

Kentwood Players

presents

*The*  
  
*Mystery* *of*  
*Edwin Drood*  
*by Rupert Holmes*

Directed by

Catherine Rahm

September 7 through October 20, 2007

Westchester Playhouse  
8301 Hindry Avenue  
Westchester, California 90045-3205  
Reservations: (310) 645-5156

# *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

by Rupert Holmes

Director

Catherine Rahm

Choreographer

Vicki Rovel-Kirk

Producer

Lori A. Marple-Pereslete

Set Design

Joey Bell

Light Design

Tom Brophey

Costume Design

Maria Cohen

Sound Design

Kirk Larson

## **Cast**

(in alphabetical order)

Alice/Drood .....	Elizabeth Bouton
Angela/Puffer.....	Susie McCarthy
Cedric/Crisparkle.....	Greg Abbott
Chairman/ Mayor Sapsea.....	Ben Lupejkis
Clive/Jasper .....	Jon Sparks
Deidre/Rosa .....	Rihana Ray
Felicia Bax/Bazzard.....	Vicki Rovel-Kirk
Florence .....	Julia Aks
Horace.....	Cory Pierce
Isobel .....	Kimberly Berg
Jack .....	Jack Mattiza
Janet/Helena.....	Patricia Butler
Nickie/Durdles.....	Vada Foster
Nick/Deputy .....	Andy Abbott
Victor/Neville .....	Shawn Summerer

## Synopsis of Scenes and Musical Numbers

### Act One

#### THE SITUATION

- Scene 1      John Jasper's home, a morning in December
- Scene 2      The Nun's House, later that morning
- Scene 3      Princess Puffer's Opium Den, the next day
- Scene 4      Cloisterham High Street, the following afternoon
- Scene 5      Graveyard at Cloisterham Cathedral, Christmas Eve
- Scene 6      John Jasper's home, a short time later
- Scene 7      Cloisterham High Street, Christmas Day

There will be a 15-minute intermission between Act One and Act Two.  
Decaf coffee will be served at the intermission, courtesy of Kentwood Players.

### Act Two

#### ACT II

#### THE SLEUTHS

- Scene 1      Cloisterham Station, 6 months later

#### THE VOTING

Stage of the Music Hall Royale

#### THE SOLUTION

Cloisterham High Street, Dawn

## Act One

There You Are .....	Chairman & Company
Two Kinsmen .....	Drood & Jasper
A Man Could go Quite Mad .....	Jasper
Moonfall .....	Rosa
Moonfall (reprise).....	Rosa, Helena, Flo, Isobel
The Wages of Sin .....	Princess Puffer
A British Subject .....	Neville, Helena, Crisparkle, .....Drood, Rosa & Company
Both Sides of the Coin.....	Chairman, Jasper & Company
Perfect Strangers.....	Drood & Rosa
No Good Can Come From Bad .....	Helena, Neville, Crisparkle, .....Drood, Rosa & Jasper
Never the Luck .....	Felicia Bax & Company
Off to the Races .....	Company

## Act Two

A Private Investigation .....	Puffer, Datchery & Company
The Name of Love .....	Rosa, Jasper & Company
Don't Quit While You're Ahead .....	Company
Voting .....	Company
Garden Path to Hell .....	Princess Puffer
Puffer's Revelation .....	Princess Puffer
Out on A Limerick.....	Datchery
Jasper's Confession .....	Jasper
Murderer's Confession .....	Murderer
Perfect Strangers (reprise) .....	Lovers
The Writing on the Wall.....	Drood & Company

## About the Directorial Staff

**Catherine Rahm** (Director) – Catherine is thrilled to bring this unique production to the Kentwood stage. She hopes audiences have as much fun watching it as the cast does performing it.

**Brian Murphey** (Pianist) – Brian has previously been at the Westchester Playhouse in Kentwood Players production of *1940's Radio Hour* as bandleader Zoot Doubleman, and provided musical direction for their production of *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*.

**Vicki Kirk** (Choreographer) – Along with her BFA in Musical Theatre, Vicki has a minor in dance and make-up. Since college she has choreographed many musical numbers. She enjoys bringing her skills to KP and working with Catherine again.

## About the Producers

**Lori A. Marple-Pereslete** (Producer) – Lori has been an active Kentwood member for over six years. She's usually found behind the scenes decorating and producing. She's thrilled to be working with such talent. Enjoy the show!

## About the Designers

**Joseph Bell** (Set Design) – Having worked with Catherine Rahm on many shows, usually onstage, or as a director, the chance to design and help build the DROOD set was full of exciting challenges.

**Tom Brophrey** (Lights) – Tom has designed lights for many Kentwood shows, beginning in 1974, most recently for *The Constant Wife*. His most recent musical was *The Fantasticks*.

**Maria Cohen** (Costume Designer) – Maria is a wardrobe mistress for Kentwood Players. She costumes most of our shows and has received numerous awards for her work. Having finished *Follies* and *The Constant Wife*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* was a challenge, but a nice one.

## About the Cast

**Andy Abbott** – For KP Andy was an alternate dancer in *Follies*, as well as in a workshop production of *Little Green Men*, and for Westminster he appeared in *Annie Get Your Gun*. He is thankful for this opportunity.

**Greg Abbott** – Greg has appeared for KP as Herman in *The Most Happy Fella*, Hucklebee in *The Fantasticks*, and as Theodore Whitman in *Follies*. Other favorite roles include Oscar in *Sweet Charity* and Charlie Davenport in *Annie Get Your Gun*. Greg is thrilled to be working with his son, Andy.

**Julia Aks** – Julia feels so blessed to be in her second KP show working with some of the most wonderful people she's ever met. She is also very excited to fulfill her lifelong dream of doing a show in a British accent. Thanks to Mom & Dad for schlepping me to rehearsals every week.

**Kimberly K. Berg** – This is Kimberly's first foray into musical theater. Previously her singing experience came through various choirs in her childhood.

**Elizabeth A. Bouton** – Last seen on Kentwood stage as Molly Brown – now comes the challenge of playing a male impersonator. Other recent roles include Annie Oakley and Desiree Armfeldt. What a year! Thanks to Catherine for the opportunity and love to SKS – FLAMES!

**Patricia Butler** – Patricia, an award winning actress from the Bay Area and a Marcom Masque winner, is happy to have the opportunity to make another blithesome appearance on the Kentwood stage. God bless us everyone.

**Vada Foster** – Vada has appeared at Kentwood most recently in *Nicholas Nickleby*, for which she won a Marcom Masque award, and in the children's show *Pinocchio*. She first appeared on this stage in *The Children's Hour* in 1984. Many thanks to Catherine for the opportunity to do a musical.

**Vicki Kirk** – Previously seen in *Kiss Me Kate*, her 2 ½ year hiatus was due to Vicki's greatest role: Mom to the Wonder Twins! Love to Lois, Christopher and Steven.

**Ben Lupejkis** – Ben is a 9 year Kentwood Player, is a Marcom Masque award winning actor, director and stage designer, and has thoroughly enjoyed his omnipresent view from where he is to where you are.

**Susie McCarthy** – Susie is a native Californian with a BA in Theater from CSUN. She has performed in productions from Houston, to San Francisco to Vancouver, WA and Portland, OR, as well as here in LA. Favorite roles include Phyllis in *Follies*, Vivian Bearing in *Wit* and Nurse in *Romeo and Juliet*. Thanks to Cat for this delicious role! This one is for De.

**Jack Mattiza** – Jack is a 7 year old and is very excited to be part of this great show! Last summer Jack made his musical theater debut in *Oliver* at Westminster Community Theater and has also done several shows through his elementary school. In his "spare" time, Jack also enjoys playing piano, baseball, chess and riding roller coasters!

**Rihana Ray** – This is Rihana's debut show at Kentwood. Some of the most favorite roles she's played are Mabel in *Pirates of Penzance* and Hermia in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Thanks to Catherine for the opportunity to play such a saucy role.

**Jon Sparks** – Jon is thrilled to return to the Westchester Playhouse. Roles with Kentwood Players: Stine in *City of Angeles*, El Gallo in *Fantastics*, Lead Singer in *Grand Night for Singing* and Minerva in *Cinderella*. Regional: Robert in *Company*, Al in *A Chorus Line*, Juan Peron in *Evita*, Curly in *Oklahoma*, Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Pippin in *Pippin*. GMKL\_FLAMES.

**Shawn K Summerer** – Shawn has been doing theater since he played the Letter "K" in preschool. Recently, he was seen as Tommy in *Annie Get Your Gun* in Westminster. Love to BB.

## Production Staff

Stage Manager .....	Max Stormes, Marcy Agreen
Script Supervisor.....	Barbara McMurray
Booth Crew .....	Russell Ham, Kirk Larson, Virginia Mekkelson
Chief Engineer .....	Red Rahm
Wigs Provided by .....	Jon Sparks
Graphic/Lobby Design .....	Steven Kirk
Costume Construction.....	Barbara Brophey, Julia Maggs, Judy Polak
Costume Assistants & Millinery .....	Kathy Picker, Yvonne Kainoa, Arlene Cohen
Properties .....	Judy Polak, Lori A. Marple-Pereslete
Publicity Photos .....	Shellee James, Gypsy Foster, Ken Shoufer
Audition Assistance .....	Max Stormes, Jeanne Spain
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Box Office.....	Ashley Schultz

## Strike Crew and Work Sunday

Red Rahm, Adina Silo, Dave Whale, Jack Coppock, Barry Nackos, Dennis McNett, Sheldon Metz, Gypsy Foster, Barbara Haberman, Gene Haberman, Judith Polak, Julia Maggs, Geanne Clarke, Miriam Amster, Anita George, Sheridan Cole Crawford, Michael Cohen, Sheldon Cohen, Arlene Cohen, Calia Mintzer, Jim Crawford, Fred M. Wolf, Alison Mattiza, Van Mattiza, James Manley Green, Charlotte Lee Schildkret, Justin Rozell, Hal Fisher, Barbara Brophey  
and the cast and crew of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

## Special Thanks

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*Please unwrap your candy or cough drops before the play begins.*

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### *Romantic Comedy*

A comedy by Bernard Slade  
November 9 – December 15, 2007  
Director: Sherman Wayne

### *Proof*

A drama by David Auburn  
January 11 – February 16, 2008  
Director: Sheldon Metz

### *Gypsy*

Music by Jules Styne, lyrics by Stephen  
Sondheim, book by Arthur Laurents  
March 14 – April 19, 2008  
Director: Susan Goldman Weisbarth

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Director: Carol Becker

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