

KENTWOOD PLAYERS
PRESENTS



THE RULING CLASS
BY PETER BARNES

DIRECTED BY
JAZ DAVISON

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WESTCHESTER PLAYHOUSE
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CARLA COPPOCK & DE COTTER

LIGHT DESIGN COSTUME DESIGN CHOREOGRAPHER
RICHARD POTTHOFF KATHLEEN CHAPIN VICTORIA MILLER

SOUND DESIGN SET DESIGN / DECORATION
JAZ DAVISON & STEVE LEE MAX HELDRING STORMES

CAST
(IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

13TH EARL OF GURNEY.....	DON SCHLOSSMAN
DANIEL TUCKER.....	DAVE PARKE, SR.
BISHOP LAMPTON.....	MAX HELDRING STORMES
SIR CHARLES GURNEY.....	JACK COPPOCK
DINSDALE GURNEY.....	TOM BREEDLOVE
LADY CLAIRE GURNEY.....	SHERIDAN COLE
MATHEW PEAKE.....	DONALD HEATH
14TH EARL OF GURNEY.....	DON SCHLOSSMAN
DR. PAUL HERDER.....	ROM WATSON
MRS. TREADWELL.....	TONI DI MODICA
MRS. PIGGOT-JONES.....	ELIZABETH ASH
GRACE SHELLEY.....	JULIET GRAINGER
MCKYLE.....	MARTIN BERKOWITZ
MCKYLE'S ASSISTANT.....	DAVID PARKE
KELSO TRUSCOTT.....	DONALD HEATH
DETECTIVE INSPECTOR BROCKETT.....	DONALD HEATH
DETECTIVE SERGEANT FRASER.....	DAVID PARKE

The time is present day.

The action takes place in and around Gurney Manor.

There will be a 15 minute intermission between acts one and two.

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

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ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Jaz Davison - A 6 year Kentwood member, this is Jaz's 3rd directorial endeavor. She is usually seen on stage both here and around LA. For Doc.

ABOUT THE PRODUCERS

Carla Coppock - Carla began at Kentwood over 35 years ago, is the author of a play used for teaching Developmental Drama, and is happy to be a first time co - producer.

De Cotter - De is happy to produce for this director, cast, staff, and crew of *The Ruling Class*. In 2002, De will produce *Blood Brothers*, a musical drama.

ABOUT THE CAST

Elizabeth Ash (Mrs. Piggot Jones) - Pursuing her characterizations of batty old women, Elizabeth adds Mrs. Piggot Jones to those in *Rope*, *Bleacher Bums*, *Ten Little Indians* and *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Martin Berkowitz (McKYLE) - Martin has appeared in roles on stage in Southern California for the past forty years. His roles include Abe Goldman in the Kentwood production of *Beau Jest*.

Tom Breedlove (Dinsdale Gurney) - Tom has played Dracula in *Dracula*, Sky Masterson in *Guys and Dolls* and Bob Cratchet in *A Christmas Carol*. He thanks his wife and kids for their support! Thanks John!

Sheridan Cole (Lady Claire Gurney) - A 30-year member, Sheridan has crewed, acted, produced, directed and also served as KP president. She looks forward to directing *Forty Carats* next spring.

Jack Coppock (Sir Charles Gurney) - Jack began with K.P over 30 years ago, most recently appearing as Sir Johnstone in KP's production of *Rope* and Sir Danvers Carew in *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*.

Toni DiModica (Mrs. Treadwell) - Toni has played Kate Mundy in *Dancing at Lughnasa*, Golda in *Fiddler on the Roof* and Sister Berta in *The Sound of Music*. She acts in and directs old time radio shows.

Juliet Grainger (Grace Shelley) - Juliet received her B.A. from Guild Hall University in London and has since studied acting at the Royal National Theatre, UCLA and Playhouse West.

Donald Heath (Peake, Truscott & Detective Brockett) - Donald is new to Kentwood but has appeared at T.P. and M.W.T. This year he was Mr. Brownlow in *Oliver!* and Dr. Rosen in *Jest a Second!*

Dave Parke Sr. (Daniel Tucker) - This is Dave's 8th play and second butler at Kentwood. Dave is very pleased to be in a play with such fine actors. What Fun!

David Parke (Fraser, McKyle's Assistant) - David is a senior at Hollywood High P.A.M. School where he is currently Stage Managing *Once In a Lifetime*. He is also running lights for Kentwood's concert *The Milkado*.

Don Schlossman (13th and 14th Earls of Gurney) - Don was last seen here in *Time of My Life*. Other credits include Stanley in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Petruchio in *Taming of the Shrew* and Sir Thomas More in *A Man for All Seasons*.

Max Heldring Stormes (Bishop Lampton) - Max, a long time Kentwood member, last appeared at Westchester Playhouse in Alan Ayckburn's *Round and Round the Garden*, also directed by Jaz Davison.

Rom Watson (Dr. Herder) - Rom appeared in *Room Service* and *A Child's Christmas In Wales*, both at Laguna Playhouse and most recently appeared in *Camille* at Pacific Resident Theatre.

You are invited to meet and greet cast members after the performance in the Green Room. Please use the outside stairway at the rear of the theater.

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SPECIAL THANKS

Barbara Brophrey, Adina Silo, Ed Cotter, Michelle Rosen, Frank Di Modica, Charlottee Lee Schildkret & Solomon

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