



KENTWOOD PLAYERS presents

THE LION IN WINTER

by JAMES GOLDMAN

Directed by ED COTTER

Produced by JIM CRAWFORD
and KARINTHA TOUTON

JULY 11 - AUGUST 16, 2008

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.

Kentwood Players - Westchester Playhouse

8301 Hindry Avenue, Westchester, CA

www.kentwoodplayers.org

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

A Note from the Director



In loving memory of De Cotter

My wife, De, and I have always been a team, producing, directing, and acting at Kentwood. Together we brought you the first standout production of *Cabaret*. De singlehandedly produced it, designed the costumes, personally selected the materials, and sewed every one, staying up some nights till 2:00am with her great helper, Dorothy Rocklin. It has been our great pleasure to bring you, among others, *Death of a Salesman*, *Blood Brothers*, and last year's *Follies*. De has once again inspired me to present *The Lion in Winter*. To my beautiful De – I love you today more than yesterday and less than tomorrow.

– Ed Cotter, Director

The Time

Christmas, 1183

The Place

Henry's palace at Chinon, France

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

During the performance, please turn cell phones and pagers to silent, and turn off alarms on digital watches. Please also unwrap any candy or cough drops before the play begins.

Thank you.

Cast

DON SCHLOSSMAN as Henry II, the King of England

SUSAN GORDON as Eleanor of Aquitaine

SCOTT MIKELS as Richard the Lionhearted

OLEV ALEKSANDER as Geoffrey

ANDY ABBOTT as John

MEREDITH M. SWEENEY as Alais, a French Princess

BRETT ERICKSON as Philip, the King of France

Crew

Stage Manager	Nikki Corso
Assistant Stage Managers	Jordon Bland & Sarah Cowan
Set Design/Master Carpenter	Michael Allen
Prop Master	Sheridan Cole Crawford
Head Costumer	Garcio Brown
Assistant Costumers	Sanja Tanackovic & Maria Cohen
Lighting	Tom Brophey
Booth	John Beckwith & Melvin Miller
Fight Choreography	Corina Bowler
Art Design	Michael Cohen
Photography	Liz Reinhardt
Script Supervisor	Susan Weisbarth

Special Thanks

Maria Cohen; Little Fish Theater; Shakespeare by the Sea and Artistic Director
Lisa Coffi; Long Beach State; Corina Bowler; Drew Fitzsimmons; Scot Renfro

About the Cast



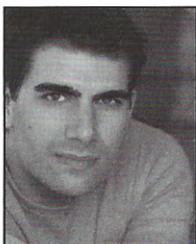
Don Schlossman – Henry

Don has been seen onstage here in *Time of My Life*, *The Ruling Class*, *Rain*, and most recently *Follies*. He has been seen in leading roles in, among others, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *School for Scandal*, *A Man For All Seasons*, *An Ideal Husband*, *Assassins*, *Chess* and *Pirates of Penzance*. Films and TV include *Kuffs* and *Judging Amy*. He directed Kentwood's production of *Romeo and Juliet*. He sends his love to Samantha.



Susan Gordon – Eleanor

Susan was last seen at Kentwood as the ill-fated Dora Bunner in *A Murder is Announced*. She started the year as Ouiser in *Steel Magnolias* at the Hermosa Beach Playhouse. Susan is delighted to reunite with Ed Cotter and Don Schlossman after working with them in *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* at Little Fish Theatre.



Scott Mikels – Richard

This is Scott's first production with the Kentwood Players at the Westchester Playhouse and his first production in LA. He has been studying with Lorinne Vozoff at the Theater Group Studio for the last year. Scott would like to thank his wife, Crystal, for her encouragement and friendship.



Olev Aleksander – Geoffrey

Olev is excited to be making his debut at Kentwood. Most recently he could be seen as Frederick in *Noises Off* at Theatre Palisades. Prior credits include roles in *The Glass Menagerie*, *Mister Roberts*, *Night of the Iguana*, and *The Miser*. He'd like to thank Ed Cotter for this opportunity.

You are invited to meet and greet with the cast in the Green Room after the performance.

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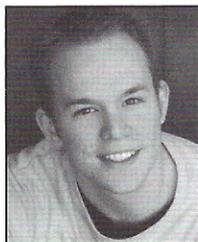
Andy Abbott – John

Past roles for KP include Pастey in *Gypsy*, Deputy in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, and at Westminster Playhouse, he appeared as Mac in *Annie Get Your Gun*. Andy loves the theater and follows his other passion, cooking.



Meredith M. Sweeney – Alais

Meredith is delighted to once again be working with the glorious Ed Cotter. Kentwood audiences may remember her from *Romeo and Juliet*, *Follies*, and last season's critically acclaimed *Proof*. Meredith can also be seen this summer at the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum as Hermia in *A Midsummers Night's Dream*. Squeezles.



Brett Erickson – Philip

Brett is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Most recently he has appeared at Theater Palisades in their two consecutive productions of *Noises Off* and *Twentieth Century*. He is represented by the Brogan Agency. "God Save the Steel Reserve!"

Work Sunday Crew

Andy Abbott, Olev Aleksander, Michael Allen, Bernard Audette, Shari Barrett, Jordan Bland, Elizabeth Bouton, Barbara Brophrey, Tom Brophrey, Maria Cohen, Michael Cohen, Jack Coppock, Nikki Corso, Ed Cotter, Sarah Cowan, Jim Crawford, Sheridan Cole Crawford, Brett Erickson, Hal Fisher, Drew Fitzsimmons, Michael Grinde, Susan Gordon, Russell Ham, Ron Husner, Larry Jones, Gretchen Luna, Julia Maggs, Lori A. Marple-Pereslete, Scott Mikels, Calia Mintzer, Barry Nackos, Michael-Anthony Nozzi, Frank J. Olivadoti, Dave Parke, Tony Pereslete, Kaye Porter, Robyn Rothstein, Justin Rozell, Charlotte Lee Schildkret, Don Schlossman, Adina Silo, Max Heldring Stormes, Shawn K. Summerer, Meredith M. Sweeney, Karintha Touton, Tiffany Towers, Susan Weisbarth and Fred M. Wolf

A History of Kentwood Players

Kentwood Players was founded by the late Arky and Jan Marcom, Elizabeth Thornberg and Betty Francis in December 1949. The company actually got its start, and its name, as members of the Kentwood Elementary School PTA in Westchester, and motivated by a school play they performed there, decided to keep a good thing going. This small group of talented men and women quickly got their act together, so to speak, and in 1950, this illustrious theatre "family" officially began.



Obviously, they couldn't stay at an elementary school and looking for a permanent home wasn't easy. At times, the Kentwood "boards" included a barn, a pump house, and a restaurant before 1960, when the players finally found their present location at the corner of 83rd Street and Hindry in Westchester. In the early sixties, they transformed an old warehouse into the Westchester Playhouse that now houses a proscenium



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stage, dressing rooms, costume closets, a scene shop, over a hundred comfortable seats and a large, welcoming front patio.

Some of KP's loyal season subscribers have been attending KP shows for decades. The fans enjoy seeing their favorite actors on stage and through the years have become friends as well as theatergoers. The support and love among the Kentwood "family" of members also crosses multi-generations, where life-long friendships have been formed. KP is proud of its second- and third-generation members.

Because this is community theatre, all work is done by volunteers. But the dedicated members always take their jobs seriously. They and the Board of Directors handle all aspects of running a little theatre. And, that's why this nonprofit group can afford to keep their prices low while not skimping on sets and costumes! For more information, visit www.kentwoodplayers.org.



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In 1949, a group of dedicated performers came together to provide quality theatre at an affordable price for the Westchester community. More than 50 years later, the Kentwood Players are still going strong.

From Shakespeare to Simon, from Sondheim to Hammerstein, we have worked diligently, putting in countless volunteer hours, keeping our prices low enough to allow all in our community access to a magical evening or matinee in the theatre.

Now, we need your help. We have some critical improvements that will be beyond what we as a small community theatre can manage. We need a new roof, a new heating and air conditioning system, and most of our facility needs to be updated. For the first time in our history, we are asking our wonderful patrons and dedicated community members to partner with us and become sponsors of our beloved theatre.

There are many ways you can help. Of course, we welcome your contributions no matter how large or small. Together we can keep quality theatre in Westchester at prices that are still affordable for our audiences. Please take a look at our sponsorship opportunities and if we can answer any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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