MARBLEHEAD LITTLE THEATER & MUGFORD STREET PLAYERS

PRESENT

NEIL SIMON'S



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Produced by Greg Mancusi-Ungaro

MAY 13-28, 2022

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12 School Street, Marblehead

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CAST

Willie Clark	Brian Casey
Al Lewis	Frank Gaytor
Ben Silverman	Bob Karish
Miss MacKintosh	Annie Olmsted
Registered Nurse	Sharon Beeler
Eddie	Martin Brother
Frail Patient	John Melczer

PRODUCTION STAFF

Producers	Greg Mancusi-Ungaro
Director	John Fogle
Stage Manager	Ariane Grossi
	Greg Mancusi-Ungaro
Scenic Designer	John Fogle, Greg Mancusi-Ungard
Scenic Painter	Jean Fogle
Costume Designer	Elvira Schoentha
Technical Director/Set Construction	Andrew Barnett

SETTING

ACT ONE

Scene 1

Willy's apartment in an old New York City hotel; early Fall of 1975

Scene 2

Willy's hotel room; a few days later.

ACT TWO

Scene 1
CBS TV Studio; late Fall

Scene 2

Willy's hotel room; two weeks later

CAST AND PRODUCTION STAFF BIOS

Andrew Barnett (*Technical Director/Set Construction*) Following his children's interest into the world of theater, Andy designed and built his first set at the Marblehead Middle (Village) School in 1992 for Fiddler on the Roof. Since then he has built sets for Rebel Shakespeare Company, Endicott College, Gordon College, Opera Boston, Gloucester Stage, Roxbury Center for the Arts, MassJam, Perkins School for the Blind, Boston Center for the Arts, Mssng Lnks, and Marblehead Little Theatre. Andy has been a member of the production team as master carpenter, designer and technical director of Watertown based Revels, Inc. for more than 20 years, creating for The Summer Revels, Riversing and The Christmas Revels. His work is dedicated to his wife Jessica, sons Nick and Jeremy and their spouses, and grandchildren Jacob, Vivienne and Rose, and to Marblehead Little Theater for providing great live theater to patrons of all ages.

Sharon Buccuzzo Beeler (*Registered Nurse*) Susan is thrilled to return to the MLT stage where previous roles include.... Mattie Fae Aikens in *August Osage County*, and Mrs. Alexander in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*.. Most recently she appeared in CCP's production of *Drinking Habits* portraying Mother Superior in which she was certainly not typecast. Thankyou John Fogle for having faith in me and another thank you to St. George for putting up with me!

Martin Brother (*Eddie*) Martin is originally from Portland OR, favorite show has performed: *To Kill A Mockingbird, Our Town, Red, Hot, and Cole, Best Little Whorehouse In Texas*

Brian Casey (*Willie Clark*) Brian is a Salem painter, fine artist and gardener. He has appeared in productions of *Our Town*, *The Elephant Man*, *Painting Churches* and *Rounding Third*. When not on the stage he enjoys being a part of making the set.

Jean Fogle (Scenic Painter) Jean has more than 35 years experience as graphic designer, painter, theatrical designer and teacher. A design veteran of numerous productions with Barton Square Playhouse, Mugford Street Players and Salem Theatre Company, she received design awards for Schubert's Last Serenade, Infancy and Reckless. Jean also owns Pigments of the Imagination, a studio specializing in decorative painting, murals, faux finishes and trompe l'oeil in homes and businesses.

John Fogle (*Director*) For more than 45 years, John has been active in professional and non-professional theatre. He has directed more than 90 productions at a variety of venues including the Salem Theatre Company, the Gloucester Stage Company, the Charles Playhouse, the Lyric Stage, the AFD Theatre, and the Mugford Street Players, which he co-founded in 1975. Most recently at MLT, he has directed *Deathtrap* and *I Hate Hamlet*.

Ariane Grossi (Stage Manager) Ariane is thrilled to be back in the theater again. Previous productions have included *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Crucible, The Taffetas, South Pacific* and more. She hopes you enjoy the show!!

Bob Karish (*Ben*) Bob's two favorite productions he has performed in are *Beyond Therapy* and "*As Above, So Below*" along with the woman who would become the love of his life, his wife, Kris Burke.

Greg Mancusi-Ungaro (Producer/Lighting/Scenic Designer) Greg Mancusi-Ungaro has had the pleasure of supporting John Fogle's theatrical adventures as a designer and producer for many years. They have worked together at MLT, at Salem Theatre Company, and with the Mugford Street Players. Greg's recent credits at MLT include *Deathtrap*, *Death of Salesman*, *I Hate Hamlet* and last month's *Translations*. Next month he will provide lighting for MLT's production of *Gypsy*. He teaches Lighting Design at Wheaton College.

John Melczer (*Frail Patient*) This is John's third time in a John Fogle production (*The Visit, The Crucible*), second time in a Neil Simon play (*The Odd Couple*), and first time as the Dramaturge. John looks forward to writing. John dedicates his performance to his "ménage à trois" of Wolfie, Stanzi and Wilbur.

Annie Olmsted (*Miss MacKintosh*) Annie is excited to be making her MLT debut. Previous roles include Spotlight Theater's "*Day Job*" and "*It's Cold*." She can also be seen in the AMC television series *Kevin Can F* Himself.

Elvira Schoenthal (Costume Designer) Elvira has been costuming for 25+ years at the middle school, high school, college and community theater level. She finds enjoyment at each level for different reasons. She doesn't really have a favorite show or shows that she has costumed as each show brings back a memory of either a special character, special person, awesome costume or just great show in general. She would like to thank her family for putting up with her craziness and the cast and crew of *The Sunshine Boys* for a great run.

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These performances of Sunshine Boys are dedicated to the memory of Craig Owen, who has recently passed. He was a friend, actor, and tireless supporter of the Mugford Street Players.