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CAST

Montague Navarro

Sibella Howard

The D'Ysquith Family

Phoebe D'Ysquith

Miss Shingle Physician/Ensemble Guard/Ensemble Miss Barley/Ensemble Magistrate/Ensemble Lady Eugenia/Ensemble Inspector/Ensemble Aric Martin (Love) Charles Keppler (Murder) Amy Coles (Love) Lauryn Muraida (Murder) Jon Sparks (Love) Michael Mullen (Murder) Lyndsay Palmer (Love) Ashlee Elizabeth (Murder) Elizabeth Bouton Summerer Isabella Francisco Samuel Goldman Kelly Gresalfi Ethan Mullen Kim Peterson James Rice



This production is dedicated to the memory of **Steven Lutvak** (7/18/59 - 10/9/23), the Tony Award Winning co-author of the music and lyrics for this show.

Director's Note

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder has been on my bucket list to direct since my husband and I saw it on Broadway in 2015. It has the rare combination of complex, delightful music, incredibly clever lyrics, and an outrageously funny libretto. It has been a challenging but unbelievably fun journey to bring it here for all of you to enjoy. The cast and production team are all top-notch talents and working with them has been a pleasure from start to finish. We hope you have as much fun watching it as we did preparing it for you.

-- Catherine Rahm, Director

Ghe Show

PRESHOW	
Daisy I Do Love to be Beside the Seaside Ta Ra Ra Boom De Ay	Gentlemen of the Ensemble Ladies of the Ensemble Ensemble
ACT Prologue/A Warning to the Audience	l Ensemble
Scene 1: Monty's Apartment You're A D'Ysquith	Miss Shingle, Monty
Scene 2: Sibella's Apartment I Don't Know What I'd Do Foolish to Think	Sibella Monty
Scene 3: Highhurst Castle Gallery Warning to Monty I Don't Understand the Poor	Ensemble Adalbert, Ensemble
Scene 4: Lincolnshire Church Foolish to Think (Reprise)	Monty
Scene 5: Office, Hackney Music Hall	
Scene 6: Chizzlemere Resort Poison in My Pocket	Monty, Asquith Jr., Miss Barley
Scene 7: D'Ysquith Banking House/Sibella's Apartment Poor Monty Sibella	
Scene 8: Salisbury Village Pub Better With a Man	Henry, Monty
Scene 9: Henry's Country Estate Inside Out	Phoebe, Monty
Scene 10: Mayfair Lady Hyacinth Abroad	Hyacinth, Ensemble
Scene 11: Bank, Monty's Apartment, Gym, Garden, Theatre, LondonThe Last One You'd ExpectAsquith Sr., Sibella, Phoebe,	

Monty, Company

The Show

ACT II

Scene 1: Funeral Parlor Why Are All the D'Ysquiths Dying? Why Are All the D'Ysquiths Dying? (Reprise)

Ensemble Adalbert, Ensemble

Scene 2: Monty's Apartment

Sibella I've Decided to Marry You Sibella (Reprise)

Scene 3: London Street

Scene 4: Highhurst Castle Great Hall

Final Warning

Scene 5: Highhurst Castle Dining Room

Poison in My Pocket (Reprise) Looking Down the Barrel of a Gun

Scene 6: D'Ysquith Estate

Stop! Wait! What?!

Scene 7: Courtoom in Westminster Hall

Scene 8: Prison Cell

Scene 9 (Interrogation Rooms)

That Horrible Woman (Part 1) That Horrible Woman (Part 2)

Scene 10 (Prison Cell/Prison Gate)

Look at Phoebe Finale

Sibella, Phoebe Sibella, Phoebe, Inspector, Magistrate, Guard

> Monty Company

Ancestral Portraits

Monty Adalbert, Ensemble

Monty

Monty

Monty

Phoebe, Sibella, Monty



Amy Coles - Sibella (Love Cast)

Amy is simply tickled PINK to be part of this production featuring two of her favorite things - show tunes and true crime! She was most recently on the Kentwood stage as Doralee Rhodes in last year's 9 to 5 and Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*. Other favorite roles include Morticia (*The Addams Family*), Diana (*Next To Normal*), Mayzie (*Suessical*), and Amy (*Company*). Thanks to Cat for helming our ship, Bitty for the lip trills, and Lauryn for graciously sharing Sibella. Love and thanks always to BVD.



Ashlee Elizabeth - Phoebe (Murder cast)

Ashlee is delighted to be making her debut with Kentwood Players. Her favorite credits include Esmeralda (*The Hunchback* of Notre Dame) with Cedar Valley Community Theatre, Cosette (*Les Miserables*) with American Fork High School, and Rapunzel (*Into the Woods*) with Utah COPA. She has also music directed for the Utah Valley Players. She has operatic training from Southern Utah University, and contemporary training from Brigham Young University (Provo). She enjoys writing and has music available on all streaming platforms under Ashlee Elizabeth. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Isabella Francisco - Physician/ Ensemble

Isabella is excited to perform with Kentwood in one of her favorite musicals! Some recent notable roles of hers include Martha Jefferson (1776) and Liesl (*The Sound of Music*), and she's loved theater since she was little. She is a Behavior Therapist with Behavior Frontiers and studies Psychology. Isabella spends most of her free time performing, playing the ukulele, sewing, watching her favorite cartoons, and creating digital art. Visit @raekyomato on Instagram if you'd like to take a look!



Samuel Goldman - Guard/Ensemble

Samuel was last seen with Kentwood Players in 9 to 5: The Musical. He has also worked with other theater groups throughout Los Angeles. Samuel works as an extra, and he has appeared in *The Shrink Next Door, Drunk History, Lucifer, Parks and Recreation, Glee, The Middle, All Rise, Criminal Minds, The Goldbergs, Dismissed,* and *Lady Bird*. He also had featured roles as the Ventriloquist Counselor on *Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp*, and as the Comic Book Nerd on *Foursome*. Samuel would like to thank the cast and crew, and his family and friends for their support.



Kelly Gresalfi - Miss Barley/Ensemble

Kelly is thrilled to return to the stage at the Westchester Playhouse as everyone's favorite [murdered] blonde, Miss Barley. Some favorite past roles include Sally Bowles (*Cabaret*), Eponine (*Les Miserables*), and Cinderella (Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella). Kelly would like to thank her partner, family, four cats, and the Kentwood Players for their continued love and support.



Charles Keppler - Montague Nararro (Murder Cast)

Charles is elated to welcome you to Kentwood's production of GGLAM. This is his third production with Kentwood Players and his 5th since picking up theatre again last year – he has also starred in *Rent, 1776, 9-to-5,* and *The Sound of Music* (the even shows being with The Aerospace Players). He is extremely grateful to the incredible cast and crew with which he shares the stage and production for their energy and passion. He is also thankful to his friends for their support throughout the process. And lastly, he is thankful to you for coming to support the theatre, the arts, and this production! Enjoy the show! :)



Aric Martin - Montague Navarro (Love Cast)

Aric is delighted to be making his Kentwood Players debut. Aric recently portrayed Giuseppe Zangara in the critically acclaimed production of *Assassins* at East West Players with director Snehal Desai. Aric received Broadway World nominations for his portrayals of Aldolpho in *The Drowsy Chaperone* and George Nowack in *She Loves Me* at Santa Monica's Morgan-Wixson Theater. Other favorite roles include Gomez in *The Addams Family*, Black Stache in *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Roger de Bris in *The Producers*, Sir Robin in *Spamalot*, Princeton/Rod in *Avenue Q* and the M.C in *Cabaret*. Aric is a proud graduate of The Juilliard School of Drama. Huge thanks to husband Jeremiah as well as family and friends for all their continued love and support.



Ethan Mullen - Magistrate/Ensemble

Ethan is thrilled to make his debut on the Kentwood stage! Ethan graduated from Brown University, where he studied Theater Arts and Computer Science. He previously played Claude in *Hair*, Pirelli in *Sweeney Todd*, and Tiny Tom in *Urinetown* and directed *Into the Woods*. Ethan sends his thanks to all his friends and family in Atlanta, Providence, and now Los Angeles!



Michael Mullen - The D'Ysquith Family (Murder Cast)

Michael is an actor and costume designer. He is very excited and honored to be performing in this show! Some of his favorite theatre acting roles to date are: The Man in *The Turn Of The Screw*, Mark/Nick in *Every Day She Rose*, Sister Mary Ignatius in *Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You*, Wadsworth in *Clue*, Reed in *The Ultimate Christmas Show Abridged*, Louis in *Angels In America*, and Miss Tracy Mills and Casey in *The Legend Of Georgia McBride*, among others. He has received several awards and nominations for his work both onstage and off from such organizations as L.A. Stage Alliance Ovation, L.A. Drama Critics Circle, L.A. Weekly, N.A.A.C.P., StageSceneLA, Stage Raw, Robby, Broadway World, Ticket Holder, Eddon, and Desert Theatre League. He would like to thank Cat Rahm and everyone else involved with the show for everything! He hopes you enjoy the show! :)



Lauryn Muraida - Sibella (Murder Cast)

Lauryn is delighted to return to the Kentwood stage in her dream role as the flirtatious Sibella Hallward. She was previously seen in Kentwood's 9 to 5 the Musical last fall. Other credits include High Heels on Wheels as Mary, a new musical featured at the Hollywood Fringe festival, and The Addams Family as the Ancestor Bride with Torrance Theater Company. Endless thanks to the fabulous cast and crew of GGLAM who are clever and make her laugh more than anybody! Much like Sibella, Lauryn loves pink and wouldn't know what to do without your support for this fabulous production! Love to Mom, Dad, Adam & Josh! Lastly, to her Love cast Sibella, Amy Coles, who always looks lovely in pink!



Lyndsay Palmer - Phoebe (Love Cast)

Lyndsay is deathly excited to be part of such a wonderful production filled with lethally talented people and is honored to share her role with Ashlee Elizabeth. Lyndsay was recently seen as Roz Hay in *Moon Over Buffalo*. Other favorite roles include Essie in *You Can't Take it With You*, Amy in *Little Women*, Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, Sister Mary Robert in *Sister Act*, and Sally in *Cabaret*. She lives with a severe hearing loss and sends her sincere thanks to her husband/producer Jeremy, Cat & Ali, her Heart Family, God, her real family, and her two dogs. Remember, don't judge a book by its cover. Because that book... may kill you!



Kim Peterson – Lady Eugenia/Ensemble

You have seen Kim performing on stage across the Southland for many decades. She seems to appear in any given musical at Kentwood. She was last seen as Roz in *9 to 5 the Musical* and Ursula in *Little Mermaid*, where she also designed the costumes (which won a Marcom Masque Award). Kim is exceptionally excited to be a part of this extremely talented cast and crew and to be a part of this challenging work. Thank you to Cat and Alison for your vision, Jeremy and Grace for your hard work and dedication.



James Rice - Inspector/Ensemble

James is excited to perform in his first show with Kentwood Players as the Inspector. Coming from Santa Monica College, James has played a Gargoyle in *Hunchback of Notre Dame* as well as the Fisherman in *Story Theater*. He has also played roles such as Bert in *Mary Poppins* and Gomez Addams in *The Addams Family*. He hopes you all enjoy the show.



Jon Sparks - The D'Ysquith Family (Love Cast)

Jon is thrilled to be playing this role and to be sharing it with Michael Mullen. Kentwood Players: Edward Bloom (*Big Fish*), Stine (*City of Angels*), Bruce Bechdel (*Fun Home*), Charlemagne (*Pippin*), Cinderella's Prince/Wolf (*Into the Woods*), El Gallo (*The Fantasticks*), John Jasper (*The Mystery of Edwin Drood*). Regional: Sylvia St. Croix (*Ruthless*), Mary Dale (*Red Scare on Sunset*), Billy Bigelow (*Carousel*), Mrs. Lovett (*Sweeney Todd*), Jess Winfield (*The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged*)), Roger De Bris (*The Producers*) and Pippin (*Pippin*). Jon has performed for Holland America Cruise Lines and is also an accomplished wig master, having worked at Disneyland as well as many local theaters. GMKL-FLAMES



Elizabeth Bouton Summerer – Miss Shingle

Elizabeth is excited to be a part of this amazing production of Gentleman's Guide! A few of her past Kentwood musical credits include Judy Bernly in *9 to 5*, Sandra Bloom in *Big Fish*, Inga in *Young Frankenstein*, The Witch in *Into the Woods*, Nancy in *Oliver*, Lucille Frank in *Parade*, Edwin Drood in *Edwin Drood*, Molly Brown in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* and Gabby/ Bobbi in *City of Angels*. A huge thank you to Cat and Ali for this amazing opportunity and kudos to this very talented cast and crew! Love SKS - FLAMES MM!

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Catherine Rahm - Director/Musical Director

This is the seventh show that Catherine has directed for Kentwood Players, starting back in 2007 with *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* and, most recently, *The Little Mermaid* in 2018. Don't ask her to list how many shows here that she has music directed, as she is far too tired to count that high.

Alison Boole – Choreographer

Alison is very happy to be working once again with her good friend Catherine Rahm on this special show with this very talented cast. Alison has choreographed other productions including *Little Mermaid, Big Fish, Godspell,* and *Anything Goes.* In addition, Alison has directed and choreographed *Young Frankenstein* and *Pippin* here at Kentwood. As a performer, Alison has portrayed Charlotte in *Moon Over Buffalo*, Violet in *9 To 5 The Musical*, Marmee in *Little Women*, the Angel in *Angels In America*, Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls*, Cassie in *A Chorus Line*, and LaTrelle in *Sordid Lives*. Alison has been a member of Kentwood for over 25 years and has participated in many productions not only as a performer, director, and choreographer, but also as a stage manager, light booth operator and producer.

Grace O'Neill - Producer

This is Grace's first time producing and she is doing her best to live up to Jeremy's shadow. Other KP credits include Assistant Director/Stage Manager for *Night Watch* and crew/dresser for *Ken Ludwig's Baskerville*. Prior to the world shutting down, she was seen on stage at various theaters in SoCal and Chicago, though very content to live in the aforementioned shadows, pulling props and playing with costumes. Enjoy the show!

Jeremy Palmer - Producer

This is Jeremy's 4th time producing for Kentwood, having previously helped bring you 9 to 5, Little Women, and Pippin. Jeremy can also at times be found stage managing, running the booth, or serving on the Board of Directors. He also acts on rare occasions such as *Dial M for Murder* and *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*. Producing is pretty easy when you have a great team and cast assembled so he appreciates all those people, especially the one he married. Come see him direct *Fools* next summer!

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Kim Peterson - Co-Costume Designer

Kim has been a member of Kentwood Players for 13 years and has been performing on the stage throughout. She has been part of the costume committee for the theatre for 4 years and was partly responsible for revamping the costume closets. Kim has costumed shows such as You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, Nightwatch, and Me and My Girl. Her favorite thing is to have the opportunity to design and build new costumes as she did in The Little Mermaid and Baskerville. This is the second collaboration with her dear friend, Doug Vasquez. Together, they designed and created many costumes that you see on stage. Enjoy!

Julia Sison - Stage Manager

Julia is a Filipino-American performer born and raised in Los Angeles. She is grateful to be entrusted with stage managing for Kentwood a second time and hopes she'll get to work tech for them again soon! She'd like to give a special shoutout to her new baby step sister born during rehearsals. Hi, Jillian! Please follow her on Instagram @jujudafu_ for future projects.

Jon Sparks - Wigs Designer

Jon is a 20+ year member of the Kentwood Players and is honored to work with this great team! For the past two decades, he has performed, directed, wigged, costumed and produced shows all over Los Angeles and Orange County. Jon is a proud member of IATSE Local 706, the Make-Up Artist and Hair Stylist Guild. Jon is an accomplished wig master, having worked at Disneyland as well as many local theaters.

Michael Thorpe - Lighting Designer/Audio Engineer

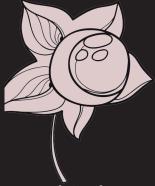
"Why are all the D'Ysquiths dying?" is one of those classic questions, like "To be or not to be?" and "Where have all the flowers gone?" Classic questions have classic answers, like "42". This question also has a classic answer, and that answer is: "Because."

Doug Vasquez – Co-Costume Designer

Doug is thrilled to be returning to Kentwood Players with his long-time friend and Co-Costume Designer Kim Peterson. They teamed up to Costume Design Kentwood's previous production of *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*. Doug has enjoyed a prolific and long career in the Theater. He has Directed and Choreographed over 125 Musical Theater productions from Los Angeles to Boston and beyond. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Drama from UCI and earned his Masters Degree in Directing from Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts. Congratulations to a wonderful Cast and Crew.

Production Geam

Master Builder Sound Design Set Decoration Graphic Design Costume Design Vocal Coach Booth Crew Orchestra Wig Asst. Lighting Asst. Costume Alterations Dressers Audition Desk Photography Red Rahm Susan Stangl Janine Sanderson, Doug Vasquez Anita George Kim Peterson, Doug Vasquez Elizabeth Bouton Summerer Kirk Larson, Natalie Mann Colleen Okida Patty Jarvis Daniel Mitchener Nedra Almond, Laura Hoover Grace O'Neill, Elizabeth Summerer Colleen Okida, Fiona Okida Gloria Ramirez-Plunkett



Work Sunday

Janine Anderson, Alison Boole, Mark Bruce Casares, Amy Coles, Ashlee Elizabeth, Marty Feldman, Samuel Goldman, Margaret Harrington, Rhonda Yeager Hutchinson, Syrie James, Charles Keppler, Ben Lupejkis, Howard Male, Melvin Miller, Lauryn Muraida, Anastasia Muszynski, Colleen Okida, Roy Okida, Grace O'Neill, Jeremy Palmer, Lyndsay Palmer, Kim Peterson, Shawn Plunkett, Cat Rahm, Red Rahm, Julia Sison, Jon Sparks, Elizabeth Bouton Summerer, Shawn Summerer, Doug Vasquez

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