



ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE

Presents...

Once Upon a Mattress

Music by
Mary Rodgers

Lyrics By
Marshall Barer

Book By
Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer and Dean Fuller

1998 SHOW DATES

April 24 - 7:30pm	May 01 - 7:30pm	May 07 - 7:30pm
April 25 - 7:30pm	May 02 - 7:30pm	May 08 - 7:30pm
April 26 - 2:00pm	May 03 - 2:00pm	May 09 - 7:30pm

Ankeny Community Theatre
1932 SW 3rd Street
Ankeny, IA
964-5007

Welcome to the Show...

Ankny Community Theatre welcomes you to their Spring performance of "Once Upon a Mattress". Sit back and prepare to join us for lots of fun, laughter and merriment. You're sure to be entertained by all the talented nobility and wizardry of this cast

Please help yourselves to the refreshments during intermission. Your goodwill offerings may be placed in the basket provided. The "Guys" and "Dolls" Restrooms are located behind the stage, to the right, down the hallway.

PLEASE, tell your family and friends about us. The best advertising is by word-of-mouth. We personally invite each and everyone of you to come back again and again and again...

A.C.T. is a non-profit organization created to promote the development of Theatre and the Performing Arts for Ankny and the surrounding communities. If you are interested in becoming involved with A.C.T. or A.C.T. II, please let one of us know. We are always in need of new talents to tap into, whether it be on stage or off stage.

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Director's Notes...

"Once Upon a time...." Remember all those wonderful stories we read about days of old?

When Knights were brave and ladies were charming and beautiful. We wish to share with you a look at that past, but our window is a bit cracked.

Our story is about "The Princess and the Pea". However, probably not the version you have heard before.

But then maybe you haven't heard the true story....

Cast of Characters

(in order of appearance)

<i>Minstrel</i>	Kent Whitmore
<i>Princess #12</i>	Gaye Pierson
<i>Wizard</i>	Jeff Bakke*
<i>Lady Larken</i>	Kathryn Bisby
<i>Queen Aggravain</i>	Jan DeHoet
<i>Prince Dauntless</i>	Tim Clark
<i>King Sextimus the Silent</i>	Randy Dunwoody
<i>yester</i>	Mike Kentopp
<i>Sir Studley</i>	Arlyn Wieneth
<i>Sir Luce</i>	Ken Clark*
<i>1st Knight</i>	Ken Clark*
<i>2nd Knight</i>	Greg Krause
<i>1st Lady in Waiting- Rowena</i>	Jeanne Ginger
<i>2nd Lady in Waiting- Merrill</i>	Lynn Arterburn
<i>3rd Lady in Waiting- Lucille</i>	Jan Price
<i>Lady in Waiting/Chorus</i>	Christine Kentopp
<i>Lady in Waiting/Chorus</i>	Amy Dollison*/ Kaylene Ruby
<i>Sir Harry</i>	Paul Ruby
<i>Princess Winnifred</i>	Barbara Merrill Wagner*
<i>Lady Mabelle</i>	Lynn Arterburn
<i>Nightingale of Samarkand</i>	Gaye Pierson

(* Denotes A.C.T. Debut)

Synopsis of Scenes

ACT 1

- Scene 1 The Great Hall in a Medieval Castle, late March
- 2 The Great Hall, a few minutes later
- 3 The Great Hall Mid-April, 3 weeks later
- 4 The Great Hall, later that day
- 5 Winnifred's Dressing Room, later that day
- 6 The Great Hall, later that day
- 7 The Great Hall, evening the same day
- 8 The Great Hall, a few minutes later
- 9 The Great Hall, immediately following

ACT 2

- Scene 1 A Castle Corridor, same day, following the Ball
- 2 Winnifred's Bed Chamber, later that night
- 3 A Castle Corridor, later that night
- 4 The Wizard's Chamber, later that night
- 5 A Castle Corridor, later that night
- 6 The same Corridor, a few minutes later
- 7 Winnifred's Bed Chamber, later that night
- 8 The Great Hall, the next morning
- 9 The Great Hall, a few minutes later

Musical Numbers

ACT 1

1. Overture
2. Prologue - Many Moons Ago (Minstrel)
3. Opening For A Princess (Dauntless, Larken, Ladies, Knights)
4. In A Little While (Harry, Larken)
5. In A Little While - Reprise (Harry, Larken)
6. Shy (Winnifred, Knights, Dauntless, Queen, Ladies)
- 6a. Fanfare
- 6b. The Minstrel, The Jester And I (Minstre, Jester, King)
7. Sensitivity (Queen, Wizard)
8. The Swamps Of Home (Winnifred, Ladies, Dauntless)
9. Fight - Fight (Harry, Larken)
10. Spanish Panic
11. Tents
12. Normandy (Minstrel, Larken, Jester)
13. Spanish Panic No. 2
14. Song Of Love (Dauntless, Winnifred)

ACT 2

15. Entr'acte
16. Opening - Act II (All)
17. Happily Ever After (Winnifred)
18. Man To Man (Dauntless, King)
19. Very Soft Shoe (Jester)
20. Three O'clock In the Morning
21. Yesterday I Loved You (Harry, Larken)
22. Nightingale Lullaby
- 22a. Wizard
23. Finale (All)

CASI BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

LYNN ARTERBURN

Ladies Merrill and Mabelle

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

DEBUT

Although this is Lynn's debut, she is no stranger to the theater.

In fact, she even played the Queen in her High School Production of "Once Upon a Mattress". Lynn has also been instrumental in helping "off stage" at A.C.T. with anything from "Munchkin-sitting" in the "Wizard of Oz" to sewing costumes for "Bell, Book and Candle" to helping with refreshments. When she's not here, she spends time with her husband and 2 children. That is, if she's not substituting at the schools or busy with the local 4-H group.

JEFF BAKKE

The Wizard

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

DEBUT

Jeff doesn't have a lot of theatrical experience, but he definately has a magical touch for his debut act as the Wizard. Jeff took part in the production of "The Nerd", but it looks like he has wised up. Now a '95 Drake Graduate, he teaches 5th grade at Woodside Middle School in Saydel. He also lends his theatrical talents to the school by having organized the Woodside Drama Club for the students. Way to go, Jeff!

KATHRYN BISBY

Lady Larken

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, STEEL

MAGNOLIAS, CAT & THE CANARY, SILVER

WHISTLE, NUNSENSE (to name a few)

Kathryn says she's been with A.C.T. for "a long time", and when she's not on stage, Kathryn is busy being President of our nifty little Theater or working at KVI in marketing. The loves of life are her husband and family and all the support they offer her. Especially when shes off doing the other things she loves most... singing, acting and dancing!

KENNETH W. CLARK

Sir Luce and a Knight

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

DEBUT

New to the stage, but you'd never know it from this performance! This is Ken's first ever theatrical experience and we all hope he comes back many times. He currently resides in Nevada and keeps very busy as a Home-Health Care Registered Nurse. He enjoys performing vocally, and brings with him his experience in three ISU choirs to the stage. Welcome aboard, Ken!

TIM CLARK

Prince Dauntless, the Drab

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

CAT & THE CANARY, SILVER

WHISTLE

Yes, they're bothers! Talent must run in the family! Tim has only been with A.C.T. for two productions, but he been on stage for many years. "Li' Abner" in High School, children's and theater workshops at River City Playhouse, and even as a first mate with Rivernwalk Cruise Lines, both in Florida. After being there for eight years, Tim has come back home to Iowa. He now resides in Nevada with 3 dogs(Grunt, Sadie and Shelby) and his other half, Greg. He keeps busy with piano, singing, gardening and cooking. That is when he's not here!

JAN DEHOET

Queen Aggravain

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

STEEL MAGNOLIAS, PLAZA SUITE

ROUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

Jan wants to make sure she is heard and well known here around the theater and we think she's getting the job done in this role! Jan has been performing with us since 1995 and we looking forward to seeing on stage again. Previously, she has been in "Matchmaker" and "House of Blue Leaves" at college, as well as "To Kill a Mockingbird" at the Des Moines Playhouse. Jan is a Computer Support Tech and lives at home with Booger, her dog.

RANDY DUNWOODY

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

King Sextimus, the Silent
SILVER WHISTLE, CAT & THE
CANARY, MOUSETRAP, HOUND OF
THE BASKERVILLES

Randy has been acting with the Theatre since 1995 and he has really taken on a new style. He's usually not a man of so few words! We all kinda like it (just kidding, Randy!) Randy is a Board member for the Theatre and keeps busy here and also with various sketches and productions at Church. We're sure to see a lot more of Randy here, he just hopes his lines will never be this hard to learn, ever again!

AMY GUILD DOLLISON

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

Lady in waiting/chorus
DEBUT

The waiting is over! Amy is here and comes in full force to our stage! And she brings with her a lot of musical background. (I'm fairly certain that this talent runs in the family) She was an All-State singer in 1989 and she has been involved with the choirs at both school and church, and the Bach Chorale in Indiana. Amy and her husband, Doug, just moved back from Indiana with their turtle, Barry. She is hoping to land a teaching job here in Ankeny, so she can give back to Ankeny what she received, a good education.

JEANNE GINGER

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

Lady Rowena
BOEING, BOEING, GUYS & DOLLS,
TEN LITTLE INDIANS, ANNIE GET
YOUR GUN, SILVER WHISTLE.....

Jeanne got started with A.C.T. in 1981 with "Inherit the Wind". She is a long time resident of Ankeny, 34 years, and has worked in the Ankeny Schools for 18 of those years. She is also involved with our A.C.T. II group and likes jazz and rock music. But she REALLY loves to kick up her heels to Country Western music!

DALE HUNTER

Music Director

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

A total of 10 productions,
including NUNSENSE

Dale has been associated with the Ankeny Community Theatre since 1985. And we appreciate him, and his musical direction, very much!!! He gave A.C.T. direction in the Musical Comedy NUNSENSE, and helped the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre out with their production of "Love, Sex and the IRS". Dale lives with his wife, Marjeane and he enjoys camping as a hobby. He also stays busy at the Ankeny Christian Church as an Organist and Choir Director.

CHRISTINE KENTOPP

Lady in Waiting/Chorus

A.C.T. APPEARANCES

OUR TOWN, COMPANY, INHERIT
THE WIND, A.C.T. MURDER
MYSTERY

Christine is no damsel in distress, she has been with the Ankeny Community Theater for a few years now. She has been on stage back stage, but any way you look at she does a fabulous job. She is having fun hamming it up with her other half, Mike, the Jester. Wonder which one will get the last laugh?

MIKE KENTOPP

The Jester

A.C.T. APPEARANCES

HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES,
ARSENIC AND OLD LACE, OUR
TOWN, COMPANY, SUNSHINE
BOYS

Mike hooked up with the Ankeny Community Theatre in about 1994, but his acting career goes way beyond that. He has been involved with such greats as YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU, CAMELOT, SOUTH PACIFIC, and the lead in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, to name a few. When not on stage, Mike manages a warehouse and directs his church choir in his "free time".

GREG KRAUSE

Knight

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

SILVER WHISTLE, CAT & THE
CANARY, MOUSETRAP, ARSENIC
AND OLD LACE, OUR TOWN

Greg joined the team in 1995 and has been going strong ever since. He's been keeping busy on and off stage, most recently producing "Silver Whistle". Boy do I appreciate all his "been there, done that" wisdom. Definitely an asset to the Theatre, we hope his family and work will keep sharing him with A.C.T.. Greg works at Iowa Prestressed Concrete and lives with his wife, Brenda and children, Ronnie, a Senior, and Robbie, a Sophomore at Ankeny.

BARBARA MERRILL WAGNER

Princess Winnifred

A.C.T. APPEARANCES

DEBUT

Also reviving a prior "Once Upon a Mattress" role, is Barb, from 20 years ago. We're expecting big things, Barb! She is no novice to theatre, she's been performing since 1976 and in about 70 shows between the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre mainstage & Children's Theatre, the Des Moines Playhouse and Drama Workshop. Most recently, "Stepping Out", "Guys & Dolls", "Something's Afoot", and "How the Other Half Lives". Off stage, she works for Des Moines Public Schools and lives with her husband, Don, and her 16 year old step-daughter, Elizabeth. We hope to see more of her here!

GAYE PIERSON

Princess #12, Nightingale of
Samarkand

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

NUNSENSE

Gaye came on board in 1996 with "Nonsense". She had it then, and she's still got it. "You Go Girl!" Gaye has been a part of numerous productions, such as "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown", "The Fanstastiks", and "Angelica" in college. She's a big supporter of the director and visa-versa...we think they have something going on. Outside, this animal lover runs Ankeny Pet Salon here in town.

JAN PRICE

Lady Lucille

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

GUYS & DOLLS, CAROUSEL, PLAY
ON, WIZARD OF OZ, OUR TOWN

When Jan joined us in 1986, the theatre was definitely blessed.

Not only does she act, she is very useful off stage. She has a real knack for painting, put that together with her creativity and "presto-chango" we have some really outstanding stages. Thanks, Jan! Jan enjoys working in the theatre, especially when she is able to work with the rest of her family during a show. Her hubby, Al, and children, Sarah, Andrea and Aaron are also involved with A.C.T Jan is a Pharmacy Tech. and an Associate at Maurices. She also keeps busy with the church choir and a small gospel group.

KAYLENE RUBY

Lady in waiting/chorus

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

PLAZA SUITE, STEEL MAGNOLIAs,
ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

If Kaylene thinks she's busy now since joining A.C.T. in 1983, just wait! She'll have to add another hat to her collection, the hat to wear as "grandma", as she and her husband are expecting their first grand-baby in June. What fun that will be. Besides filling a part on stage, Kaylene is also lending a hand back stage to help us out with props and set changes. We all appreciate her flexibility. Another hat is as a College Professor at Grandview College.

PAUL RUBY

Sir Harry

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

OKLAHOMA, GUYS & DOLLS

Yes, this is the grandpa-to-be. Maybe he'll be able to sing some sweet, soft lullabies to the new baby. We've all seen that he can carry a tune, and he was able to enchant Lady Larken. I'm sure the baby will also fall under his spell.... He is a High School Social Studies Teacher and he shares his home with his equally talented wife, Kaylene, and their only child still living at home, Chelsea the Maltese. Paul has been with us since 1984 and we hope he'll keep on crooning for us in the years to come.

ARLYN WEIENETH

Sir Studley

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

He did "Best Christmas Pageant Ever" in 1985, with the Ankeny Community Theatre, and now we are really glad he's decided to take the stage once again. He says he needed to pace himself, I say he needs to pick up the pace after seeing such a fine job in "Once Upon a Mattress". Arlyn's wife of 30 years, Connie, is fortunate to have such a "studley" husband. He is a Psychologist for the Department of Veteran Affairs.

KENT WHITMORE

The Minstrel

A.C.T. APPEARANCES:

SILVER WHISTLE

Kent is kind of a natural on stage...he's a real ham and he's enjoyed the spotlight for many years. He started his "acting career" in Junior High with "It's Cool in the Furnace" and he's been in full force ever since. He enjoys doing little skits and sketches at parties, banquets, etc. (ask him about his Thurston Howell III). We're glad Kent got involved with A.C.T. in 1988 with "Silver Whistle". He is an Inventory Assistant at Broadlawn's Pharmacy and enjoys singing, biking, walking and watching the ol' classics, especially the Musicals. He and his wife, Vonnie, have two children, Alicia and Bryce.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director	Wayne Pierson
Music Director	Dale Hunter
Producer	Theresa Fleener
Set Design/Construction	Bill Shay, Orville Ballard
Stage Crew	Grace Leverenz, Jo Reid Theresa Fleener
Make-Up	Cast
Lights/Sound	Jim Bisby, Kevin Sprague Bill Yaeger
House Manager	Jerry Reid
Tickets/Programs/Publicity	Theresa Fleener
Costumes	Spencer Community Theatre & Costume Shop

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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Orville Ballard for his Magic

Janus "Ozzie Izzard" Mullica for his Magic

Kathryn Bisby for her rhythm and dance

Ken Clark for the Cobblestone

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