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**Arranged with Samuel French, Inc.**

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Scene 2: Friday afternoon, November 4	Scene 5: Sunday, November 6, afternoon
Scene 3: Friday evening	Scene 6: Monday, November 7, morning

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## Act Two

Scene 1: Two weeks later	Scene 4: Christmas
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## The Cast

(in order of appearance)

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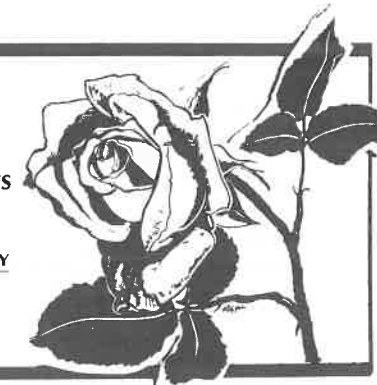
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In 1918 the Tacoma Little Theatre sprang from a devoted group called The Civic Drama League. This cultural organization wanted to promote the theatrical arts in the community and offered lectures, study groups and play readings. As they grew in numbers, the need for a theatre became imperative.

During the 1920's, the Annie Wright Seminary was located at Tacoma Avenue and Division Street. They had a small stage and auditorium they made available to the drama league for the production of plays.

As Tacoma grew, the seminary sold this property and relocated to North Tacoma Avenue, where Annie Wright is today. Of course, this left The Civic Drama League without a theatre. The old Slovenian Hall at the foot of the 30th Street hill was available and the group proceeded to build a stage and auditorium, all volunteer. They were so successful that soon The Civic Drama League outgrew this facility and began searching for a new home. It was during this time they added the name of Tacoma Little Theatre as their production company, eventually to drop the name of The Civic Drama League from public use.

In 1939 and 1940 theatre members held endless benefits, parties and sales in order to purchase our present building at 210 North 'I' Street. The building was an auto repair garage that became the stage and auditorium area. The lobby of today was added about 1950. This garage required extensive remodeling. Improvements consisted of a trussed roof, a revolving stage (building on a Northern Pacific Railroad track), dressing rooms, heating plant, lavatories, and special wiring for productions. Used seats were secured from the University of Washington.

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**Our Director. . .**

**Mark Sheppard** returns to TLT after directing last season's To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday. Currently, Mark is Director of Education for Seattle Children's Theatre and serves as a member of the Arts Education Co-ordinating Council. His acting and directing credits include work with A Contemporary Theatre, Bathhouse Theatre, Driftwood Players, Seattle Children's Theatre, and The Empty Space.



## Meet the Cast...

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**Mike Storslee (Bob)** Mike appeared last season at TLT in The Little Foxes and To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday. He is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York and has played at Tacoma Actors Guild, Performance Circle, The Cirque Dinner Theatre, and the Bob Denver Dinner Theatre.

**Cynthia Mix (Barbara)** Cynthia has spent the past decade actively involved in theatre; performing in Europe and the United States. Her strongest desire is to continue working in theatre, as it is her first love.

**Raine Anderson (Julie)** Raine is making her debut at TLT as Julie. Some of her favorite roles have been as a Hot Box dancer in Guys and Dolls, Midge in The Hollow, and the Masochist in Little Shop of Horrors.

**Tracy Thompson (Helen)** Tracy's first love is theatre—having been involved in such shows as Nightwatch, The Rainmaker, and Carousel. She is happy to be back at TLT working with the wonderful director, cast, and crew of Pack of Lies.

**Danny R. Forbush (Peter)** Danny is a five-year-veteran of TLT, having appeared in such previous shows as Mrs. Warren's Profession, Tribute, and Absurd Person Singular.

**Tom Birkeland (Stewart)** Tom is a familiar face to Tacoma Theatre audiences over the past 30 years. He recently directed She Loves Me at Lakewood Playhouse and played the title role in Performance Circle's production of MacBeth. His last performance at TLT was in Ring Around the Moon.

**Meg Miller (Thelma)** Meg comes to the cast of Pack of Lies courtesy of a recent existential crisis which drove her from her quiet Northend home and 2 1/2 roommates to the arms of the Tacoma Little Theatre. She invites you to the Pacific Northwest Shop to see her in her ongoing role as "salesperson."

**Erica Steele (Sally)** Erica has decided to forego all of her homework time and use the hours for "play". She has just finished the role of Evelyn in Rimers of Eldritch at TCC. This is her first play at TLT.

## About the Play. . .

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. . . In addition to the themes of loyalty and deception, I became increasingly preoccupied with the role of the ordinary citizen in our society. Is it ever possible for the average, relatively powerless, man or woman to make anything more than a token stand against officialdom? Or is it, perhaps naive to expect more than an approximate degree of truthfulness from governments and their spokesmen?

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