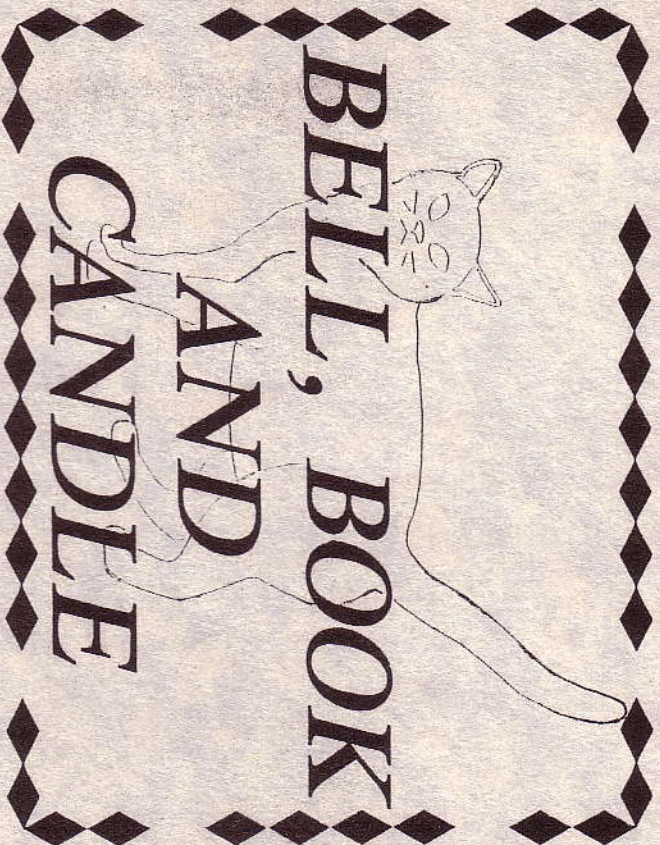


**ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE
PRESENTS**



ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

1992

September 25 and 26

7:30 p.m.

October 2 and 3

**The play is produced through arrangement with:
DRAMATISTS PLAY SERVICE, INC.**

**440 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10016**

BELL, BOOK AND CANDLE

was written by

John van Druten

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

In the old Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland movies, a bunch of kids would get together and "put on a show." After overcoming impossible odds, the show would go on. It would be a huge success and save the town.

ACT follows the same formula. (Although we've never saved the town.) Most of us are past being considered kids but we still want to "put on the show." We select a script, draft a director and begin putting the whole thing together. Tryouts, tickets, set construction, advertising and rehearsals soon become a blur. After many accomplishments, a few set backs and a lot of hard work by some dedicated people, we're ready for opening night. The curtain opens, the lights go up and we're glad we could be a part of it all.

On behalf of the cast and crew of *Bell, Book and Candle*, the Ankeny Community Theater would like to thank you, our audiences, for your continued support.

Al Price, Director

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT ONE

Scene 1: Christmas Eve.

Scene 2: About three hours later.

INTERMISSION

(about fifteen minutes)

ACT TWO

Two weeks later.

ACT THREE

Scene 1: Four hours later.

Scene 2: Two months later.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

Gillian Holroyd.....Nancy Despotovich
Shepherd Henderson.....Brett Spahr
Miss Holroyd.....Jeanne Ginger
Nicky Holroyd.....David Michael
Sidney Redlitch.....Doug Arterburn

also:

Pyewacket.....Tess (Despotovich)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF OUR CAST

NANCY DESPOTOVICH (GILLIAN) Nancy is truly *bewitching* as the lead character in this romantic comedy. She is a much appreciated regular in ACT productions, having previously performed in "The Wizard of Oz" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Nancy also played the German stewardess in "Boeing, Boeing."

BRETT SPAHR (SHEP) *Bell, Book and Candle* is Brett's acting debut with ACT. He just seems to have been summoned to this one! Brett loves to sing and dance and has previously put his talents on the stage at Simpson College, where he recently earned his degree in psychology. He also played the role of Pippin when he was a student at Ankeny High School. Brett is one of the Youth Coordinators at the Ankeny YMCA.

JEANNE GINGER (Aunt Queenie) Jeanne is a veteran of the ACT stage, and brings some *magic* to this stage in her current role. Audiences have enjoyed her performances in "Guys and Dolls," "Boeing, Boeing," "Ten Little Indians," "New Clothes for the Empress," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Inherit the Wind" and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." She is also known as the Tap Dancing Grandmother of seventeen grandchildren, having performed at banquets and talent shows. When not on stage, Jeanne works for the Ankeny Community School System.

DAVID MICHAEL (NICKY) Dave most recently won the hearts of his audiences as the Cowardly Lion in ACT's "The Wizard of Oz." His singing, dancing and acting portfolio also includes roles in "Anything Goes" and "Music Man." When not casting spells on his audiences, Dave is a technician at NADC in Ames, and is a brown belt in Karate.

DOUG ARTERBURN (Sidney Redlich) After his recent debut with ACT in "The Wizard of Oz," Doug admits he's "hooked again." He had performed in several college plays, but had been away from the theater for several years. We're glad he needs a break from his computer work from time to time, and finds his way to ACT.

AL PRICE (Director) Al does it all for ACT - a real veteran of the organization claiming to be one of the original performers. After earning his diploma as the Scarecrow in ACT's most recent production, "The Wizard of Oz," Al returns to our current production as Director. His directing credits include "Boeing, Boeing" and "The Good Doctor." Al, a self-proclaimed computer nerd, keeps his entire family involved in ACT productions.

SUSAN RHODES/MONICA GREEN (Co-Producers) Two new faces to "behind the scenes" for ACT. Both of these novice producers came to ACT as mothers of Munchkins in "The Wizard of Oz." Susan also chauffeurs daughters to dance and works at DMACC. Monica has soccer players at her house and works at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa. We hope you like their production.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....	Al Price
Co-producers.....	Susan Rhoades Monica Green
Set Design/Construction.....	Chip Overton Jim Bisby Jimmy Dean Dick Wilson
Stage Manager.....	Frank Rhoades
Special Effects/Sound.....	Jerry Reid
Light Design.....	Mike Mosman
Properties.....	Lynn Arterburn
Prompter.....	Jan Price
Photography.....	Bud Pratt
House Managers.....	Steve and Bev Stone
Ticket Distribution.....	Air, Tour and Travel Walnut Street Gallery

AND OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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1992 CONTRIBUTORS

Wilma Axmear	Friend
Myrtle Sexauer	Sponsor
Orville & Bonnie Ballard	Sponsor
Single Membership	\$ 10.00
Family Membership	\$ 15.00
Friend	\$ 25.00 - \$ 49.00
Sponsor	\$ 50.00 - \$ 99.00
Patron	\$100.00 - \$199.00
Benefactor	\$200.00 - \$499.00
Angeli!	over \$500.00

The Ankeny Community Theatre is a nonprofit organization created to promote the development of theatre for the Ankeny community and surrounding area. We strongly urge you not only to patronize and support community theatre, but also to participate in its activities. There are many ways you can become a part of this organization. Audition announcements for all productions are posted in the *Press Citizen*, *Ankeny Today* and the *Des Moines Register Databook*. If you would like to act, direct, produce or be involved with one of our production crews, we welcome your involvement. Ankeny offers a tremendous opportunity for talented people and we would like to tap your talents by encouraging you to participate.

ACT also has a singing group called ACT II. This group performs for community affairs, as requested; e.g., Ankeny Summerfest, the Iowa State Fair and Christmas programs. If you are interested in scheduling their services, call any of the following ACT officers.

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