

**Kentwood Players Presents**

# ROMANTIC COMEDY



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**November 9—December 15, 2007**

**Directed by Sherman Wayne**

**Produced by Ed Cotter and  
Lori Marple-Pereslete**

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Costume Design

**Sheridan Cole Crawford**

Lighting Design

**Tom Brophey**

Sound Design

**Bill Prachar**

Set Decoration Design

**Lori Marple-Pereslete**

## The Cast

**Jason Carmichael**

**Drew Fitzsimmons**

**Phoebe Craddock**

**Catherine Day**

**Blanche Dailey**

**Sheridan Cole Crawford**

**Leo Janowitz**

**Don Fowler**

**Allison St. James**

**Kimshelley Garner**

**Kate Mallory**

**Karintha Touton**

*Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.*

# Romantic Comedy

*Everybody's got that someone, the one that slipped away, the one that makes you wish you had less pride and had shown how you felt.*

*Romantic Comedy is all about pride, selfishness, acting on one's emotions and of course, getting the girl in the end. Romantic Comedy celebrates the human condition of love that should be but takes forever to happen. As the title suggests, the play is filled with sarcastic and dry humor, and situations that create the couple's eventual fate. Enjoy!*

*--Sherman Wayne, Director*

## The Setting

The entire action of the play takes place in  
Jason Carmichael's NY Townhouse

### ACT ONE

Scene 1: A spring morning in the mid-sixties

Scene 2: Late night, a year later

**15 minute intermission**

### ACT TWO

Scene 1: A November morning, ten years later

Scene 2: Late afternoon, six weeks later

**10 minute intermission**

### ACT THREE

Scene 1: A mid-September morning, two years later

Scene 2: Late afternoon, three weeks later

Scene 3: The next afternoon

*You are invited to meet and greet cast members  
after the performance in the Green Room.  
Please use the outside stairway at the rear of  
the theatre. Thank you.*

## About the Cast & Crew

### About the Director

**Sherman Wayne**—Sherman has participated actively in professional and community theatre since his senior year in high school. His professional credits include managing and producing *On and Off Broadway* in New York and managing for the Center Theatre Group and the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles. For 25 years, he taught high school theatre and stagecraft where he directed and designed more than fifty productions. Since retiring in June of 2000, Sherman has kept busy directing *It Had to Be You*, *Picnic*, and *Inspecting Carol* for Palos Verdes Players in Torrance. He directed a *View from the Bridge*, *Glass Menagerie*, *Moon Over Buffalo* and *Plaza Suite* for Theatre Palisades. He has also designed and built several productions for P.V.P., A.R.T. as well as Kentwood Players.

### About the Producers

**Ed Cotter**—De and Ed Cotter, as a team, have always brought the finest in entertainment to the Kentwood Players— *Blood Brothers*, *Follies*, *Heaven Can Wait*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Cabaret* to name a few. This one is for my beautiful De. I love you today more than yesterday, and less than tomorrow.

**Lori Marple-Pereslete**—Lori has been an active Kentwood member for over six years. She's usually found behind the scenes decorating and producing. She's thrilled to be working with Sherman and such a talented cast. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### About the Cast

**Sheridan Cole Crawford**—Sheridan is having fun playing in this delightful comedy with such a talented cast. Earlier in the season, she appeared as one of the nostalgic *Follies* girls in the Sondheim musical. Besides acting, costuming and serving on the Board, Sheridan has directed several shows, including *Forty Carats*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and *Murder on the Nile*.

## About the Cast & Crew

**Catherine Day**— *Romantic Comedy* marks Catherine's debut here at Kentwood. A graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and South Coast Rep, Catherine has performed in numerous shows including, *Glass Menagerie*, *Les Miserables*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Making Ambrosia*, and *Cry Havoc*. She has received San Diego Playbill Awards and continues to pursue a film/tv career in the footsteps of grandfather Dennis Day. Cat graciously thanks Sherman and her friends and family for their support.

**Drew Fitzsimmons**—Having just finished a phenomenal run as Tony in the Theatre Palisades production of *The Boyfriend*, and an incredible first season out at Theatricum Botanicum in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Drew is very happy to be a part of Sherman Wayne's first Kentwood production. Drew has been seen all over the LA theatre scene and is honored to be playing his first leading role at Kentwood. Thanks Mr. Wayne.

**Don Fowler**—Don has been performing for nearly 20 years. He received his BFA from the University of Central Florida and has worked all over the country from New York to Orlando to LA. He can be seen on HBO's *From the Earth to the Moon* and in the motion picture, *In Plain Sight*. Don would like to thank his family, friends and Erin for their continued love and support.

**Kimshelley Garner**—Kimshelley was born in England, raised in Detroit, Meisner trained in New York and now lives in Redondo Beach. She has been seen in *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Tin Types*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Plaza Suite*, *Masquerade Opera*, *Trading Spaces*, and the award-winning *Charley's Aunt*. Much love always to JC, J, C, and J!

**Karintha Touton**—Karintha played a pumpkin in Cinderella at the age of four and has been acting ever since. Raised in and around the Central Coast Shakespeare Festival, she has acted in six Shakespearian plays, directed three, stage managed two, and has managed to fit in a few modern comedies too. Her favorites include *As You Like It*, *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, and *Twelfth Night*. After a three year hiatus, this role marks her homecoming to the theatre. She is extremely grateful that she has stumbled upon Kentwood and is happy to be a part of this wonderful family.

## We Need Your Help

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*From Shakespeare to Simon, from Sondheim to Hammerstein, we have worked diligently, putting in countless volunteer hours, keeping our prices low enough to allow all in our community access to a magical evening or matinee in the theatre.*

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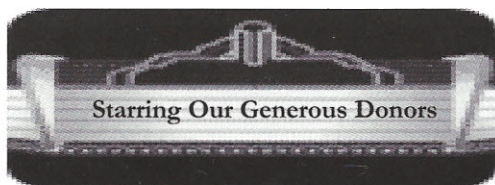
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## Production Staff

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Script Supervision.....Barbara McMurray  
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Costume Design.....Sheridan Cole Crawford  
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*Romantic Comedy.*

## Special Thanks

Maria Cohen-Costumes  
Nikki Corso-Props and more  
Manfred Hofer-Show Posters  
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*Written by David Auburn,  
Winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize*

**Runs: January 11 – February 16, 2008**

**Directed by Sheldon Metz**

**Assistant Director Jim Crawford**

**Auditions: Saturday, November 10, 2007— 10pm to 3pm**

**Sunday, November 11, 2007— 6pm to 9pm**

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*Music by Jules Styne and Stephen Sondheim,*

*Book by Arthur Laurents*

**Runs: March 14 – April 19, 2008**

**Directed by Susan Goldman Weisbarth**

**Auditions: Saturday, January 12, 2008—10am to 3pm**

**Sunday, January 13, 2008—6pm to 9pm**

### *A Murder Is Announced*

*By Agatha Christie*

**Runs: May 16, 2008 - June 21, 2008**

**Directed by Carol Becker**

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