



Magic Circle Players Present

the Curious Savage

by John Patrick

*"And if I laugh at any mortal thing
'tis that I may not weep"*

- *Byron*

*November
1996*

Director:
Carol Hight

Assistant Director:
Kat Vanderpool



Cast of Characters

The Guests

Florence	Pat Myers
Hannibal.....	Bob Mazanec
Fairy May	Sandra Lundberg
Jeffrey	John Kissinger
Mrs. Paddy	Pattie Dunn
John Thomas	Jeremy Storter*
	Brandon Gallegos*

The Family

Titus.....	Mike Stern
Samuel.....	Rod Britten
Lily Belle	Rachel Deans Krute
Ethel	Marge McCarty

The Staff

Miss Wilhelmina	Kerri Hays-Catlin*
Dr. Emmett.....	Tom Chamberlain

** denotes first appearance in a MCP production*

The scene is the living room of "The Cloisters"

Act I

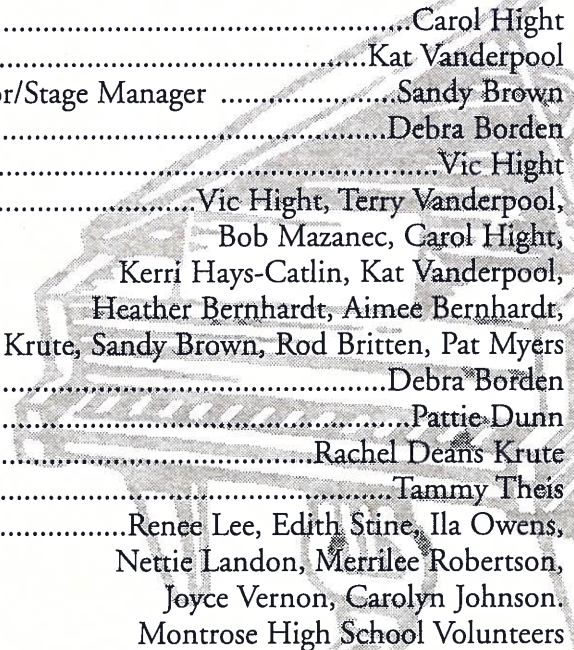
Scene 1	Night
Scene 2	The next morning
Scene 3	That night, after dinner

- *Intermission* -

Act II

Scene 1	A few nights later
Scene 2	A few minutes later

Production Staff



Director.....	Carol Hight
Assistant Director	Kat Vanderpool
Production Coordinator/Stage Manager	Sandy Brown
Technical Director	Debra Borden
Set Design	Vic Hight
Set Construction.....	Vic Hight, Terry Vanderpool, Bob Mazanec, Carol Hight, Kerri Hays-Catlin, Kat Vanderpool, Heather Bernhardt, Aimee Bernhardt, Rachel Krute, Sandy Brown, Rod Britten, Pat Myers
Lights/Sound	Debra Borden
Costumes	Pattie Dunn
Publicity	Rachel Deans Krute
Photography	Tammy Theis
Box Office	Renee Lee, Edith Stine, Ila Owens, Nettie Landon, Merrilee Robertson, Joyce Vernon, Carolyn Johnson, Montrose High School Volunteers

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Special thanks to Marc Catlin for his work as Titus, to Mike Stern for stepping in when Marc was injured, and to Keith Catlin for his rehearsal help.

The director offers an enormous thank you to Vic Hight for his help and total support in creating her vision of *The Curious Savage*.

The assistant director gives a very special thanks to “the husbands”, Vic and Terry, for helping to make this dream come true, and to Carol for asking her to help create it.

If we inadvertently neglected to thank you for your help, please accept our sincere appreciation and apologies.

Biographies

Rod Britten - "Samuel"

After years of being an enthusiastic spectator, Rod Britten crossed the line and became a cast member in the MCP production of *Inherit The Wind*, as a member of the jury. With the current production, he expands his potential for savagery!

Kerri Hays-Catlin - "Miss Wilhelmina"

Kerri recently moved back to Montrose after an eight year hiatus in Grand Junction where Kerri and her husband Marc performed lead roles in *The Night of January 16th* and *Ten Little Indians*. Though Kerri's theatre experience is short, she is no stranger to performing. Her professional career includes local television and anchoring, as well as commercial production assistant/talent and television promotional manager for KREX-TV - Grand Junction.

Tom Chamberlain - "Dr. Emmett"

Tom has been involved with the Magic Circle Players for twenty four years and has directed eight very successful productions. He has also sung, danced and attempted to act in twenty Magic Circle plays. Although he feels that his talents are better utilized in directing, being on stage gives him a different perspective of the theater and is always a learning experience. In his spare time he is a practicing physician and directs the Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus.

Pattie Dunn - "Mrs Paddy"

Pattie Dunn started with Magic Circle as a grand and glorious actress in *You Can't Take It With You*. She's worked in many productions both onstage, backstage, and in the lighting booth. Her professional duties involve working for Edward Jones Investments in Montrose.

John Kissinger - "Jeffrey"

John Kissinger made his theatrical debut as the lead kitten in *The Three Little Kittens Who Lost Their Mittens* in 1973. Since coming to Montrose, he has discovered that he is, at heart, a genial, shy pianist named "Jeffrey". He loves playing here in the Magic Circle and hopes someday to play an axe-murderer named Smedley. John is a teacher at Montrose High School and a member of the Board of Governors of the Magic Circle Players.

Rachel Deans Krute - "Lily Belle"

In 1988 Rachel accompanied her two children to an audition for the Magic Circle's *Music Man* and they haven't been able to get her off stage since! Being Magic Circle Players Publicity Chair has allowed her to indulge in her love of writing as well as "tromping the boards" in ten productions. Although MCP keeps her busy, Rachel does have other facets to her life, chief among them her family and her work with young children and their families as an Infant Specialist with Community Options, Inc.

Sandy Lundberg - "Fairy May"

Sandy made her acting debut on the Broadway stage in *Jesus Christ Superstar*. From there she attended Julliard, and she was assistant director for the motion picture *Mad Max* with Mel Gibson. You'll be able to recognize her on the Magic Circle Stage today because her role as "Fairy May" is a pathological liar! In reality, she's performed in many productions here and back home in Oregon over the past fifteen years, and has directed three productions for Magic Circle.

Bob Mazanec - "Hannibal"

Bob moved to Montrose in August, 1995, and made his first Magic Circle appearance in *Inherit The Wind*. He served as crew for several other shows throughout the '95-'96 season and played the Narrator in the '96-'97 season opener, *Into the Woods*. Bob is a member of the Board of Governors of the Magic Circle Players and serves as secretary.

Pat Myers - "Florence"

Although not a stranger to Magic Circle Players, it has been several seasons since Pat Myers has appeared in a production. Her best-known roles have been "M'Lynn" in *Steel Magnolias* and "Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn" in *The Music Man*. In her other life Pat is the principal of Olathe Middle School.

Marge McCarty - "Mrs. Savage"

Marge is a late starter in theater activities - her participation started when she was fifty. But she's always been involved in assorted productions in a variety of ways ever since then! In daily life she teaches music to children at Northside Elementary School.

Carol Hight - Director

Carol joined the Magic Circle in August 1993 and has worked in all aspects of the theatre. She has appeared in several productions, and in the spring of 1995 she had lead roles in *You Can't Take It With You* and *Cemetery Club*. Her first desire is to be on the stage but directing *The Curious Savage* has been an exciting, rewarding experience. She eagerly looks forward to her next play whether as actress or director.

Kat Vanderpool - Assistant Director

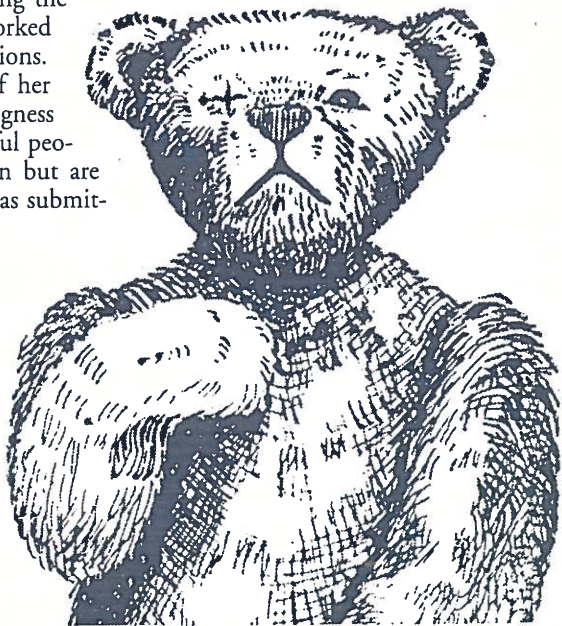
Kat Vanderpool has been involved in the Magic Circle for seven years both backstage and onstage. Some of her favorite roles include "Annelle" in *Steel Magnolias* and most recently, "Rose" in *Stepping Out*. *The Curious Savage* is her debut as an assistant director.

Sandy Brown - Production Coordinator

Sandy joined the Magic Circle during the '93-'94 season and since then has worked back stage for many, many productions. She is much in demand because of her hard work, eye for detail, and willingness to help. She is one of those wonderful people who get little public recognition but are essential to every production (this was submitted by the directors).

Debra Borden - Technical Director

Debbie and her husband Lee are part of the Magic Circle family. Debbie has been in the Magic Circle for over half her life as an actress, director, stage manager and lighting technician. Her most recent appearance was as "the Witch" in the September production of *Into The Woods*.



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*In Memory: Magda Dolph and Johnnie Harrison
Their contributions to the Magic Circle Players will long be remembered*

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