

# The Gloucester Times

An LHN Drama Production

November 15 & 16, 1996

## *It Was a Dark and Stormy Night*

A Comedy by Tim Kelly

Directors Notes:  
Matt Stueber

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT is a spoof on those stage and film comedies of a much earlier time.

Everything in the show -- set, lighting, acting, direction, sound effects are exaggerated

and tongue-in-cheek.

We hope there will be many funny moments for you during our presentation. We also hope that you receive a few thrills and chills during the evening. So sit back and enjoy as the story of the eccentric Saltmarsh family unfolds. How will they

deal with all of the strangers seeking shelter from the storm at Ye Olde Wayside Inn? Why are there so many women answering an advertisement for a nurse? Meet a most unusual patient. And discover the question that's on everyone's mind, "Who is Effie?"

### *Synopsis of the Show.....*

The action of the play takes place in Ye Olde Wayside Inn, an isolated house located along the North Shore of Massachusetts.

The time is the present.

### **Thanks to you....**

LHN musicians  
St. Mark Lutheran  
Randy Demoss  
Thomas & Susan DePue  
Debbie McDermott  
Chery Fritsche  
LHN musicians  
Abbie DeFata

LHN Theater Arts  
The parents of LHN Band and Choir  
The parents of LHN Drama  
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
Space City T-shirts  
Betty Underwood  
Marsha Froehlich  
Rod Benkendorf  
Tara Mulder  
Tamariz Irlanda

### **The Play:**

#### ACT ONE

Scene 1: Nightfall

Scene 2: Next Day

Scene 3: That evening

15 minute intermission

#### ACT TWO

Scene 1: Later

Scene 2: Still Later

Scene 3: Early morning

### *Who is that up on the stage?*

(in order of appearance)

Hepzibah Saltmarsh.....	Melissa Dube
Arabella Saltmarsh.....	Tera Wilcoxson
Olive.....	Kristen Brumbaugh
Ebenezer.....	Josh Fraga
Jane Adams.....	Amy Seybold
Mary Shaw.....	Tara Jacobs
Snell.....	Brandt Hadley
Ed Perkins.....	Mark Cordes
Dorothy Blake.....	Jenani Meyers
Belle Malibu.....	Michelle Leija
Dawson.....	Casey Rincon
Uncle Silas.....	Ross George
Smiling Sal.....	Heather Keathley
Euphemia.....	Lillie Laws

### *Behind the Scenes of "Dark and Stormy"*

Director.....	Matt Stueber
Assistant Director.....	Jason Mangels
Stage Manager.....	Amy Seybold
Property Manager.....	Kristen Brumbaugh
Lighting Supervisor.....	Gary Lawson
Sound Effects.....	Brian DePue
Special Lighting Effects.....	Aaron Peters
Prompter.....	Crystal Ray
Technical Consultant.....	Paul Stuenkel
Make-up Coordinator.....	Adam Demoss
Stage Crew Captain.....	Gary Lawson
Video Tape.....	Andy Barr
Publicity Director.....	Josh Harris

Stage Crew.....	Andy Barr, Kristen Brumbaugh, Adam Demoss, Brian DePue, Dusty Drosche, Joel Fischer, Robert Jones, Gary Lawson, Aaron Peters, Ray Phillips, David Riewe, Sheri Stenzel
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T-shirt & Poster Design.....	Josh Fraga
Ticket Captains.....	Roy Eriksen Lillie Laws

	Jennifer Smith Kelly Sweetin
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House Manager.....	Cassie Reid
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Usher Corps.....	Stephanie Beall, Renee' Breshears, Emily Hayes, Robin Howard, Amanda Morrison, Hank Perkins, Danielle Rodriguez, Amanda Seybold, Alfred Smith, Paul Tonn, Jason Wilcox
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## LHN Sets Music Schedule

### **Christmas Concert**

A Celebration of Carols

December 15 7:00 p.m.

### **Spring Musical**

To be announced  
at Christmas Concert

May 1 Grade School Matinees  
May 2 & 3 7:30 p.m.

### **TAPPS**

Open Dress Rehearsal

February 23 1:30 p.m.

### **Spring Concert**

May 13 7:00 p.m.

## Meet the Actors

**Melissa Dube** stars as Hepzibah Saltmarsh. You may remember her as a hobo or maid in "Annie," Cathy on Carraway Street at St. Mark, or several other productions. Melissa enjoys managing the boys soccer team at LHN. She loves to sing and act.

Arabella Saltmarsh is being played by **Tera Wilcoxson**. You've seen Tera as Jerrie Trevor in "Family Man," Dr. Krogmeyer in "Lil' Abner," Mrs. Clutchpurse in the melodrama "Those Wedding Bells Shall Not Ring Out," Mrs. Pugh and a Boylan sister in "Annie," and Joyce Ingalls in "Hot Property." Tera enjoys being a cheerleader, playing tennis, and singing in Glory Givers and the Praise Band. She is also president of the National Honor Society, vice-president of the Senior class, and an active member of the chapel committee.

**Kristen Brumbaugh** is Olive. You might remember her as Sprintza, the youngest daughter in "Fiddler on the Roof." Kristen sings in Concert Choir and Triple Trio and plays flute in the Concert Band. She loves to paint and sculpt and enjoys playing soccer and baseball in her spare time.

**Josh Fraga** plays Ebenezer Saltmarsh, the crazy, love-sick, lunatic that has "revenge" in every part of his vocabulary. You may also have seen Josh as Matthew in "Anne of Green Gables." He is a freshman basketball manager and enjoys art and history.

**Amy Seybold** appears as Jane Adams. She was Yente the Matchmaker in "Fiddler on the Roof." She is very involved with student council, band, and Triple Trio at LHN.

**Tara Jacobs** is Mary Shaw. She has appeared in "Steel Magnolias" as Shelby and in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the part of Helena as well as many other small theater productions. She runs cross-country and plays soccer at LHN and is a competitive equestrian and downhill skier.

**Brandt Hadley** plays the role of Snell, the fun-lovin' cop from Gloucester. Brandt has played various roles at other schools as well. He enjoys football and Theater Arts class.

**Mark Cordes** plays the part of Ed Perkins, the cool, handsome, and intelligent cab driver. He has also been seen as Ballyhoo in "Those Wedding Bells Shall Not Ring Out," the polite Chauffeur and the wacky Radio sound-effects guy in "Annie," and a Russian in "Fiddler on the Roof." Mark enjoys singing in Glory Givers and Singing Disciples of Christ, is an avid soccer goalie and cross country runner, and a member of the National Honor Society.

**Michelle Leija** appears as the flashy Belle Malibu. She has performed the role of Miss Susan Stacy in "Anne of Green Gables." Michelle is a Junior and enjoys being part of the LHN school newspaper and helping with spring musicals.

### **NURSE WANTED**

Isolated Location. Must have no social entanglements. Only experienced need apply. Apply Ye Olde Wayside Inn up the road from Gloucester.

**Jenani Meyers** portrays Dorothy Blake. She has enjoyed performing in theater groups in school and for her church. She recently toured with her church choir performing the musical "Light Your World." Jenani also enjoys cross-country, soccer, and tennis. Jenani is a member of the Theater Arts class at LHN.

**Casey Rincon** plays Dawson the hard nosed detective. He has played the role of the prodigal son in "The Story Telling Man" and Paul in "Down on a Trail with Lewis and Clark." He loves playing soccer and enjoys being a part of the National Honor Society. Casey is a member of the Theater Arts class at LHN.

Smilin' Sal the Beauty Gal is played by **Heather Keathley**. Heather has previously appeared in "South Pacific" as Nellie Forbush. She also enjoys being a manager for the softball team. She is currently a group leader for Camp Fire girls and boys.

**Ross George** is making his acting debut at LHN as Uncle Silas, the oldest maniac in Massachusetts. He is currently the treasurer of the freshman class and enjoys managing the Boy's varsity basketball team.

**Lillie Laws** is Euphemia Porter. She enjoys doing volunteer work and attends Immanuel Luther Church. She also likes sports and acting. Lillie is a member of the Theater Arts class at LHN.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### **BEAUTY PRODUCTS**

Discount on quantities. Ask for Smilin' Sal, the Beauty Gal.

### **SECRET ADMIRER**

Cab driver/college student, looking for the ideal woman. Has eye set on girl from town.

### **COUSINS RELEASED**

Local eccentrics Arabella and Hepzibah Saltmarsh wish to thank all those who were kind enough to visit them during their stay at the sanitarium.

### **FOUND WANDERING IN THE WOODS**

Confused young woman found near Ye Olde Wayside Inn. Please call with information as to identity. Ask for Eben.

### **NO LONGER ACCEPTING VISITORS**

The Ye Old Wayside Inn is no longer open to the public. Please stay away.

### **UNCLE MISSING**

Oldest maniac in Massachusetts crawls out of his room...again. Last seen headed toward the marsh swamp.