

Kentwood Players

presents

Neil Simon's

The SUNSHINE BOYS



Directed by

Sheldon Metz

January 14 – February 19, 2005

Westchester Playhouse
8301 Hindry Avenue
Westchester, California 90045-3205
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Director

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Producers

Calia Mintzer & Charlotte Lee Schildkret

Set Design
Sheldon Metz

Light Design
Tom Brophy

Costume Design
Sheridan Cole

Sound Design
Susan Stangl

Cast

(in order of appearance)

Willie Clark Ira Gewant
Ben Silverman Drew Fitzsimmons
Al Lewis Vic Helford
Patient..... Jeffrey Culp
Eddie Daniel A. Tennant
Nurse Christine Joëlle Torreele
Registered Nurse..... Marlene Grinde
Voice of TV Director..... Paul Craft, Jim Crawford, Melvin Miller

Act I Scene 1 Willie Clark's two-room apartment in an old hotel on upper Broadway. Early afternoon in mid-winter, 1972.
Scene 2 The following Monday. A few minutes before eleven.
Act II Scene 1 A Manhattan television studio. The following week.
Scene 2 Willie's apartment. Two 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

The original song, "Days to Remember,"
with lyrics by Sheldon Metz and music by Susan Stangl,
performed by Susan Stangl and Alan Goldman.

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

About the Director

Sheldon Metz (Director and Set Designer) –Sheldon, a past president of KP, has been a member for over 22 years. He has won numerous awards for direction, set design, set decor and lighting. Some will remember his productions of *Play It Again Sam*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *A Few Good Men*, *Rain*, *The Cocktail Hour*, *The Goodbye People*, *The Cover of Life*, *I'm Not Rappaport*, *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*, *The Elephant Man*, and *The Octette Bridge Club* among others. He is active as a director and designer throughout the region. He directs theatre for the love of it, and with the permission of his wife, Linda.

About the Producers

Calia Mintzer – After joining Kentwood Players in 1955 Calia was cast as Gretel in *Hansel and Gretel*. There followed roles in *Teahouse of the August Moon*, *Sweet Charity*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Octette Bridge Club*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *I Remember Mama*, and *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. She co-produced 12 wonderful productions and is the winner of 5 Marcom Masque Award's. Calia is currently Group Sales Chairman.

Charlotte Lee Schildkret – Co-producing with Calia Mintzer another show directed by Sheldon Metz is the kind of privilege that makes sticking around Kentwood Players for nearly 50 years a natural – and naturally Charlotte is looking forward to “dying with her boots on” just being there for everyone still a contributing number. My past is my future at Kentwood Players.

About the Designers

Tom Brophay – Tom has designed lights for many Kentwood shows from *Night Watch* in 1974 to *The 1940's Radio Hour* in 2004. He also performs sometimes on stage – most recently as Egeus in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Susan Stangl –Susan has done sound design for a number of plays at Kentwood: *Forty Carats*, *Dial M for Murder*, *Don't Dress for Dinner*, *Barefoot in the Park* and *Murder on the Nile*. She has acted in the following Kentwood productions: *I Remember Mama*, *The Elephant Man*, *Blood Brothers* and *Rain*.

Sheridan Cole – As a member for over 30 years, Sheridan has worn many hats at Kentwood—actor, producer, director (of the recent *Murder on the Nile*), former Kentwood president. She likes variety! Thanks Maria!

About the Cast

Jeffrey Culp (Patient) – Jeffrey studies acting at the VanMar Academy of Film and Television Acting and performs stand-up comedy routines at LA area clubs. Most recently his acting career has featured him in independent films including *Minor Cuts and Major Abrasions* and the short film *The Good Life*, a Sarajevo Film Festival hopeful. Jeffrey is thrilled to be making his return to live theater in his first appearance with Kentwood Players.

Drew Fitzsimmons (Ben) – Riding a streak of good luck and good plays, including *Murder on the Nile* as William Smith and *The 1940's Radio Hour* as B.J. Gibson, Drew is grateful to join the cast and crew of another amazing production and is honored to work with the infamous Mr. Metz again.

Ira Gewant (Willie) – In his first KP production, Ira is excited to reprise a favorite role he has performed at both the Long Beach and Huntington Beach Playhouses. Ira, a member of the Screen Actors Guild, has had principal roles in film, TV, more than a dozen national commercials, and at New York City's Lincoln Center.

Marlene Grinde (Registered Nurse) – As the registered nurse, Marlene is playing a very different type than she did in her last Kentwood appearance as Mrs. Potts in *Picnic*. Marlene has performed in the South Bay for many years and enjoyed other roles as well – Kate in *Broadway Bound*, Fleur Stein in *And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little*, Wanda Sluska/Sister Mary Agnes in *Catholic School Girls* and multiple roles in A.R. Gurney's *The Dining Room*.

Vic Helford (Al) – Vic, a veteran character actor, has guest starred on numerous TV series including *Seinfeld*, *Friends* and *Drew Carey* to name a few. He has also appeared in several commercials as well as many theatrical productions here and in Chicago. This is his third appearance in *The Sunshine Boys* and his first time with Kentwood Players. He is elated to be a Sunshine Boy once again.

Daniel A. Tennant (Eddie) – *Sunshine Boys* marks Daniel's Kentwood debut. His favorite roles include Everett Baker in *Crazy for You*, Sheridan Whiteside in *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and Sister Hattie in *...And Then There Was Nun*.

Christine Joëlle Torreele (Skit Nurse) – Originally from Fairfax, Virginia, Christine is a graduate of The American Academy of Dramatic Arts and has performed in many stage productions including her recent appearances here at Kentwood as Madge in *Picnic* and Louise in *Murder on the Nile*. She's proud to be a new Kentwood Players member and eagerly looks forward to future productions. Thanks to all members who have embraced me into the Kentwood family!

Our Senior Special
Peripheral Vision

A one act play by Richard Martin Hirsch

Directed by August Vivirito

Produced by Shellee James

Staged for senior citizens

Two performances only:

February 12 and February 19, 2005 at 2:00 pm.

Production Staff

Stage Manager.....	Shari Barrett
Assistant Stage Manager	Alicja Sprague
Script Supervisor	Hilary Fitzsimmons, Barbara McMurray
Booth Crew	Paul Craft, Jim Crawford, Melvin Miller
Set Decoration Design.....	Sheldon Metz, Scot Renfro
Original Graphic Design	Michael Cohen
Lobby Display	Michael Cohen
Master Builder.....	Frank J. Olivadoti
Assistant Costumer	Maria Cohen
Seamstresses.....	Franczeska Angel, Barbara Brophrey, Yvonne Kainoa, Julia Maggs, Jeanne Spain
Wig Stylist	Elizabeth Dahl
Properties	Barbara Haberman
Publicity Photos.....	Shellee James
Audition Assistance	Shari Barrett, Hilary Fitzsimmons, Gert Nord, Jeanne Spain
Hospitality Coordinator.....	Dagmar Schnauss
Box Office.....	Ashley Schultz

Strike Crew and Work Sunday

Franczeska Angel, Gail Bernardi, Arlene Cohen, Maria Elena Cohen, De Cotter, Ed Cotter, Harv Cowan, Hal Fisher, James Manley Green, Michael Grinde, Julia Maggs, Lori A. Marple-Pereslete, Paul Mazerov, Linda Metz, Dave Parke, David Parke, Toula Pessah, Judy Polak, Lee Polak, Suzanne Sanchez, Bob Schnauss, Adina Silo, Max Stormes, Fred Wolf and the cast and crew of *The Sunshine Boys*

Special Thanks

Drew Fitzsimmons, Dave Parke, Michael Cohen, Harv Cowan, Richard Potthoff, Tom Brophrey, Barbara Brophrey, Zabar's New York

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Heaven Can Wait

A Comedy by
Harry Segall
March 11 – April 16, 2005
Director: Ed Cotter

Company, A Musical

Book by George Furth
Lyrics & Music by Stephen Sondheim
May 6 – June 18, 2005
Director: Aileen-Marie Scott

The Rainmaker

A Drama by
N. Richard Nash
July 15 – August 20, 2005
Director: August Vivirito

Light Up the Sky

A Comedy by
Moss Hart
September 9 – October 15, 2005
Director: Kathleen Chapin

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