Lyon (Billie Dawn) is a recent graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts and is thrilled to have this opportunity. At the Wilma Theatre she played Violet Grey in Polly Penn's world premiere musical Embarrassments, directed by Blanka Zizka, and the title role in Tom Duznia world premiere comedy Hail Mary, directed by Pamela Hunt at the Studio Arena Theatre. Ms. Lyon has also appeared in the new musical Hexed in the City at the Belt Theatre, Only 10 Minutes to Buffalo at the Lincoln Center Institute and David Simpatico's Waiter, Waiter at the Greenwich House Theatre. She would like to thank her family, NCSA, Talentworks, the ice cream shop, and the wonderful director, cast and crew involved in this production.



Jane May (Manieurist) is excited to be back on stage at ACT after performing in past productions of *Omnium-Gatherum* and *A Christmas Carol*. Recent Seattle roles include Arlene in Theater Schmeater's production of *Getting Out* and Cassie Cooper in *Rumors* at Center Stage. Jane has also worked with Interplayers Theater, Seattle Public Theater, Washington Shakespeare and regionally at Western Stage in the Monterey Bay area.



Jayne Muirhead (Mrs. Hedges/Helen) A local actor for 25 years, Jayne began her professional career in Seattle Eclectic for ACT's Songworks program. Over the years she has performed in seven other ACT productions including 5X5, Can We Talk?, Happenstance, The Downside, Lloyd's Prayer, A Christmas Carol (1986) and Jayne's Adventures in Hell. In 1991 she originated the role of Fricka for Seattle Opera's production of Das Barbecü. She is a regular performer at Seattle Children's Theatre, most recently in the title role of Hello! Mrs. Piggle Wiggle. An accomplished cabaret performer, Jayne was a member of the Amazing Pink Things and the Sirens of Swing.

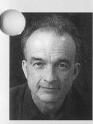
She has penned four one-woman shows: Jayne a la Carte, Indiana Jayne and the UFO, Jayne Unchained and The Once and Future Jayne, and is working on her fifth, Jayne Eyrehead. She has appeared in two films, Bombs Away and The Wright Brothers – both locally produced.

THE ACTORS



Joseph P. McCarthy (Eddie Brock) is happy to be making his debut at ACT. He was last seen as Army in Requiem for a Heavyweight at Theater Schmeater and as Decius Brutus in Wooden-O's production of Julius Caesar. Joseph is a founding member of Second Story Repertory Theater in Redmond. He has performed with Arts West, Tacoma Actors Guild, Bathhouse, New City, and with theatres in L.A., the East Coast and may be remembered as Lewd Fingers in Angry Housewives at Pioneer Square Theater. He is a choreographer and teaches theatre. Joseph has directed teens on tours including to India and the British Islands, where he conceived,

wrote and directed *Home Is Where...*, an original musical about homeless teens for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.



David Pichette (Senator Hedges/Assistant Hotel Manager) appeared earlier this year in *Bach at Leipzig* and in ACT's "Winter Thrills" production of *The Woman in Black*. Last season ACT audiences saw David in *Alki, Enchanted April,* as George Moore in *Jumpers* and Hercule Poirot in *Black Coffee*. Prior to that he was Ebenezer Scrooge in the 2002 production of A *Christmas Carol*. Other recent performances at ACT include the plays *Grand Magic, Communicating Doors,* and his solo performance in David Hare's *Via Dolorosa*. In the last 20 years at ACT some of his favorite roles have been Ziggy in *Side Man,* Abbe de Coulmier in *Quills,* Martin in

Maydays, Grez in Red Noses, Williamson in Glengarry Glen Ross, King Charles in Sunsets and Glories, and Golutvin in The Diary of a Scoundrel. Other local credits include numerous appearances at The Empty Space, Intiman, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Tacoma Actors Guild, and as Henry Higgins in The 5th Avenue Theatre's production of My Fair Lady. David has also worked recently at Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, San Jose Repertory Theatre and at Arizona Theatre Company.



Paul Morgan Stetler (Paul Verrall) returns to ACT having previously played Mariano in *Grand Magic* and Bob, the slightly off-center deliveryman, in *Wintertime*. Recent Seattle credits include Orlando in *As You Like It* and Angelo in *Measure For Measure* at Seattle Shakespeare Company, Richard in *Living Out* (a co-production with Kansas City Rep) and Benvolio in *Romeo and Juliet* at Seattle Repertory Theatre. Other roles include Quintas in *Titus Andronicus* and Lexy in *Candida* at Intiman Theatre, Jonas in *A Taste of Sunrise* at Seattle Children's Theatre, Bo in *Bus Stop*, Gordon Miller in *Room Service* and King Henry VIII in *A Man for All Seasons* at Village Theatre, and

Adam in *Rough Crossing* at Tacoma Actor's Guild. An original member of Circle X Theatre in Los Angeles, Paul originated the roles of LeCat in Glen Berger's *Great Men of Science Nos. 21 & 22* and Houston in Louis Broome's *Texarkana Waltz*, a role he later reprised at Empty Space Theatre. He holds an MFA from Penn State University.

THE ACTORS



Brian Thompson (Bellhop/Barber) was recently seen in Book-It's production of *Travels With Charley*. Most recently at ACT Brian was in *Black Coffee* and has appeared in four editions of *A Christmas Carol*. Other plays at ACT include *Henry IV Part 1*, *Principia Scriptoriae* and *Hapgood*. With Book-It he has also been seen in *Pride and Prejudice* and in *Hard Times*. He has performed the role of Scrooge in TAG's production of *A Christmas Carol* twice. Brian has also performed at Seattle Rep, Intiman and Empty Space. He was the founder and first Artistic Director of Bathhouse Theatre. Regional credits include *The Seagull* at Dallas Theatre Center, *Heartbreak House* at Alliance

Theatre in Atlanta, and *The Devils* and *The Cripple of Inishmaan* at Portland Center Stage. He also spent six seasons in the company at the Berkeley Rep and two at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland and performed in many other theatres around the country. He is the recipient of a Dramalogue Award for his Gaev in *The Cherry Orchard* at San Francisco's Eureka Theatre.



R. Hamilton Wright (Ed Devery) was last seen at ACT as Kauffman in Bach at Leipzig. In 2004 he played Ebenezer Scrooge in A Christmas Carol, Captain Hastings in Black Coffee, Peer Gynt in Alki, Antony Wilding in Enchanted April and Archie in Jumpers. It has been twenty-five years since Bob first appeared on the ACT stage in Sam Shepard's Buried Child. Since then some of his favorite ACT experiences have been Red Noses, End of the World, On the Razzle, Our Country's Good, A Chorus of Disapproval and The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs. Earlier this year he directed Scapin at the University of Washington and his play Greensward – originally workshopped

in ACT's First Act new play program – was selected for the Seattle Rep's Hot Type Festival, where it was performed in February.



Richard Ziman (Harry Brock) has previously appeared at ACT in Polish Joke, Grand Magic, Mitzi's Abortion and A Christmas Carol. On Broadway Richard's credits include Henry IV, Not About Nightingales, Laughter On the 23rd Floor, Epic Proportions, Lost in Yonkers and Biloxi Blues. Off-Broadway appearances include Kit Marlow, Twelfth Night, Julius Caesar, The Two Gentlemen of Verona, The Normal Heart, How It All Began, Polish Joke, The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui, Danton's Death, Misconceptions and Tulsa, for which he received a Dramalogue Award. Regionally he has appeared at The Shakespeare Theatre in Washington D.C., Hartford Stage, Alley Theatre,

Wilma Theatre, Huntington Theatre, Dallas Theatre Center (Rabin Award for *Twelfth Night*), Actors Theatre of Louisville, Long Wharf and The Royal National Theatre of Great Britain. Film and TV credits include *Unholy, Private Parts, Clockers, Hackers, Third Watch, The Sopranos, Law & Order and Law & Order SVU*. Richard is a graduate of the High School of Performing Arts and the Juilliard Theater Center.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Warner Shook (Director) returns to ACT where he directed Enchanted April and Edward Albee's The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?, which he re-staged at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles. Other Seattle directing highlights include Angels in America, Three Tall Women, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, The Little Foxes, Private Lives, Love! Valour! Compassion!, The Last Night of Ballyhoo and The Royal Family all at the Intiman Theatre where he served as Artistic Director from 1993-2000. He also directed the world premiere of The Kentucky Cycle plus the subsequent productions of the six-hour epic at the Mark Taper Forum, The Kennedy Center and on Broadway at the Royale Theatre. Last year Mr. Shook directed two benefit performances of Peter Shaffer's Lettice and Lovage in New York with Marian Seldes and Dana Ivey and in Los Angeles starring Angela Lansbury. Most recently he directed the world premiere of Gore Vidal's On the March to the Sea at Duke University with Chris Noth, Michael Learned, Charles Durning and Richard Easton. Other regional theatre credits include South Coast Repertory, the Old Globe, the Long Wharf, rtford Stage, American Conservatory Theatre and Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Robert A. Dahlstrom (Scenic Designer) is a Seattle based designer whose resume includes many productions for Seattle Opera, Intiman, Seattle Repertory Theatre, and ACT – most recently last season's Enchanted April and, earlier, Omnium-Gatherum. Elsewhere in the United States his work has been seen at San Diego's Old Globe, San Jose Repertory, Sacramento Theatre Company, ACT San Francisco, ART Cambridge, Long Wharf Theatre, Alliance Theatre Atlanta, and Asolo Theatre in Sarasota. In Europe he has collaborated with Den Nationale Scene, Bergen; The Royal Opera, Copenhagen; The Grand Theatre, Geneva; Opera Decentralise, Neuchatel; and International Theatre Center, Moscow. Dahlstrom is head of the MFA Design Program at the University of Washington's School of Drama.

Frances Kenny (Costume Designer) began her career in the fashion industry and fell in love with theatre costume design when returning to the University of Oregon to study art history and art. Her work was most recently seen at ACT in last season's Enchanted April and, earlier, The Goat, or Who is Sylvia? Additional work has been seen locally at the Intiman Theatre, Seattle Rep, Seattle Children's Theatre, On the Boards, House of Dames, Empty Space, and The Pat Graney Dance Company. Regionally, she has designed for Denver Center Theatre Company, Mark Taper Forum, Honolulu Theatre for Youth, The Long Wharf Theatre, San Jose Rep, The LaJolla Playhouse, The Arizona Theatre Company, Actor's Theatre of Louisville and on Broadway. When not working in the theatre, Frances styles wardrobe for local and national commercials, photo shoots and corporate media.

Mary Louise Geiger (Lighting Designer) is very pleased to return to ACT Theatre where she has designed Enchanted April, The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?, Polish Joke, Later Life, and Betty the Yeti. In Seattle she has designed many shows including Man of La Mancha at the Village Theatre, Nickel and Dimed and The Dying Gaul at Intiman, and other shows for Book-It, Seattle Repertory Theatre and Seattle Children's Theatre. She has designed lighting at many regional theatres all over the country including the Alley Theatre, Actor's Theatre of Louisville, Berkeley Repertory eatre, GeVa Theatre, Portland Center Stage, Virginia Stage Company, Repertory Theatre of Louis, Mark Taper Forum, New Mexico Repertory Theatre, Pioneer Theatre, Portland Stage Company, and Playmaker's Repertory Company where she is an Associated Artist. Since moving

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PRODUCTION TEAM

back to New York, she has worked on many projects at off-Broadway venues including Afterbirth: The Return of Kathy and Mo at Second Stage, Mabou Mines' Doll House at St. Ann's, Eight Days (Backwards) at the Vineyard Theatre, The Mystery of Attraction (Worth St. Theatre); Two Little Indians (Here); Tongue of a Bird (New York Shakespeare Festival), A Doll House (NYTW Workshop), The Bacchae: Torn to Pieces (LaMaMa Etc), The Triangle Factor Fire Project, Long Island Sound (The Actor's Company Theatre). Mary Louise is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama, and is Head of Lighting in the Department of Design for Stage and Film at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts.

Jim Ragland (Composer and Sound Designer) has composed music and/or designed sound for over 100 productions in Seattle and around the country since the mid-80s. At ACT, his credits include Fuddy Meers, Our Country's Good, An American Comedy, Trust and Happenstance; at Intiman: The Kentucky Cycle, Angels in America, Betrayal, Faith Healer, The Royal Family, Hamlet, and Molly Sweeny; at Seattle Rep: Seven Guitars, Beauty Queen of Leenane and Julius Caesar, Empty Space: In Perpetuity Throughout the Universe, The Overgrown Path, The Rocky Horror Show, Etta Jenks, Gloria Duplex and Don Juan; at Seattle Children's Theater: Alice and Wonderland and Portrait, Wind and Chair, at The Group: Marisol and Split Second, and at New City Theater: The Unseen Hand, The Tooth of Crime, In The Fairy Garden, Limbo Tales, Pilgrims of the Night and Angel City; for Nikki Appino and House of Dames: Sub Rosa and Djin. He performed his score for The Kentucky Cycle on Broadway, and has also worked at Berkeley Rep, Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles, The Organic Theater in Chicago, Hartford Stage in Connecticut, Alley Theater in Houston and Dallas Theater Center. Jim performs and records as a singer, songwriter and guitarist under the name Slim Chanse. He can be seen at The Sunset on July 5 with his band The Fabulous Failures. Jim teaches at Seattle University.

Anne Kearson (Stage Manager) is pleased to be a part of ACT's 2005 season, her 8th. Earlier this year she stage managed *The Woman in Black*. Last season she stage managed *A Christmas Carol, Good Boys* and *Enchanted April*. Other favorites from past seasons include Edward Albee's *The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?, The Education of Randy Newman, Big Love, Side Man* and *Violet*. Locally she has worked at The 5th Avenue Theatre, most recently stage managing *Miss Saigon*, as well as at Seattle Repertory Theatre and Tacoma Actors Guild. Other regional credits include five seasons with South Coast Repertory, five seasons with Shakespeare Santa Cruz and two seasons with the Utah Shakespearean Festival. Anne's great passions are her husband, Brian, her three children, Rebecca, Max, and Olivia Rose, and her 38-foot sailboat, Aleeska. Anne is proud to be the third generation of Kearsons in the entertainment industry.

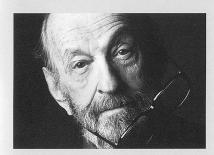
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ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT



Garson Kanin (Playwright) worked as an actor in the theatre and as a director and producer on Broadway and in Hollywood, but he is best known as a writer. During the Great Depression he dropped out of high school to help support his family, working as a musician and later as a comedian. He attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts from 1932 – 1933 and briefly worked as an actor on Broadway following his studies. Kanin became

assistant to Broadway director, George Abbott in 1935, then joined Samuel oldwyn's production staff in Hollywood in 1937, but left for RKO at the end of one year, frustrated at not having been given any directing assignments by Mr. Goldwyn. At RKO he directed several films, including, The Great Man Votes in 1939 and Tom, Dick, and Harry in 1941, but he was continually frustrated by the lack of control he had over his films under the studio system, a frustration which continued throughout his career. When drafted during World War II he made documentary films for the War Information and Emergency Manpower offices. One of them, The True Glory (1945), won an Academy Award for Best Documentary. During the war years Kanin began writing stories and plays as well. After the war he directed several plays on Broadway, including his own Born Yesterday in 1946, for which he received the Donaldson Award for best first play of the season and best director of the season, and which he later adapted for the screen. Kanin collaborated on four successful screenplays with his wife, Ruth Gordon, including Adam's Rib (1949) and Pat and Mike (1952) starring Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy. The writing team of Kanin and Gordon was never under contract to any Hollywoood studio, preferring the freedom to write on their own and to sell their work individually to interested Hollywood studios.

Kanin's work both as a writer and director, can be characterized by his lifelong commitment to creative choice and selection of material which supported his personal values. In an interview in 1981, Kanin stressed the importance of self-employment for artists and other creative individuals to create a genuine product. "... it's difficult to do personal, creative, meaningful work as an employee ... there are always certain requirements and somebody always has to OK what you do. Having had that lesson early on in life, I have attempted insofar as it was possible not to be employed, but to employ myself."

rson Kanin died in 1999 at age 87.

NOTES ON THE PRODUCTION

"When you live in Washington, it's enough to break your heart. You see a perfect piece of machinery—the democratic structure—and somebody's always tampering with it and trying to make it hit the jackpot."

PAUL VERRALL IN BORN YESTERDAY Contributed by Anita Montgomery, Literary Associate & Education Director and Sarah Guthu, Artistic Intern

For today's audiences, Kanin's government villains are admittedly small-time crooks. In comparison with scandals that have rocked recent administrations, Harry Brock's shenanigans are laughable – yet the issues Kanin takes with Washington, in his day, proved incredibly prescient.

In 1946, military aide Harry Vaughn stained the Truman administration when his acceptance of bribes was exposed. In 1947, Senator Arthur Vandenberg told Truman to begin "scaring the hell out of the country" in order to win support for containment policies from a war-weary nation, laying groundwork for McCarthy's infamous rise in the 50's. Truman demanded Attorney General J. Howard McGrath's resignation in 1952 for his suspect dealings and

attempts to thwart investigations made into his affairs. Soon after, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's favoritism came to light, causing the Depression-Era lending organization to be shut down. Kanin's anticipation of governmental misbehavior continues to resonate today, where scandals of far greater proportions have become expected rather than shocking.

However, despite his perceptive anticipation of governmental misdealings, Kanin remains a strong supporter of the democratic system of government, apparent in Paul's education of Billie Dawn:

PAUL. Well, look – when I say 'manifesto', I mean the set of rules and ideals and – principles and hopes on which the United States is based.

BILLIE. And you think it's turning yellow?

PAUL. Well, yes. I think that a lot of the original inspiration's been neglected – and forgotten.

BILLIE. And that's bad?

PAUL. And that's bad.

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Kanin's belief in the democratic system shines through Paul Verrall's idealistic devotion to the original conception of America as a democratic state. In an era of Enron, Tyco and Martha Stewart corporate scandals, the misconduct of various politicians such as Tom DeLay, Jim West and Gary Hart and battles within the administration,

NOTES ON THE PRODUCTION

Kanin's values still ring true, a timely reminder of the worth and responsibility of the individual.

BILLIE. This country with its institutions belongs to the people who inhibit it!

PAUL. - inhabit!

BILLIE. - inhabit it!

NOTE

In 1946, the *New Republic* was a liberal newspaper.

AMERICA'S OBSESSION WITH BLONDES

From Mary Pickford, often considered Hollywood's first blonde superstar, known for r wide-eyed, childlike characters, to Reese Witherspoon of *Legally Blonde* fame, America is obsessed and besotted with the phenomenon of the not-so-dumb blonde.

Billie Dawn, the gloriously ditzy heroine of Garson Kanin's *Born Yesterday* is one of the most loveable and sublime examples of the comedic, flaxen haired bombshell. An uneducated, sexy chorus girl with a limited-yet-colorful vocabulary, a heart of gold and an uncanny ability to see and speak the truth, Billie typifies two of America's most enduring values: that of the essentially good and honest citizen and the iconic ideal of American beauty.

Garson Kanin created the incomparable Billie Dawn from his collective experience working with some of Hollywood's most memorable sirens. His wonderfully funny and informative book, *Hollywood*, features several big screen sirens, including Carole Lombard, with whom Kanin had this conversation on the set of *They Knew What They Wanted*, which he directed in 1940.

"Don't be too hard on me," Carole said one day, when we were having difficulty achieveing the necessary effect. "I'm pretty tired. I'm getting on, you know."

"Getting on, f'God's sake. You're what?" I asked. "Thirty-four? Thirty-five?"

"Why you son of a bitch no good dirty bastard," she said. "Thirty-one. I'm thirty-one."

"You're thirty-two," I said.

"Oh, you know that, huh?"

"Certainly. I know all about you."

"So, if you knew I was thirty-two, why did you say thirty-four?"

"I wonder that myself, Carole."

"I know why," she said. "It's because you're nothing but a goddam - man."

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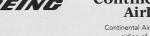
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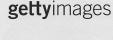
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Elsewhere he has directed *Things Being What They* Are and Art at the Seattle Repertory Theatre and productions at Empty Space, Intiman and the University of Washington. Nationally he has directed at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre and at The Alley Theatre in Houston. As an actor he has appeared in leading and major roles at ACT (most recently as Ebenezer Scrooge in A *Christ Carol*), the Seattle Rep, Intiman, and Empty Space, as well as many regional theatres throughout the country. Most recently Kurt played the title role in Seattle Shakespeare Company's production of *King Lear*. Kurt is the co-recipient (with Susan Trapnell) of the 2004 Theatre Puget Sound Gregory A. Falls Sustained Achievement Award.



Susan Trapnell (Managing Director) was appointed Managing Director in April of 2003. She served in the same position from 1982 – 2000. In the intervening 3 years, Susan spent two years as Executive Director of the Seattle Arts Commission (now the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs) and Managing Director of the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis. She is delighted to be back in Seattle and back at ACT. Susan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in French from the University of North Carolina, and has lived in Lyons, France, Guelma, Algeria and Vienna, Austria. She moved to Seattle in 1976 to work with the Bill Evans Dance Company, first as Director of Education programs and then

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