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Present

DEATH AND TAXES

By PAT COOK

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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This cast has been incredibly dedicated and very talented. ACT is very fortunate to have such a marvelous group of veterans and newcomers working together. They are creative, enthusiastic and a pleasure to work with. Our crew and all of our volunteers have been outstanding.

I hope you enjoy the show, and I thank you for your support for *your* community theater as it continues to grow.

My deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this show.

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D E A T H A N D T A X E S
CAST OF CHARACTERS

KATHLEEN LYLES, mayor of Hendricks - CARISSA DeVOSS LEE
EDDIE KING , editor of Hendricks *HERALD* - BRANDON JOHN LEE
LYDIA KLEFT, secretary at City Hall - - - - CLARE STORDAHL
WESLEY THORNE, the Sheriff - - - - - JOHN CISAR
CARL JOHANSEN, sarcastic Redneck Citizen - KEITH PEDERSON
MATTIE JOHANSEN, Carl's wife, - - - - - AMY KENTOPP
CORR SEDGEWICK, the nosy neighbor - - - - CHRIS KENTOPP
DR. EFREM BISHOP, country doctor - - - - - STEVE PANYAN
EVELYN MARTINDALE, drama teacher - BARB MERRILL WAGNER
RADIO ANNOUNCER - - - - - DICK WILSON
MR. BENEDICT - - - - - MATT WILLOUGHBY

T I M E : THE PRESENT

P L A C E : HENDRICKS HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

PRODUCTION CREW

DIRECTOR - - - - - KAREN BURKETT-SANDOVAL
Assistant Director - - - - - Jo Reid
Producer - - - - - Grace Leverenz

Set Design and Construction - - - - - Dick Wilson and Karen
Set Crew: Matt, Willoughby, Keith, Sara and Steve Pederson,
Jerry and Jo Reid, Brandon and Carissa Lee, John Cisar
and Karen

Stage Manager and Props Master - - - - - Matt Willoughby
Assistant Stage Manager - - - - - Jessica Lee

House Manager - - - - - Jerry Reid

Prompters - - - - - Matt Willoughby, Jessica Lee, Eric Sandoval
Jo Reid, Grace Leverenz and Joyce Trippes

Logo Design Artistic Creator - - - - - Myra Jurgenson
Logo Design Assistants - - - - - Kelly and Sara Jurgenson
Light & Sound Designer - - - - - Ron Gilbert
Technician - - - - - Larry Johnson
Costume Design - - - - - Joyce Trippes
Publicity - - - - - Jenny Neighbour, Lynn Arterburn
Angie Luttenegger and Cary Douglas
Makeup Design - - - - - Roxy Gwynn and Tad Leverenz
Hair Design - - - - - Clare Stordahl
Signs by: (Dick Wilson's brother-in-law)

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Jim Stordahl and Mike Kentopp for
being "stand-ins".

Keith Pederson - as Carl Johansen, a sarcastic citizen - Keith was active in high school theater, having been in *Godspell*, *South Pacific* and *Our Town*. He has to be a singer. He has returned to the ACT stage when he was Mr. Gloop in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Keith works at the Grimes post office when he's not with his five children, ages 4 to 17.

Fact or Fiction? Keith is a descendant of Abe Lincoln.

Barb Merrill Wagner - as Evelyn Martindale, drama teacher at Hendricks high school - ACT has found their Jessica Fletcher! Actually she can "be" anyone she wants to be after being in 130+ productions, mostly at the Ingersoll where she acted and directed. At ACT she has been the Princess Winifred in *Once Upon a Mattress*. Recently she and Sister Liz were "old" people in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Barb works in Des Moines at Earth Tech as an administrative

Assistant.

Fact or Fiction? As a child, Barb was extremely shy!

John Cisar (pronounced like the salad) - as Sheriff Wesley Thorne - John claims *Death and Taxes* to be his virgin play, and he thanks Barb, Karen and Keith for deflowering him in such a kind and gentle way (NOT). John's family consists of three females: his wife, his daughter of 156 months, and his dog of 84 months. John works for the City of Des Moines as a Network Engineer in the Information Technology Department, which means he designs and manages the city's computer networks. Sounds like a pretty nerdy job!

Fact or Fiction? He wants to be an astronaut and/or a national DJ on TV that counts down the Top 40. (Top 40 what??)

PRODUCTION CREW SKETCHES

Karen Burkett-Sandoval - Director of *Death and Taxes* - This show is Karen's second director's challenge and she is having a ball doing it. Her first acting experience for ACT called for her to be three different people, with appropriate accents, of course. (Karen speaks Spanish and German.) It also required her to fall dead out of a door without appropriate clothing. No problem... She was a hit and has continued her career at ACT, Stage West and the Drama Workshop. Her latest role at Vaudeville Mews was as the girl friend of Rush Limbaugh. The bad news is that Karen, her Latin-lover husband and their son Eric will soon be leaving the Ankeny area and moving to Mexico. Bummer for us. Son Eric has also graced our stage, having been in *Funny Girl*. Eric is on hiatus at the moment and waiting until he's a bit older that 14. More news of their departure will follow.

Fact or fiction? Karen wants to be a nationally known actress, so we in Ankeny will keep in touch.

Jo Reid - Assistant Director - Jo has directed many shows for ACT, but this time is happy being a consultant. One of her first major shows was *Wizard of Oz*, with a cast of thousands (69)! She also directed the musical *Guys and Gals*. Jo and husband Jerry are the proud parents of three children who have given them six of the most beautiful grandchildren in the world. Jo and Jerry have been leaders in ACT from its start, and they never fail to give support wherever and whenever needed.

Fact or Fiction? Jo was one of the original Munchkins.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Carissa DeVoss Lee - as Kathleen Lyles, Mayor of Hendricks - You may recognize Carissa with a new name. Yes, she's a newlywed and brought her husband to be in this show! As a starter, Carissa was in several plays for ACT; e.g., *Rumors*, *Cash on Delivery* and *A Murder is Announced*. Her other life is spent in the Ames HyVee being a merchandise manager.

Fact or Fiction? Carissa won the 2002 swimsuit contest at Von Maur's spring fling.

Brandon John Lee - as Eddie King, Editor of the *Henricks Herald* - Brandon has done two shows for ACT - *Rumors* and *Arms and the Man*. He has done numerous other shows at the Playhouse and Ingersoll theaters, including *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. He is an accomplished singer. Brandon works for Principal Finance Group and recently finished his first Ironman Marathon in Wisconsin. He met Carissa (wife) while doing *Rumors* at ACT.

Fact or Fiction? It is Brandon's voice as the "Woohoo" at the end of the Iowa Lottery commercial.

Amy Kentopp - as Maddie, Carl's wife - Amy is from the local "Barrymore troops" so she has a theater background. As a young woman she has done numerous stage productions in high school and the Ingersoll, i.e., *You Can't Take It with You*, *Peter Pan*, *Little Mermaid*, *Who's Under Where*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *King and I*. Amy works for Karl Chevrolet.

Fact or Fiction? Amy shook hands with George W. Bush at the Farm Progress Show last summer.

Clare Stordahl - as Lydia Kleft, Secretary at City Hall - Clare has followed her father onto the stage and is about to be hooked. She started at ACT in *A Murder is Announced* and has worked backstage doing hair and makeup design for *Steel Magnolias*. Being the oldest of four sisters gives her lots of beauty practice. Clare works at Hair West in Ankeny.

Fact or Fiction? Clare owns her own corvette and has seven dogs (all of whom require hair-do's).

Steve Panyan - as Efreem Bishop, Disgruntled country doctor - Steve is a mad about the world, having traveled extensively. He has "done" Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, *Carmen* and *As You Like It*. Sounds like a singer, right? Steve works for a company that writes grants, and his wife is a professor at Drake. Their son is a professional drummer, teacher and banker!:

Fact or Fiction? Steve has done kayaking between islands off the Maine coastline. He also is signed up to visit outer space.

Christine Kentopp - as Cora Sedgewick, the nosy neighbor - Starting in first grade, Christine was hooked on acting. She continued acting through high school and college. It was then on to The Ingersoll and ACT. She has done it all, including back stage assignments. Her favorites are *Snow White*, *Hot Bed Hotel*, *Our Town* and *A Murder is Announced*. She has also done Improv theater in Des Moines. In her spare time Christine works at Amerus Group.

Fact or Fiction? Christine won the Lottery (big) and has funded theaters and hosted workshops for actors.

Grace Levernz - Producer - Grace has retired from producing 11 times, but the theater bug just won't go away. She has been gopher girl for several directors and works hard for the entire three months duration that it takes to "do" a show. Grace gets her enjoyment from watching the final product. She has problems with the "electronic age".

Fact or Fiction? Grace wants to renew her private pilot flying license.

Matt Willoughby - Stage Manager - Matt is a newcomer to ACT and has no experience on the stage except he helped build sets in high school. He appeared at ACT out of nowhere and has been an asset to this show from day one. Karen always has assignments for Matt, and he always gets the job done. Matt is Executive Producer of "Today In Iowa" on Channel 13, 5:00 a.m., five days a week.

Fact or Fiction? Matt's dream is to move to Los Angeles and become a Hollywood producer.

Dick Wilson - Set Design and Construction - Dick recently retired after having his own construction business for numerous years. It was ACT's lucky day when he became more available to help ACT build sets and create unique fixtures. During his un-retired days he was able to assist with chores he could do at night. He did some acting, plenty of singing and recording of his beautiful deep, bass voice. He is known at ACT as The Voice.

Fact or Fiction? Dick hopes to receive his Golden Hammer when he goes to the Great Beyond.

Joyce Trippes - Costume Designer - Joyce's first costume design job was Head Costume Designer for *Camelot* at Northwood Community College in the Twin Cities. She built costumes, borrowed costumes and oversaw a staff of assistants. Cast members of *Death and Taxes* have been most cooperative and have provided selected items from their own wardrobes. Joyce has been cast in the ACT's next show *Dearly Departed*.

Fact or Fiction? She is related to Hedda Hopper.

Jessica Lee - Assistant Stage Manager - Jessica started her theatrical career as "Rhoda" in *Bad Seed*, but she has turned out to be a 'good' seed since she came from a family of theater enthusiasts. (Brandon is her brother and her father has done several ACT shows.) During this show she has been there when or wherever she is needed. Her expertise has been in prompting. When she's not at the theater, she works at Wells Fargo in Des Moines.

Fact or Fiction? Jessica has an internet business selling home made sweaters made in Peru.

ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

ARTIST'S CIRCLE (\$40)

Doris Anderson
Julie Asmussen
Kay Bower
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Polly Taylor
Janet Wilson

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SCHEDULE OF PRODUCTIONS
March 21 through May 7, 2005

ENJOY DEATH AND TAXES

DIRECTED BY KAREN BURKETT-SANDOVAL

Jan. 21 - Feb. 5

Dearly Departed

March 4 - 19

DIRECTED BY KEVIN SPRAGUE

Meshuggah-Nuns

DIRECTED BY RON GILBERT

A Musical

April 22 - May 7

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- ◆ Become a member
- ◆ Become a season ticket holder
- ◆ Become a volunteer (examples: set work, lighting/sound, stage crew, painting, make-up, costumes, refreshments)

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FYI: Children's theater is alive and well in Ankeny. ACT's Children's Summer Workshops just completed their second successful year. Over 130 students, ages 4-14, participated in workshops that focused on different elements of theater. Participants dramatized works of literature, learned about makeup, props, puppets, mime, improv, and produced shows to present to their parents.

Watch for more drama workshops next summer!

**THANKS FOR COMING TO
DEATH AND TAXES**

THANK YOU

Ankeny Community Theatre would like to especially thank **COMMUNITY STATE BANK** for their partnership. We truly appreciate your support. A special thanks for the use of the popcorn machine, for providing the many volunteers, donating wonderful prizes and your continued overall support of **ACT**.

Thanks to our local public officials for their cameo rolls, making audience participation a success.

Thanks to Carissa DeVos Lee, Farley and Sathers and Russell Stovers for the concession candy.

Thank you to American Marketing for providing/making the badge and name tag for our sheriff.

Many thanks to Brandon and Carissa Lee for loaning us their basketball hoop.

Thanks to Gretchen Brown for making the riser drapes.

We thank North Polk high school music department for loaning us band uniforms.

And a great big thank you to the families of our cast and crew members for your continued support throughout the whole time of producing a play.

Ankeny Community Theatre and Community State Bank thank all attendees, and especially the Circle of Friends, for their support of live theater in the Ankeny Community.