

ACTORS ENSEMBLE OF BERKELEY has been around the block (and just around the corner from you) since 1957, making us the longest running stage company in Berkeley. We began with seven UC Berkeley alumni from the World War II era. Their love of acting gave birth to a tradition that began with four plays in 1957, which were initially performed in a neighbor's basement. In 1965, AE began performing at the Live Oak Theatre — and has ever since.

Our mission is to enrich, entertain and improve our community through fascinating theatrical works. With social consciousness and an ensemble approach, we provide area residents with opportunities to attend, participate in and be helped through theatre. Our shows will be affordable, our opportunities enjoyable, and our community impact felt year-round.

As Berkeley's only true community theatre company, we depend on our volunteers to bring their energy and creative vision to each play we produce.

If you would like to volunteer in our theatre, give us a call or send us an email! We'd love for you to play a part in our next show!

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Eric Carlson, David Cohen, Margaret Gudmundsson, Bob Gudmundsson, William Martinelli, Jodi Maxwell, Rose Anne Raphael, Jerome Solberg, Stanley Spenger, David Stein, Kim Stewart, Wendy Welch

# **ALL IN THE TIMING**

By David Ives Directed by Jon Wai-keung Lowe

#### **CAST**

Sam Craig Nick Crandall Lia Fischer Stanley Spenger

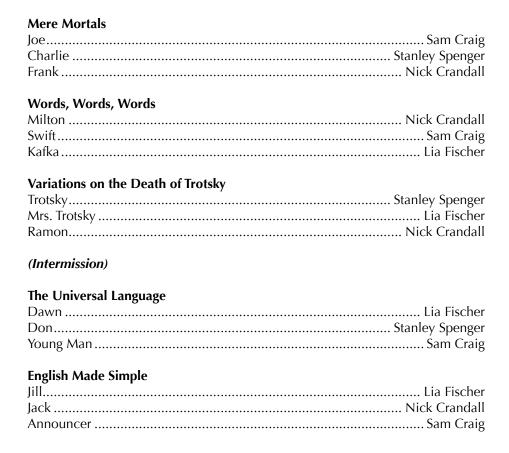
#### **STAFF**

Costumes	Ruby Goldberg
Scenery	
	Will McCandless
Lighting	Ruby Goldberg, Matt Lowe
	Management Jose Garcia
	Shu Ping Guan
Running Crew	Shante Willis
	Brianna Reynolds

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### **ABOUT THE PLAY**

Laced with deft verbal wit and savage punnery, these six shorts showcase the best of Ives' absurdist and surprisingly touching humor.





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American Buffalo	
Donny	Nick Crandall
Bobby	Sam Craig
Teach	Stanley Spenger
Speed the Plow	
Gould	Nick Crandall
Fox	Sam Craig
Karen	
Sexual Perversity in Chicago	
Bernie	Sam Craig
Danny	
Deborah	
Joan	
Glengarry Glen Ross	
Levine	Sam Craig
Williamson	
Moss	

Roma......Sam Craig

Customer.....Lia Fischer

M.C. Lia Fischer

**Speed-the-Play** 

Actors Ensemble Celebrates 50 Years of Theatre

#### **CAST AND CREW**

**SAM CRAIG** is back in the Bay Area after two years of training at the Second City in Chicago. Prior to that, he worked with the Willows Theater Company, National Theater for Children in Minneapolis, and the Thunderbird Theater Company. He can be seen soon in the film, *The Garden Perfect*.

**NICK CRANDALL** is originally from Minneapolis, but has also spent time in Colorado, where he graduated from The Colorado College with a degree in Drama. He recently appeared in Subterranean Shakespeare's production of Macbeth at the Berkeley Art Center. He is relatively new to the Bay Area.

**LIA FISCHER** received a BFA in Theatre from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She is an accomplished improvisational performer, and has been seen on many stages around the Chicagoland area like Second City and The Playground Theatre, and was a mainstage performer with The Chicago Comedy Company. She recently moved to the Bay Area, where she performed five character roles in *Voluntary Amnesia* at City Lights Theatre in San Jose.

**STANLEY SPENGER** appeared in AE's productions of *Twelfth Night, Present Laughter, Design For Living, The Importance of Being Earnest, Ah, Wilderness!*, and *Idiot's Delight*. Other appearances include Subterranean Shakespeare, Shotgun Players, and the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival.

JON WAI-KEUNG LOWE (Director) has directed with Subterranean Shakespeare, Pocket Opera, and Cinemasports. His staging of *Green Bamboo Hermitage*, was named Best of the SF Fringe in 2005. On AITT's closing night, Live Oak Park will also host his set design for San Francisco Mime Troupe's new musical satire, *Making a Killing*. Jon is Artistic Director of the Visible Theater and a member of Directors Lab West and the Lincoln Center Directors Lab.

**JOSE GARCIA** (Stage Management)was recently seen in Actors Ensemble's productions of *A Dream Play* and *Lysistrata*. And he was assistant stage manager in AE's production of *True West*. Last summer, he appeared in *The Comedy of Errors* at Orinda Starlight Theatre.

**RUBY GOLDBERG** (Costumes and Lighting) focuses her creative endeavors on film, production, editing, and learning to play the accordion. Currently, she is assistant director on a short science fiction film. *All in the Timing* is Ruby's first theater production.

**SHU PING GUAN** (Graphics and Props) has been involved with Actors Ensemble since the beginning of the 2006-07 season. She has worked in various capacities on each of this season's productions. Whether it has been as a props mistress, a backdrop artist, or a graphic designer, she is proud to be a supporter of community theatre.

WILL MCCANDLESS (Sound Design) has recent design credits that include How the Other Half Loves (Center REP), David Copperfield (ACT Conservatory), Mamet's The Water Engine (Custom Made Theatre Co.) and Living Hope (San Francisco Mime Troupe's Youth Theatre Project). Will is also on the technical staff at ODC Theater and engineers sound for San Francisco Mime Troupe.

MATT LOWE (Scenery and Lighting) is excited to add design to his bag of tricks, which include acting and building in the rest of his time. He is a graduate of Haverford College in Philadelphia and has studied at Swarthmore College and the Ecole Jacques Lecoq. Thanks to Jon, Eric, Jerome, and all his friends and family.

**BRIANNA REYNOLDS** (Light Board Operator) is new to theatre and hopes to learn more from her time volunteering with Actors Ensemble of Berkeley.



### **True West**

by Sam Shepard
Directed by Paul Shepard
January 19–February 17

## Lysistrata

by Ellen McLaughlin Inspired by Aristophanes Directed by Noona Nolan April 14–May 12

## **A Dream Play**

by August Strindberg
Directed and Adapted by David Stein
June 9–July 1
Free Outdoors at the Berkeley Art Center

## All in the Timing

by David Ives
Directed by Jon Wai-Keung Lowe
July 13–August 11

## Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead

by Tom Stoppard
Directed by Stanley Spenger
October 19–November 20

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