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# BLITHE SPIRIT

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September 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29  
1990

**Blithe Spirit**  
by Noel Coward

**Cast**

Edith.....	Phoebe Clawson
Ruth.....	Kit Proctor
Charles.....	Mike Storslee
Dr. Bradman.....	Jerry Foster
Mrs. Bradman.....	Lori Genna
Madame Arcati.....	Alex Lewington
Elvira.....	Tracy Thompson

**Act I**

*Blithe Spirit*

Scene 1	Before Dinner on a Summer Evening
Scene 2	After Dinner
Scene 3	The Next Morning
Scene 4	Late the Following Afternoon

**INTERMISSION**

**Act II**

*Blithe Spirit*

Scene 1	Early Evening, a Few Days Later
Scene 2	After Dinner, a Few Days Later
Scene 3	Several Hours Later

The action of *Blithe Spirit* takes place in the living room of Charles and Ruth Condomine's house in Kent, England, in the late thirties.

**About the Cast...**

**Edith, Phoebe Marie Clawson**

Phoebe is making her debut performance here at Tacoma Little Theatre. She is a senior at Lincoln High School where she is president of the Drama Club. Phoebe has appeared in *Oklahoma!*, *Impromptu*, and *Much Ado About Nothing*, all productions of Lincoln High School. Her favorite role was Ado Annie in *Oklahoma!* because she got to slap her boyfriend. Phoebe dedicates her performance to her sister, Rachel.

**Dr. Bradman, Jerry Foster**

Jerry's most recent performance at Tacoma Little Theatre was in last season's *Semper Fi*. He has also appeared at Lakewood Players and Performance Circle during the past year. Some of Jerry's favorite acting experiences are here at Tacoma Little Theatre starting with the 1964's *Annie Get Your Gun* and continuing with *Anything Goes*, *Night of the Iguana*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, and *Ring Round the Moon*. He also directed *As Is* at Lakewood Players and has appeared professionally in Chicago and New York City.

**Mrs. Bradman, Lori Genna**

Lori has appeared in numerous productions throughout Pierce County. She was most recently seen in a dual role in the Performance Circle's production of *Midsummer's Night Dream*. Favorite roles include Bananas in *House of Blue Leaves* at Chinook, Betty in *The Foreigner* at the Performance Circle, the hospice worker in *As Is* at Lakewood Players, and Liz in *Present Laughter* at Tacoma Little Theatre. Liz was the musical director for Tacoma Little Theatre's recent production of *Forum*, and the music director and pianist for TLT's *Oliver*.

**Madame Arcati, Alex Lewington**

Regular Tacoma Little Theatre patrons will recognize Alex as an 11 year TLT veteran. Last season she was seen as "Ida," the highly strung maid in *See How They Run* which was also directed by Larry Albert. She is thrilled to be working with Larry and Susan again as well as old friends Tracy, Lori, and Michael, not to mention her regular design partner Tracy Berryman. What a team!

**Ruth, Kit Proctor**

Kit makes her debut with Tacoma Little Theatre and ends her 13 year hiatus from the theatre. Favorite past roles include Christine in *A Dolls House*, Zerbintita in *Scapino!*, Clara in *Hay Fever* and Marge in *Promises, Promises*.

**Charles, Mike Storslee**

Mike 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 Theater, the Lakewood Playhouse, and the Bob Denver Dinner Theater. Tacoma Little Theatre productions include *Pack of Lies* and *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*.

**Elvira, Tracy Thompson**

*Blithe Spirit* marks Tracy's 10th season at TLT, her most recent role being Rita in *Educating Rita*. She was last seen as Carri Lipperidge in Performance Circle's production of *Carousel* this summer. Some of her favorite roles include Lizzie in *The Rainmaker*, Elaine Wheeler in *Nightwatch* and Florence Unger in the female version of *The Odd Couple*, but her very favorite, she admits, is Rita.

**Director's Bio...**

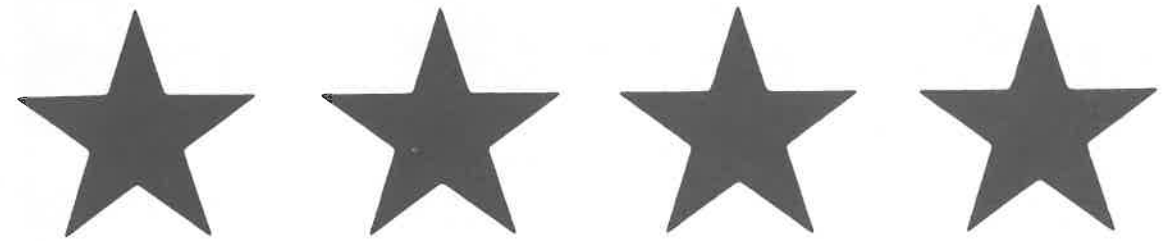
Larry Albert has been a working actor and director in the Seattle and Tacoma area for over 16 years. He has appeared on the stages of the Tacoma Actors Guild, Seattle Children's Theatre, and Music Comedy NW among others. His directing credits include *Brigadoon*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Seascape*, *Dracula*, *The Music Man*, and TLT's opening production of last season's *See How They Run*. Most recently Larry helmed the production of *A Cry of Players* for the Fall City Forest Theatre.

**Director's Notes...**

I've always wanted to be involved in a production of *Blithe Spirit*. It's a play that has appealed to me since high school drama days. To me it has always epitomized the idiocy of being "civilized" in an absurd situation, sometimes it may be better to scream and run. Noel Coward was an Englishman from his soul, yet his plays always managed to makes his fellow Brits seem more than slightly silly. I've wondered for years what he would have made of a community that elected a "B" movie actor as its leader. Enjoy the show.

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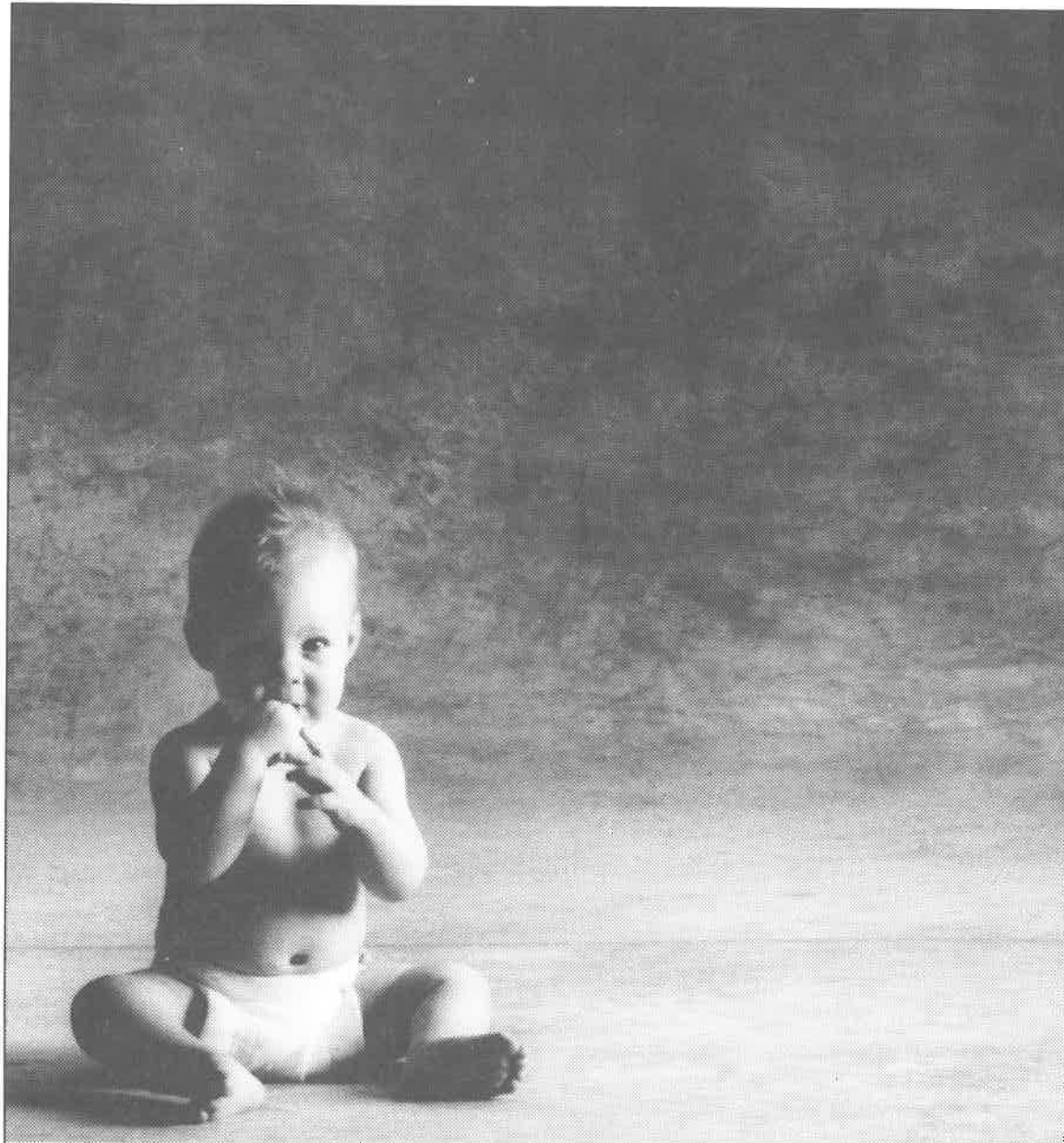


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## Production Staff

Director.....Larry Albert  
Master Carpenter.....Tom Hubbell  
Set Design.....Tracy Berryman  
Light Design.....Laurence Clayton  
Costume Design.....Alex Lewington  
Set Construction.....Tom Hubbell, Lynrae Hubbell,  
Tracy Berryman, Chris Berryman, Brian Davis  
Faux Painting.....Tracy Berryman, Lynrae Hubbell,  
David Starkweather, Chris Husted  
Set Decoration.....Alex Lewington, Tracy Berryman  
Stage Manager.....Susan Crooks  
Assistant Stage Manager.....Nancy Bonsor  
Properties.....Nancy Bonsor, Priscilla Conk,  
Gabrielle Rapkoch  
Lighting Operator.....Bill Kegley  
Master Electrician.....Laurence Clayton  
Sound Operator.....Bill Kegley  
Special Effects.....David Duley  
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