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The 39 Steps

adapted by Patrick Barlow

"39 Steps, The" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

The original London production directed by Maria Aitken designed by Peter McK-intosh lighting designed by Ian Scott sound designed by Mic Pool and movement directed by Toby Sedgwick opened at the Tricycle Theatre in Kilburn in August 2006 and transferred to the Criterion Theatre in the West End on 14thSeptember 2006.

The original production was directed by Fiona Buffini.

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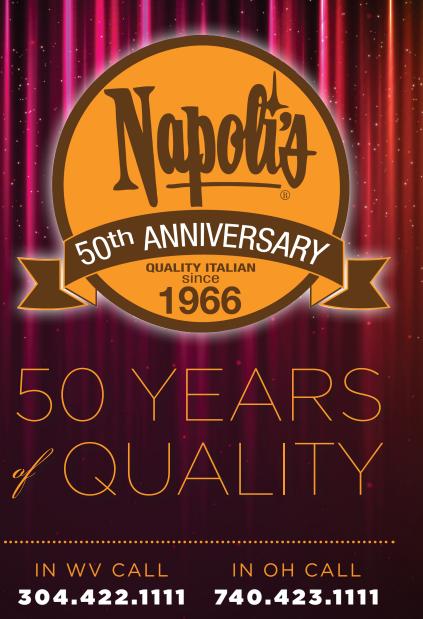












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Setting

1935. London, and various locations near Edinburgh, Scotland

Cast

Richard Hannay	Eli Tracewell
Annabella Schmidt/Margaret/Pamela	Mary Snapp
Clown 1	
Clown 2	R.J. Lowe
5th Player	

Staff & Crew

Technical Director	Rod Oden
Stage Manager	Alexis Ullmann-Wright
	Rachel Schaffer
Costume Designer	Veronica Fields
Sound Design	Josh Martin, Ronnie Talbott, Rod Oden
Assistant Stage Managers	Mary Lucas, Larry Deem
Stage Crew	Cody Ratliff, Ethan Schaffer,
	Ethan Deibel, Miranda Richards
Lightboard Operator	Dave Prather
Lighting Assistant	Connor Walker
Set ConstructionJESS	e Mancini, Jane Mancini, Dave Prather,
	Dakota Croy, Emma Pearson, Amber
Sound Board Operator	Ronnie Talbott, Josh Martin
Photographer	Jeff Baughan
Playbill Layout and Design	Brett Meade

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission. Please be advised that this production uses a live firearm throughout the show.



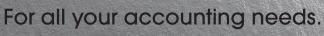
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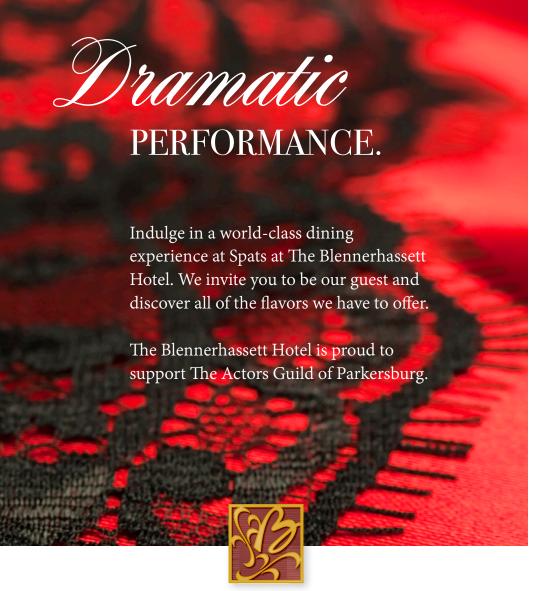
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A Letter from the President



ere we are, close to the midpoint of the Actors Guild's 60th season with two amazing shows and a celebration already behind us, and we still have so much to look forward to as we stand at the beginning of a new year. So often we make promises to ourselves that we rarely keep; thus, the resolutions we fail to uphold. One thing we at the Actors Guild try to maintain is a variety of quality entertainment. Our directors, and actors, and production staff, and technical staff all strive for the best when showcasing local talent.

We also couldn't do what we do without the kindness and generosity of our community. This year we celebrate one of our greatest champions, Mr. Jeff Baughan, with one of the Guild's highest honors, the Bayley Award. Jeff has donated his skills by photographing our productions and has given so much of his time. His generosity has allowed us to archive our history, a history of which he is a part.

In case you hadn't noticed, our 60th season has a unifying theme of plays with television and/or movie ties. *The 39 Steps* is no exception, having been one of Alfred Hitchcock's early British films about a man on the run from spies to clear his name of the accusation of murder. (Precursor to *North By Northwest*? I wonder.) However, I think you will find that this play adaptation of the classic suspense movie is a lovingly hilarious sendup of the genre. And I think both Hitchcock and John Buchan (the novelist from whose work the movie was adapted) would both be laughing with us as we watch four actors attempt dozens of characters on the run across the landscape (and the dialects) of the United Kingdom.

Will our brave hero prove his innocence? Will he make it to the end of the play alive? Will romance blossom under the most unlikely circumstances? Will the law or the spy syndicate catch him first? Will I ever stop asking questions? Yes, but when the lights go down, keep your eye on your fellow audience members. They'll all be laughing at the crazy misadventures on the stage, and so will you!

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Who's Who in the Cast & Crew

R.J. Lowe (Clown #2) made his Guild debut, at 10, in The King & I. In the 29 years since he has appeared in, worked backstage, or directed 50 shows at the Guild (most recently The Addams Family and Arsenic & Old Lace). R.J. has performed professionally in regional theaters all over the US. He won first place in the first ever NSAL musical theater competition, is the recipient of three MOVP Khalil Awards (2 for acting, 1 directing), and countless other acting honors. R.J. will next direct Legally Blonde at the Guild. He is a graduate of NYC's AMDA.

MITCH MAZAHER (Clown 1) is honored to be making another appearance on the AGP Stage. Previous appearances at AGP include Gomez Addams (The Addams Family), Vince Lombardi (Lombardi), Jack Palmer (The Boys Next Door), Wilbur Turnblad (Hairspray), and Jim Haller (All Shook Up). Mitch lives in Zanesville. Ohio and roles in other theaters include Warbucks (Annie), Tevye (Fiddler on the Roof), Henry II (The Lion in Winter), Oscar Madison (The Odd Couple), and Charlie Brown (You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown). Mitch thanks Josh and Ronnie and their staff for this fun opportunity to stretch as an actor.

CODY RATLIFF (5th player) is a graduate from Alderson Broaddus University with a Degree in Music Education. While at Alderson Broaddus, Cody performed in many musical ensembles such as "The West Virginians". He also acted in various musicals and opera scenes including his roles as Hysterium in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

and Cavaradossi in *Tosca*. Cody is originally from Clifton Forge, Virginia. After graduation in 2015, Cody was married to his wife Jennifer in Parkersburg. He is currently living and teaching in Wood County.

MARY SNAPP (Annabella/Pamela/Margaret) recently moved to the area from Dayton and is extremely excited to be enjoying her first show at the Actors Guild! Recent credits from Dayton include Weekend Comedy (Jill), A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (Domina) and Antigone (Antigone).

ELI TRACEWELL (Richard Hannay) a former Guild Builder, appeared on the stage last summer as Huck in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, and Toby in Sweeney Todd. He was also active in high school theater in Footloose, Harvey, Zombie Prom, The Wizard of Oz, and others. Though committed to shows, he can never seem to finish anyth

JOSH MARTIN (Director) has been seen on the Guild stage in Shrek, Dracula, Avenue O, The Full Monty, The Secret Garden, Alice in Wonderland, Tuesdays with Morrie, Leading Ladies, The Story of My Life, RENT, Man of La Mancha. It's the Reel Thing, Big: the musical, The Civil War, Seussical and Monky Business. Additional Guild Credits: Director - All Shook Up, The Boys Next Door, Music Director - Sweeney Todd, Hairspray, The Rocky Horror Show. Other Credits: The King and I, Rumors, Music Director: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Little Shop of Horrors. Josh works for Apple Inc.



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RONNIE TALBOTT (Director) Ronnie most recently appeared as Bill in August: Osage County. Previous Actors Guild experience includes Sweeney Todd, Pippin, Annie Get Your Gun, Tommy, The Lion in Winter, and Dracula. Other credits include Footloose. West Side Story, The Tempest, and A Christmas Carol. Ronnie also worked on the films Maneater, Burning Annie, and Spider-Man 3 but he is most well known for appearing in the 11th season of the hit CBS show Big Brother. Ronnie would like to thank his friends, family, and, especially, his wife Michelle. She is his best friend and soul mate. "I love you. Michelle!"

MICHELLE TALBOTT (Assistant Director) is a Parkersburg native. She has been actively involved in the Mid-Ohio Valley arts community for many years working with several local organizations as a director, assistant director, costumer, technical director, instructor and actor. She has

performed with the Huntington Outdoor Theatre and 5th Ave Theatre Company in Huntington, WV. She has also performed with MOVP and the Parkersburg Actors Guild. Michelle serves as the director of theatre at Parkersburg South High School. Michelle is a graduate of Marshall University. Local audiences may recognize her from onstage appearances including *Dracula* (Lucy) and *The Odd Couple* (Gwendolyn Pigeon).

ALEXIS ULLMANN-WRIGHT (Stage Manager) is a senior at Parkersburg South High School, where she is a member of Thespian Troupe 1564. Alexis has appeared on stage in Little Shop of Horrors and The Little Mermaid. She has done technical crew for Beauty and the Beast, Smart Trek, Avenue Q, The Red Velvet Cake War, and assistant stage managed Sweeney Todd. She would like to thank her family for their support and the late David Sindledeker.

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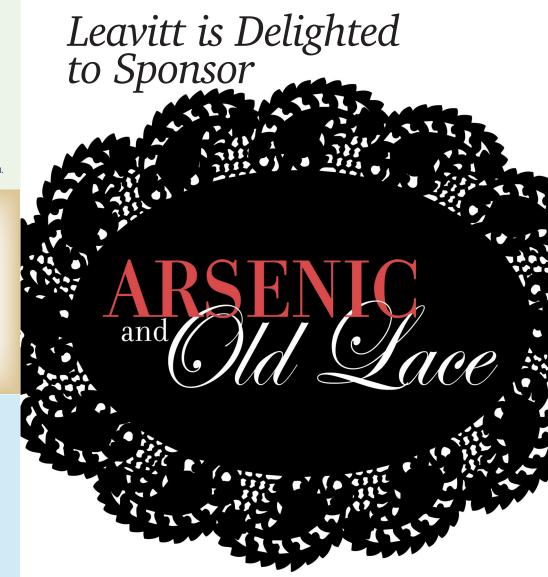
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