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BECKY'S NEW CAR

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???

**Directed by
Susan Stangl**

**Produced by
Larry Jones**

January 10 - February 15, 2014

Fridays and Saturdays @ 8 pm, Sundays @ 2 pm

Westchester Playhouse, 8301 Hindry Ave., Los Angeles CA 90045

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Drew Fitzsimmons

Lighting Design
Lewis Stout

Costume Design
Sheridan Cole

Cast
(in order of appearance)

Becky Foster	Cherry Norris
Chris Foster.....	Jaymie Bellous
Joe Foster	Bob Grochau
Steve Singletary	Craig Bruenell
Walter Flood	Dylan Brody
Kenni Flood	Jacqueline Borowski
Ginger	Maria Pavone

Place - An American city much like Seattle.

Time - The present. Summer.

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

BECKY'S NEW CAR
is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

About the Cast



Jaymie Bellous (Chris Foster) – A Westchester native, Jaymie Bellous is delighted to be making his Kentwood Players debut. Some of Jaymie's favorite past performances include *Cloud 9*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and *The Threepenny Opera*. Jaymie has also produced and directed a number of productions throughout LA and Orange County including *O*, *Fallen One* for the Hollywood Fringe Festival, *Woyzeck*, *Eurydice*, and *Falsettoland*. He would like to dedicate this performance to his mom.



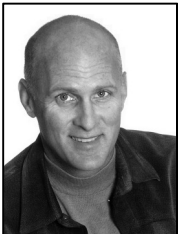
Jacqueline Borowski (Kenni Flood) – This is Jacque's first play at Kentwood. She is thrilled to be a part of *Becky's New Car* and would like to thank Susan for the experience. Jacque can also be seen as a host on AfterBuzzTV, a veritable "post-game" network for television shows (afterbuzztv.com; for more information follow Jacque on twitter @123Jacque_B). Thanks to her family!



Dylan Brody (Walter Flood) – A humorist, story-teller, recording artist, radio commentator, award-winning playwright and author, Dylan Brody has recently had the profound honor of sharing the stage with David Sedaris at Mr. Sedaris' invitation to present a new story. His five CDs with Stand Up! Records are all available at Amazon and iTunes and his recent novel *Laughs Last* (beautifully blurred by Carl Reiner, Paul Krassner and Budd Friedman) is also available at Amazon or B&N as a paperback or e-book and wherever fine paperbacks are sold.



Craig Bruenell (Steve Singletary) – Craig grew up in NYC. After a career in computer programming, he worked as a full-time dad to two sons and three dogs, and finally got to pursue his dream of acting. He was last on stage in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* and since has concentrated on films and webisodes (less memorization!). He hopes to play a quirky character like Steve in a recurring role and thanks his wife, Deb, for supporting his quirks.



Bob Grochau (Joe Foster) – Bob would like to give a "shout out" to his car a silver 2003 Ford Focus that safely got him to the theatre the last few months for his stage debut at Kentwood. Last year Bob was seen serving jury duty at Theatre Palisades production of *Twelve Angry Men*. Thanks go to our wonderful cast and crew and our very insightful director Susan Stangl.



Cherry Norris (Becky Foster) – Cherry is thrilled to be at Kentwood Players. She has played numerous roles including Jennie in *Chapter Two* and Mrs. Robinson in *The Graduate*. Cherry wrote, directed and produced the romantic comedy, *Duty Dating* about a woman who on the advice of a love doctor does all the right things to marry the wrong man. She teaches acting at Anthony Meindl's Studio in Hollywood and coaches single women on how to meet and marry their men. Visit her at www.cherrynorris.com



Maria Pavone (Ginger) – Maria stormed the Kentwood stage last summer as a tempestuous Italian in *Lend Me a Tenor*. Other Los Angeles performances include roles in *What the Butler Saw*, *Enchanted April*, *The Supporting Cast*, *The Laramie Project*, *The Constant Wife*, *The Wake*, *Light Up the Sky*, *Don Juan in Hell*, and *An Ideal Husband*. As a playwright, Maria's dark comedy, *Feeding Time* had its world premiere for the Hollywood Fringe Festival. Kentwood Players also produced her children's play, *The Hansel and Gretel Revision*. She has been nominated for an LA Weekly Award.

About the Director

Susan Stangl (Director) – Susan's first theatrical appearance was at the age of five, playing a princess. Other than a hiatus where she attended medical school and practiced as a family physician, she has continued to feed her theater addiction ever since, acting, directing, singing, designing sound and music and just generally making a fool of herself in various California venues. She has appeared in several plays and designed sound for numerous productions at Kentwood, but this is the first time they have entrusted her with the direction of an entire production! Hopefully it will not be the last. Thanks to all who worked on this smart, funny, well-written play, with special gratitude to Sheridan, Larry, Lewis and Mary Steelsmith for their unending support and encouragement.

About the Producer

Larry Jones (Producer) – Larry has been a member of Kentwood for many years, acting, directing, producing, and working on the Kentwood Board. He is happy to be working with Susan, the cast and the crew on *Becky's New Car*

About the Designers

Drew Fitzsimmons (Set Design) – Drew's recent set designs include *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Fortinbras*, the Kentwood Kids productions of *Mr. Potcher's Holiday*, and *All in the Stars*, and the TAP production of *Bye Bye Birdie*. An active member of Kentwood Players since 2002, Drew acts, directs, and serves on the Board. He is especially active as a leader and teacher of the Kentwood Kids program.

Lewis Stout (Lighting Design) – Lewis has been directing, designing and writing for theatre since leaving the family farm five decades ago. Earning theatre degrees from University of Minnesota and University of Hawaii, he founded the Hawaii Performing Arts Company. Now, after a thirty year hiatus to earn a living directing television, Lewis is enjoying an encore in the theatre.

Sheridan Cole (Costume Design) – Sheridan has been involved in several aspects of Kentwood's productions, most recently co-producing *Little Shop of Horrors* and appearing in last season's *Ragtime*. She has directed and costumed several shows and recently served on the Board as Plays Chair when *Becky's New Car* was approved. It is a pleasure to be associated with this delightful play and watch it take shape with its talented cast under Susan Stangl's direction. The audience is in for a treat!

Production Staff

Stage Managers Barry Nackos, Jerilyn Kacena
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Special Thanks

Jaymie Bellous, Lewis Stout, Lori Marple-Pereslete
 Bruce Starrett, Sheridan Cole-Crawford

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 after the performance in the Lobby.

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www.kentwoodplayers.org



The cast of *Becky's New Car*



Becky wants romance while her husband just wants a beer - and her son just wants to text.



Steve brings more paperwork to beleaguered Becky. "But it's five o'clock, Steve!"



Joe offers apartment keys to his wife Becky.



Kenni sets her sights on Becky's son!



"This is my new girlfriend, Mom!"



Ginger puts the moves on Walter as his daughter Kenni looks on in horror.



You want to buy NINE cars?? Sure, I'll keep the dealership open.

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Music by Jerry Bock
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Director: Harold Dershimer

Agatha Christie
The Hollow
A Mystery/Thriller
May 16 – June 21, 2014
Director: George Kondreck

Sordid Lives
A Dark Comedy by Del Shores
July 11 – August 16, 2014
Director: Kirk Larson

Orphans
A Dramatic Comedy by Lyle Kessler
September 12 – October 18, 2014
Director: Kathy Dershimer

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Now, we need your help. We have some critical improvements that will be beyond what we as a small community theatre can manage. We need a new roof, a new heating and air conditioning system, and most of our facility needs to be updated. For the first time in our history, we are asking our wonderful patrons and dedicated community members to partner with us and become sponsors of our beloved theatre.

There are many ways you can help. Of course, we welcome your contributions no matter how large or small. Together we can keep quality theatre in Westchester at prices that are still affordable for our audiences. Please take a look at our sponsorship opportunities and if we can answer any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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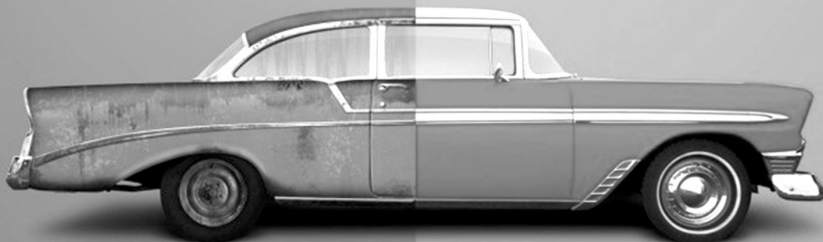
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