# KENTWOOD PLAYERS

PRESENTS

# WHOSE LIFE IS IT ANYWAY?

November 8 - December 14, 1991

WESTCHESTER PLAYHOUSE

8301 Hindry Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

# PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager Lynne Ingram Set Design Chuck Reynolds Light Design Tom Brophey Assistant Lighting Yale Yeandel "Claire's Theme" Composer David Barker
Prologue Creation
Prologue Sound Effects Jamie Hayes
Script Supervisor Charlotte Gunter
Set Construction and Work Sunday Bill Harred, Bill Buhler, Arky Marcom, Frank Olivadoti, Bob Schnauss,
Dagmar Schnauss, Conny Sless, Jenny Ash,
Michael Cohen, Fred Baum, Ron Wisansky,
MaryAnn Schwarz, Marie Less, Jason Redcloud,
Charles Sheffield and the cast and crew
of Whose Life Is It Anyway?
Set Decoration Lynne Ingram
Costumes Barbara Brophey and Doris Shoumaker
Medical Properties Dassa Kalmanson
Light/Sound Technician Yale Yeandel
Stage Crew Ed Pierce and Gretchen Luna
Hospitality Calia Mintzer
Lobby Portraits Hal Fisher and Tammy Key
Programs Tim Boeck

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#### ABOUT THE DIRECTOR - HARVEY ERLICH

Harvey has been a member with Kentwood for the past 15 years. He has appeared in numerous roles, including TWELVE ANGRY MEN, and STEAMBATH. He directed BAREFOOT IN THE PARK, WAIT UNTIL DARK, and the workshop production PRIVATE WARS. Harvey began acting in Israel in 1966 and has been involved with theatre ever since.

# WHOSE LIFE IS IT ANYWAY?

by Brian Clark
Produced By Special Arrangement With
The Dramatic Publishing Company

Directed by Harvey Erlich Produced by Sheridan Cole

## ★ ★ CAST ★ ★

(in order of appearance)

Claire Harrison Pamela Rasak
Nurse Anderson Margie Bates
Mary Jo Sadler Lizzie Luna
John Eddie J. Slack, Jr.
Dr. David Scott Aaron Tranberg
Dr. Michael Emerson Lewis Hauser
Mrs. Louise Boyle Sheridan Cole
Margaret Hill Starra Hauser
Dr. Paul Jacobs Scott M. L. Cunningham
Peter Kersha Christopher Lee Olsen
Dr. Robert Barr Thomas Patriarca
Andrew Eden Ed Pierce
Judge Wyler Irv Rosen

# The Place: A New York Hospital

The Time: The Present

There will be one fifteen minute intermission.

(During intermission, please join us in the lobby for coffee courtesy of Kentwood Players)

The taking of pictures and the use of recording devices in this theatre is strictly forbidden unless authorized.

# PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR THEATRE BEAUTIFUL

There is no smoking, drinking or eating in the auditorium.

#### ABOUT THE CAST (in alphabetical order)

#### MARGIE RATES - Nurse Anderson

Margie made her first appearance with the Kentwood Players in SWEET CHARITY in 1986. In addition to "Chorus Line" at the Torrance Theatre, she has appeared at the Westchester Playhouse in PLAY IT AGAIN SAM, ANYTHING GOES, and STEPPING OUT. She is currently on the Board of Directors.

#### SHERIDAN COLE - Mrs. Bovie/Producer

A 20 year member, Sheridan has appeared in several Kentwood productions including PLAZA SUITE, THE MIRACLE WORKER, MY THREE ANGELS and the 1987 production of DEATH OF A SALESMAN in which she won an award for best actress in a minor role. She has also served as Chariman of the Plays Reading Committee.

#### SCOTT M.L. CUNNINGHAM - Dr. Jacobs

Scott makes his debut at the Westchester Playhouse as Dr. Jacobs. Recent stage appearances include "Witness for the Prosecution," "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," "Went With The Wine, "Twin Freaks," and "The Adding Machine." Scott is currently studying with the Harvey Lembeck Comedy Workshop, ad the Zina Provendie Actors Lab.

#### LEWIS HAUSER - Dr. Michael Emerson

Lewis has directed and stared in numerous shows in the L.A. area. He was Director-In Residence for the Queen Mary Dinner Playhouse. Most recently he directed "The Boyfriend" and at Kentwood MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940 for which he won Best Director. As an actor he has performed in PLAY IT AGAIN SAM, for which he won Best Actor. He was last seen as Ernest in BEDROOM FARCE.

#### STARRA HAUSER - Miss Hill

Originally from Laguna Beach, Ca. Starra studied theatre at U.C. Irvine, then continued her study with the L.A. City College Acting Academy for two years. Some of her theatre credits include "The Life and Times of Nicholas Nickelby," "Cabaret," "Sweeney Todd," "Bleacher Bums," and Claudia Draper in "Nuts" in which she received a Best Actress award from the Del Rey Players at Loyola Marymount University. WHOSE LIFE marks Starra's second production with the Kentwood Players, the first being PLAY IT AGAIN SAM where she met her husband Lewis on this very stage.

#### LIZZIE LUNA - Mary Jo Sadler

Lizzie has spent most of her life on stage with credits that include starring roles in "The Crucible," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "A Chorus Line," and most recently Molier's "The Mock Doctor." She was last seen on Kentwood's stage as Minnie in ANNIE GET YOUR GUN. She is currently studying on camera acting techniques with M.K. Lewis and hopes to make the transition to film soon.

#### **CHRISTOPHER TED OLSEN - Peter Kershaw**

Chris is presently employed as an attorney for a civil defense

litigation firm in downtown Los Angeles. He graduated with honors from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1989. Christopher appeared in a film created for the U.S. Department of Educations involving a mock trial series and as a police officer in Oliver Stone's "The Doors." This production marks Olsen's stage debut.

#### THOMAS PATRIARCA - Dr. Barr

Tom has been working in the magazine and book publishing industry for the past 13 years and makes his theatre debut in this production. He has studied under actress/instructor Judith Weston in Los Angeles and is currently with the Los Angeles Actors Lab studying with Frederick Combes.

#### ED PIERCE - Andrew Eden

One year ago Ed moved to Los Angeles from Illinois where he appeared in several productions including "Sexual Perversity In Chicago," "Beyond Therapy," "Hurly Burly," and "The Memorandum." Ed is a recent film school graduate and is currently writing and developing screenplays and directing projects.

#### PAMELA RASAK - Claire Harrison

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Pamela graduated from UCLA with a degree in theatre arts where she appeared in "Hedda Gabler," "The Children's Hour," and "Hooters." She has been seen in national TV commercials for Federal Savings and Jack In The Box and was featured in the CBS movie of the week "Street Of Dreams." She was most recently seen in "Taming Of The Shrew" at the Magnolia Playhouse.

#### IRV ROSEN - Judge Wyler

Irv has been active with Kentwood Players for more than 30 years, serving as President, Treasurer, long-time board member and on the stage. He has been seen in such productions as DIARY OF ANNE FRANK, MY THREE ANGELS, TRIBUTE, BUS STOP, THE TENTH MAN, MORNINGS AT SEVEN, SOCIAL SECURITY and BROADWAY BOUND. Irv has received Kentwood Masque awards as actor, director and producer.

#### EDDIE J. SLACK, Jr. - John

A native of New Orleans, Eddie's theatrical performances include "The Owl Killer," for which he received outstanding actor, "Born In The RSA," "The Merchant Of Venice," "Summer and Smoke," "Wild Oats," and "Waiting For Lefty." Eddie was recently seen on Kentwood's stage in the role of Sergeant Kelly in MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940. His film credits include "Blaze" and "New Orleans Air."

#### AARON TRANBERG - Dr. David Scott

Aaron has been acting steadily for the past 19 years. His acting has taken him to two continents and across the U.S. He came to the west coast to pursue a career in television and film. In the short time he has been here he has appeared on all major networks in speaking roles on such shows as "LA Law," and "Thirtysomething." He broke into film in Las Vegas doing two films. Aaron recently had a film role with Howard Hesseman that was shot in Utah.

# **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Jan. 10 - Feb. 15, 1992 - The Cocktail Hour Director: Sheldon Metz Casting: November 11 & 12

> Mar. 6 - Apr. 11 - Critic's Choice Director: Jamie Hayes Casting: January 13 & 14

May 8 - Jun. 13 - To Be Announced Director: To Be Announced Casting: March 9 & 10

> July 10 - Aug. 15 - Legends Director: Lewis Hauser Casting: May 11 & 12



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