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By Carrie Hamilton and Carol Burnett

Directed by Lewis Hauser Produced by Susan Goldman Weisbarth

November 11 – December 17, 2011

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# Hollywood Arms

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## Director Lewis Hauser

## Producer Susan Goldman Weisbarth

Set Design and Decoration Michael McGee

Lighting Design Robert Davis

Costume Design Jayne Hamil

### Cast

(in order of appearance)

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Laurel Andersen
Francesca Farina
Alice Lunsford
Cynthia Rothschild
Valerie Ruel
Mason Bromberg
Joseph Roman
Samuel Huntington
Emma Hatton
Richard Little
Peter Miller

Hollywood, California 1941 and 1951				
Act One	Act Two			
Scene 1 Prologue	Scene 1 Apt. 102, ten years later			
Scene 2 1941. A Hollywood apartment building	Scene 2 Apt. 102, late that afternoon			
Scene 3 Apt. 102, a few weeks later	Scene 3 Apt. 102, later that night			
Scene 4 Apt. 102, one week later	Scene 4 The hallway, one week later			
Scene 5 Apt. 102, a few days later	Scene 5 Apt. 102, later that week			
Scene 6 Apt. 102, one week later	Scene 6 Apt. 102, months later			
Scene 7 Apt. 102, a few weeks later	Scene 7 Apt. 102, weeks later			
Scene 8 Apt. 102, seven months later	Scene 8 Apt. 102, the next day			
Scene 9 The roof, a few months later				
Scene 10 Apt. 102, one month later				
Scene 11 Apt. 102, later that week				
Scene 12 The lobby, a few weeks later				

There will be a 15-minute intermission between Acts I and II. Decaf coffee will be served at the intermission, courtesy of Kentwood Players

### HOLLYWOOD ARMS

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### **About the Cast**



**Laurel Andersen** (Older Helen) – Laurel is thrilled to be in her second show at Kentwood (the first being *Follies*). Other favorite roles include the Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods* and Cosette in *Les Miserables*. Thanks to her mother and friends, who are endlessly supportive of her in this most uncertain of careers, and to the very talented cast and production team for the opportunity to embody this amazing role.



**Mason Bromberg** (Malcolm) – Mason is excited and says "It is *so cool*" to be a part of the cast of *Hollywood Arms*. This is Mason's first production with Kentwood Players. No stranger to the entertainment industry, Mason has performed professionally since the age of 4 appearing in television commercials, feature films, voiceovers and music videos. Mason also recently appeared in the Kentwood Kids production of *A Grimm Night for Hans Christian Andersen* in the role of Hans Christian Andersen.



**Francesca Farina** (Younger Helen) – Francesca is thrilled to be performing again on the main stage at KP! She headlined for the Kentwood Players as Annie in the musical *Annie* last year and was nominated for a Marcom Masque Award for Best Actress in a Musical for her performance. Other credits include the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*, a female Charlie Bucket in *Willy Wonka* and as Goldilocks in *The Trial of Goldilocks*. Francesca wants to thank: her parents for their love and support, Drew Fitzsimmons for casting her in her first role she played here at the KP, and Susan Weisbarth for always believing in her talents!



Emma Hatton (Alice) – Emma is very excited to be back at Kentwood after most recently appearing here as Pepper in *Annie* and Scarlet in *Li'l Abner*. She was also seen here as the Newsboy in *Working* and as sassy Susie Slauson in the world premiere of the musical *Little Green Men* – both roles earning her Marcom Masque awards. Other favorite shows she has been in include: Brigitta in *The Sound of Music* for E.S. Broadway in the Park, Gladys Herdman in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and Esther Jane in *A Christmas Story* for Torrance Theatre Co., *Gypsy*, *The Little Princess* and *The Music Man*. Emma is currently a 6th grader in Manhattan Beach.



Samuel Huntington (Jody) – Samuel grew up in rural southwestern Ohio. He attended Dean College and Emerson College in Massachusetts where he received degrees in print journalism and television production. He spent six years in New York City working on the production side of feature film business before taking a job as a bartender and enrolling at William Esper Studio where he was a student for three years before moving to California. Today he works as a salesperson, actor, yoga instructor, and when he gets the chance, professional beach bum.



Richard Little (Cop) – After sixteen years in community theater all over the West Side of Los Angeles, Richard Little finally makes his Kentwood debut as the policeman in this production. Elsewhere he has played many roles, both offstage, as photographer, stage manager, set and prop builder, and board member, and onstage, playing a strange assortment of characters ranging from British Army Majors and U.S. Marine Captains to lunatics, psychoanalysts, and Russian ballet instructors. It's been an interesting ride.



Alice Lunsford (Nanny) – Alice has lamented her single state in *Guys and Dolls*, bleached hair in *Steel Magnolias* and solved crimes in *A Murder is Announced* at Kentwood, and on TV has played characters from Bud's girlfriend on *Father Knows Best* to Chris Elliot's aging girlfriend on *Eagleheart*, with many ditsy dames in between. She has smashed hearing aids for Zounds, eaten sausages for Hillside Farms, and twice appeared on Super Bowl Sunday commercials. Currently writing two musicals. *Dali* and *Pitch Perfect*, Alice loves to paint, travel, be a jolly grandma, loving wife to Jim and thinks it super to be working with Lew again.



**Peter Miller** (Voices) – This is Peter's 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> production (he's lost track) at Kentwood. He just finished wrapping up *Candide* as Maximillian for the final weekend. He also played Andrew McNair in *1776* at Glendale Centre Theatre and played Ed Sullivan in *Bye Bye Birdie* three times (which may have helped him get this part). He was George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful life: The Radio Play* and was in the Orange County premiere of *Reefer Madness: The Musical*. He recently filmed several episodes of a new groundbreaking series. He has also appeared in *Working*, and appeared at the Grove Theatre in Upland in *Man of La Mancha* playing the dour Dr. Carrasco.



**Joseph Roman** (Bill) – Joseph is extremely thrilled to be in his second production with Kentwood Players. He appeared as Hector Lopez in the KP production of *Squabbles*. After many years of not performing, Joseph is elated to be back on the stage building new and interesting characters.



**Cynthia Rothschild** (Louise) – Cynthia Rothschild is appearing in her fouth production at Kentwood and her fourth show with Lew Hauser. She last appeared in *Tale of the Allergist's Wife* as Lee Green. Favorite roles include two characters both named Phyllis, in *Baby* and *Twilight of the Golds*. She is grateful for the opportunity to portray such a complex woman and to be a part of this wonderful cast. She thanks her children for their support. A big thank you to S.G and G.B. for their guidance.



Valerie Ruel (Dixie) – Valerie is glad to be back at Kentwood and working with this wonderful cast. Originally from New England, Valerie is at home on stage and off. On stage roles include Penny in *You Can't Take it With You*, Honey in *Virginia Woolf* and most recently as Grace in Kentwood's production of *Bus Stop*. Backstage work includes *Romeo & Juliet*, *Hedda Gabler*, *Blythe Spirit* and *Chapter Two*. She has trained at The Actor's Institute in New York and at DreamWorks Studios.

### **About the Director**

**Lewis Hauser** (Director) – Lew has directed and acted in a number of plays in the LA area. For Kentwood Players, Lew recently directed *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife*. Also for Kentwood Players Lew directed *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* (Best Director Award), *Legends, Dames at Sea*, Cole Porter's *Can-Can, Lend Me a Tenor* (Best Director and Best Play Awards), *Accomplice, Postmortem*, and *A Chorus Line*. Recently, Lew received the Best Director Award at Theatre Palisades for *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. He was honored with the same award, along with co-director and choreographer Victoria Miller for *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. At The Morgan-Wixson Theatre, Lew received Best Director for Neil Simon's *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*. He recently directed the critically acclaimed production of *Copenhagen* at The Attic Theatre. As Director-In Residence for The Queen Mary Dinner Playhouse, Lew directed *Luv* starring Huntz Hall and Gabe Dell. For New Attitude Productions, he staged *The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window*. Lew is currently Director-In-Residence for The Vagabond Players, in the NOHO Arts District.

### **About the Producer**

Susan Goldman Weisbarth (Producer) – Susan is proud to be producing *Hollywood Arms* and working with such a talented cast and crew. She has served in a variety of capacities at Kentwood including as an actress (*Follies, Little Green Men*), producer (*Li'l Abner, Tale of the Allergist's Wife*), and as the director of the award winning production of *Gypsy* and last season's hit show *Annie*. She is thrilled to be working again with Lew Hauser and dear friend, Jayne Hamil, on this production and of course, members of her *Annie* cast Francesca Farina, Emma Hatton, and Valerie Ruel.

### **About the Designers**

Michael McGee (Set Design) – As a scenic designer, artist and actor Michael and his work have appeared on several stages in Southern California and on TV. This is Michael's ninth production with director Lew Hauser. Other designs with Lew: Copenhagen, The Tale of the Allergist's Wife (Kentwood Players), The Hot L Baltimore, The Prisoner of Second Avenue, Crimes of the Heart, Bridal Terrorism, The Good Doctor, and Don't Dress for Dinner. Additional design credits include: Pot: The Musical, Mammoth Gorge, We Used to Be Fun, and Frankie & Johnny in the Clair de Lune. TV credits include: The Hollywood Moms Club (Art Department Assistant), A&E's Find & Design (Design Assistant), Kid Justice/Teen Justice (Assistant Art Director). Acting credits include: Godspell (Jesus), Torch Song Trilogy (Ed), Street Theatre (Ceil), Little Shop of Horrors (the Dentist), Hair (Crissy/Woof), Jesus Christ Superstar (Thomas), and Twelfth Night (Malvolio).

**Robert Davis** (Lighting Design) – Robert is pleased to add *Hollywood Arms* to his list of lighting credits with Kentwood Players. This is Robert's third project working with Director Lew Hauser, having designed *Copenhagen* at The Attic and *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife* here with Kentwood Players. He offers much love to JP. As the playwright would famously sing "I'm so glad we've had this time together..."

**Jayne Hamil** (Costume Design) – Jayne is so happy to be working with Susan Weisbarth, again, (whom she met at Kentwood in 1974). After costuming *Little Green Men* with Sheridan Cole Crawford and Shirley Hatton, *Annie* with Shirley Hatton, and the recent *Candide* with the unflappable Kathy Dershimer, she's pleased to be scouring thrift shops for this lovely, true tale of one of our comedy geniuses.

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