

*biographies continued*

**Mark J. Niklas** *The Jester* Mark enjoys entertaining just as much as the Jester. They both hope you enjoy the show.

**Kristina Barsalona** *Lady Merrill, Nightingale, Pantomime Princess* Kristina has performed for TLT's summer program for the past three years. She last performed in Stadium High School's *Once On This Island*.

**Tim Fobes** *Sir Studley, Pantomime Prince* What a great show to be part of. To be surrounded by such talented people is really an honor. Thanks for the memories and support from home--Roney and special love to my children.

**Steven Hall** *Sir Steven* This is his third show with TLT. Recently, he was in Tacoma Opera's *La Boheme* and has performed with Lakewood Players and Performance Circle.

**Mark DeAndrea** *Sir Marcus* His last role was a knight in *Once Upon a Mattress* in 1978.

**Tim Haveisen** *Sir Timothy* Tim is thrilled to be in TLT's *Once Upon a Mattress*. He was last seen in the revival of *Joseph* and is glad to be back working at TLT.

**Jay Mechem** *Sir Harold* Jay Loves TLT! He was previously seen in *Man of LaMancha* and both productions of *Joseph*. Thanks to Mom & Dad for all their encouragement & support.

**Jeremy McColeman** *Sir Luce* Jeremy was last seen in TLT's production of *Six Degrees of Separation*. Thanks to family for their support and trust.

**C. Jay Iseli** *Sir Harry* This is C. Jay's third show at TLT. He was last seen as the French Ambassador in *Of Thee I Sing* and as Carrasco in *Man of LaMancha*. Thanks Pook.

**Robin Derby** *Lady Rowena* This is Robin's third show at TLT. She was last seen as Monica in Tacoma Musical Playhouse's *Romance Romance*.

**Karen Fobes-Carr** *Lady Lucille, Pantomime Queen* It is a great honor to be part of this incredibly talented cast. Thanks Jud, I couldn't do it without you! "Papa, Can You See Me?"

**Lisa Feber** *Lady Elizabeth* Lisa is excited to be a part of this cast! In addition to teaching and theatre, Lisa enjoys camping, skiing, and spending quality time with her husband.

**Candi Hedlund** *Princess #12, Lady Candice* She recently starred in TMP's *The Boy-friend* and Performance Circle's *Out of Order*. Hopes to start a performing arts school someday.

**Kristen Hulscher** *Mabelle, Lady Ellen* "Ri a h-uile có faic ar trusadh an nochd, mi glic a taitneach feagar." To all who see our revels tonight, we wish you joy and laughter throughout the evening.



**Tacoma Little Theatre presents**

*Once Upon a Mattress*

by Rodgers, Barer, Thompson & Fuller  
Produced by special arrangement with  
Rodgers & Hammerstein Theatre Library

Sponsored by



*Cast*

<i>The Minstrel</i> .....	David Skover
<i>Pantomime Queen</i> .....	Karen Fobes-Carr
<i>Pantomime Prince</i> .....	Tim Fobes
<i>Pantomime Princess</i> .....	Kristina Barsalona
<i>Princess #12</i> .....	Candi Hedlund
<i>The Wizard</i> .....	Clark Maffitt
<i>Lady Larken</i> .....	Jennifer Aylsworth
<i>Queen Aggravain</i> .....	Betsy J. Miller
<i>Prince Dauntless</i> .....	James Morgan
<i>King Sextimus the Silent</i> .....	Michael Storslee
<i>The Jester</i> .....	Mark Niklas
<i>Sir Studley</i> .....	Tim Fobes
<i>Sir Steven</i> .....	Steven Hall
<i>Sir Marcus</i> .....	Mark DeAndrea
<i>Sir Timothy</i> .....	Tim Haveisen
<i>Sir Harold</i> .....	Jay Mechem
<i>Sir Luce</i> .....	Jeremey McColeman
<i>Sir Harry</i> .....	C. Jay Iseli
<i>Lady Rowena</i> .....	Robin Derby
<i>Lady Merrill</i> .....	Kristina Barsalona
<i>Lady Lucille</i> .....	Karen Fobes-Carr
<i>Lady Ellen</i> .....	Kristen Hulscher
<i>Lady Elizabeth</i> .....	Lisa Feber
<i>Lady Candice</i> .....	Candi Hedlund
<i>Princess Winnifred</i> .....	Lynne Rossman
<i>Emily</i> .....	Robbie Lapin
<i>Lady Mabelle</i> .....	Kristen Hulscher
<i>The Nightingale of Samarkand</i> .....	Kristina Barsalona
<i>Castle Servants</i> .....	The Stage Crew

*Once Upon a Mattress*

## Synopsis of Scenes

### Act One

Scene 1: A Large room in a medieval castle, late March  
 Scene 2: A castle corridor, the same day  
 Scene 3: The castle courtyard, mid-April three weeks later  
 Scene 4: A castle corridor, later that day  
 Scene 5: Winnifred's dressing room, later that day  
 Scene 6: A castle corridor, later that day  
 Scene 7: Tents in the courtyard, late evening the same day  
 Scene 8: The courtyard, a few minutes later  
 Scene 9: The Great Hall, immediately following

### Act Two

Scene 1: The castle, same day, that night  
 Scene 2: A room in the castle, later that night  
 Scene 3: A castle corridor, later that night  
 Scene 4: The Wizard's Chamber, later that night  
 Scene 5: A castle corridor, later that night  
 Scene 6: The same corridor, a few minutes later  
 Scene 7: Winnifred's bedchamber, later that night  
 Scene 8: A castle corridor, the next morning  
 Scene 9: The Great Hall, a few minutes later

**There will be a 20-minute intermission between acts**

## Production Staff

**Director** ..... Lee Paasch  
**Stage Manager** ..... Rebecca Rex  
**Music Director** ..... Peter Blau  
**Choreographer** ..... Jennifer Aylsworth with Kristi Sell  
**Orchestration** ..... Karl Mansfield  
**Scenic Designer** ..... John Petterson  
**Costume Designer** ..... Carl Bronsdon  
**Lighting Designer** ..... Brian Rink  
**Stage Crew** ..... Robbie, Dean & Colin Lapin,  
 Tanya Isaac, Jason Carter, Tim Kelly  
**Light Operator** ..... Erin Taylor, Rebecca Rex  
**Spot Operator** ..... Ticeson Flohr  
**Sound Operator** ..... Josh Nobles, JD Cullen  
**Master Carpenter** ..... Tim Kelly  
**Scenic Construction** ..... Dean Lapin, Johnny Johnson  
**Painting** ..... Robbie Lapin, Cindy Taylor, Molly Pugsley, Jarred Jackman  
**Properties** ..... Robbie Lapin, Cindy Talyor, JD Cullen  
**Light Hanging & Focusing** ..... Brian Rink, Josh Nobles  
**House Manager** ..... Loren Osier  
**TLC for TLT** ..... Lauren James, Loren Osier, Rebecca Rex,  
 Maura Cullen, Marge Neumann, Betty Cullen, JD Cullen,  
 Cindy Taylor, Robbie Lapin, Barbara Irby, Lois Anglin,  
**Special Thanks** ..... Valley Community Players, Lee Paasch, Civic Light Opera,  
 Tacoma Actors Guild, Renton Civic Theatre, University of Washington School of Drama,  
 Rosewood Guitar, American Music, Ruth Cole Fabrics, James Johnson

## Director's Notes

Do we ever outgrow our fondness for fairy tales? Hans Christian Andersen, who penned *The Princess and the Pea*, didn't think so. Tale-spinning supported him between acting stints and ultimately brought him fame. That *Once Upon a Mattress*, the madcap modern version of that story is the third most popular musical in the Rodgers and Hammerstein Library, proves he's still right!

## Biographies

**Lee Paasch** *Director* Starting when her now-gray hair was black, Lee has directed many plays and musicals, including *Lend Me a Tenor* at TLT last season. She has a degree in Drama, may be heard on KIRO's Mystery Theatre, and loved sharing this show with its terrific on and off-stage participants!

**Peter Blau** *Musical Director* Peter has been a music teacher in Tacoma for three years. His musical experiences include the Adelphian Concert Choir at UPS, jazz & concert bands, three UPS musicals and two previous TLT shows.

**Lynne Rossman** *Princess Winnifred* Lynne was last seen on stage at TLT as TheLeading Player in *Pippin*. She has been working behind the scenes as director/choreographer for *Man of LaMancha* and both productions of *Joseph*, and been dying to perform again.

**James Morgan** *Prince Dauntless* After two seasons of *Joseph* with TLT, *Once Upon a Mattress* seemed too good to pass up. Thank you Janet, Joel, Leah and Anna for enduring your dauntless dad.

**Michael Storslee** *King Sextimus* Mike played the deaf actor, Selsdon, in *Noises Off* last fall, graduating to the mute king in this production and expects to have a big part in *The Miracle Worker* or *Wait Until Dark* as soon as he can find a good wig.

**Betsy J. Miller** *Queen Aggravain* Betsy dedicates her performance to her mother. "God knows she was truly my inspiration for this part."

**David Skover** *Minstrel* David has performed major roles in opera and musical theatre on both coasts. In Seattle, he has appeared in *A Little Night Music* and *By Sondheim*. This is David's debut with TLT.

**Clark Maffitt** *The Wizard* An actor & musician for over 30 years. Other TLT appearances include: Atticus in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Charlemagne in *Pippin*, Freddie in *Noises Off*, and Other Men in *Later Life*. He still has never performed in Vermont.

**Jennifer Aylsworth** *Lady Larken* Jennifer is excited to return to TLT! Her last appearance was as Bianca in *Kiss Me Kate*. She also won a Best Actress honor playing Ginger Brooks in TLT's production of 1940's *Radio Hour*.