

Kiss Me Kate

Tacoma Little
Theatre
76th Season



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Music & Lyrics by **Cole Porter**

Book by **Sam & Bella Spewack**

Produced by special arrangement with
Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.

Cast:

Jennifer Alysworth Lois, Bianca
David Anderson Bill, Lucentio
Hannah Blackburn Doctor, Chorus
Brandy Bradford Chorus
Bo Brumble Harrison Howell, Chorus
Kris Conner Truckman, Chorus
Jason Cole Cab Driver, Hortensio,
Chorus
Rachel Elfont Nurse, Nathaniel, Chorus
Chris Gildner Hattie, Chorus
Tina Joy Herrick Chorus
Myrna Key Nurse 2, Chorus
David Norton Harry, Baptista
Sandra Oliver Chorus

Michael Osier Gunman 1, Chorus
Joel Peterson Phillip, Chorus
Nancy Snyder Stage Manager
Jacqueline Rosin Lilli, Kate
Erwin Rosin Fred, Petruchio
Chip Sherman Gunman 2, Chorus
Jared Wilson Paul, Gregory, Chorus
Jonathan Winslow Gremio, Haberdasher,
Chorus

Orchestra:

Piano / Conductor Michael Frasier
Keyboards Deanna Walker
Percussion Tom Bain

SPECIAL THANKS

Betty Vogel, UPS, SCT, Jackie Rosin,
Mountaineer Players, Mike Cleveland,
Betty Cullen, TAG, Lakewood Players,
Emerald City - Mary Duckering,
Leanne Hintenberger, Brown's Florist,
Paul's Pistols - Yolanda Wright
& Joan Peterson.

DEDICATION

*In Memory of Betty Vogel, a dear
lady who loved beautiful clothes and
donated her collection to Tacoma
Little Theatre.*

*Our Thanks and Prayers
go with you Betty.*

DIRECTORS' BIOS

Chad Henry, *Director*, earned his equity card at age 18 in a stock production of *Bye Bye Birdie* with Anne Reinking and Tom Poston. Acting credits range from roles at Seattle Rep, ACT, Intiman, Empty Space, the Group, and Seattle Opera to the Denver Center, the Shaw Festival, TV and film. He has choreographed and directed at the Denver Center, TAG, Tacoma Opera, the Bigfork Summer Playhouse and the Fort Peck Summer Playhouse. As a playwright / composer, he is known for *Angry Housewives* and his many shows for Seattle Children's Theatre — both *Housewives* and *Little Lulu* have played at the Pantages. TAG will produce *Stiffed*, Chad's new musical, in the spring of 1995.

Michael Frasier, *Musical Director*, is a veteran of the theatre who has musically directed over 30 musicals in Olympia and Tacoma. Most recently Michael was the Music Director and Bandleader for TLT's 1940's *Radio Hour*.

ACTOR BIOS

Jennifer Aylsworth, *Lois Lane, Bianca*, was seen as Ginger Brooks in last season's production of *1940's Radio Hour*. She's been performing for over fifteen years and favorite roles include Eliza in *My Fair Lady* and, of course, *Ginger!*

Hannah Blackburn, *Doctor, Ladies' Chorus*, likes to entertain herself in her spare time by torturing piano students with Hannon exercises and playing oom-pah-pah for ballet school. She is thrilled to be in this show, her TLT debut.

Brandy Bradford, *Ladies' Chorus*, has a degree in theatre from Stephens College in Columbia, MO. This is her first show with TLT and she is very excited. Thanks Mom & Michael!

Bo Brumble, *Harrison Howell, Lighting Man, Boy 1, Gentlemen's Chorus*, is a former amateur boxer and professional boxer whose acting career began in the 1960's. He is currently acting in the upcoming feature film "Deadline" and recently appeared as Ticky in "The Nerd".

Kris Conner, *Truckman, Waiter, Gentlemen's Chorus*, is a junior at Auburn High School. He enjoys singing, acting, and dancing. His last acting role was Lamar in *Godspell*.

Jason Cole, *Hortensio, Messenger 5, Gentlemen's Chorus*, began his acting career wrapped in 25 feet of wool as Stephen Spettigue in *Charlie's Aunt*, and he's never looked back! He's proud to be making his TLT debut. Hi Pooh!

Rachel Elfont, *Nurse 1, Nathaniel, Ladies' Chorus*, is thrilled to be making her Tacoma Little Theatre debut. Thanks to the cast and crew for all of the fun (and bruises). Lookin' good Hortensio!

Chris Gildner, *Hattie, Ladies' Chorus*, loves Music, Theatre, Gardening, Photography, Travel, and, even though she is herself still in her tender years — she loves being a grandma and wonders why she just couldn't have done that first — *before Motherhood*.

Tina-Joy Herrick, *Ladies' Chorus*, has a degree in theatre from WSU. She enjoys directing and acting; all this "stuff". Thanks to the folks for feeding her regularly and unending support in pursuing the dream.

Myrna J. Key, *Nurse 2, Ladies' Chorus*, first appeared in the TLT production of *The Wiz* as Evilene, the wicked witch of the west. She also was the "Singing Blue Ribbon" for the 1992 Weyerhaeuser / United Way Campaign where she is employed. After a 2 year absence, she's excited to be a part of *Kiss Me Kate*.

David W. Norton, *Harry, Baptista*, has been seen at the Chinook Theatre in such shows as *A little Night Music*, and *Dracula*. Previous TLT performances include *Something's Afoot*, and *The Country Girl*.

Sandra Oliver, *Ladies' Chorus*, originally from Atlanta, Georgia, came to the Pacific Northwest 14 years ago. She has performed with the Tacoma Opera Chorus, various church and jazz ensembles. She is also a member of the On Stage Show Group, and a cast member of Music Theater Tacoma's *Lullaby of Broadway*.

Michael A. Osier, *Gunman 1, Stagehand, Gentlemen's Chorus*. It's been 15 years since I Last "Trod the Boards". I did some commercial work in New Jersey and some off, off, off, Broadway work, then I had to find a real job. It feels great to be back.

Joel Peterson, *Philip, Messenger 4, Boy 2, Gentlemen's Chorus*, was last seen as Wally Fergusson in *1940's Radio Hour*. This is his fourth production with TLT.

Jacqueline E. Rosin, *Lilli Vanessi, Kate*, is excited to finally be playing opposite Erwin. She was last seen understudying and waiting tables at The Mystery Café in Seattle. Hugs for Jordan and Elisa for being so patient.

Erwin Rosin, *Fred Graham, Petruchio*. Ever since he married Jacqueline, Erwin has wanted to play this role. "Guys, doesn't it feel great to yell at your wife?(!) Erwin recently directed *The Dresser* and *The Miser* at Burien Little Theatre.

Chip Sherman, *Gunman 2, Stagehand, Gentlemen's Chorus*, is a professional model and actor. His other musicals include *Annie, Anything Goes, Pajama Game, Peter Pan, Music Man, Mame*, et al. This is his first appearance with TLT.

Nancy Snyder, *Stage Manager*, is excited to have her TLT debut in *Kiss Me Kate*. She feels this will be a real "Stretch" from her other show duties.

Jared Wilson, *Paul, Gregory, Innkeeper, Messenger 1, Gentlemen's Chorus*, is excited about doing his first show at TLT. He hopes that there are more "Good Times" to come. He'd also like to thank Mrs. Nella for her smile.

Jonathan Winslow, *Gremio, Haberdasher, Messenger 3, Gentlemen's Chorus*. After appearing at TLT in *Fiddler on the Roof* and 1940's *Radio Hour*, Jonathan is back for his first Cole Porter Musical.

David Anderson, *Bill, Lucentio*, has performed leads in numerous productions including *The Pirates of Penzance, Noah, Scrooge, Narnia, & TLT's Ain't Misbehavin'*. As founder of Restoration CIA, he has organized many local original productions.

Don't Miss
To Kill a Mockingbird
 at
 Tacoma Little Theatre
 Nov 11 - Dec 10
 1994

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director / Choreographer	Chad Henry
Musical Director / Conductor	Michael Frasier
Set Design	Judith Cullen
Light Design	Darrell Miller
Costume Design	Stephanie Poire
Asst. Costume Design	Alex Lewington
Set Construction	Mike Cleveland
	Johnny Johnson
Painting Crew	Tracy Berryman
Costume Construction	Sandy Bradford
Stage Manager	Rebecca Rex
Asst. Stage Manager	Nancy Snyder
Stage Crew	Ambre Hicks
Properties	Pat Mitchell
Lighting Operator	Jay Adams
Sound Operator	Rebecca Rex
Rehearsal Pianists	Hannah Blackburn
	Paul Brask
	Jackie Rosin
Dance Captains	Brandy Bradford
	Rachel Elfont