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Company

Finale There will be no intermission for this production.

Terry Dobson (Director / Musical Director)

Terry Dobson has been a member of Theatre Three's Artistic Staff since May 1980. He currently serves as Theatre Three's Musical Director and Company Manager. He has been a musical director for over 100 musicals, including last season's Putting It Together. Terry directed (and accompanied) Theatre Three's recordbreaking smash hit musical revue, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change! and all of last season's Appetizer Attractions Series productions, Myths & Hymns, Don Juan in Hell, and First Lady Suite. He directed the first show of The Spotlight Series in Theatre Too!, Grateful: The Songs of John Bucchino, the fourth show of the Mainstage Season, You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown, and the sixth show of the Mainstage Series, Medicine, Man. Terry has performed with The Dallas Theater Center, Casa Manana, Lyric Stage, and Theatre Arlington. Terry orchestrated and arranged the music for Don Snell's tribute to Noel Coward, A Private Spirit, which has been produced in Hollywood, Las Vegas, Dallas, and Phoenix. He traveled to London in 2000 to accompany The Stuff of Drama by Niki Flacks. Terry won a Leon Rabin Award — Outstanding Musical Direction — for his work on the musical, Jon & Jen and is the recipient of numerous "Column Awards". As an actor, Terry has appeared in Theatre Three productions of Sylvia, Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music, Beyond Therapy, Death Defying Acts, God's Man in Texas and last season's Dirty Blonde.



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William Finn (Composer)

William Finn, a graduate of Williams College, is an Adjunct Faculty Composer/Lyricist at New York University and also works as an independent composer and writer. His work includes In Trousers, March of the Falsettos, America Kicks Up It's Heels, Dangerous Games, Romance in Hard Times, Falsettoland, Falsettos, and A New Brain. His most recent work, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, which diverges from the highly autobiographical themes of his previous work, won Finn a Tony Award for Best Musical and Best Original Score.

Amy Anders Corcoran



Amy is thrilled to be back at Theatre Three as a true Texan, after playing Elaine in Arsenic and Old Lace in 2003. Favorite regional roles include Annie in Annie Get Your Gun, Polly in Crazy for You, and Rizzo in *Grease*. She thanks Terry for this fantastic opportunity with these amazingly talented people. Love to Scott, family, friends, and prayers to all the victims and families of 9/11.

Gary Floyd



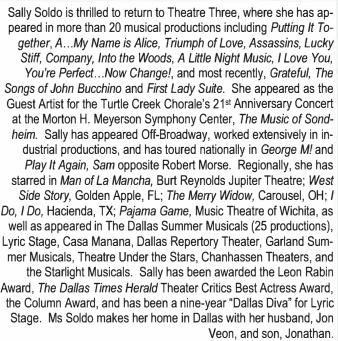
Gary is happy to be returning to Theatre Too! having most recently appeared as Charley in Merrily We Roll Along. Gary has also been seen as David in the regional premiere of King David with Lyric Stage, The Rocky Horror Show at Contemporary Theatre of Dallas, and L.M. in *Pumpboys & Dinettes*, for which he received the 2004 Leon Rabin Award for Supporting Actor in a Musical. He is currently represented by The Horne Agency.

Donald Fowler

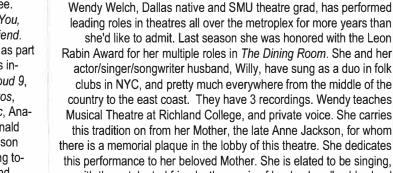


Donald Fowler is so pleased to finally be back at Theatre Three. Previously at Theatre Three, Donald could be seen in I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!, Saturday Night, and The Boyfriend. Most recently, Donald played Harry in Pinter's The Collection as part of the Bathhouse Cultural Center's F.I.T. Festival. Other roles include Molina in Kiss of the Spiderwoman, Betty/Edward in Cloud 9, Bobby in Company, Gordon in A New Brain, Marvin in Falsettos, Homer in Floyd Collins, the Emcee in Cabaret, Fleet in Titanic, Anatoly in Chess, and Pirelli in Sweeney Todd. Most recently Donald performed his one-man show Jacket Required as part of Addison WaterTower's Out of the Loop Festival and is currently working towards remounting the show in 2006. Special thanks to Jac and Terry for the encouragement and support.

Sally Soldo



Wendy Welch



clubs in NYC, and pretty much everywhere from the middle of the country to the east coast. They have 3 recordings. Wendy teaches Musical Theatre at Richland College, and private voice. She carries this tradition on from her Mother, the late Anne Jackson, for whom there is a memorial plaque in the lobby of this theatre. She dedicates this performance to her beloved Mother. She is elated to be singing, with these talented friends, the music of her husband's old school buddy, Billy Finn. Support live theatre!







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His wife, Armande Béjart, begged her ill husband not to perform the lead role in this new comedy. Even though he had been suffering from some sort of lung disease, Molière would not listen. He traditionally played the role in his own shows and relished the idea of a very ill man playing Argan, a perfectly healthy man who thought of himself as terribly sick. The show was a biting satire about the medical profession, but the show would become famous as Molière's last show. On February 17, 1673, Molière was preparing for the fourth performance of The Imaginary Invalid when he suffered a hemorrhage. He managed to perform, but only hours after the performance, he died at home. Because some of his earlier work had been so critical of the clergy, no priest would officiate and many balked at the idea of him even being buried in sacred ground. The King intervened and a compromise was reached: Molière was buried in the middle of the night at St. Joseph's Cemetery on February 21, 1673. Seven years after Molière's death, the King joined Moliere's company with a competing company to create Comédie-Française. Today it is the French national theatre and often referred to as the House of Molière.

Elegy: (noun) 1. A song or poem expressing sorrow or lamentation especially for one who is dead. 2. A short pensive musical composition.

Poets and songwriters use elegies to find a way to say just the right thing in one of life's most emotional moments. Whether it is a national tragedy or a deeply personal, intimate loss, elegies reflect the humanity of death and loss. When Walt Whitman wrote "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd", he was reflecting on one of America's greatest tragedies, the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The poem is a recollection of the famous funeral procession of a man Whitman considered a hero. While the tragedy had an impact on the entire nation, the elegy is more personal and makes the loss of Lincoln more intimate to individuals. When Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote an elegy for his closest friend and his sister's fiancè, he was writing about a deeply personal loss. He simply titled it "In Memoriam" and while the readers may not specifically know the man who died, the sentiments and sorrow expressed are universal. In Elegies: A Song Cycle, William Finn includes elegies about the loss of some of his personal friends as well as a tribute to our most recent national tragedy. Like Whitman and Tennyson, Finn manages to make overwhelming public tragedies personal and private bereavement universal.

THEATRE THREE presents the second show of the Mainstage Series of the 2005-2006 season...

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Jac Alder Jac Alder Tristan Decker Costume Design | Michael Robinson

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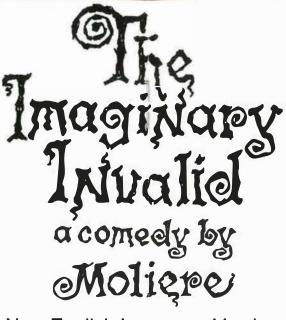
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Terry Dobson Linda Harrison Jeffrey Schmidt Lane Mooney, Michael Speck

Electricians Production Assistant | Liz Banks

Michael Speck **Prop Master | Linda Harrison**



New English Language Version By Jac Alder

Scene Synopsis

Mid-morning, Argan's bedroom somewhere outside Paris. spring of 1673

ACT II

The same, slightly later

There will be one 15 minute intermission between acts.

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Jac Alder took on several duties with this show. Besides adapting it into English and Verse, he designed the set, wrote the music in the show, and staged the piece. His interest in things French dates back to high school French studies with Mlle. Snedaker and continued through his Army service in a bilingual job (between French customs authorities and the Army and Air Force postal systems) in Metz, France in 1958 and 1959. Design work comes out of his training and practice of architecture for which he holds a degree from the University of Oklahoma. His fascination with the masterpieces of Molière has produced two other adaptations: The Physician in Spite of Himself and The Miser. He has also participated as an actor, director, or designer on Theatre Three productions of Molière as translated and versified by Richard Wilbur including Tartuffe, School for Wives, School for Husbands, Amphitrion, The Learned Ladies, and Misanthrope. He wants to dedicate his work on this show to Ben Kitchens (son of Connie Coit Kitchens and the late Dr. Lloyd Kitchen, Jr.) who begins his pre-med studies at NYU this semester.

Tristan Decker (Lighting Design)

Tristan has designed for Our Endeavors Theatre Collective, Undermain Theatre, Kitchen Dog, Ewert and Co., Martice Enterprises, Cara Mia Theatre Company, Classical Acting Company and the Shakespeare Festival of Dallas. He is starting his seventh year as the resident Set and Lighting Designer/Technical Director for the University of Dallas. He has received the DFW Theater Critics Forum Award and has been nominated for both the Leon Rabin Awards and the Column Awards. Previous Theatre Three lighting design work includes Putting It Together, Songs of the Redhead: The Music of Danny Kaye, and Metamorphoses.

Michael Robinson (Costume Design)

Michael's first assignment for Theatre Three was the first show of the current season, Metamorphoses. He has designed many shows for the WaterTower Theatre, Uptown Players, CrossRoads Theatre, Plano Repertory Theatre, Garland Civic Theatre, Garland Summer Musicals, Lyric Stage, Contemporary Theatre of Dallas, Kaufman Civic Theatre, and Coppell Community Theatre. He has also designed for many of our local colleges and universities: University of North Texas Opera Theatre, Texas Christian University Opera Studio, University of Texas at Dallas, Brookhaven College, and Richland College. His awards include "Best Costume Shop" (Dallas Oberserver 2000), "Best Costumes" for Old Settler (Dallas-Fort Worth Critics Forum Award 2003), the Leon Rabin Award for Best Costumes for (42nd Street 2003), and the Column Awards for Best Costume in a Play or Musical (2001, 2002).

Molière (Playwright)

Born Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, this son of a royal upholsterer wrote several plays that became the basis of the French national theatre. Comédie-Française including Tartuffe, The Misanthrope, The School for Wives, The School for Husbands, The Miser, and The Physician Inspite of Himself, all previously produced at Theatre Three.

Michael returns to Theatre Three, having appeared as Matt of the Mint in The Threepenny Opera. Born in El Paso and raised in Houston, he is a graduate of Lon Morris Jr. College in Jacksonville, Texas, Centenary College in Shreveport, LA and five years of post graduate study at H.B. Studios in NYC. He returned to Texas ten years ago, after an absence of 27 years. Locally he has been seen at The Granbury Opera House in 26 productions, including Boolie in *Driving Miss* Daisy and The King in The King and I, at Circle Theatre as Paul Sheldon in Misery, at Undermain as Shamrayev in The Seagull, at Stage West as Angus in Neville's Island, at The Shakespeare Festival of Dallas at Maridan in Anthony and Cleopatra and The Sexton in Much Ado About Nothing, and at Theatre Arlington as Brian Doyle in Laughter on the 23rd Floor.

Caitlin Tiffany Glass (Beline)

Caitlin is making her Theatre Three debut. Previous theatre roles include Claire in Proof at Act One Productions in DeSoto, Cash Makenzie in a staged reading of Everyday Heroes at the Dallas Children's Theatre, Doris Walker in Miracle on 34th Street at Theatre Arlington, Lilith in Pinky and B.B. in Paradise at Hip Pocket Theatre, Emily in Our Town, Laura in The Glass Menagerie and Lettie in Something's Afoot at U.T.A. where she earned her degree. She is a voice actress for FUNimation, and is the voice of Winry Rockhell on Fullmetal Alchemist, a show airing on Cartoon Network. She would like to thank Natalie Gaupp for her generous encouragement, her fiancé, Drew, for believing in her, and her Lord for His faithfullness.



Stan Graner (Purgon)

Stan was seen last spring downstairs in Merrily We Roll Along, and is best known to T3 audiences for his portrayal of Bobby in Company. Additional T3 appearances include Rise and Shine, Tomfoolery, and The Frogs. Other credits -- Plano Rep: Floyd Collins (Floyd), Violet (Father). Lyric Stage: The Pajama Game (Prez), Roadside (Buzzey), The Most Happy Fella (Herman). Circle Theatre: The Exact Center Of the Universe (Apple), The Countess (John Ruskin). Classical Acting Company: Romeo and Juliet (Montague). Kitchen Dog Theatre: The Juniper Tree (Husband). Theatre Arlington: The Secret Garden (Archibald), It's a Wonderful Life (George Bailey). He's also appeared at Casa Mañana, Stage West, Garland Summer Musicals, and Granbury Opera House.

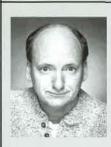


Abigail Jackson (Louisan)

Abigail's father, Doug Jackson, missed her birth because he was onstage at Theatre Three in The Mystery of Edwin Drood. This 7th grader at Harry Stone Montessori Academy has appeared in three productions of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: The Dallas Summer Musicals, Plano Repertory Theatre, and Garland Summer Musicals. She has also played Gretel in The Sound of Music and a townsperson in The Music Man. She and her sister Emily appeared with Jac Alder in Theatre Three's 40th Anniversary Show.



Doug Jackson (Argan)



Doug first auditioned for Jac Alder and Norma Young in 1971, while a student at North Mesquite High School. He was first hired at Theatre Three and given his first Equity contract for Charlotte Sweet in 1983. Theatre Three shows include Rounding Third, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!, A Class Act, and The Threepenny Opera. He also played Seymour in Theatre Three's production of Little Shop of Horrors. Other theatre experience includes South Pacific at Casa Manana and Northshore Music Theater, The Front Page at Dallas Theater Center, Henry IV. Parts I & II at Shakespeare Festival of Dallas, and A Christmas Carol at Dallas Theater Center. His film appearances include the director's cut of JFK. Mississippi Burning, Carried Away, Big Bad John, and Paramedics. He has been twice honored as Outstanding Actor in a Musical for his work in Theatre Three's productions of A Class Act and Little Shop of Horrors. He was also a Leon Rabin Award nominee for Rounding Third. He will direct Theatre Three's Children of Eden and would like to thank Jac for his confidence in his work and for all great theater he has given to Dallas over the decades at Theatre Three.

Amy Mills (Toinette)



Amy has appeared onstage at Theatre Three for over 20 years in such shows as Merrily We Roll Along, Spinning Into Butter, Into the Woods, Pumpboys and Dinettes, Second Threshold, The Threepenny Opera, A...My Name is Alice, First Lady Suite, and the long-running hit, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change! She received a 2003 Rabin Award for her performance as Alice Beane in Lyric Stage's production of Titanic. She has been seen at Casa Manana, Bass Hall, Dallas Theater Center, The MUNY, Northshore Music Theater, Arkansas Repertory, the Cape Playhouse, Dallas Children's Theater, Stage West, and the Dallas Summer Musicals. In her spare time, she works on staff at Theatre Three, and hides out in Oak Cliff with her husband, actor Doug Jackson, and their two daughters, Emily and Abigail.

Arianna Movassagh (Angelique)



Arianna has appeared in several Theatre Three productions including Sally in You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown, Woman #1 in I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!, Susan in Company and Polly Potter in The Coconuts. A few of her other theatre credits include Adele in A Man of No Importance at Uptown Players, Rosa Bud in The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Diana Morales in A Chorus Line at Plano Repertory Theatre, Prudie Cupp in Pump Boys & Dinettes at Contemporary Theatre of Dallas, and Myrtle in Jack & The Beanstalk at Dallas Theater Center TCT. On television, she has appeared on Walker, Texas Ranger. She played Paula in the feature film, The Real Queen of Hearts Ain't Even Pretty. She also played Little Miss Muffet in the video, Barney: Sing That Song. In 2002, she won a Leon Rabin Award for Best Actress in a Musical for performance of the Baker's Wife in ICT Mainstage's production of Into the Woods.

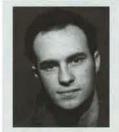
Michael Craig Rains (De Bonnefois / Fleurant)

Michael has been in plays in various theatres across the Metroplex, including this theatre last season, as the policeman Jiggs Kennedy in Seven Keys to Baldpate. Furthermore, he played four characters in To Kill A Mockingbird (including Boo Radley), at Dallas Children's Theatre. Michael has bragged about space aliens landing in his backyard, dancing at La Bare, and being a muppet trapped in a man's body; but says Theatre Three is his most exciting experience.



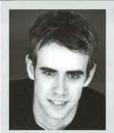
Michael Speck (Thomas)

Michael just completed his BFA in Theatre at Stephen F. Austin and a year-long Class A internship at Theatre Three. Last season, he played the defense lawyer in *The Man Who Shot Santa Claus*, the curtain-raiser played before *A Christmas Memory*. At Stephen F. Austin, he played Banjo in *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, Dr. Huml in *Increased Difficulty of Concentration*, and Papillon in *Rhinoceros*.



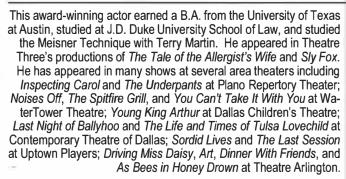
Lee Trull (Cleante)

Lee is making his debut performance at Theatre Three in *The Imaginary Invalid*. Previous theatre experience roles include Adam in *The Shape of Things* at Stage West, Titus in *Freedomland* at Echo Theatre, Stevens in *A Flea in Her Ear* at Classical Acting Company, Geoffrey in *The Lion in Winter* at Stage West, Tranio in *Taming of the Shrew* at The Shakespeare Festival of Dallas, and Quinn in *Hazard County* at Kitchen Dog Theatre. Lee is also an accomplished writer, having written a 14 part documentary series, "Route 66: The Marathon Tour". His adaptations of O'Henry's *Gift of the Magi* and Mark Twain's *Huck Finn* are being produced by Classical Acting Company. Stage West is producing his play, *Puppet Boy*, this season as well.



Ted Wold (Diaforius)

He sends all his love to Melissa.





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