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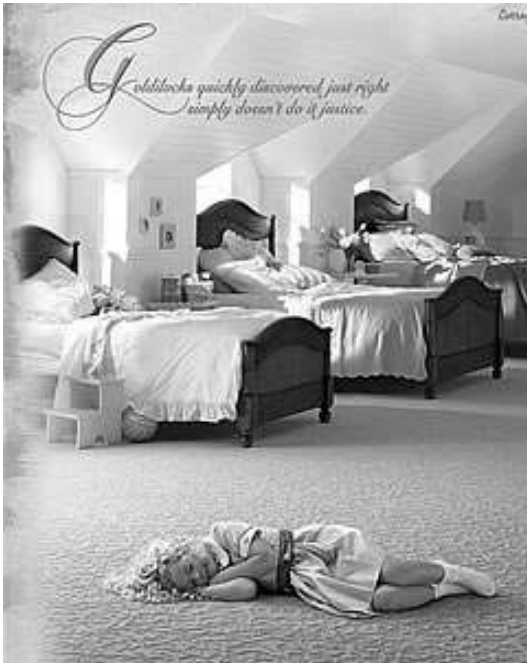
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## *Jekyll and Hyde*

Adapted by Leonard H. Caddy

October 17 - November 2

## *A Christmas Carol*

Adapted by John Mortimer

December 5 - 21

## *The Sensuous Senator*

Michael Parker

January 23 - February 8

Auditions Dates - December 7 & 8

## *Love Letters*

A. R. Gurney

February 12, 13, 14 &15

## *Fools*

Neil Simon

April 17 - May 3

Audition Dates - February 22 & 23 (*New Dates*)

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Prologue:       A Senate anteroom,  
                    Early evening in January

ACT I:            The Senator's townhouse

ACT II            The action is continuous

The play takes place in Senator and Mrs. Douglas' townhouse in Washington D.C.

There will be a 15-minute intermission between ACT I and ACT II.

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Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Karen Pederson
Lights/Sound	Harold Mosier, Polly Taylor
Stage Manager	Eric Sandoval
Props & Set Decoration	Shelley Blok
Set Design	Harvey Olsthoorn
Set Construction	Harvey Olsthoorn, Troy DeStigter, Monte Engh, Keith Pederson, Jerry Reid, Mark Tuttle
Costumes	Karen Pederson, Cast
House Manager	Jerry Reid
Refreshments	Bev Heldt
Playbill/Photographer	Lynn Arterburn
Marketing	Lynn Arterburn, Shelley Blok, Becky Plager

### Special Acknowledgments

ACT appreciates the generosity of businesses and individuals in the Ankeny area. The cast and crew of *The Sensuous Senator* would like to thank the following for their generous contributions to the show.

Carmen's Flowers - floral arrangements

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Donna McCarl from Sophisticuts Salon - Mr. Pederson's Stylist



Troy DeStigter (Policeman) has performed in approximately 25 shows at ACT. He was just seen in last month's *A Christmas Carol*. Some of his favorite shows include *Heaven Can Wait*, *Rumors*, *Wizard of Oz*, and *You Can't Take It With You*. Troy has served on the Board at ACT for two separate terms and collects rock 'n roll music record albums.



Bob Fry (Congressman Clyde Salt) is making his eleventh appearance with ACT. His most recent part was as Tony Abbott in last spring's production of *Heaven Can Wait*. He has also had roles in *Plaza Suite* (twice), *Murder Takes the Stage*, *Dearly Departed*, *Funny Money*, *A Round with the Boys*, and *Towards Zero*, among others. He has appeared at the Drama Workshop (*Tale of the Allergist's Wife*), Stage West (*Voices That Care*), Des Moines Playhouse (*The Graduate*), and ACTORS in Ames, where he did one of his favorite roles, the narrator/mysterious man in *Into the Woods*. At the former Ingersoll Dinner Theatre, he performed in 27 shows, where he learned to quit worrying and love British farce. Thanks go to Mother Betty, and to Tom for their continuing patience and support of his theatrical activities.



Jenni Dahle (Fiona) is making her debut at ACT but she is no stranger to the world of acting. She's enjoying being back on stage after a ten year absence. Jenni has appeared at the Des Moines Playhouse (*High School Reunion*, improv. show) and at Iowa City's West Side Players (*Audience*). She has also been in a couple of films. Jenni's hobbies include reading, completing puzzles, watching movies, playing handbells and singing in the choir at church. She is a high school English teacher and has a daughter, Emma.



Kay Mueller (Veronica) teaches speech and theater for DMACC at the Boone campus during the day. At night, she enjoys acting in farces and comedies. One of her favorite roles is Fiona Foster in *How the Other Half Loves* performed at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre. In her spare time, she enjoys dating KC, reading mysteries, napping with her cats, and shopping for shoes.



Keith Pederson (Senator Harry Douglas) started acting in 4th grade and continued through high school. After a 20 year hiatus, he began acting again with ACT in 2004 with *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. He considers ACT his home and has been in many productions here including Dr. Gibbs in *Our Town*, and Mr. Jordan in *Heaven Can Wait*. His favorite role was Carl Johansen in *Death and Taxes* where he met his wife Karen who he has repeatedly said is the best director he has ever worked for. He starred as Lennie in the Des Moines Playhouse's *Of Mice and Men*, Boo Radley in Westminster Presbyterian's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and has also acted for the Drama Workshop. Keith helps build the sets and was last on stage here as the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come in *A Christmas Carol*. He is a clerk at the Grimes Post Office.



Kate Phanmaha (Miss Morrison) is making her debut at ACT. She has taken acting classes at DMACC and received a Business Marketing degree from Iowa State University. Her hobbies include reading, traveling, biking, antique shopping and spending time with her family.



Becky Plager (Lois Douglas) has been involved at ACT for 11 years. She has played a wide range of roles from a retired German nurse to a ballerina and has had more stage husbands than she can remember. She has also helped numerous times backstage. Becky's hobbies include volunteering for SCIA of Iowa, training her 7 month old puppy, church drama leader and outside activities when temperatures are above 60. She is a new member of the ACT Board of Directors. She has two children - Robert and Angela.



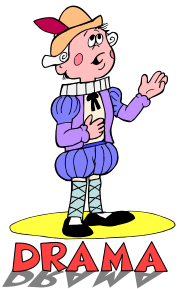
Aaron Price (Congressman Jack Maguire) recently appeared on ACT's stage in *A Christmas Carol*. He has been in 11 shows at ACT, including *And Then There Were None*, and *Dearly Departed*. His favorite roles have been Joe Pendleton in *Heaven Can Wait*, Axel McGee in *Don't Drink the Water*, and Fred in *A Christmas Carol*. Aaron works at Yellow Customer Service as an Account Specialist. He collects DVDs and comic books and likes to watch movies and read.



Eric Sandoval (Maury Richmond) is excited about being in his first adult role in a non-children's show. He has appeared in *The Wizard of Oz*, *Our Town*, *Charlotte's Web*, *Funny Girl* and *Lil' Abner*. He made his acting debut at the Des Moines Playhouse Kate Goldman's Theatre in their production of *Rumpelstiltskin*. Eric enjoys hot tubbing, videogames, movies and hanging out with friends. He is a sophomore at Ankeny High School.



Karen Pederson (Director) has been seen on a few stages around Des Moines but her favorite theater home is ACT. Favorite plays include *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940's*, *Don't Drink the Water*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, and *Rush Limbaugh in Night School*. She has directed *Wizard of Oz*, *the Non-musical* and *Death and Taxes*. She is the Library Director in Bondurant. Karen and her "Sensuous Senator" husband, Keith, live in Ankeny. They have 5 children, Eric, Sara, Steve, Matthew, and Gunnar.



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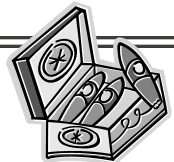
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