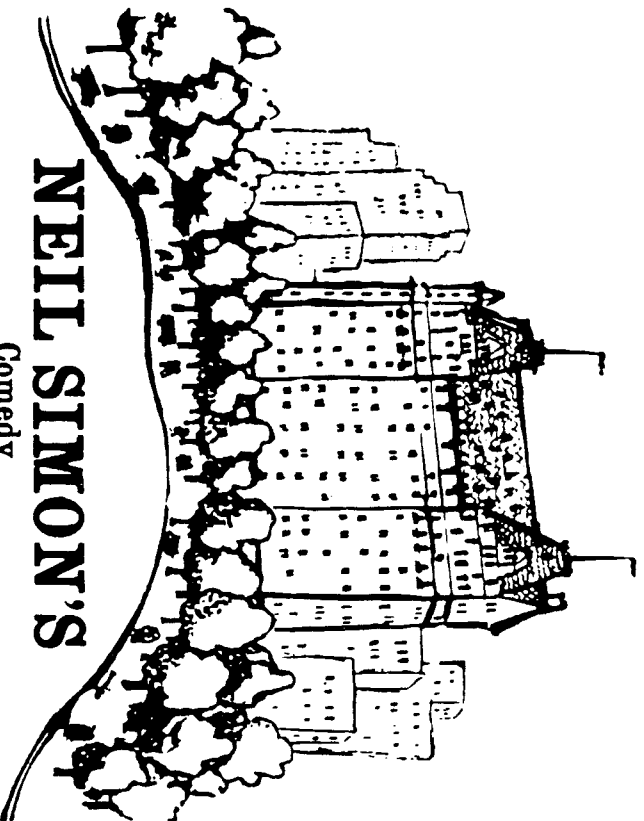


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• ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE •



NEIL SIMON'S

Comedy

PLAZA SUITE

April 19 - May 4, 1996

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by Neil Simon

Directed by Mark Jacobs

Produced by Wayne Pierson

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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

Monica Green (Karen Nash) Ankeny Community Theatre is the only stage Monica has ever known. She has been in three prior productions with ACT: *Mama in I Remember Mama*, Gerry in *Play On*, and Mrs. Gibbs in *Our Town* (plus some Summerfest melodramas and murder mysteries). She served as president of ACT last year and often works the concessions (especially for the musicals). Professionally, Monica does marketing communications for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa while raising her two sons, Joel and Nate.

Bob Fry (Sam Nash) This is Bob's debut with ACT. He has appeared at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre, Des Moines Playhouse, Drama Workshop and ACTORS in Ames in a variety of roles over the past 18 years. He counts among his favorites the Narrator/Mysterious man in *Into The Woods*, Harry MacAfee in *Bye Bye Birdie* and FDR in *Annie Warbucks*. As a break from acting, Bob does insurance underwriting in West Des Moines.

Marty Wolske (Bellhop/Borden Eisler) This is Marty's debut with ACT. A 1994 graduate of St. John's University, Marty was involved in high school performances of *The King and I*, *H.M.S. Pinigore* and *A Christmas Story*. Marty works as a copywriter at Johnson and Higgins/Kirke-Van Orsdel, Inc. and as a technical director for WHO radio.

Jan DeHoet (Norma Hubley) Jan made her debut on the ACT stage in last fall's production of Sherlock Holmes *Hound of the Baskervilles* as Perkins, the maid. Previously, she did most of her acting at the First Federated Church. Off Stage, Jan is a computer technician and enjoys music, reading and her dog, a Brussels-griffon named Booger.

Kaylene Ruby (Muriel Tate) Kaylene is reprising her role of Muriel from ACT's 1983 production of *Plaza Suite*. She has also appeared on stage as Abby in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and Violet in *Play on*. She is Chair of the Department of Communications at Grand View College, teaching journalism classes. Her other interests include golfing with G.A.C.T. and raising Paul as well as their 2 dogs Pippi and Chelsea.

Paul Ruby (Jesse Kiplinger) Paul has appeared in productions of *Rainmaker*, *Play On*, and *Carousel*. He also played Curly in *Oklahoma* and Nathan Detroit in *Gyps and Dolls*. He teaches Basics and Beyond Alternative High School at DMACC and enjoys golf, collecting old books and Corvette memorabilia.

Kathryn Bisbey (Jean McCormick) Kathryn has a degree in music theater and dance followed by numerous theatrical credits to her name. Since her arrival in Ankeny, she has participated in most ACT productions and all of the musicals,

most recently *Company* and *Nunsense*. She is a member of ACT II and a former ACT Board member. When not involved with the Theatre, Kathryn works in marketing at KVI.

Mike Kentopp (Roy Hubley) *The Hound of the Baskervilles, Arsenic and Old Lace, Company* and *Our Town* are credits for Mike with ACT. He has also appeared in *You Can't Take It With You, Camelot, The Pied Piper, South Pacific, Oliver* and the lead in *Fiddler on the Roof* for the Northeast Nebraska Community Theatre. Mike is employed by Central Iowa Farm Service as a Crops Advisor.

Amy Koester (Waitperson / Minnsey Hubley) Amy's first performance outside of high school productions was in *You Can't Take It With You*. She credits her theatrical support from her two biggest fans, her husband Chris and daughter Mattison. She works at Strawberry Patch responsible for embroidering anything and everything.

Mark Jacobs - Director. *Plaza Suite* marks the directing debut in Ankeny for Mark, but Mark is no newcomer to directing. Mark has directed community productions in Boone, IA and Sioux Falls, SD. He also is founding Co-director of "Distinctive Directions Theatre Co." Other areas of theater that Mark enjoys and participates in is writing and acting. Mark has written and produced several plays, most recently *Dietrich*, a one act play celebrating the life and death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Mark has acted in several production including *Dietrich* and *Shadowlands* for the Drama Workshop. He also has appeared in the ACT production of the musical *Company*. When not doing theater, Mark's real job is Chaplain at Broadlawns Medical Center.



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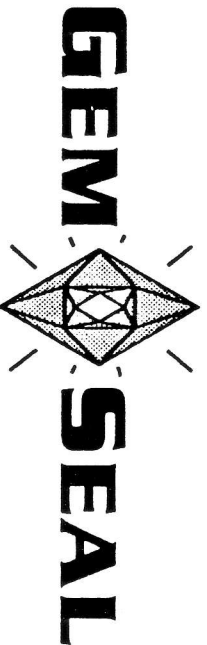
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DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

It has been said that theater is the art of taking a person or thing and allowing it to have a different identity. Community theater takes that definition a step further; it allows the familiar person or place from the community to take on a different identity. In some ways community theater is more complicated because you, the audience, many times knows the individual who is taking on that different persona. *Plaza Suite* is a great way to watch your community theater become something else. You no longer are in Ankeny, Iowa, but are now transported to the Plaza Hotel in New York City! The best part of this art form is that you can escape. You don't have to be an accountant or auto mechanic any more, but you, as an audience member, are someone different. You now are an arts patron. You don't have to worry about your job now, you just have to sit back and enjoy your friends and neighbors.

As important as the actors and production crew are to the play; you, the audience, are just as important. We do this not only for the joy that it gives us, but for the joy that a quality production will give to you. *Plaza Suite* is a quality production. From the writing of the author, Neil Simon, to the strong performances of the actors that you will see tonight. After you have escaped to New York with us please go and tell others to come so that they may also experience what you have experienced. Enjoy the show and thanks for coming!

Mark Jacobs, Director



Paul D. Ruby

253-0174

SCENE: THE PLAZA HOTEL ROOM 719

ACT ONE: VISITOR FROM MAMARONECK

Time: About four in the afternoon, mid-April.

THE CAST

Karen Nash	Monica Green
Sam Nash	Bob Fry
Bellhop	Marty Wolske
Waitperson	Amy Koester
Jean McCormick	Kathryn Bisbey

ACT TWO: VISITOR FROM HOLLYWOOD

Time: About three in the afternoon on a warm, sunny, spring day.

THE CAST

Waitperson	Amy Koester
Jesse Kiplinger	Paul Ruby
Muriel Tate	Kaylene Ruby

ACT THREE: VISITOR FROM FOREST HILLS

Time: Three o'clock on a warm Saturday afternoon in Spring.

THE CAST

Norma Hubley	Jan DeHoet
Roy Hubley	Mike Kentopp
Borden Eisler	Marty Wolske
Mimsey Hubley	Amy Koester

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director	Mark Jacobs
Producer	Wayne Pierson
Stage Manager	Wendy McLaughlin
Set Construction	Orville Ballard, Bill Shay
Lights	Kevin Sprague, Wendy McLaughlin
Sound	Jim Bisbey
Make up/Hair	Kathryn Bisbey, Chris Kentopp
House Manager	Jerry Reid



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