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### The Robin Hood Caper

by Fred Carmichael

May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

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# Scene List

**Act I: Scene 1**  
Late Morning

**Act I: Scene 2**  
That Evening

**Intermission**

**Act II: Scene 1**  
Continuation (Evening)

**Act II: Scene 2**  
The Following Morning

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# Cast

(In order of appearance)

Flora Langley . . . . . Cheryl Johnson  
Richard Collins . . . . . Michael Mattingly  
Jessica Selby . . . . . Bridget Crase  
Emily Jordan . . . . . Donna O'Hagan  
Jason Bosley . . . . . Stewart Ogilvie  
Philip Mullins . . . . . David Kuhn  
Hubert Ratner . . . . . Denny Boynton  
Warren Coates . . . . . John McCue  
Frederick Ruggles . . . . . Bob Cain  
Sylvia Coates . . . . . Sabrina Larson

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June 15: Mormon Tabernacle Choir,  
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June 20-

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July 12: Historic Pullman

July 22-25: **Stratford Festival**

Aug. 2-3: Hoover Museum, Park Inn,  
Iowa

Sept. 7: Stars of Lyric Opera

Oct. 1: Laurent House

Oct. 13: Otello, Lyric Opera

Oct. 28: OnStage Alaska

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# Production Crew

Director..... Anita Biletzky  
Asst. Director/Stage Mgr. .... Amanda Smothers  
Costume Design. .... Laura Hunyard  
Light Design ..... Mark Hunyard  
Light Board Operator ..... Will Biletzky  
Set Design ..... Bob Cain  
Properties ..... Nancy Schuneman  
Hair and Make Up Design ..... Keely Smith  
Scenic Design ..... Amee VanMersbergen  
Master Carpenter ..... Bob Vila  
Set Construction ..... Tim Ball, Joe Baumgart, Eric, Will and  
Clara Biletzky, Denny, Maria and Gwynneth Boyton,  
Bob Cain, Bridget Crase, James Cunningham,  
Gloria Dennison, Tom Grady, Mark Hunyard,  
Cheryl Johnson, Mario Molaro, Scott Morris,  
Dave Pearson, Gordy Schafer, Bernie Schuneman,  
Amanda Smothers, Amee VanMersbergen,  
Denny Vaupel, Vince Virtue

## STAGECOACH PLAYERS

Stage Coach Players' cast and crew of *The Dining Room* returned from competition at the Region III AACTFest April 20-21, having learned that they can definitely compete at the regional level.

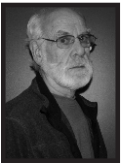
Although the show will not be advancing to the nationals in July, it was performed at an even higher level than the original production and many members of competing companies made a point to approach the cast and crew to tell them how well they had done a difficult show and how much they enjoyed it. The show was clearly better than several shows that had won their state competitions. AACT now knows who we are. Amy Cassidy Whelan won an award for "Outstanding Performance" for her multiple characterizations.

Kerig Anthenat, Jan Booth, David W. Booth, Richard Christensen, Teresa Haish, Roberta Maxfield, Jen McLaughlin, Scott Montavon, Nyoka Polyak, Janet Rosenburg, Leslie Shive, Keely Smith, Michael Steffen and Amy Whelan wish to express their gratitude to SCP and its members and the city of DeKalb for their support, physically, emotionally and financially, and for the opportunity they have provided the cast and crew to celebrate and promote community theatre at its best.

# Green Room



**Denny Boynton** (*Hubert Ratner*) previously appeared as Inspector Clouseau in *Return of the Pink Panther*, Kenickie in *Grease*, Ali Hakim in *Oklahoma!*, Harry Beaton in *Brigadoon*, and Mayor Shinn in *The Music Man*. Denny is a Technical Evangelist at Microsoft, which means he used to make a living producing and now teaches others to produce. In his spare time, he enjoys writing, video production, programming, and playing drums in the local '90s alternative rock band, Sound Foundry. He would like to thank his ever-patient spouse, Maria, and three fantastic daughters for, well, everything!



**Bob Cain** (*Frederick Ruggles*) has directed and designed sets (including this one) and lights for numerous SCP productions as well as appearing on stage many times in his forty two years with Stage Coach Players. He has also appeared on stage at the Sandwich Opera House, the Studio Theater at Rock Valley College, Main Street Players in Belvedere, the Albright Theater in Batavia, and White Pines Dinner Playhouse, and was a featured actor in the film *Monocerus*. Bob has served one term as recording secretary, two terms as vice-president, three terms as president and several terms as board member at SCP. He received the SCOTY award in 1975 and a special award in 1983 and again in 1996. Along with his wife Kathy, he received the Lucille Aikins Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997.



**Bridget Crase** (*Jessica Selby*) was previously seen on stage as Elma in *Bus Stop*, Cassie in *Rumors*, and Peggy in *Father of the Bride*. She is a senior English major at NIU, graduating in May! She would like to thank her family for putting up with her odd hours and sometimes less-than-warm mood. She would like to thank Brandon especially for always supporting her and being her rock in all things.



**Cheryl Jane Johnson** (*Flora Langley*) has performed in numerous shows, including *Father of the Bride*; *November*; *The Music Man*; *Snow White*; *Nuts*; *The Pajama Game*; *Rumors*; *Love, Sex, and the IRS*; and *Mornings at Seven*. She also directed *Squabbles* and *You Can't Take It With You*. She has done extensive work with the Vince Carney Theatre (Rochelle) and Battle Creek Civic Theatre (Battle Creek, MI). Cheryl is celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> year as a community/junior college theatre actress. She is ever so passionate about comedy as well as “the aging process.” One of her idols was the late Ruth Gordon (*Harold and Maude*), and she hopes you will see the influence as she portrays dear Flora. She would like to say thank you to Anita for this great opportunity!



**David Kuhn** (*Philip Mullins*) is performing in his first show ever! In his spare time, David runs marathons; he just ran the Boston Marathon for the second time, and he is currently running a total of 11,000 miles for a number of children's medical charities. David used to own and operate an over-the-road trucking company, and soon he is relocating to Little Rock, AR for work. He has two daughters who are both nurses (and he can't understand a word they say!) and four grandchildren, and he would like to thank his wife, Christine Myroth.



**Sabrina Larson** (*Sylvia Coates*) is performing in her third show with Stage Coach Players, appearing most recently in *A Christmas Carol*. Her first show at SCP, *Father of the Bride*, was where she first had the opportunity to work with Anita—and she is thrilled to be under her direction once again! Sabrina has also performed in Rockford, Byron, Beloit, and Belvidere. Some of her favorite shows include *Beauty and the Beast*, *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*, and *Children of Eden*. When not on stage, Sabrina works in Rockford as a NICU Nurse. Besides doing shows on stage, she is also involved with murder mystery dinner theatre. “This show is for you, mom!”



**Michael Mattingly** (*Richard Collins*) is entering his second year with Stage Coach Players. Prior to this role, he performed as Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing*, Mr. Lawson in *Not Now, Darling*, and the Undertaker in *A Christmas Carol*. When he is not on *this* stage, he shares another with Denny Boynton (Mayor Ratner) as the lead guitar player for the band Sound Foundry.



**John McCue** (*Warren Coates*) did his first show with Stage Coach Players in 1971. Since then, he has appeared in almost 70 shows of all types. John has also designed sets, built sets, and worked back stage in many productions. John prefers musicals but just can't resist playing the bad guy in more serious productions. John was last seen as one of the priests in *Jesus Christ Superstar*. John is a retired State of Illinois Child Abuse Investigations Supervisor.

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**Stewart Ogilvie** (*Jason Bosley*) has been in the theatre for many, many years. He taught theatre for 14 years and currently teaches theatre/acting on a freelance basis, acts and directs at various venues/media, and substitutes in the DeKalb School District. He holds a BA in Theatre from NIU and studied at UW La Crosse as well as Second City and Victory Gardens Theatre. He has studied and performed in Chicago and Los Angeles and performed in and directed more than 50 plays and 10 films as well as many voice overs and commercials. He was seen most recently at Stage Coach Players in last year's *Much Ado About Nothing* and *A Christmas Carol*.



**Donna O'Hagan** (*Emily Jordan*) has been in numerous shows, of which her favorites include *The Music Man*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *High School Musical*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and *Steel Magnolias*. Donna is a teacher of the visually impaired who enjoys watching theatrical productions, working backstage, and helping with the Penguin Project. She has enjoyed working with this fun cast! She wishes to thank Anita and Amanda. She dedicates this show to her Mom, "Lillian," the Lillian Russell of her times!






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**Anita Biletzky** (*Director*), a 22-year member of Stage Coach Players, is often found working behind the scenes as Producer, Stage Manager, or Director. In 2001, she received the SCOTY award, and she is currently the President of the SCP Board. When not playing at SCP, Anita loves nothing more than hanging out with her grandkids Gordy, Will, Spencer, Clara, and Kenny.

**Amanda Smothers** (*Assistant Director/Stage Manager*) is excited to be working behind the scenes with Anita, who was her first director at SCP (*Father of the Bride*). Previous technical experience includes professional costume design and construction, wardrobe, set construction and painting, stage managing, choreography, acting instruction, and light board operation. Amanda earned her BA in Theatre (Performance) from Marquette University, and has been involved in theatre for twenty years. She can be seen onstage this June as Princess Fiona in *Shrek the Musical* at Stage Coach Players (the first community theatre in Illinois to produce the show!). When she is not at the theatre, Amanda is a PhD English student at NIU and teaches college composition.

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# Director's Notes

"We may have lost our sight, but we have not lost our vision".

It's not often that you meet someone and find yourself immediately inspired by their attitude toward life. That happened to me on March 2 of this year. David Kuhn walked in to audition for a role in *Robin Hood Caper*. He did a recitation for his audition and I knew immediately that I would cast him for the show. He was so full of life and energy that I soon forgot he was blind. During the rehearsal weeks that followed, David proved himself to be a worthy actor and comedian. On April 21 he was in Boston running in the marathon. It was a tense few hours until we knew that he was not injured. With conviction and courage he plans to run again in 2014.

To all my cast and crew; thank you for your dedication to the show, for your great ideas and for the endless laughter! You are all the best – and you can take that to the bank!



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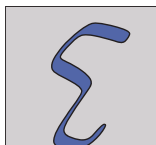
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May 12, 2013 at 2:00 pm

### **Shrek: The Musical**

Music by Jeanine Tesori • Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire

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and the book by William Steig

Directed by Gloria Dennison • Musical Direction by Judy O'Connor

Jun 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 2013 at 7:30 pm

Jun 8, 15, 16, 2013 at 2:00 pm

### **Red Herring**

by Michael Hollinger • Directed by Bernie Schuneman

Jul 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 2013 at 7:30 pm

Jul 21, 2013 at 2:00 pm

### **Company**

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim • Book by George Furth

Directed by Ryan Morton • Musical Direction by Nika Plattos

Aug 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 2013 at 7:30 pm

Aug 11, 18, 2013 at 2:00 pm

### **The Lion in Winter**

by James Goldman • Directed by David W. Booth

Sep 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 2013 at 7:30 pm

Sep 22, 2013 at 2:00 pm

### **Rope**

by Patrick Hamilton • Directed by G. Scott Morris

Oct 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 2013 at 7:30 pm

Oct 20, 2013 at 2:00 pm

### **Annie**

Music by Charles Strouse • Lyrics by Martin Charnin

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