

Kentwood Players Presents  
**Plaza Suite**



**By Neil Simon**

**Directed by  
Gail Bernardi**

**March 10 - April 15, 2000**

**Westchester Playhouse  
8301 Hindry Avenue  
Westchester, California 90045  
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Richard Potthoff & Michelle Rosen

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William Goldyn

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Dave Whale

Costume Design  
Maria Cohen & Phil Massi

### CAST

(In order of appearance)

BELLHOP.....	Jeffrey Scott
KAREN NASH.....	Michelle Rosen
SAM NASH.....	Klair Bybee
WAITER.....	Jeffrey Scott
JEAN McCORMACK.....	Betsy Rubino
JESSE KIPLINGER.....	Ben Lupejkis
MURIEL TATE.....	Valerie Sullivan
NORMA HUBLEY.....	Sheridan Cole
RAY HUBLEY.....	Jack Weintraub
BORDEN.....	Jeffrey Scott
MIMSY.....	Betsy Rubino

Setting: Three plays all taking place in suite 719 at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

#### Act I

Visitor from Mamaroneck

#### Act II

Visitor from Hollywood

#### Act III

Visitor from Forest Hills

There will be a 15 minute intermission between Acts I & II  
and a brief interlude between Acts II & III

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

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## ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

GAIL BERNARDI - As a 12-year member of Kentwood Players, Gail has acted in and directed many shows. She most recently directed *The Heiress*, Kentwood's May-June production. Her last acting job was in *Come Blow Your Horn*. Gail was a theatre major at Carnegie Mellon but thanks Kentwood for giving her the opportunity to continue to learn and grow.

## ABOUT THE PRODUCERS

RICHARD POTTHOFF - *Plaza Suite* marks Richard's 6th foray from his usual spot in the light booth into the producer's spotlight. He is planning for this collaboration with Michelle and Gail to rival his previous producing successes with *Man of La Mancha* and *A Funny Thing Happened...* As always, his Kentwood activities are performed with the permission and assistance of his lovely wife Fatima.

MICHELLE ROSEN (Co-producer/Karen Nash) - Michelle has served in various positions on the Board of Directors at Kentwood including President, Vice-president and Plays Committee Chairman. She has won numerous Marcom Masque awards. Michelle has been seen prominently in many KP productions such as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Broadway Bound*, *Pippin*, *Legends*, *Beau Jest*, *Octette Bridge Club*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Anne of a Thousand Days* and *Cheaters*.

## ABOUT THE CAST

KLAIR N. BYBEE (Sam Nash) - A "Lifetime" Kentwood member, Klair last appeared as Hero's father in *A Funny Thing Happened....* He has also appeared as the priest in *The Runner Stumbles* and *6 Rms Riv Vu*. Klair taught drama at Fontana, Morningside and Hawthorne High Schools. He has appeared in many productions at the Group Rep. in North Hollywood and the Glendale Center Theatre, plus many television shows and movies such as *Diagnosis Murder*, *General Hospital*, *Deep Impact*, *Forrest Gump*, *Clear and Present Danger*, *MacArthur*, *Fireball Forward* and *Mae West's Sextette*.

SHERIDAN COLE (Norma Hubley) - Sheridan, a KP member for over 25 years and a past president, played Miss McCormack in Kentwood's first production of *Plaza Suite* in the 70's. Since then she has worked on many shows as actress, producer or director, winning a supporting actress award for *Death of a Salesman*. She recently directed *Arsenic and Old Lace* and the Neil Simon comedy *Come Blow Your Horn*. She is happy to be on the other side of the footlights this time around.

DURING THE PERFORMANCE PLEASE TURN YOUR PAGERS TO SILENT, AND TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALARMS ON YOUR DIGITAL WATCHES. THERE IS NO LOUDER SOUND IN A THEATRE THAN THE RATTLE OF CELLOPHANE. PLEASE UNWRAP YOUR CANDY OR COUGH DROPS BEFORE THE PLAY BEGINS.

**BEN LUPEJKIS** (Jesse Kiplinger) - Ben reprises a role he played 21 years ago in his home state of Virginia - an incarnation that had more hair and less waist. This marks his second enlistment at Kentwood, having played Marcus Lycus in *A Funny Thing Happened...* in 1998. During the interim, Ben performed as an overworked, underpaid English/drama teacher in Los Angeles. When he's not swinging on stage, he can sometimes be found swinging a hammer, and recently served as set coordinator for *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

**BETSY RUBINO** (Jean McCormack/Mimsy) - Betsy's excited to be performing with the Kentwood Players. She has an MFA, has performed theatrically across the country and has received two best actress awards. Her television, film and commercial work is extensive. She's been a news reporter, a talk show hostess and a shopping network hostess. Sketch comedy and improvisation are favorites as she's worked with Second City and The Wildside Theatre Company.

**JEFFREY SCOTT** (Bellhop, Waiter, Borden Eisler) - Jeff would like to first thank the cast and crew for all of the fun and frivolity! An established and award winning actor/director/choreographer - Jeff was last seen on Kentwood's stage in *Sylvia*, in addition to a history with Kentwood that started when he was 15 (yeah... that was only a few short years ago). Look for his name (or a form of it) associated with future Kentwood productions. Champagne anyone?!

**VALERIE SULLIVAN** (Muriel Tate) - Valerie is thrilled to be back on the Kentwood stage where she recently played the Mother Superior in *Nunsense*. Other favorite roles include Miss Hannigan in *Annie*, Abby in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Mammy Yokum in *Li'l Abner* and a five month engagement as the female lead in *Bottoms Up* at the Gold River Resort in Nevada.

**JACK WEINTRAUB** (Roy Hubley) - The current show marks Jack's 29th anniversary with Kentwood Players, with key roles in area productions over the years far too numerous to mention here. Among personal favorites to date are Quixote in *Man Of La Mancha* and Doc in *Mister Roberts*. Jack would like to dedicate this performance to his loving and devoted wife Jamie, "the one who makes it all worthwhile."

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**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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## PRODUCTION STAFF

Script Supervisor.....	Barbara McMurray
Stage Manager.....	Jeff Wallace
Set Design Coordinator.....	Dave Whale
Set Construction Coordinators.....	Frank Olivadoti, Dave Whale
Set Decoration.....	Phil Massi
Light Design.....	William Goldyn
Sound Design.....	Richard Potthoff
Booth Crew.....	Jim Crawford, Tara Potthoff
Properties.....	Jeff Wallace
Costume Design.....	Maria Cohen, Phil Massi
Costume Assistants.....	Arlene Cohen, Treva Merritt
.....	Dorothy Rochlin
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Miriam Amster, Mel Barmazel, Barbara Brophey, Boz Ciavarello, Sheldon Cohen, Harvey Cowan, Joe Fagan, Dick Freytag, Bill Harred, Ron Hastings, Shellee James, Alison Mattiza, Patricia McCook, Vicki Miller, Calia Mintzer, Gert Nord, David Parke, Jr., David Parke, Sr., Sally Pierce, Charlotte Lee Schildkret, Bob Schnauss, Adina Silo, Max Stormes, John Sullivan, and the cast and crew of *Plaza Suite*

## SPECIAL THANKS

Beth Anderson, Jim Crawford, Dick Freytag, Max Stormes, Dave Whale, Sheridan Cole, Michael & Maria Cohen, Bill & Pauline Harred, Dave Parke Sr., Sally Pierce, Jack Weintraub, The Browns, Tricia King-Hospice Thrift Avenue

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