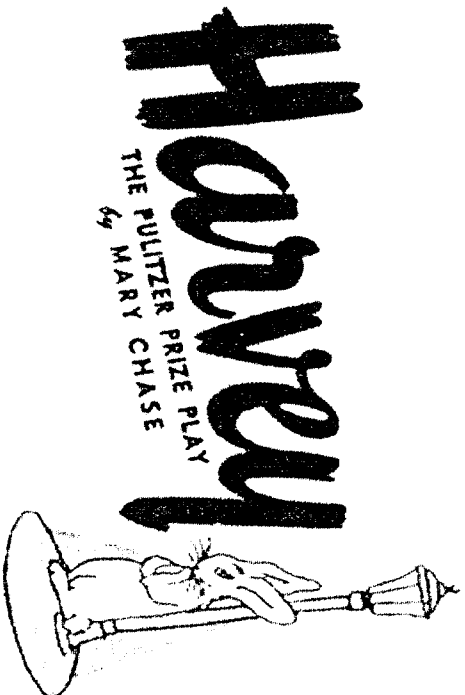


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## Notes From The Director

Good Evening,

Small towns dot the landscape all over the United States and every town has its own colorful character. Ours is no different. His name is Elwood P. Dowd and his claim to fame is his friend Harvey, a 6' ½" white rabbit. But we all know such things are not real, right? Or are they? Haven't we all at one time or another dreamed of escaping reality? Well, that is exactly what our friend Elwood P. Dowd had done or has he? You be the judge.

The show you are about to see tonight is without a doubt one of my all time favorites. Who can forget the late great Jimmy Stewart in the role of the unshakable Elwood?

I would like to sincerely thank the cast and the crew for all their time and hard work in making this a very memorable show. And you our audience, for allowing us to perform it for you. So sit back, slip out of reality and enjoy.

Oh by the way, if at some point during the show a big white rabbit sits down next to you, don't be afraid — it's just Harvey.

Kevin Sprague

# HARVEY

## ACT I

**Scene 1:** The library of the old Dowd family home, late afternoon

**Scene II:** The reception room of Chumley's Rest, an hour later

## INTERMISSION

## ACT II

**Scene 1:** The library of the old Dowd family home, an hour later

**Scene 2:** The reception room of Chumley's Rest, four hours later

## INTERMISSION

## ACT III

Chumley's Rest, a few minutes later

## The cast of HARVEY in order of appearance

Myrtle Mae Simmons .....	Andy Swackhamer
Veta Louise Simmons .....	Debi Garner
Elwood P. Dowd .....	Kent Whinnore
Miss Johnson .....	Hazel Pratt
Mrs. Ethyl Chauvenet .....	Jeanne Ginger
Ruth Kelly, R.N. ....	Becky Plager
Duane Wilson .....	Tim Clark
Lyman Sanderson, M.D. ....	Kevin Quass
William Chumley, M.D. ....	Bud Pratt
Betty Chumley .....	Kaylene Ruby
Judge Omar Gaffney .....	Randy Dunwoody
E.J. Lofgren .....	Monte Engh
Harvey .....	?????????

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

### **Andy Swackhammer** (Myrtle Mae Simmons)

This is Andy's second appearance on the ACT stage, her first was *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. When not on stage Andy is a full-time employee of Manpower Temporary Services. She has been studying with Avant Studios for the last two years where she also works with children's classes for TV commercials and photo-posing. In the fall she plans on leaving us for New York to study film and television. In her spare time (?) she likes roller-blading and spending time with friends and family.

### **Debi Garner** (Veta Louise Simmons)

This is Debi's first appearance on the ACT stage. Debi is reprising her role as of Veta Louise (the last time was 29 years ago on the Ankeny High School stage - when Debi was only 10). Debi is also a Drake alum. She and husband, John Richards, and their cats, Thomas L., Thomas V, and Lily Belle, live in Ankeny. While not on stage or at work as a Staff Consultant at Meredith. Debi and John go ballroom dancing twice a week. Among Debi's credits are appearances in *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, *The Odd Couple*, *You Can't Take It With You*, and *Everybody Loves Opal*.

### **Kent Whitmore** (Elwood P. Dowd)

Kent acted in school and has been on stage at ACT in *A Bedfull of Foreigners*, *Once Upon A Mattress*, and *Silver Whistle*. Kent lives in Ankeny with wife Vonnie, and children Alicia and Bryce. He lists his hobbies as biking, walking, singing - he's in ACT II, and Standup Comedy. He does famous impersonations, too. He's gone from broken biscuits to big bunnies.

**Hazel Pratt** (Miss Johnson)

Hazel is definitely not a newcomer to the ACT Stage. She can list among her credits *Inherit the Wind*, *Gyps and Dolls*, *Carousel*, *Bad Seed*, *40 Carats*, *Wizard of Oz*, *I Remember Momma*. Hazel is retired and can boast about 5 children, 7 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and says that lately she has just been “reading lines for Bud”. With genealogy, golf, and travel – how does she find the time?

**Jeanne Ginger** (Mrs. Ethyl Chauvenet)

Jeanne is in her 20<sup>th</sup> year of working for the Ankeny schools. Jeanne can boast 7 children, 21 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Her past shows include *Inherit The Wind*, *Sound of Music*, *Gyps and Dolls*, *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *New Clothes for The Emperor*, *Cactus Flower*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Boeing*, *Boeing*, *I Remember Momma*, *Silver Whistle*, and *Once Upon A Mattress*. Among her hobbies she lists dancing – tap, jazz and country western.

**Becky Plager** (Ruth Kelly, R.N.)

This is the second ACT appearance for Becky. You’ll remember her as “Helga” in *A Bedfull of Foreigners*. She works for Principal Financial Group and lives just outside of Cambridge with her two teens, Robert and Angela. Becky co-directs the

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Kids Choir and is drama coach for First Church of Christ in Ankeny. In her spare time(?) she enjoys biking, volleyball, sewing, singing, skiing and yard work.

**Tim Clark** (Duane Wilson)

Tim is employed with Partnership Press/Nevada Journal/Tri County Times. A list of Tim's credits would fill this program if we listed them all. Most recently he has been on ACT's stage in *Once Upon A Maidress*, *The Car* and *The Canary* and *Silver Whistle*. Among his numerous credits there is also two years in Jacksonville, FL at the River City Playhouse. His hobbies include music, cooking, gardening and working on his home. However, he left off learning car maintenance.

**Kevin Quass** (Lyman Sanderson, M.D.)

Kevin is a graduate of Luther College and LAN Administrator at Pioneer Hi-bred International. Not a newcomer to the ACT stage, he has appeared in *Arsenic and Old Lace* and *The Mousetrap* and co-directed *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. He lists as hobbies, reading, power yoga and yard work. Julie and Kevin are the proud parents of two year old Colin. (Reading as a hobby with a two year old?) Kevin would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie for all her support.

**C.W. "Bud" Pratt** (William Chumley, M.D.)

Bud's credits include: *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Sound of Music*, *Gyps and Dolls*, *Carousel*, *Bad Seed*, *40 Carats*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *Wizard Of Oz*, *I Remember Mama*, *Reunion Review*, and as MC for ACT II.), Bud has also served on the ACT Board of Directors as Treasurer. Bud and his wife, Hazel, are currently retired. (Are you sure this is retirement?)

**Kaylene Ruby** (Betty Chumley)

Kaylene has appeared in ACT productions of *Once Upon a Mattress* (her very first musical), *Steel Magnolias*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Play On* and *Plaza Suite* (twice!). Previously she had been an member of the Badlands Players in Harve, Montana. Kaylene is a Communication Professor at Grandview College. She and husband, Paul, are now grandma and grandpa to Cheyenne and Madison.

**Randy Dunwoody** (Judge Omar Gaffney)

Randy finally is back on stage in a speaking role – you remember his last show here – *Once Upon A Mattress*. (This time he’s talking.) He has also appeared in *The Cat and The Canary*, *Mousetrap*, and *The Hound Of The Baskervilles*. It has been said that Randy claims to have specialized in “J” roles in First Federated Church productions (everything from Judas to Jesus’ double).

**Monte Engh** (E.J. Lofgren)

Monte returned to the stage and debuted in *A Bedfull of Foreigners* and he’s back for more. Monte manages the Help Desk for the Kum and Go convenience stores. As E.J. he gets to drive the car again.

**Kevin Sprague** - Director

Kevin, a true Jack-of-all-trades (his role as Karak was type casting), has performed and directed for ACT, co-producer, light manager. Among his credits are *Bedfull of Foreigners*, *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, *Silver Whistle*, *Arsenic and Old Lace* *I Remember Mama*, He is employed at ISU Veterinary Teaching Hospital as an anesthesia technician.



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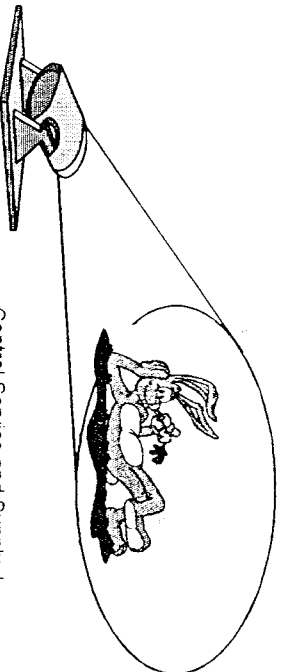
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