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The Brookfield Theatre for the Arts

proudly presents

Harvey

by Mary Chase

Directed by Gene Golaszewski

Produced by Kristin Hoose & Brian Casella

Fri. & Sat. at 8:00 p.m.
May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 & 16

Mother's Day Matinee:
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Anthony Matteis of Springfield, Massachusetts presents a series of paintings featuring a bold use of color and stark contrast to create an energetic familiarity with the subject matter.

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Guard in *Wizard of Oz* all at BCT, Rudolph in *Hello Dolly!* at Spotlight Theater, as well as several readings, cabarets and workshops. Directing credits include *Barefoot in the Park* and *The Miracle Worker* at BCT as well as the inaugural performances of *Tibet Does Not Exist* and an adaptation of Frank Herbert's classic novel *Dune Messiah*. Love and gratitude for all their patience and understanding to Andie, Natalie and Charlotte—the best family ever!

Mary Wilson (VETA LOUISE SIMMONS) is delighted to be performing in this wonderful production at TBTA with such a talented cast. Many thanks to Gene Golaszewski for his faith, fortitude and fondness for having fun, fun, fun. Mary has been active with several area theatres. Most recently she portrayed Mom in *A Nice Family Gathering* at The Clockwork Repertory Theatre, and Myra Marlow in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* with The Heritage Village Theatre Group. Thanks to husband Ed for his support and help with the big words, and to Harvey, a Pooka with a purpose.

Joan Wyner (MRS. ETHEL CHAUVENET) is again thrilled to be back at TBTA for the fifth time. Prior performances include *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Diviners*, *Carnival* and *Peter Pan*. She has also performed at her synagogue in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *A Murder Mystery* and *My Big Fat Jewish Wedding*. Joan is a psychotherapist in a private practice in Brookfield. Her best role, however, is that of proud Mom to Zachary, a junior at Northeastern University, and Emily who will begin her freshman year at New York University in the fall. She thanks them for their love, support and encouragement, and thanks her brother, Steven, who has not missed a performance since she was bit with the acting bug in fourth grade in her role as Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*.

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Cast

in order of appearance

MYRTLE MAE SIMMONS	Lori Bran
VETA LOUISE SIMMONS	Mary Wilson
ELWOOD P. DOWD	John Thompson
MISS JOHNSON	Kristin Hoose
MRS. ETHEL CHAUVENET	Joan S. Wyner
RUTH KELLY, R.N.	Caitlin Marie McEntee
DUANE WILSON	Steve Hoose
LYMAN SANDERSON, M.D.	Michael Reilly
WILLIAM R. CHUMLEY, M.D.	Eric Greenfeld
BETTY CHUMLEY	Torri Park
JUDGE OMAR GAFFNEY	Ron Malyszka
E.J. LOFGREN	Alexandra Napier-Ruzek

Scene Synopsis

The action of the play takes place in a city in the Far West Library of the old Dowd family mansion and the reception room of Chumley's Rest.

Time: 1944

ACT I

SCENE 1: The library, late afternoon.

SCENE 2: Chumley's Rest, an hour later.

ACT II

SCENE 1: The library, an hour later.

SCENE 2: Chumley's Rest, four hours later.

ACT III

Chumley's Rest, a few minutes later.

For the safety of the performers and the courtesy of fellow patrons, the use of flash photography is strictly forbidden. Copyright laws prohibit the recording of sound and video. Please turn off all phones, pagers, computer games and other distractions. Please unwrap candies before the show begins and respect each other. This is live theatre.

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Lori Bran (MYRTLE MAE SIMMONS) is thrilled to be joining the cast of *Harvey* at TBTA. After studying Psychology and Theater at Union College, the play is a natural fit! Lori has appeared in many mainstage and student run performances at Union College and later founded the Jewish Theatrical Project at New York University. When not on stage, Lori is a High School Counselor at Ridgefield High School. Many thanks to Gene, Kristin, Brian and the cast and crew for getting me back on stage after a long hiatus! Lori is very excited to have her husband watch her perform for the very first time.

Brian Casella (Co-Producer) is thrilled to be part of another season at TBTA. He has been Technical Director here for the past 5 years and is grateful to have the opportunity to co-produce *Harvey*. Brian spends most of his time behind the scenes having done lighting and sound design for many productions at TBTA, Brookfield High School and WCSU. On rare occasions he has had the pleasure of being onstage appearing in *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Officer O'Hara), *Charley's Aunt* (Charley) and *The Diviners* (Dewey Maples). Brian would like to thank Kristin Hoose, Stephen Cihanek, Josh White and, most importantly, his parents that have supported him throughout the years.

Gene Golaszewski (Director) is delighted to return to TBTA. Gene has previously directed various shows including *Dial 'M' for Murder*, *Spider's Web*, *Exit the Body* and *An Inspector Calls*. In addition to directing, Gene has produced several plays including *La Cage aux Folles*, *Nunsense II* and *Fifth of July*. Gene's acting credits include roles in *The Sisters Rosensweig*, *Come Back Little Sheba*, *Whodunnit*, *Night of the Iguana*, *Guys and Dolls* and *Goodbye Charlie*. Gene would like to give special thanks to Kristin and Brian for all their help and understanding, to the cast, who added their own magic to the show and a special thanks to "Harvey" who made time to make his special appearance.

Eric Greenfeld (WILLIAM R. CHUMLEY, M.D.) is honored to be part of another exceptional TBTA production. He has been seen most recently portraying Mr. Appopolous in last summer's Musicals At Richter production of *Wonderful Town*. Favorite roles include Lazar Wolf in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Edgar Beane in *Titanic: The Musical*, Mr. Lingley in *Outward Bound*, Alain Cholet in *Phantom*, Captain of the Inquisition in *Man of La Mancha*, Rudolph Reisenweber in *Hello Dolly* and, by far his most cherished, Bugs Bunny in the Warner Brothers production of *The Bugs Bunny Follies*. He is excited to be working with such a dedicated group of talented performers, production staff and house members.

Kristin Hoose (Co-Producer / MISS JOHNSON) is happy to be home again on the TBTA stage. Past TBTA performances include *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Jacques Brel is...*, *Little Red and the Hoods*, *Cinderella Goes Disco* and *Bye Bye Birdie*. Producing credits include *Food Chain*, *Beyond Therapy*, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Spoon River Anthology*. Thanks to the cast and crew for their imagination and dedication.

Steve Hoose (DUANE WILSON) is glad to be back at TBTA and working with Gene again. Some of Steve's TBTA credits include *Exit the Body*, *An Inspector Calls*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Outward Bound* and *The Odd Couple*. Other

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area credits include *Rumors*, *The Dining Room*, *London Suite*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *A View from the Bridge* and *Laura*. A special thanks to Kristin, Jeff and Carol for their inspiration and support.

Ron Malyszka (JUDGE OMAR GAFFNEY) Ron couldn't be happier being back in Brookfield, working with Gene, et al, again. Some Brookfield credits include: the Inspector in *An Inspector Calls*, Vern in *Exit the Body* (Paddy Award Winner), Sir Rowland in *Spider's Web*, Deputy Dindon in *La Cage aux Folles*, Inspector Hubbard in *Dial M for Murder* and Silas in *Whodunnit*. Other local credits include *The Philadelphia Story*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, *The Laramie Project* and *Taming of the Shrew* at TheatreWorks in New Milford; *Company* and *Stepping Out* in Sherman; *Noises Off*, *Rumors*, *Pygmalion*, *Mere Mortals*, *All In The Timing*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Bedroom Farce*, *Don't Dress for Dinner* and *Arsenic and Old Lace* at Town Players in Newtown—to name a few.

Caitlin McEntee (RUTH KELLY, R.N.) recently graduated from Fordham University in International Political Economy with dreams of supporting our capitalistic government. Having recognized the irony of her aspirations, Caitlin now seeks to find truth on the stage.

Alexandra Napier-Ruzek (E.J. LOFGREN) This is Alexandra's debut on the TBTA stage. Her favorite past performances include *Ravenscroft*, *Puss and Boots*, *The Secret Garden* and *As You Like It*. She looks forward to many more performances to come!

Torri Park (BETTY CHUMLEY) is excited to be in her first production at TBTA. She has acted in plays and musicals in high school, college and in a community theater in New Jersey. She currently lives in New Milford with her husband Tony, her daughter Chloe, two dogs and a cat. Thanks for coming to see the show!

Michael Reilly (LYMAN SANDERSON, M.D.) marks his first performance with TBTA. He was last seen as Michael in *A Nice Family Gathering* at the Clockwork Repertory. Recent roles include Noah in *The Rainmaker* with the Goshen Players and Ben in *The Rink* at Broadbrook Opera House. Michael previously performed as Lucas in *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* and Jonathan in *The Passion of Dracula* at Warner Theater, Jack in *The Boys Next Door* and Gerry in *Shady Business* at Clockwork Repertory and Carl in *The Baltimore Waltz* at MCTC. He also appeared in *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and *Hair* at Thomaston Opera House. Michael has done professional acting work for VPA PRODUCTIONS for the launching of an international video website. "Thanks to the cast and crew for all their hard work. Thanks to Gene for the opportunity. Special thanks to Kristin and Brian for being so welcoming. Mary, it's great to be onstage with you again! Much gratitude to Sandy, Bob, cousin Al and friends for all their support!"

John Thompson (ELWOOD P. DOWD) This is John's TBTA debut. Recent performances include Gabe in *Dinner with Friends* (Pound Ridge Theater Company), Mel in *Prisoner of Second Avenue* (Bedford Community Theatre), Ludie in *The Trip to Bountiful* (YCP Theatreworks) and David in *Social Security* (Fort Hill Players). Other performances include Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*, Sowerberry in *Oliver!* and Uncle Henry/