

41st Season • 398th Production SEGERSTROM STAGE / APRIL 1 - MAY 8, 2005

## South Coast Repertory

**David Emmes** PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Martin Benson ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

presents the world premiere of

## A NAKED GIRL ON THE APPIAN WAY

### BY Richard Greenberg

SCENIC DESIGN Tony Fanning

COSTUME DESIGN Joyce Kim Lee

LIGHTING DESIGN Peter Maradudin SOUND DESIGN and COMPOSITION Steven Cahill

Jerry Patch

PRODUCTION MANAGER Jeff Gifford

STAGE MANAGER \*Scott Harrison

DIRECTED BY Mark Rucker

HONORARY PRODUCERS The Playwrights Circle

A Naked Girl on the Appian Way was commissioned by South Coast Repertory

#### **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

(In order of appearance)

| Bess       | Linda Gebringer*  |
|------------|-------------------|
| Jeffrey    | John de Lancie*   |
| Sadie      |                   |
| Elaine     | <i>Mary Joy*</i>  |
|            |                   |
| JulietThad | Terrence Riordan* |
| Billy      | James Yaegashi*   |

#### **SETTING**

A beautiful house in some Hampton.

#### **LENGTH**

Approximately two hours, including one 15-minute intermission.

#### **PRODUCTION STAFF**

| Assistant Stage Manager           | Jamie A. Tucker*              |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Casting                           | Joanne DeNaut                 |
| Production Assistant              | Jennifer Butler               |
| Assistants to the Scenic Designer | Curt Beech, Scott Herbertson, |
|                                   | Lauren Dandridge              |
| Deck Crew                         | Deanna Keefe                  |

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JOHN DE LANCIE Jeffrey



DAWN-LYEN GARDNER *Juliet* 



LINDA GEHRINGER Bess

# **Artist Biographies**

\*JOHN DE LANCIE (Jeffrey) appeared at SCR previously in Art, Childe Byron, Man and Superman and Going for Gold. He has been a member of the American Shakespeare Festival, the Seattle Repertory Company and Mark Taper Forum. He has performed with the New York Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Montreal Symphony, Aspen Music Festival Orchestra and Seattle Symphony. He has also performed at The Kennedy Center with the US Army Band. Mr. de Lancie is the host of the L.A. Philharmonic "Symphonies For Youth" concerts and a member of the Aspen Music Festival. His film credits include The Hand that Rocks the Cradle, The Fisher King, Bad Influence, The Onion Field,

Taking Care of Business, Fearless, Multiplicity, Woman on Top with Penelope Cruz, Good Advice with Charles Sheen and soon-to-be-released Nicholas. He has appeared in numerous television shows including "The West Wing," "Sports Night," "Star Trek," "Legend," "LA Law," "Picket Fences," "Civil Wars," "The Practice" and "Touched by an With L.A. Theatre Angel." Works, the producers of National Public Radio's The Play's The Thing, he directed such plays as Fallen Angel with Annette Bening and Judith Ivey; The Waldorf Conference with Edward Asner, Ron Rifkin, Shelly Berman and John Randolph; and the nationwide Halloween NPR broadcast of Invasion to Mars with Leonard Nimoy. He has also performed in numerous radio plays including the role of Cassius in the BBC Radio production of *Julius* Caesar, co-starring Stacy Keach and Richard Dreyfuss. Mr. de Lancie is co-owner, with Leonard Nimoy, of Alien Voices, a production company devoted to the dramatization of classic science fiction. He has produced and co-written dramatizations of The Time Machine, Journey to the Center of the Earth. The Lost World. The Invisible Man and First Men in the Moon, as well as three Sci-Fi Channel live one hour specials. He is a graduate of The Juilliard School and Kent State University.

\*DAWN-LYEN GARDNER (Juliet) comes to SCR with a wide and



ANN GUILBERT Sadie



MARY JOY Elaine



TERRENCE RIORDAN Thad

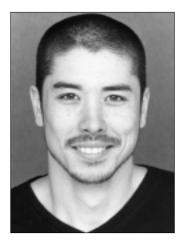
varied background in theatre. She is a 2003 graduate of the prestigious acting program at The Juilliard School where she stared in such productions as For Colored Girls (Lady in Blue), The Seagull (Masha) and As You Like It (Rosalind). Ms. Gardner had the lead role in the New York Fringe Festival production of *UGLy* and also appeared with the Guthrie Experience and the Chatauqua Conservatory Theatre Company. Her TV credits include "Summerland," "Crossing Jordan," "Married to the Kelly's" and "ER." She can soon be seen in the feature film, Art School Confidential.

\*LINDA GEHRINGER (Bess) appeared at SCR in *The Retreat* from Moscow, The Last Night of Ballyboo, The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow, Relatively Speaking, The Carpetbagger's Children, Getting Frankie Married—and Afterwards, Hold Please, and as Helen Gahagan Douglas in But Not for Me. Most recently she appeared at Baltimore Center Stage in Picnic. Performances at other Southern California theatres in-

clude Be Aggressive and Light Up the Sky at La Jolla Playhouse, The Poison Tree at Mark Taper Forum and Strange Snow at Laguna Playhouse. Ms. Gehringer has worked at Washington's Arena Stage, Boston's Huntington Theatre, the Guthrie Theater, the Berkshire Theatre Festival, The Ojai Playwrights Conference, New York Stage and Film and spent seven seasons as a company member at the Dallas Theatre Center. Roles include Blanche in A Streetcar Named Desire, Regina in The Little Foxes, Wanda in *The Waiting Room*, Merteuil in Les Liaisons Dangereuses, Bette in The Marriage of Bette and Boo, Olga in The Three Sisters, Catherine in The Heiress. Edward/Betty in Cloud 9 and Ann Stanton in All the King's Men. She holds an MFA from the University of Minnesota and has received numerous critical awards. Her television roles include four seasons as Fontana "Evening Shade" and guest appearances on "Boston Legal," "The West Wing," "The Practice," "Ally McBeal," "Providence," "Touched by an

Angel," "The Larry Sanders Show," "Law and Order: Criminal Intent," "Boomtown," and a recurring role on "The Division." She also appeared in the film As Good as It Gets.

\*ANN GUILBERT (Sadie) celebrates her fiftieth year as a professional artist. Theatre credits include *The Billy Barnes Revue* on Broadway; Life Lies: An Evening with Ann Guilbert, The Matchmaker, The Road to Mecca, Arsenic and Old Lace, Waiting for Godot, A Lie of the Mind, Three Men on a Horse and To Kill A Mockingbird at Denver Center Theatre; 'Nite, Mother and The Immigrant at Arena Stage; Foxfire, Blood Wedding, Misalliance, Green Grow the Lilacs, The School for Scandal, Harvey, The Royal Family, Major Barbara and Fifth of July at the Pacific Conservatory; Growing Gracefully at the Tiffany Theatre; Life Times Ten and Nobody's Safe Here at Theatre West; The Immigrant at the Mark Taper Forum; and *The Legacy* at The Old Globe. Film credits include Grumpier Old Men, Sour Grapes, A Guide for the Mar-



JAMES YAEGASHI Billy

ried Man, The Man from the Diner's Club, How Sweet It Is! and Viva Max! Television credits include Millie Helper on "The Dick Van Dyke Show," Grandma Yetta on "The Nanny;" regular appearances on "The New Andy Griffith Show" and "The Fanelli Boys;" recurring roles on "Pros & Cons," "Picket Fences," "Empty Nest;" and guest appearances on "Room for Two," "Murder, She Wrote," "Blossom," "Cheers," "Seinfeld," "Home Improvement" and Newhart Show." She is a Stanford graduate and lives in Pacific Palisades. This is her first appearance at SCR.

\*MARY JOY (*Elaine*) appeared at SCR in last summer's Pacific Playwrights Festival reading of Richard Greenberg's Safe as Houses. Theatre credits include two other Greenberg plays, The Maderati (Playwrights Horizons) and Vanishing Act (Ensemble Studio Theatre); Women and Wallace (Playwrights Horizons), Lydie Breeze (American Place Theatre), Responsible Parties (The Vineyard Theatre), The Diary

of Anne Frank (Theatre Four), Amorphous George (MCC), The White Hawk (The Annenberg Theatre) and extensively at the Ensemble Studio Theatre where she is a member. Television credits include guest starring roles in "Wanted," "Grey's Anatomy," "Century City," "Nip/Tuck," "ER," "For the People," "Boston Public," "NYPD Blue," "Homicide," "Law and Order," "Sweet Mouthful," "Against the Law," "Judgement," "Women and Wallace," Sylvia in the "Days and Nights of Molly Dodd" as well as numerous soaps and countless commercials. Film credits include *The Ring Two, Secretary*, The Rundown, Girls Town, Mojave Moon, Joey Breaker, Tune in Tomorrow, Fatal Attraction, Candy Mountain, The Whoopee Boys, Desperately Seeking Susan, Celebrity, Alice and Searching for Bobby Fischer. She recently finished shooting Bam Bam and Celeste. She is a graduate of Emerson College, studied two years with William Esper and spent a summer at RADA. She has a daughter Ruby with actor Robert Joy.

\*TERRENCE RIORDAN (Thad) is making his SCR debut. Theatre credits include Take Me Out at both Seattle Repertory and The Old Globe, Betty's Summer Vacation at Huntington Theatre Company and Off-Off-Broadway in *Life in the Trees* at the Punch and Pie. Film and television credits include Dog Lover, Kings and Queens, The Marriage Bed, "Rescue Me," "As the World Turns" and "Guiding Light."

\*JAMES YAEGASHI (Billy) is making his SCR debut. Theatre credits include: Richard Greenberg's Take Me Out (original cast, Broadway/ The Public Theater/Donmar Warehouse, London), Richard III (The Public Theater), John Guare's A Few Stout Individuals (original cast, Signature Theater), Macbeth (Theatre For A New Audience), The Road Home: Stories of the Children of War (River Arts Repertory/Taganka Theatre, Moscow), Twelfth Night and The Comedy of Errors (Alabama Shakespeare Festival), among others. Film and television: 13 Conversations About One Thing, The Thomas Crown Affair, Lisa Picard Is Famous, Spin the Bottle, "The Job," and "One Life to Live" among others. Some "gamers" in the audience may recognize James' voice from "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" in which he plays the character Woozie.

#### PLAYWRIGHT, **DIRECTOR & DESIGNERS**

RICHARD GREENBERG (Playwright) is the author of six previous SCR world premieres: The Violet Hour, Everett Beekin, Hurrah at Last, Three Days of Rain (Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award, Pulitzer Prize finalist, Olivier, Drama Desk and Hull-Warriner nominations), Night and Her Stars and The Extra Man. His most recent play, Take Me Out, traveled from London to New York in the first co-production of the Donmar Warehouse and The Public Theater, and transferred to Broadway in early 2003 where it won the Tony Award for Best Play. His other plays include The Dazzle (Outer Critics Circle Award, Lucille Lortel and John Gassner nominations), The American Plan, Life *Under Water* and *The Author's* Voice. Recently, his adaptation of Strindberg's Dance of Death

could be seen on Broadway, starring Ian McKellen, Helen Mirren and David Strathairn. He is a winner of the Oppenheimer Award and the first winner of the PEN/Laura Pels Award for a playwright in midcareer.

MARK RUCKER (Director) directed On the Mountain earlier this season and Cyrano de Bergerac last season. Other SCR directing credits include The Two Gentlemen of Verona, The Dazzle, Hold Please, Much Ado About Nothing, The Summer Moon, Amy's View, On the Jump, Dimly Perceived Threats to the System, Our Town, The Birds, Art, The Triumph of Love, The Taming of the Shrew, Later Life, Loot, Intimate Exchanges and So Many Words. Mr. Rucker directed the premiere of Anna Deavere Smith's play House Arrest at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. For Yale Repertory Theatre he directed productions of *Twelfth* Night, Measure for Measure, The Cryptogram by David Mamet, John Guare's Landscape of the Body, a new translation by James Magruder of Molière's Imaginary Invalid and Kingdom of Earth by Tennessee Williams. Other productions include Amy Freed's The Beard of Avon at ACT in San Francisco, Romeo & *Juliet* at the California Shakespeare Festival, How I Learned to Drive and The Taming of the *Shrew* at the Intiman Theatre, The Model Apartment by Donald Margulies at La Jolla Playhouse and *Dracula* at The Old Globe. He is a graduate of UCLA and the Yale School of Drama. His first feature film, Die, Mommie, Die!, won a special jury prize at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival.

TONY FANNING (Scenic Designer) designed SCR's Lobby Hero, Art, All My Sons, Good as New, An Ideal Husband and Three Viewings. He designed the sets for August Wilson's Two Trains Running on Broadway and for the national tour of *The Who's Tommy*. His regional theatre work includes Vita and Virginia and A Midsummer Night's Dream at The Old Globe and Don Pasquale for San Diego Opera, as well as designs for the Geffen Playhouse, Goodman Theatre, Yale Repertory Theatre, Great Lakes Theatre Festival, Virginia Opera, Chautauqua Opera, Canadian Opera Company and Piedmont Opera. His film and television work includes the upcoming War of the Worlds in addition to Ocean's Twelve, Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events, Polar Express, Intolerable Cruelty, Spider-Man, What Women Want, October Sky, What Lies Beneath, Amistad, The Indian in the Cupboard, Nell, Forrest Gump, Quiz Show, The Hudsucker Proxy and "The West Wing" (for which he won an Emmy Award for Art Direction).

**JOYCE KIM LEE** (Costume Design) is pleased to be returning to SCR where she most recently collaborated with Kate Whoriskey on The Clean House. Her other designs at SCR include Anna in the Tropics, The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Hold Please, Art, The Summer Moon, Sidney Bechet Killed a Man and Entertaining Mr. Sloane. Other selected credits include Room Service directed by JR Sullivan and *The Comedy* of Errors directed by Bill Rauch at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival; The Country and Wonder-

land directed by Lisa Peterson at La Jolla Playhouse; Ten Unknowns with Stacy Keach and The House of Bernarda Alba with Chita Rivera and Sandra Oh (LA Ovation Nomination) at the Mark Taper Forum; and *Under the Blue Sky* directed by Gil Cates at the Geffen Playhouse. She has also designed costumes for the Los Angeles Opera, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, East West Players, Indiana Repertory Theatre, Chicago's Court Theatre, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Arena Stage, the Berkshire Theatre Festival Children's Theatre, the Latino Theatre Company and the Singapore Repertory Theatre. Ms. Lee is a recipient of an NEA/TCG Grant for Designers. This production will mark her sixth collaboration with Mark Rucker.

**PETER MARADUDIN** (*Lighting* Design) is pleased to return to SCR, where he has designed over 30 productions including Princess Marjorie, Safe in Hell, The Piano Lesson, Hurrah at Last, Great Day in the Morning and Prelude to a Kiss. On Broadway he designed the lighting for Ma Rainey's Black Bottom and the Pulitzer Prizewinning The Kentucky Cycle, and Off-Broadway Hurrah at Last, Ballad of Yachiyo and Bouncers. Mr. Maradudin has designed over 300 regional theatre productions for such companies as The Kennedy Center, Guthrie Theater, American Conservatory Theater, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, La Jolla Playhouse, Seattle Repertory Theatre, The Old Globe, Huntington Theatre Company, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Steppenwolf and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. He is a Principal Designer with

Visual Terrain, Inc., a lighting design consultancy for architecture and themed environments, and is the author of the plays Eugene Onegin, The Woman in White and The Blackamoor of Peter the Great.

**STEVEN CAHILL** (Sound Design and Composition) designed and composed Cyrano de Bergerac at SCR last season. Currently, his work can be heard in the West Coast Premiere of *Doubt* (starring Linda Hunt) at Pasadena Playhouse and 12th Premise at the Lillian Theatre. Regional credits include A Streetcar Named Desire (L.A. Ovation Nomination), Driving Miss Daisy (L.A. Ovation Nomination), Defying Gravity (L.A. Ovation Nomination), All My Sons (L.A. Ovation Award, Best Play), Lady MacBeth Sings The Blues, The Importance of Being Earnest and Dancing at Lughnasa at Rubicon Theatre Company in Ventura; As Bees In Honey Drown and Bicoastal Woman at Pasadena Playhouse. Mr. Cahill played keyboards for Sunset Boulevard starring Glenn Close at the Shubert Theatre and *The Rocky Horror* Show starring David Arquette at the Tiffany Theatre. As a composer/arranger for television, his credits include "Six Feet Under," "Touched by an Angel," "Guiding Light," "Party of Five," "Come To Papa," "The Five Mrs. Buchanans," "The Crew" and "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" as well as numerous national TV commercials. Recordings include Jekyll and Hyde, Sunset Boulevard (Grammy nominated), Cinderella and Drat the Cat. He has accompanied Linda Eder, Patti Lupone, Billy Porter, Carol Hall, Gretchen Cryer and Sheryl-Lee Ralph. www.stevencahill.com

**JERRY PATCH** (*Dramaturg*) has been affiliated with South Coast Repertory since 1967. He has served as dramaturg on nearly 150 new plays seen here since 1980, including the world premieres of Abundance, Freedomland, Golden Child, Intimate Apparel, Search and Destroy, Sight Unseen, Three Days of Rain and Wit. His dramatic writing has been produced at SCR and other theatres and on television. He co-conceived The Education of Randy Newman with Michael Roth and Mr. Newman (SCR, 2000). He has been the project director of SCR's Pacific Playwrights Festival since it began in 1998, and for seven years was Artistic Director of the theatre program of the Sundance Institute. He serves as consulting dramaturg for the Roundabout Theatre Company in New York, and on June 1 will leave SCR to serve as Resident Artistic Director at The Old Globe in San Diego.

\*SCOTT HARRISON (Stage *Manager*). As a member of the Stage Management staff for 16 seasons Mr. Harrison has had the pleasure of working on five previous Richard Greenberg plays. The production marks his seventh with Mark Rucker, working most recently with him on last season's Cyrano de Bergerac. As one of the Resident Stage Managers, Mr. Harrison previously stage managed this season's Brooklyn Boy and A Christmas Carol and served as the Assistant Stage Manager on The Clean House.

\*JAMIE A. TUCKER (Assistant Stage Manager) completed his MFA in Dance, specializing in Stage Management, at UCI in 1994. He stage managed *La* Posada Mágica and The Retreat

from Moscow this season and Anna in the Tropics, Lovers and Executioners, Intimate Exchanges and Mr. Marmalade last season. He previously stage managed the world premiere of Richard Greenberg's The Violet Hour, the West Coast premiere of Horton Foote's *The* Carpetbagger's Children, Relatively Speaking and the world premiere of Rolin Jones' The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow. He worked as SCR's stage manager for the Second Stage productions of The Dazzle, True West, Play Strindberg, the world premiere of But Not for Me and the Pacific Playwrights Festival workshop production of Landlocked. He also was stage managed three seasons of La Posada Mágica. He has worked as assistant stage manager on the Mainstage productions of New England, Our Town and Arcadia and the Second Stage productions of BAFO and Three Days of Rain. Mr. Tucker has worked at the Long Beach Civic Light Opera on No, No, Nanette, Can Can, A Chorus Line, The King and I and Man of La Mancha. If you can't find him in the theatre, he is likely to be on the diamond, or riding in paradiseridehawaii, Hawaii's bike ride to stop AIDS.

**DAVID EMMES** (Producing Artistic Director) is co-founder of SCR. He has received numerous awards for productions he has directed during SCR's 40-year history, including a Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award for the direction of George Bernard Shaw's The Philanderer. He directed the world premieres of Amy Freed's Safe in Hell, The Beard of Avon and Freedomland, Thomas Babe's Great Day in

the Morning, Keith Reddin's Rum and Coke and But Not for *Me* and Neal Bell's *Cold Sweat*; the American premiere of Terry Johnson's Unsuitable for Adults; the West Coast premieres of C.P. Taylor's Good and Harry Kondoleon's Christmas on Mars; and the Southland premiere of Top Girls (at SCR and the Westwood Playhouse). Other productions include the West Coast premieres of *Three Viewings* by Jeffrey Hatcher, The Secret Rapture by David Hare and New England by Richard Nelson; and Arcadia by Tom Stoppard, The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, Ayckbourn's Woman in Mind and You Never Can Tell by George Bernard Shaw, which he restaged for the Singapore Festival of Arts. His producing responsibilities involve the overall coordination of SCR's programs and projects. He has served as a theatre panelist and onsite evaluator for the National Endowment for the Arts, on the Executive Committee of the League of Resident Theatres, and as a panelist for the California Arts Council. After attending Orange Coast College, he received his BA and MA from California State University, San Francisco, and his PhD in theatre and film from USC.

MARTIN BENSON (Artistic Director), co-founder of SCR with his colleague David Emmes, has directed nearly one third of the plays produced here. He has distinguished himself in the staging of contemporary work, including Horton Foote's *The* Carpetbagger's Children and the world premiere of Getting Frankie Married—and Afterwards, the critically acclaimed California premiere of William Nicholson's *Shadowlands*, the Southern California premiere of Michael Healey's *The Drawer* Boy; and the West Coast premieres of Peter Hedges' Good As New and Martin McDonagh's The Lonesome West. He has won accolades for his direction of five major works by George Bernard Shaw, including the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle (LADCC) Award-winners Major Barbara, Misalliance and *Heartbreak House*. Among the numerous world premieres he has directed are Tom Strelich's BAFO and Margaret Edson's Pulitzer Prize-winning Wit, which he also directed at Seattle Repertory Theatre and the Alley Theatre in Houston. He has directed American classics including Ah, Wilderness!, A Streetcar Named Desire, A Delicate Balance and All My Sons. Mr. Benson has been honored with the Drama-Logue Award for his direction of 21 productions and received LADCC Distinguished Achievement in Directing awards an unparalleled seven times for the three Shaw productions, John Millington Synge's *Play*boy of the Western World, Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, Sally Nemeth's *Holy Days* and Wit. He also directed the film version of *Holy Days* using the original SCR cast. Along with Emmes, he accepted SCR's 1988 Tony Award for Outstanding Resident Professional Theatre and won the 1995 Theatre LA Ovation Award for Lifetime Achievement. Mr. Benson received his BA in Theatre from California State University, San Francisco.

PAULA TOMEI (Managing Director) is responsible for the overall administration of South Coast Repertory and has been Managing Director since 1994. A member of the SCR staff since 1979, she has served in a number of administrative capacities including Subscriptions Manager, Business Manager and General Manager. She currently serves as President of the Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national service organization for the professional not-for-profit theatre. In addition, she has served as Treasurer of TCG, Vice President of the League of Resident Theatres (LORT) and has been a member of the LORT Negotiating Committee for industrywide union agreements. She represents SCR at national conferences of TCG and LORT; is a theatre panelist and site visitor for the National Endowment for the Arts and the California Arts Council: served on the Advisory Committee for the Arts Administration Certificate Program at the University of California, Irvine; and has been a guest lecturer in the graduate school of business at Stanford. She graduated from the University of California, Irvine with a degree in Economics and pursued an additional course of study in theatre and dance.



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The Director is a member of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, Inc., an independent national labor union.