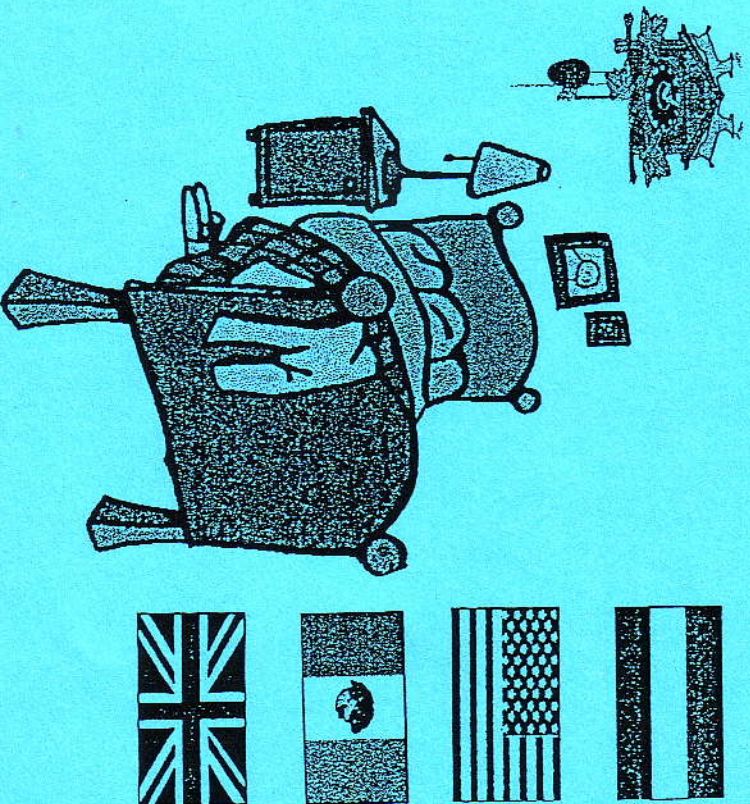


Ankeny Community Theatre
Presents...

A BEDFULL OF FOREIGNERS

A Comedy by
DAVE FREEMAN



*Friday Feb. 12 - 6:00 pm dinner at the Elks Club---7:30 pm showtime

Saturday Feb. 13 - 7:30 showtime

*Friday Feb. 19 - 6:00 pm dinner at the Elks Club---7:30 pm showtime

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Sunday Feb. 21 - 2:00 pm showtime

Thursday Feb. 25 - 7:30 pm

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Saturday Feb. 27 - 7:30 showtime

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WELCOME TO OUR SHOW! Settle back and don't hold back your laughter as you discover what happens when a hotel becomes overbooked and too many "couples" are using the same room. The cast performs better when they know you are enjoying the show.

You are invited to help yourself to the refreshments before the show and during intermission. Your contributions are welcome and can be placed in the basket provided. By the way, the Guys and Dolls restrooms are behind the stage.

If you are interested in our season ticket offer, or becoming involved with ACT, please seek out the house manager or any ACT member to answer your questions.

The best advertising we can have is word-of-mouth, so please tell your family and friends about us. COME BACK AGAIN!

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Paul Elliott and Duncan C. Eldon
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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

*"Oh, what a tangled web we weave,
when first we practice to deceive."*

Introduction to Marnion, Canto VI

Welcome to ACT's production of *A Bedfull of Foreigners*. This is a show that I have thoroughly enjoyed directing. As you watch this madness, you will soon understand why.

It has brought together a fine cast of veteran and new actors to the ACT stage. Without reading the biographical sketches, I challenge you to guess who the "rookies" are.

Just sit back, relax and loosen the belt.....
The laughs are about to begin!

WAYNE PIERSON



THE CAST OF CHARACTERS
(in order of appearance)

KARAK.....Kevin Sprague
HEINZJeff Bakke
BRENDA PARKER.....Christine Kentopp
STANLEY PARKER.....Monte Engh*
HELGA PHILBYBecky Plager*
CLAUDE PHILBYKent Whitmore
SIMONE.....Karen Sandoval

(* denotes ACT debut)

The action takes place in a bedroom in a French hotel near the German border....in present day.

ACT I - After 9:00 p.m. on an evening in late October

ACT II - Five minutes later

There will be a 15 minute intermission between Act I and Act II

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

(alphabetical order)

JEFF BAKKE (Heinz) - Jeff made his ACT debut last spring in *Once Upon a Mattress*, playing the Wizard. This time he is just a "medical-operatic wannabe" in charge of an old, rundown hotel. But his performance as Heinz is just as magical! Jeff caught the acting bug in high school while playing in *The Nerd*. After *Mattress* he played Grobert in *Carnival* at the ADM Community Theatre.

Off stage Jeff is a 1995 Drake graduate and is now a fifth grade teacher at Woodside Middle School, where he also directs a drama club. In his sparetime, Jeff plays the piano and volleyball.

MONTE ENGH (Stanley Parker) - Although Monte is making his debut with ACT, he is no stranger to Ankeny. He has lived in Ankeny for over 12 years with his wife and kids. Monte and wife Vicki have been regular visitors to ACT productions, but this is Monte's first time to participate. Seems Monte thinks it is a lot more fun "participating" than playing critic.

When Monte isn't playing Stanley Parker, he manages the Help Desk for Kum & Go convenience stores. As you will see, he gets himself into a lot of predicaments, and he certainly needs a little "help". Also, if anyone knows the meaning of the word "stoat", let him know. He wants to know if he resembles that remark.

CHRISTINE KENTOPP (Brenda Parker) - Christine has performed on stage and worked backstage, and let's just say, she's been working with ACT for a "few" years now. We are thrilled to have her back again! Most recently she played in *Once Upon a Mattress*, and before that in *Our Town, Company*, and an ACT murder mystery.

Christine's husband Mike is also very active with ACT. Between the theatre, church choir, working, four children and one grandchild, they are very busy.

BECKY PLAGER (Helga Philby) - Last fall, while watching her daughter perform in her high school play, Becky was re-bitten by the acting bug and decided to have another go at theater. She was very active during her junior and senior years in high school "doing" plays, musicals, speech contests and swing choir.

Becky works full time at Principal Financial Group in Des Moines and lives in Cambridge with her two teenagers-- Robert (17) and Angela (16). They attend high school in Ballard and keep their mother busy hopping from activity to activity. Becky is currently the drama coach for the First Church of Christ in Ankeny, co-director of the Kids Choir, and enjoys working with the junior and senior high youth groups. Needless to say, she is very busy. In her spare time, Becky enjoys biking, volleyball, sewing, singing, skiing, yardwork, and especially outdoor summer activities. Is it summer yet!!!

KAREN SANDOVAL (Simone) - Welcome back to Karen!

This show makes two in a row for her. Last fall Karen played identical German triplets in *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* and found herself a new hobby. She was hooked! We were all hoping that she could help 'Karak' get a Spanish accent perfected, but no such luck. Karen speaks fluent Spanish, as does her husband Alex who originated from Yucatan. They also have a delightful son Eric, age 6.

Karen is interested in most everything and enjoys whatever she is doing. Keep up the good work, Karen!

KEVIN SPRAGUE (Karak) - Kevin has done it all for ACT-- acting, directing, producing, technical creating, maintenance chores, janitorial duties and served as President of the Board of Directors. He must be getting rich.....NOT!

Kevin loves spectator sports, camping and fishing, and he can tell some pretty tall fish tales. Meanwhile, he takes time to work at Iowa State Veterinary Teaching Hospital as an anesthesia technician. His wife Lisa and he live in Polk City.

KENT WHITMORE (Claude Philby) - Kent is a natural on stage. He's a real ham and has enjoyed the spotlight for many years. He started his acting career in junior high and has been going full force since then. He enjoys doing stand-up comedy, impersonations, skits for parties and banquets. You name it. He's ready. We think "ham" is putting it mildly!!

We are glad that his wife, Vonnie, and their children, Alicia and Bryce, will share him with us at ACT. Kent is an Inventory Assistant at Broadlawns Pharmacy, and in his spare time he enjoys singing, biking, walking, and watching old classics, especially musicals.



**"CAN I ASK SOMETHING?
HOW FAR ARE WE GOING?" - STANLEY**

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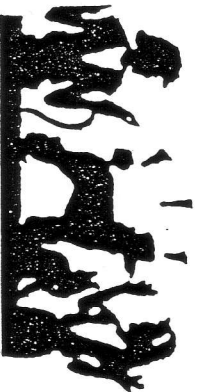
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Remember: Coming Attraction

HARVEY!

You know the story – the one about the 6-foot invisible rabbit! Under the direction of Kevin Sprague, it will run the last 2 weekends of April and the first weekend in May. Auditions will be held February 28th and March 1st. Watch the paper for details.

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