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Kentwood Players presents

LI'L ABNER



book by Norman Panama and Melvin Frank based on characters created by Al Capp lyrics by Johnny Mercer music by Gene de Paul

> directed and choreographed by Victoria Miller musical direction by Dave Boyer produced by Susan Goldman Weisbarth

March 12 - April 17, 2010

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Light Design

Richard Potthoff

Costume Design

Maria Cohen

Set Design

Sheldon Metz

Cast (in order of appearance)	
Lonesome Polecat	
Hairless Joe	Dash Porter
Romeo Scragg	Mike La Stelley
Clem Scragg	Sheldon Cohen
Alf Scragg	Dave Fulton
Moonbeam McSwine	Leigh Golden
Marryin' Sam	Greg Abbott
Earthquake McGoon	Marco Antonio Garcia
Scarlet	Emma Hatton
Scarlet (understudy)	Crystal Boyer
Daisy Mae	Meredith M. Sweeney
Pappy Yokum	Jeff Asch
Mammy Yokum	Margie Bates
Abner Yokum	Derek Rubiano
Mayor Dan'l Dawgmeat	Max Heldring Stormes

Senator Jack S. Phogbound......Ira Gewant

Dr. Rasmussen T. Finsdale				
Government Man				
Available Jones				
Stupefyin' Jones				
Colonel				
Radio Commentator				
President				
General Bullmoose				
Secretaries Jordan Bland, Greg Hardash, Slater Ross Garcia, Dash Porter				
Appassionata Von Climax				
Evil Eye Fleagle				
Dr. Smithborn				
Dr. Krogmeyer Greg Hardash				
Dr. Schleifitz				
Cedric Softwicke, the State Department ManDrew Fitzsimmons				
WivesMarcy Agreen, Kaitlin Brasuell, Diane DooleyLeigh Golden, Heidi Johnson, Francesca Palermo				
Creighton, the Butler				
EnsembleCrystal Boyer, Robyn Rothstein, Valerie Ruel				
Musicians				
TromboneGreg Lee				
Sax & Clarinet				
Lead Bass				
Acoustic Bass				
Electric BassPaul Alford				
Percussion				
Percussion				
Keyboard (Strings)				
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Synopsis of Scenes and Musical Numbers

Act One

Act One		
Scene 1: Dogpatch, U.S.A.		
A Typical DayDogpatchers		
Scene 2: The Yokum Cabin.		
Scene 3: The Fishing Hole.		
If I Had My DruthersLi'l Abner and Cronies		
If I Had My Druthers (Reprise)		
Scene 4: Cornpone Square.		
Jubilation T. Cornpone		
Rag Off'n the Bush		
Scene 5: Dogpatch Road.		
Namely YouDaisy Mae and Li'l Abner		
Scene 6: Cornpone Square.		
Unnecessary TownLi'l Abner, Daisy Mae and Dogpatchers		
Scene 7: Washington D. C. Sequence:		
a. Government Laboratory,		
b. The President's Office.		
Scene 8: General Bullmoose's Office.		
What's Good for General Bullmoose		
Scene 9: Dogpatch Road.		
Scene 10: Dogpatch.		
There's Room Enough for Us		
The Country's in the Very Best of HandsLi'l Abner and Marryin' Sam		
Scene 11: Dogpatch Road.		
Scene 12: Dogpatch.		
Scene 12: Dogpatch. Sadie Hawkins Day (Ballet)		
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About the Cast



Greg Abbott (Marryin' Sam, Radio Commentator) – Greg has appeared for Kentwood Players as Morty in the world premiere production of *Little Green Men*, Rev. Crisparkle in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, Herman in *The Most Happy Fella*, Theodore Whitman in *Follies*, and Hucklebee in *The Fantasticks*. Other favorite roles include Oscar in *Sweet Charity* and Pseudolus in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.



Marcy Agreen (Wife) – Marcy is excited to be returning to the Kentwood stage. She would like to thank her friends and family for their continued love and support, as well as all of you here tonight for keeping this great art alive and thriving!



Nick Alspaugh (Government Man, Policeman) – This is Nick's second show with KP, following his debut in *Six Degrees of Separation*. Nick is thrilled to be back with many of his former cast members, as well as all his new ones.



Jeff Asch (Pappy) – Jeff is thrilled to be back at KP. He is a graduate of The American Academy of Dramatic Arts. He has worked in a myriad of theater around the U.S. and is extremely fortunate to make a living as an actor. Some of the most recent stage productions have been stints at The B Street Theatre, Laguna Playhouse, and The South Bay and Downey CLO's. Jeff also works in T.V. and has made guest appearances on an assortment of shows such as *Scrubs*, *Friends*, and *Charmed* amongst many others. Jeff's been lucky to work with such wonderful talent as Susan Sarandon, Christopher Guest, Marlee Matlin, Robert Vaughn, and Imogene Coca. Jeff

works in film as well and looks forward to shooting *The Ghost Riders*, a supernatural western, this spring. Commercially, Jeff's peddled everything from allergy medicine to beer, and most recently filmed nationals for Sears, Jimmy Dean, and Time Warner. Jeff resides in Redondo Beach with his beautiful wife Angela.



Dylan Bailey (Government Man) – A founding member of the Ghost Light District Theatre Company, Dylan last appeared in *Six Degrees of Separation* here at Kentwood, and is happy to be a part of *Li'l Abner*.



Margie Bates (Mammy) – After a 4 year hiatus from the Kentwood stage, Margie returned last year to play Miss Erikson in *Present Laughter* and Sally in *Drive*. She has previously received Marcom Masque Awards for her roles of Mama in *I Remember Mama*, Flo in *Picnic*, Miss Preen, in *The Man who Came to Dinner*, and Addie Mae in *The Cover of Life*. Other favorite roles include Lavinia in *The Heiress*, Kate in *Sylvia*, Judy in *A Chorus Line*, and Dorothy in *Stepping Out*. She is overjoyed to be in *Li'l Abner* playing one of Al Capp's classic characters and working with a delightful group of people.



Jordan Bland (Available Jones, Secretary) - Jordan would like to dedicate this performance to all of the wonderful Kentwood Kids whose enthusiasm to better themselves is an inspiration to him. Enjoy.

Crystal Boyer (Ensemble) - Crystal, age 9, loves to sing & has performed with Kentwood Kids, Aerospace Players & Performing Arts Workshops. She thanks her parents for their support.

Kaitlin Brasuell (Wife) - Li'l Abner marks Kaitlin's debut with Kentwood Players. Past favorite roles include Nancy in Oliver!, Little Sally in Urinetown, Evelyn Nesbit in Ragtime, Constanze in Amadeus, and Lucy in Charlie Brown



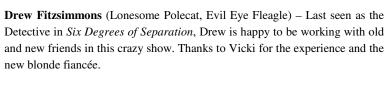
Sheldon Cohen (Clem Scragg) - Sheldon, that handsome devil, gave up shaving and haircuts for this role. He patterned his looks after his loving wife Arlene's kinfolk in Kentucky.



Diane Dooley (Ensemble) – It's Diane's Kentwood debut, and she's thrilled to be here. She was last seen as Doris in Damn Yankees! at Torrance Theatre Company. Thanks to all.



Ron "Adam" Dunberger (Dr. Rasmussen T. Finsdale) – Adam is excited to take on his second role at Kentwood in Li'l Abner and work with such a fun and dynamic cast.





Dave Fulton (Alf Scragg, Colonel, President) – Dave is very excited to be making his first appearance with Kentwood Players. Thank you to Vicki for including him in this wonderful cast! Dave's theater credits include Clifford Bradshaw in *Cabaret*, Harry Beaton in *Brigadoon*, and Roger Sherman in 1776, all with The Aerospace Players.



Janice Garcia (Stupefyin' Jones) – Janice is thrilled to be making her theatre debut with Kentwood Players. She is overwhelmed with gratitude to be working alongside such a talented and amazing cast. Prior to this performance, Janice has been dancing professionally with a ballet folkloric group for the last 15 years. She wants to thank her husband...who is also part of the cast...children, family and friends for their love and support.



Marco Antonio Garcia (Earthquake McGoon) – Marco is overjoyed to be joining you today for this production of *Lil Abner*. It's his first musical and from all the fun he is having...it won't be his last. Marco is grateful to be part of this brilliant cast. He was last seen in Kentwood Players' *Six Degrees of Separation*, last year's *Novio Boy* and *Hamlet II*. He takes pleasure in playing such colorful characters like Earthquake McGoon. He really isn't that bad of a guy...he's was just drawn that way. He wants to thank his friends, family and his many fans for making this moment possible.



Slater Ross Garcia (Secretary, Dr. Smithborn, Butler) – Slater is delighted to be back with Kentwood. He would like to thank everyone who made this production happen, his parents, and God for his awesome life. Enjoy the show!



Ira Gewant (Senator Jack S. Phogbound) – Ira first appeared at Kentwood in his award-winning performance as Willie Clark in *The Sunshine Boys*. He's had principal roles in film, TV, and more than a dozen national commercials.



Leigh Golden (Moonbeam McSwine, Wife) –Leigh graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a Theatre Arts degree and feels very blessed to be appearing in her first show at Kentwood Players. She has studied and performed in Germany, the Moscow Arts Theatre and New York. Thanks to the cast of *Li'l Abner* for your warm welcome and for the undying support from her family and friends.



Greg Hardash (Secretary, Dr. Krogmeyer) – Greg is excited to be in his first Kentwood production working with such a great group of people. Favorite past shows include *Pirates of Penzance*, *My Fair Lady*, *Sound of Music*, *Ragtime*, and *Smokey Joe's Café*. Enjoy the show!



Emma Hatton (Scarlet) – Emma is very excited to be back with her friends at Kentwood. She was last seen here as the newsboy in *Working*, for which she won a Marcom Masque award. She has also appeared at Kentwood as Susie Slauson in the musical *Little Green Men* and in *Gypsy*. Emma more recently appeared as the feisty Gladys Herdman in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and as Esther Jane in *A Christmas Story* for Torrance Theatre Co. Emma is a 4th grader in Manhattan Beach.



Heidi Johnson (Wife) – This is Heidi's first show at Kentwood. She has appeared in numerous plays with Manhattan Beach Community Church and at the Armstrong Theater. Heidi has taught music for 20 years in Redondo Beach schools and is now teaching in Manhattan Beach.



Mike La Stelley (Romeo Scraggs) – Mike has been a member of Kentwood for a little over eight months and this marks his debut on the stage. He has mainly been busy backstage working on set design, set building and special projects. Some of his more recent set building projects include sets for *Present Laughter*, *Tale of the Allergist's Wife*, *Drive*, *A Little Night Music* and the *Wizard of Oz* as well as the set for *Li'l Abner*.



Francesca Palermo (Wife) – This is Frankie's ninth show at KP, including *Little Green Men, The Most Happy Fella* and *Gypsy*. She is thrilled to be in a show with the friends she has come to call her theater family. This newly red head sends love to her Dad and Mom.



Dash Porter (Hairless Joe, Ensemble) – This is Dash's first performance with Kentwood Players. Last year he was Lieutenant Brannigan in *Guys and Dolls* with Encore Entertainers and battled as Prince Edward in Shakespeare's *Richard III*.



Derek Rubiano (Abner) –This is Derek's first show with Kentwood Players and he's very excited to be working with an incredibly talented new group of people. His recent regional credits include Daniel in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, Rocky in *Damn Yankees* and an Aggie in *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. He sends special thanks to his mother, father, brother, and all his friends who have come to support him. Beatin' up the beat since 1986.



Robyn Rothstein (Ensemble) – Robyn is very excited to be joining her many friends in this cast. This is her seventh musical at Kentwood. Other roles include Golde in *Fiddler*, Mae Peterson in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Miss Mazeppa in *Gypsy* and Carlotta Campion in *Follies*.



Valerie Ruel (Ensemble) –This is Valerie's first musical at Kentwood. She is glad to be back on stage and thrilled to be working with Vicki Miller. Past musical productions include *Guys & Dolls*, *Mame* and *Cabaret* in Western Massachusetts. She was last seen at Kentwood as Josie in *The Wake*.



Minerva Schott (Appassionata Von Climax) – Minerva is thrilled to be making her Kentwood debut with this wonderful show. A familiar face in local theater, Minerva has choreographed and performed in numerous civic light operas and community theater productions. Previous credits include Kristine & Sheila in *A Chorus Line*, Helene in *Sweet Charity* and Lucy in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Minerva would like to thank Vicki and Susan for this opportunity and her husband, Karl, for his support.



Bruce Schroffel (General Bullmoose) – You may recognize Bruce from a recent Norm's commercial or appearances on The Tonight Show. But favorite recent role was Uncle Jocko-Kringelein-Phil in Kentwood's *Gypsy*. Other recent credits include Spettigue in *Charley's Aunt* and Charles in *45 Seconds from Broadway*. An avid barbershop singer, Bruce is seen locally with the SM Oceanaires. This one is for De and Ed.



Max Heldring Stormes (Mayor Dan'l Dawgmeat) – Max first worked with Vicki when he directed her as Go-To-Hell-Kitty in *Chicago*. He is delighted to be working with her again.

Meredith M. Sweeney (Daisy Mae) – This marks Meredith's 8th role on the Kentwood Stage. Past favorites include Juliet in *Romeo & Juliet* and Catherine in *Proof*. She would like to thank Vicki, Susan & Dave for their support and guidance. Meredith dedicates this performance to the Kentwood Kids, who inspire her with their eagerness, devotion, talent and poise. As always, love to Drew.

About the Production Staff

Victoria Miller (Director/Choreographer) – Vicki has choreographed most of KP's musicals over her 27 years of membership. She directed and choreographed KP's *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, *City of Angels*, Rodgers' and Hammerstein's *Some Enchanted Evening*, the *World Goes 'Round* and *Blame It On The Movies*. On stage, her favorite roles at KP include Joan in *Dames at Sea*, the mother of the bride in *Father of the Bride*, Cassie in *A Chorus Line*. Overall, Vicki has directed, choreographed, produced and/or performed in over 75 musical productions. Most recently, she directed and choreographed *City of Angels* for Costa Mesa Civic Playhouse and co-directed and choreographed *Smokey Joe's Café* for Theatre Palisades. As a dancer, she appeared in the Folies Bergere in Las Vegas, Disneyland's Golden Horseshoe, Hollywood Bowl performances with Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds and with the Cab Calloway and Doc Severinsen Orchestras, on the Merv Griffin Show and in Civic Light Opera of the South Bay Cities' productions of *Mame*, *Singin' in the Rain*, and *My Fair Lady*. She is happy to be working with a great cast and crew of old and new talented friends. Vicki dedicates this show to Ed and De Cotter.

Dave Boyer (Musical Director) – Dave's thrilled to debut here as a musical director. His classical training began at age 6 and he's played piano practically every day since. He's been the rehearsal pianist for dozens of musicals, accompanist for many church choirs and teaches piano lessons. By day he designs airplanes, but his passion is playing in the Kentwood Players, Aerospace Players and MBCC orchestras. Thanks Crystal, Drew and Jeannine!

Susan Goldman Weisbarth (Producer) – Susan has worked as a director, actor and producer for Kentwood for the past five years. She had the privilege of directing the award winning production of *Gypsy* in 2008 and looks forward to directing *Annie* in November of this year. In addition to producing *Li'l Abner*, she most recently produced *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife*. Favorite recent roles include Sally in *Follies* and Mrs. Kolotsky in *Little Green Men*. With love as always and forever to Jake, De and Ed.

Sheldon Metz (Set Designer) – Sheldon has been an award-winning theatrical director and set designer for over 30 years, designing over 90 sets and winning 20 design awards. His most recent set award was for *Proof*, which he also directed for KP.

Richard Potthoff (Lighting Designer) – Richard is a Past President of Kentwood Players and will be a 25-year member next year. His most recent designs include *A Little Night Music* and Kentwood's award winning production of *Gypsy*.

Maria Cohen (Costume Designer) – Maria has been with Kentwood Players as wardrobe mistress costume designer for more than twenty years. She is glad to be working with Vicki again, having designed for her on *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*. She has costumed dozens of shows, winning numerous awards for her designs, including *Working*, *Gypsy*, *Follies*, and more.

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