

**Kentwood Players**  
**Presents**

**THE  
CONSTANT  
WIFE**



By

**W. Somerset Maugham**

Directed by

**Gail Bernardi**

**July 6 – August 11, 2007**

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Director  
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Producers  
Calia Mintzer, Lori Marple-Pereslete

Set Design  
De Cotter

Light Design  
Tom Brophy

Costume Design  
Maria Cohen

Sound Design  
Susan Stangl

## Cast

(in order of appearance)

Mrs. Culver.....	Alice Eldridge
Bentley.....	J. Rutherford Crawford
Martha Culver.....	Catherine Rahm
Barbara Fawcett.....	Cynthia Rothschild
Constance Middleton.....	Maria Pavone
Marie-Louise Durham.....	Toni Loppnow
John Middleton, F.R.C.S.....	Michael Allen
Bernard Kersal.....	Jack Winnick
Mortimer Durham.....	L.G.Ross

The action takes place in John's house on Harley Street in London

## Act 1

Scene 1 – Spring Afternoon

Scene II – A fortnight has passed.

There will be a 15-minute intermission between

Acts I and II.

Decaf coffee will be served at the intermission, courtesy of  
Kentwood Players.

## Act II

Scene 1 – That same day, the action continues

Scene II – One year later

## About the Director

**Gail Bernardi** – Gail's last directorial stint at Kentwood was the award winning "45 Seconds From Broadway." Gail loves directing comedy and is thrilled to be working with such a talented cast in this Tony nominated drawing room comedy. Gail was last seen as an actress in Kentwood's production of "Light Up the Sky."

## About the Producers

**Calia Mintzer** – Calia joined Kentwood Players in 1955 and has participated in all aspects of this community theater, on stage as well as backstage. Winner of 5 Marcom Masque Awards, Calia finds producing plays very rewarding and exciting, especially when working with director Gail Bernardi.

**Lori Marple-Pereslete** – Lori has been an active member of Kentwood Players since 2001. She can usually be found working behind the scenes. She is glad to be part of such a talented team. She hopes you enjoy the production.

## About the Cast

**Michael Allen** (John Middleton, F.R.C.S.) – Michael was last seen as Sergeant Toomey in "Biloxi Blues" and is thrilled to be working with Gail and Maria again, having shared the stage with them in last year's production of "Light Up the Sky." He would like to thank Kentwood for the chance to work on this thrilling play.

**J. Rutherford Crawford** (Bentley) – James is pleased to serve such a distinguished cast and crew.

**Alice Eldridge** (Mrs. Culver) – Longtime Kentwood member, Alice was last seen in that crazy coat in "45 Seconds from Broadway" and before that "Murder on the Nile." Award winning performances including "Painting Churches," "Steel Magnolias," "Guys and Dolls" and "Little Foxes." She thanks Gail for the chance to work with her again, and Jim for everything.

**Toni Loppnow** (Marie-Louise Durham) – This is Toni's first appearance at Kentwood Players. Some of Toni's favorite roles include Antigone in "Antigone," Alais in the "Lion in Winter," and the Jailor's Daughter in "The Two Noble Kinsmen." Toni is very excited to be part of this production.

**Maria Pavone** (Constance Middleton) – Maria was last seen on the Kentwood stage earlier this year as the feisty sister Rose in Steve Allen's "The Wake." Previously at Kentwood, she portrayed the hoggish diva Irene Livingston in "Light Up the Sky." She has been involved in Los Angeles theatre in capacities besides acting and has served such local theatrical organizations as the Mark Taper, LA Stage Alliance, A.S.K. Theatre Projects, the Tiffany Theaters and Circle X. She is also a script analyst and has been nominated for an LA Weekly Award in acting.

**Catherine Rahm** (Martha Culver) – Catherine is pleased to have the chance to perform in this often-overlooked classic. Her other favorite roles have run the gamut, including the Witch in "Into the Woods," Titania in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Drood in "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" and Miss Marple in "A Murder is Announced."

**L.G. Ross** (Mortimer Durham) – L.G. Ross makes his debut at Kentwood Players after a four-year absence from the stage, his last performance being Clifford Anderson in Ira Levin's "Deathtrap." You may however have seen him performing his standup comedy throughout the LA and OC venues. Thanks go to Gail, the cast and crew. You guys rock!

**Cynthia Rothschild** (Barbara Fawcett) – Cynthia's previous appearance at Kentwood was in "Picnic." Some of her favorite roles are Arlene in "Baby," Phyllis in "Twilight of the Golds," and M'Lynn in "Steel Magnolias." She appeared recently in the finale of "The Apprentice" playing a disgruntled wife in a task. She teaches voice in Westchester. Thanks to Gail and the cast as well as family and friends for their support, W.Z and to my mentors SG and MR.

**Jack Winnick** (Bernard Kersal) – Jack is pleased to be back at Kentwood after playing Mickey Fox in "45 Seconds From Broadway." He has recently been seen in the Morgan-Wixson production of "Lend Me A Tenor," as well as occasional television shows and commercials. Jack is also a member of the Actor's Gang.

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*Thank you.*

## Production Staff

Stage Manager .....	Jim Crawford
Script Supervision .....	Barbara MacMurray and Hilary Fitzsimmons
Booth Crew .....	Melvin Miller, Russell Ham, Nikki Corso
Set Decoration Design .....	Lori Marple-Pereslete
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Director: Michael Allen

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### *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

A Musical—Music Lyrics and Book by Rupert Holmes

September 7 – October 20, 2007

Director: Catherine Rahm

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A Comedy—By Bernard Slade

November 9 – December 15, 2007

Director: Sherman Wayne

### *Proof*

A Drama—By David Auburn

January 11 – February 16, 2008

Director: Sheldon Metz

Assistant Director: Jim Crawford

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Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

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