

The Man Who Came to Dinner

By Kauffman and Hart

Staff

Producers.....Randall Hickman and Douglas Davis
Writers.....Kauffman and Hart
Director.....Randall Hickman
Set Design and Construction.....Douglas Davis
Costumes Coordination.....Randall Hickman
Wigs.....Tracy Gomez - The Historical Hairdresser
Lighting Design and Board Op.....Jennifer Edwards
Sound board operator / Special Effects.....Tommy Eyler
Set Decoration.....Randall Hickman
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Theater Information

- * Running time: Two hours and 15 minutes
- * Please silence cellular phones and pagers before show time. And after intermission.
- * There will be one 15 minute intermission.
- * Photography or video equipment **MAY NOT** be used.
- * Restrooms are located in the lobby of the Theater

Show synopsis...

ACT 1

*The living room of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stanley.
10 days before Christmas*

ACT II

Christmas day. Same location.

The Players... (in order of appearance)

Linda Englund (Daisy Stanley)

Linda is delighted to join this wonderful cast and make her Welk Resort Theater debut in *The Man Who Came To Dinner*. For thirty-six years Linda taught high school English in the Poway District until her retirement in 2010. After so many years of being "on stage" in the classroom, she is fulfilling a dream by performing in local theaters. Recently she appeared at The Broadway Theater in *The Cocktail Hour*, at the Carlsbad Playreaders in *Do Not Go Gentle*, and at The Village Community Theater in *The Curious Savage*, *It's A Wonderful Life*, and *The Saga of Sagebrush Sal*. Linda holds a B.A. from Northwestern University, M.A. from United States International University, and Ed.D. from Northern Arizona University.

Li-Anne Rowswell (Miss. Preen)

Li-Anne is having such fun working with Broadway Vista for the first time. She was last seen as Lou Cohen in *The 1940's Radio Hour* at New Village Arts. Her roles in San Diego theatres include: Cassandra in *Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike* at Scripps Ranch Theatre, Mrs. McAndrews in *Sons of the Prophet* –Cygnet Theatre. Aunt Clara in *Magic Fire- Moonlight* at the Avo. Where she was also in *Blithe Spirit* and *Hay Fever*. At New Village Arts she was *Widow Bassett* in *Summer and Smoke*. You may also have seen her locally telling stories for children or adults as **Aunt Li-Anne-Clever Tales That Touch the Heart**.

Doug Shattuck (John)

Doug is delighted to make his Welk Theatre debut with the talented cast and crew of *The Man Who Came To Dinner*. Doug has enjoyed performing with San Diego theatre companies over the last ten years. Credits include *Mame*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Barber of Seville*, and *Gigi* with SD Lyric Opera; *42nd Street* at Moonlight Amphitheatre; and *Godspell*, *Annie*, *Music Man*, *Oklahoma!*, *Beard of Avon*, *The Cradle Will Rock*, *Annie Warbucks*, *You Better Watch Out*, and *Hello Dolly* with other local companies. Special thanks Susie my muse, travel companion and wife of 32 years. Enjoy the show!

The Players... (in order of appearance- continued)

Chelsey Moore (June Stanley)

Chelsey is so happy to be playing June in this wonderful production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. Favorite past credits include Winnifred in *Once Upon a Mattress*, Annelle in *Steel Magnolias* (Broadway Vista), Marcy Park in *Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Intrepid Shakespeare Co.), Cecily in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Phyllis in *42nd Street* (Moonlight), *The Witch in Into the Woods*, and Cardinal Franco in *Habermus Papum* (Off-Broadway). She received her Bachelor's in Drama from UC Irvine. Many thanks to Randy and Doug, and to family and homies for the support!

Ben Williams (Richard Stanley)

Ben is very happy to be back working with the Broadway Theatre Company. His last time performing with them was in *The Broadway Knights*. He is a native North County San Diego actor, singer, and youth theatre director. Most recently Ben performed in *My Fair Lady* (Freddy Hill) at the Lawrence Welk. Ben had a fantastic time playing Frank Rock in the *Monster Fighter Mash* at Legoland last Halloween. In addition he has enjoyed performing with *Movable Mystery Dinners* in Orange County.

Cathy Roswell (Mrs. Dexter)

Cathy is thrilled to be working with Randy and Doug once more. She has appeared in numerous Christmas shows over the past two decades with these fun-loving guys. Favorite roles and shows include: school teacher Miss Shields in *A Christmas Story*, a *Christmas Carol*, when Doug tried to teach her how to dance, and *Smalltown Christmas*, when she did a spit-take in her real-life husband's face. Good times! She dedicates her performance to her partner in retirement, her husband George.

James Winkler (Mr. Stanley)

James is ecstatic to be on the boards here at the lovely Welk Theater. Many thanks to our director and colleague, Randall Hickman, and this very special cast. Thanks as well to Doug and our production team. James trained with the late, great Stella Adler in Hollywood and New York, the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena and Laurence Ballard in Seattle. Some of his favorite roles have been Bradley in *The Cocktail Hour*, Lord Capulet in *Romeo and Juliet*, Andrew Wyke in *Sleuth*, Sorin in *The Seagull*, Rick in *The Nerd*, Scrooge in *A Xmas Carol*, Tom in *Dinner With Friends*, Inspector Goole in *An Inspector Calls* and Bone Daddy in *The Mystery of Attraction*.

The Players... (in order of appearance- continued)

Marilyn Wolfe (Sarah)

Marilyn is excited to be making her Welk Resort stage debut. Most recently, Marilyn played the role of Ethel Thayer in *On Golden Pond* at the Broadway Theatre. Previously, Marilyn was seen as Vera Charles in *Nana's Naughty Knickers*, Margaret in *Walter Cronkite is Dead*, Lette in *Girls' Night Out*, and Doris in *The Cemetery Club*, all at the Broadway Theatre. She portrayed Martha in *Arsenic and Old Lace* at the Avo Playhouse. At PowPAC, Marilyn played the role of Isabel in *The Kitchen Witches*, and Gwen in *The Costume Ball*.

Brannon Shaw (Maggie Cutler)

Brannon is thrilled to be back on the Welk stage with Randall and Premiere Productions in another great role after playing gossipy Belinda in last year's *Noises Off*. Born and raised in northwest Georgia, Brannon lost her Southern accent but gained a Musical Theatre degree. She spent 6 magnificent years living in NYC, nannying during the day and doing improv at night, before moving to California in 2013. Favorite roles include: Corie in *Barefoot in the Park*, Olive in *Spelling Bee*, and Velma in *Hairspray*. Brannon lives in Vista with her wonderful husband John, and her evil step-cat, Walter.

Lou Slocum (Dr. Bradley)

Lou is delighted to be making his debut on the Welk stage in *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. Previously, he appeared at Vista's Broadway Theater in *On Golden Pond* (Norman Thayer) and *Nana's Naughty Knickers* (Gil Schmidt). Once again, Lou is putting his broadcasting and voiceover career on hold for the opportunity of working with this talented stage cast and crew. An added plus: his character gets to sit in on Sheridan Whiteside's live radio show!

Randall Hickman (Sheridan Whiteside)

Randall moved to San Diego in 1988 and been seen on almost all of the county's stages. Favorite roles: Mama in *Hairspray*; Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*, John Adams in *1776*, Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*, Oscar Madison in *the Odd Couple* and many, many more. His first show at the Welk Resort was in 1990. Randall is the recipient of many acting awards including San Diego Critics choice. He is also the co-owner of The Broadway Theater in Vista, an intimate, year round, LIVE theater.
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The Players... (in order of appearance- continued)

Tim Benson (Bert Jefferson)

Tim is ecstatic to be performing once again at the Welk Resort. His true acting career started here in California once he completed his service in the Marine Corps. Since then, he has had the pleasure of acting across San Diego county in such plays as A Nice Family Christmas at the Broadway, All My Sons at CAT, Redesigning Women at the Diversionsary Theatre, and Arsenic and Old Lace at the Welk Resort, to name a few. He's always thankful, though, to perform with his theatre family - who are much better guests than ones that you'll see tonight.

M Susan Peck (Harriet Stanley)

L. Welk Resort Theatre: Mrs.Hopkins/Mrs.Higgins – My Fair Lady / Lamplighters: Miss Tasker – The Bad Seed / Sierra Rep. : Mrs. Higgins – My Fair Lady / Old Globe: Tate – The Tangible Toolbooth (Playwrights Project) ; Mrs. Candour – School for Scandal ; Audrey – As You Like It ; / OnStage Playhouse: Amanda – The Glass Menagerie (Aubrey Nom.) / Scripps Ranch: Miss Krumholtz – How To Succeed...* A Award ; Helga – DeathTrap / Starlight : Mrs. Pugh, Sophie – Annie ; / VCCT: Jack's Mom – Into The Woods / NHS: Mrs. Bumble – Oliver; Frau Schneider – Cabaret / SWC: Mrs. Cratchit – Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge /and many more. Thanks much to Randall and Doug; I am your Biggest Fan!!!! Love the Cast too!!

Doug Olive (Metz, Various)

Doug's first acting experience came in 2010 when he joined his daughter Pinkie on stage in A Christmas Story at Vista's Avo Theater. He spent the next years playing a father in A Christmas Carol, The Littlest Angel, and The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. This is his second experience on stage at the Lawrence Welk Theater after appearing in last year's Arsenic and Old Lace. He is excited to be working once again with Randy and Doug.

Holly MacDonald (Lorraine Sheldon)

Alas, one hundred words are far too few to do justice to all that has transpired since the first time that Holly swept on stage as that boudoir butterfly, La Sheldon. Suffice it to say, she's been around, and now she's back again, playing one of her favorite roles with a whole new cast of really wonderful people. And she is so deliriously happy about it that she may cry... or not. Either way, she wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the show, darlings!

The Players... (in order of appearance- continued)

Jacob Hatch (Sandy, Various)

This is Jacob's second time at the Welk with Randy and Doug after last years Arsenic and Old Lace. Other credits include Javert in Les Miserables, Sky Masterson in Guys and Dolls, and the Ghost of Bing Crosby in Tinseltown Christmas. A talented musician, singer, and performer with the intention to work behind the scenes writing and directing in the near future. My love to Amanda for all that she does for me and my thanks to my friends and family. All the best to the cast and crew who always make it an enjoyable experience.

Torre Younghans (Beverly Carlton)

When Torre isn't in the Himalayas searching for the Yeti, he's working on creating screen doors for submarines, in order to keep the fish out. His recent novel, "I Was a Teenage Balloon Animal!" has been labeled an instant classic, an inspiration to future generations and has sold both copies published. This is the third time Torre's been in "The Man Who Came To Dinner" playing different roles each time. He was Dr. Bradley in High School, Bert Jefferson in the previous version with Premiere/Broadway Vista, and now Beverly Carlton. Enjoy the show!

Kenneth Gray (Banjo, Various)

Kenneth is delighted to be back on The Welk Stage after most recently appearing here in Arsenic and Old Lace. Some of Kenneth's favorite roles have included Uncle Bob in A Nice Family Chrstmas, Joe Spinellii in Skin Deep and Aaron Fox in Curtains. Kenneth has appeared on many Southern California stages including: The Broadway Vista, Looking Glass and Moonlight Theaters. Kenneth can be seen performing stand-up comedy around town and always brings a little bit of himself to every character he plays.

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