

Tacoma Little Theatre presents  
**The Servant of  
Two Masters**

by Carlo Goldoni  
adapted by Tom Cone

produced by a special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.



**Cast of Characters**  
(In order of appearance)

Pantalone (A Merchant of Venice) .....	Randy Clark
Clarice (His Daughter) .....	Ingrid Sanai Buron
Smeraldina (Her Maid) .....	Connie Howard
Lombardi (A Doctor) .....	Tom Birkeland
Silvio Lombardi (His Son) .....	Matthew R. Schmall
Beatrice (A Woman of Turin, Disguised) .....	Lisa Kothe
Florindo (A Gentleman of Turin) .....	James Hulme
Truffaldino (The Servant of Two Masters) .....	Bill Timnick
Vittorio (A Waiter) .....	Jeremy McColeman
Nicki (A Waiter) .....	Courtney Caughran
Luciano (A Gondolier) .....	Jonas Lerman

## Setting & Synopsis

The play is set in Venice during the course of twenty-four hours.

### Act I

- Scene 1: Mid-morning, inside Pantalone's house
- Scene 2: Outside the Inn
- Scene 3: In the house of Pantalone
- Scene 4: Courtyard of Pantalone's house
- Scene 5: That night, a dining room at the Inn

### Act II

- Scene 1: The next morning, in front of the Inn
- Scene 2: Pantalone's house

## Director's Notes

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*Commedia* has contributed to every style of theatre we now know: you will even recognize its rambunctious "stock characters" in modern sitcoms--from the tightwad Dad right down to the savvy, working-class Nanny. Ours is a creation of chaos out of too much order. Where better a place to laugh at your penny-pinching boss, or your chatty daughter and her dingy boyfriend than at the local playhouse? Not P.C.? Not at all! In fact, "in your face" would be the modern term.

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# Cast & Staff Biographies

**Chuck Hudson** *Director* Chuck is the Artistic Director of The Immediate Theatre in Seattle. One of three Americans to have received a diploma from the Marcel Marceau International School of Mimedrama in Paris, Chuck is the only one appointed to teach at the School. He performed with Marceau on his 1991 European Tour and in Klaus Kinski's film, *Paganini*. He is a director and faculty member at Cornish College of the Arts, Seattle Children's Theatre, and The Northwest School. He has most recently been seen on stage at the Seattle Shakespeare festival as "Orsino" in *Twelfth Night* and "Petruccio" in *Taming of the Shrew*. Chuck is currently in pre-production to direct *The Face of Orpheus*, his second original work for Seattle Opera.

**John Munn** *Assistant Director* John has directed a number of local productions, including Burien Little Theatre's season opener, *Woman in Black*, opening this October. He has been acting in local theatres for some time, and was "Rick" in TLT's *Six Degrees of Separation*.

**Krista Silvers** *Stage Manager* *The Servant of Two Masters* is her second production at TLT after 6 years in the trenches of many other local theaters. Thanks to those who've supported my love for this crazy art form and the crazy things it makes me do.

**Bill Timnick** *Truffaldino* Bill was last seen as President John P. Wintergreen in TLT's *Of Thee I Sing*. His other TLT credits include: *Lend Me a Tenor*, *1940's Radio Hour*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

**Randy Clark** *Pantalone* Randy's last gig was "Murray" in TLT's *A Thousand Clowns*. Other appearances include: "Moss" in *Strange Snow* and "Frank" in *Educating Rita*. Randy also lends his voice to the John Philip Sousa concerts for the Tacoma Concert Band.

**Ingrid Sanai Buron** *Clarice* Previously seen at Village Theater, Renton Civic, The Driftwood, Performance Circle, The UW and most recently as "Dulcie" in Tacoma Musical Playhouse's *The Boyfriend*. Love to Brian and her family.

**Connie Howard** *Smeraldina* Connie is a seasoned TLT veteran whose roles have included "Ruth" in *Later Life* and "Belinda" in *Noises Off*. This here play acting is dedicated to the memory of the great Lee Corrigan.

**Tom Birkeland** *Lombardi* Tom had his debut at TLT over 40 years ago and has been here ever since. He just finished doing *As you Like It* for Chuck Hudson at the Seattle Center. Thanks Chuck!

**Matthew R. Schmall** *Silvio Lombardi* Matthew, now living in Seattle, enjoys the opportunity of a comedy for his fifth show at TLT since receiving his B.A. in Theatre from WSU in 1994.

**Lisa Kothe** *Beatrice* Lisa is delighted to be returning to TLT after playing Poppy in *Noises Off*. Lisa has a B.A. in Theatre Arts and is also a professional clown.

**James Hulme** *Florindo* This is James' debut with TLT. You may have seen him recently dripping wet and barely clothed in Valley Community Player's production of *Gift of Murder*.

**Jeremy McColeman** *Vittorio* Jeremy's previous TLT credits include *Six Degrees of Separation* and *Once Upon a Mattress*. "Long as you keep them way off balance, how can they spot you got no talent?" —Fred Ebb

**Courtney Caughran** *Nicki* Courtney is pleased to be making her TLT debut. She recently portrayed Lady

# Production Staff & Special Thanks

• Director .....	Chuck Hudson	Costume Construction..Dan McCluskey & Belle's Friends
• Stage Manager .....	Krista Silvers	Lighting Consultant .....
• Scenic Designer .....	JD Cullen	Robert Jones
• Costume Designer .....	Belle McCluskey	Light Hanging & Focusing.....Brian Rink, Sam Izenman,
• Lighting Designer .....	Brian Rink	Joe Izenman, Daniel Sipes
• Stage Crew .....	Colin Lapin & Robbie Lapin	House Manager .....
• Light Operator .....	Erin Taylor	Loren Osier
• Sound Operator .....	Daniel Sipes	TLC for TLT.....Cindy Taylor, Erin Taylor ,Robbie Lapin,
• Master Carpenter .....	Warren Crain	Marge Neumann, Barbara Irby, Chris Gildner,
• Scenic Construction .....	Dean & Robbie Lapin	Loren Osier, Lauren James, Maura Cullen,
• Painting .....	Robbie Lapin & Cindy Taylor	Betty Cullen, Paula Swenson
• Prop Master .....	Tracy Berryman	Special Thanks.....Tacoma Actors Guild, Tacoma Opera,
• Prop Construction .....	Robert DeLuna, Lynrae,	Seattle Shakespeare Festival, Guitarmaniacs,
	Linda McClary, Cindy Taylor	A Rhapsody in Bloom, Chris Berryman, Palma James

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