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WELCOME MESSAGE

From our Director.....

This is the first play I have directed and I would like to thank The Aldershot Players for this opportunity to "cut my teeth."

From the point of view of an actor, I used to think that putting a play together was like preparing certain kinds of meals. The ingredients look vaguely unappetizing to begin with -- disagreeable, even, in the case of stewing lamb -- but with the passage of time and a bit of culinary know-how a miraculous transformation occurs and ... well, lamb curry is one of my favourites. That said, my experience from the Director's chair has been somewhat different. I have been working with a group of talented and enthusiastic people since August and have never been in any doubt that it would be through their work, plus Ken Ludwig's hilarious script, that a worthwhile and enjoyable evening's entertainment would result. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine how different the result would be if any one of them had been replaced by someone else. More like venison tenderloins braised in amontillado.

Opera is not a very popular medium of entertainment here in Canada but I think you will find that at the end of the day, its exponents and enthusiasts have the same high and low motives, and feelings about shrimp cocktail, as the rest of us.

Next time I write program notes I think I'll do it on a full stomach.

Steve Amor

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Lend Me A Tenor

by
Ken Ludwig

Directed by Steve Amor
Produced by Sam Sidawi

The Players (in order of appearance):

Max *Andrew Huisman*
Maggie *Lisa Southon*
Saunders *Bruce Fleming*
Tito Morelli *David Elstub*
Maria *Shari Vandermolen*
Bellhop *BJ Noufaily*
Diana *Paula Penton*
Julia *Laurel Dewar*

Setting: A hotel suite in Cleveland Ohio

Act One

Scene One: Early afternoon on a Saturday in September.
Scene Two: Four hours later

Act Two

Scene One: That night, about 11 o'clock
Scene Two: Fifteen minutes later

There will be a twenty minute intermission between Act I and Act II

The Production Crew:

Director..... Steve Amor
Producer..... Sam Sidawi
Stage Manager..... Matt Learn
Assistant Stage Manager..... Ilene Elkaim
Lighting Design..... P. Carpenter
Lighting Operation..... Chuck Learn
Sound Design..... Steve Amor, BJ Noufaily
Sound Operation..... Dave Attridge
Script Assistant Muriel Gagne, Christine Amor
Set Design Scott Broe/Lisa Broe
Set Decor..... Sam Sidawi, Steve Amor
Master Carpenter Vic Lardie
Assisted by P. Carpenter, Sam Sidawi
Set Painting..... Steve Amor, Lisa Broe, Scott Broe, Ilene Elkaim, Sondra Learn, BJ Noufaily
Properties The Cast
Costumes..... Muriel Gagne, Steve Amor, The Cast
Make-up Friends of TAP
Program Design & Layout..... Scott Broe
Poster Design..... Zippy Print
Front-of-House..... Sondra Learn, Friends of TAP
Front-of-House Photos..... BJ Noufaily
Box Office..... Sondra Learn

To all those who assisted in many ways to bring about this production and who may not be mentioned, we offer our most sincere thanks!

**We'd also like to thank you, our audience and patrons, for your continued support and for your food donations to Partnership West.
The Aldershot Players**

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The Cast Biographies:

Andrew Huisman -- Max

This is Andrew's fourth production with The Aldershot Players and his biggest role to date. You might remember him from his last role with TAP in *A Perfect Wedding*. He has also done some work with the Mississauga Italian Canadian Association and with Waterdown Village Theatre. With the exception of Laurel, Andrew is acting with everyone in this cast for the first time and is loving the chemistry the members have with each other. He hopes everyone enjoys the performance and if they think it's half as funny as Andrew does, it will be a huge success!!

Lisa Southon - Maggie

This is Lisa's second performance with TAP, after playing Pamela in *Out of Order*. Lisa began training with Theatre Aquarius at the age of 12, and continued with the theatre, both with acting and choreography, in such plays as *Peter Pan* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Now a Registered Massage Therapist, Lisa is very excited to be returning to the TAP stage in the role of Maggie. Lisa thanks her family and friends for their love and support!

Bruce Fleming - Saunders

Bruce was born in Hamilton and grew up in Binbrook. He became involved in amateur theatre in 2004 when he appeared in a Binbrook Little Theatre production of Agatha Christie's *Witness for the Prosecution*. Earlier this year he played the role of Richard Willey in The Aldershot Players' production, *Out of Order*. Bruce lived in Vancouver and Victoria from 1990 to 2000, currently resides in Stoney Creek, and is an I.T. Manager with the Government of Ontario in Hamilton.

David Elstub - Tito

David, a retired teacher, started his acting career quite late in life, since when he has acted in eighteen and a half plays in five groups from Hamilton to Bramalea, including quite a few leading roles, and now makes his debut with TAP. He is happy to be with this lively group where, instead of the usual type of role given him, such as teacher, father figure, aging actor, abusive husband, plummy pedant, British fop, scam artist, he has FINALLY landed a role as a sex object, AND is actually allowed to sing in public! Thanks, Steve.

Shari Vandermolen - Maria

This is Shari's first show with The Aldershot Players but she is no stranger to community theatre. In addition to performing in *The Vagina Monologues* last year, her previous roles include Natasha in Dundas Little Theatre's *Rough Crossing*, Wanda in Hamilton Players' Guild's *Maggie's Getting Married* and Ethel in Binbrook Little Theatre's production of *Barefoot in the Park* for which she won a pre-festival award for Best Supporting Actress. Shari would like to thank Steve and the Cast for making this show such a fun and memorable experience.

Bachir Joseph (BJ) Noufaily - Bellhop

Bachir - BJ to his friends - auditioned with the hope to meet talented thespians. Despite his initial misunderstanding, his disappointment quickly turned to excitement after meeting his wonderful fellow actors. Inspired by the acting of Patrick Swayze, and Keanu Reeves, BJ is fearless and enthusiastic. Beyond acting, BJ considers himself a modern day renaissance man - actively involved as a volunteer, small business owner, and musician. The youngest member of the cast, this is BJ's acting debut.

Paula Penton - Diana

Paula is excited to be joining The Aldershot Players this season. Slightly akin to her alter-ego Diana, Paula seems to be flinging her way through the community theatre scene. After getting her start with Burlington Little Theatre as Fairy Lightening in *Sleeping Beauty*, she went on to play Ruth in *Table Manners*. Next she joined the Hamilton Players' Guild as Maggie in *Maggie's Getting Married*. Most recently Paula played Denise in The Village Theatre Company of Waterdown's production of *Problem Child*. As a high school drama teacher for the Hamilton-Wentworth Board of Education, Paula gets to spend her days, and most of her nights, where she loves to be - on stage.

Laurel Dewar - Julia

This is Laurel's second production at The Aldershot Players and she is thoroughly enjoying getting reacquainted with old friends and meeting some new characters - and what characters they are! Laurel's first part with TAP was the female lead in *Moon Over Buffalo* in 2005 and she was thrilled to win their Best Actress Award. Laurel has played with Hamilton Players' Guild and Village Theatre in Waterdown where she has also volunteered as Publicity Coordinator for several years.

Steve Amor - Director

This is Steve's directorial debut. He has appeared on stage in six productions in the Hamilton area in the last seven years, of which the most recent (and biggest) was as George Pigden in TAP's Spring 2006 Production of *Out of Order*. He is also Webmaster for Binbrook Little Theatre. He is already congratulating himself on his choice of an extraordinarily talented and empathic cast.

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