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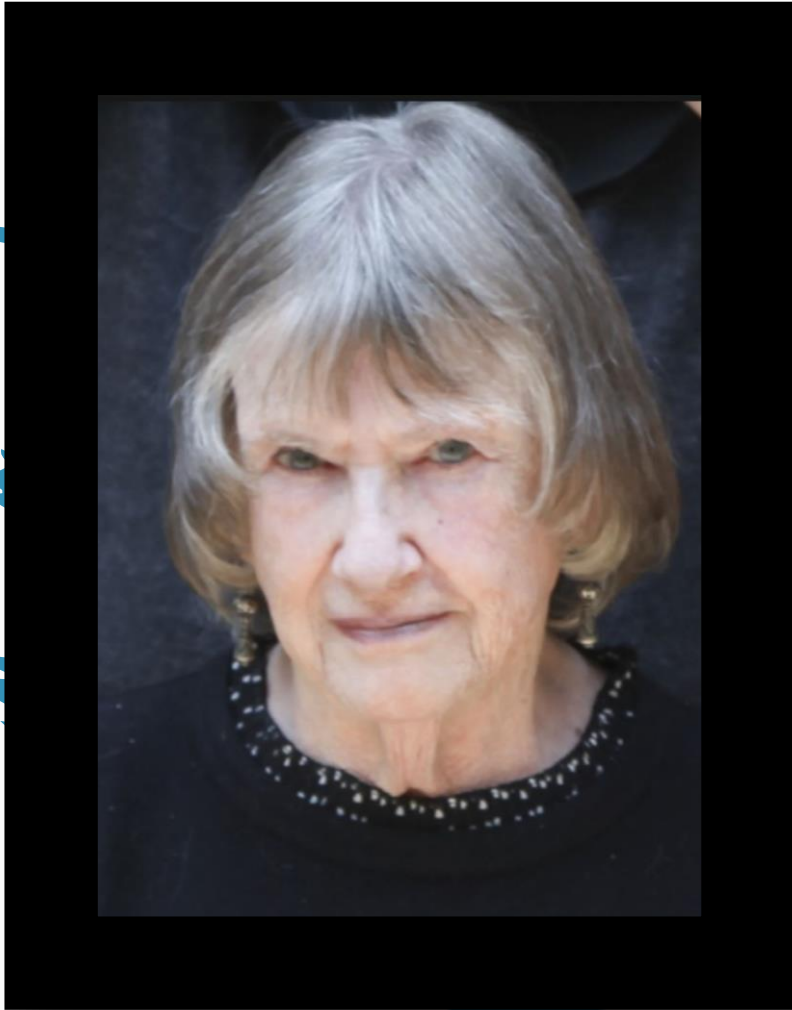


In our 2011 production of *The Pajama Game*, Cecilia Rinaldi played Mabel the secretary. Sid was played by Joe Balding.



The Lion in Winter

Cast



Sylvia Abbott
Narrator

Sylvia is a retired high school English teacher. She holds a BA degree from Michigan State University and a MA degree from Ohio University and resides in Athens. She has been a member of Athenian Berean Community Players for 35 years and has directed many musicals for the group such as: *The Sound of Music*, *Oliver*, *Shrek*, *The Boy Friend*, *Seussical the Musical*, *The 26th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Kiss Me Kate*, and *Clue, the Musical*. The dramas she has directed include *Steel Magnolias* and *The Night of January 16th*. She has acted in *Nunsense*, *The Odd Couple (Female Version)*, *Messiah on the Frigidaire*, *All the King's Women*, *A Christmas Memory*, *The Little Mermaid*, *A Trip to Bountiful*, *Auntie Mame*, and *Little Women*.



Tom Fiocchi
Henry II
King of England

Tom played Bob Cratchit in the original Brick Monkey production of “The Appalachian Christmas Carol”. He also played the Ghost of Christmas Future, and was a member of the ensemble in the same production, a year later. He has had several roles during the summer OVST seasons over the past years including Narrator/Mysterious Man in “Into the Woods”, Fagin in “Oliver”, and Captain Hook in “Peter Pan”. He was also the Captain of the Inquisition /Muleteer in an OU School of Theater production of “Man of LaMancha”, He is the head of the Ohio University School of Theater Properties department and owner of Fiocchi Sword building custom stage combat weapons. This his first production with the ABC Players!



A teacher and musician, Amy just finished compiling the story of her father's childhood homesteading in 1917 in Colorado. Having lived in France, age 13-14, Alais is her favorite role. Thanks, Karen!

Amy Abercrombie
Alais Capet
a French princess



Jim Parsons
John
the youngest son

In the late 1960s, Jim's big sister had a collection of Broadway original cast LPs that she played unceasingly. It's probably from listening to these records that he came to love the magic of theater. Jim's careers as a military officer, pilot, professor of philosophy, and system analyst did nothing to diminish his enthusiasm for stories told from the stage. To do his part to keep the magic going, he has performed a variety of small but necessary functions for ABC Players. These include webmaster, treasurer, designer of posters and programs, fly operator, spotlight operator, usher, ticket seller, light setter, actor, prop maker, and set builder. Jim is happy to have been cast as Prince John in *The Lion in Winter*.



Chad Kopenski
Geoffrey
the middle son

Chad is an educator by trade, a proud autism dad, and lives with his family and multiple critters in Albany, Ohio. He has been involved in theater in different roles and at different levels for roughly 40 years; but is still a relative newcomer compared to the rest of the cast. Having worked with many of them in previous productions, going to rehearsal was like going to acting class, or more accurately, like coming home.



Ken hails from Athens, and works at Ohio University. He has performed and worked on productions with ABC Players, Actor's Moveable Theater, and OVST.

Ken Bowald
Richard the Lionheart
the eldest son



Celeste Parsons
Eleanor of Aquitaine
Henry's wife

Celeste has been active in Athens County community theater since 2000, when she played Cinderella's stepmother in Athenian Players Theatre's production of Into the Woods. She has enjoyed trying many aspects of theater, including backstage work, props management and construction, set design, costuming, lighting design, and light board operation, working the flies from the fly loft, directing, and acting. Favorite roles include Granny Weatherwax in Wyrd Sisters, Grandma Addams in The Addams Family, Gangster 1 in Kiss Me, Kate, and now Eleanor of Aquitaine in The Lion in Winter. She urges others interested in any aspect of theater to become part of the ABC Players family and enjoy making theater magic.



Joe Balding
King Phillip of France

Joe has been acting in plays and films for more than 5 decades. Joe began acting in high school and has not stopped since. Some of Joe's favorite roles have been Fagin in *Oliver!*, Benjamin Franklin in *1776* and Manolo in *The Odd Couple* (Female Version). Joe has also voiced audio dramas for WOUB Public Media. Joe wishes his fellow cast members and the production team great success in the performance of *The Lion In Winter*.



The Lion in Winter

Directors



Karen Chan
Director

Karen has directed or acted in ABC Players since 2001, OVST (1998) and Actor's Moveable Theater (2003). Karen's favorite role for ABC Player's was Grumio in *Taming of the Shrew* directed by Celeste Parsons! She counts *The Lion in Winter* as one of her favorite directing projects along with *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *The Odd Couple (Female Version)* and *Love Letters!* Soon, Karen, can be seen as MeMe Pavey in Movie Theaters in Capital Films "I Can". An inspirational feature-length movie based on the true story of Katelyn Pavey, born with one arm, who becomes an All-American athlete. I hope you love this dysfunctional family of actors as much as I do!



Allison Epperson
Assistant Director

Allison is a producer, director, and performer based in Ohio. While working with Ohio University, she was a producer on the Medicaid Care Experience Simulation, a multi-million dollar virtual reality project designed to improve health care outcomes among at-risk patient populations. In theatre, she's worked with Actors Theatre of Louisville, Tantrum Theatre, Missoula Children's Theatre, Essential Theatre Festival, Live Arts Theatre, Center Stage North, Act3 Productions and Tyler Civic Theatre New Play Festival. A breast cancer survivor, Allison created the Appalachian Cancer Survivor Project to improve quality of life for survivors, previvors and caregivers. In her spare time, she loves watching movies-so-bad-they're-great.

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The Lion in Winter

Design & Production



Timothy S. Klugh
Composer

Timothy is a creator of music, stage musicals, novels, short stories and poetry. He has an extensive portfolio of accomplished works. His music has appeared in various theatre shows, Independent films, radio, broadcasts and audiobooks. He has over 30 years experience in his craft, and he has composed over a thousand music works in his lifetime.



Carol Ault
Light Design

Best-remembered for her role as the dog Sylvia in Actors Moveable Theater's production of *Sylvia*, Carol has appeared in many ABC Players productions including *Auntie Mame* (Mame), *Odd Couple: Female Version* (Florence), *Present Laughter* (Monica), *Belles* (Peggy), *Taming Of The Shrew* (Baptista). She took her organizational skills back stage as stage manager beginning with Shirley Valentine, *Into The Woods*, and *Rumors*. Carol always enjoys learning new aspects of theater-craft, directing *Never Too Late* for ABC and *Three Viewings* for AMT, and cutting her lighting design teeth on *The Boyfriend*. Among her lighting design credits are *Messiah On The Frigidaire*, *An O'Henry Christmas*, *Little Mermaid*, *The Addams Family*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Ordinary Days*, and *Sister Act*. She also served as director/producer and stage manager for *A Night With The Legends*.



Sandy Russell is a member of ABC Players, often on stage as an actress/singer, or behind the scenes working with sets, props, scenic painting and constructions. Sandy is an Athens County native, and resides in Nelsonville.

Sandy Russell
Prop Design



Jodi MacNeal
Stage Manager

Jodi has enjoyed being part of this production with these amazing directors, cast, and crew. Jodi serves as President of ABC Players and has directed several ABC Players productions. She enjoys being on stage and thoroughly enjoys the technical organizational responsibilities off stage. Jodi has also been seen in several OVST productions. Outside the theater, Jodi is the Executive Administrative Assistant at OUCU Financial, a mother, wife, daughter, and Nana JoJo. She would like to thank Chris, Kyli, Zac, Baby Mia, and her parents for their support.

Tbone McCauley

Technical Assistance
Sound Operation

Sandy Russell & Tom Fiocchi

Prop Design

J. Jack Chan

Dramaturg/Sound Editor

Mike Gimmer

Technical Assistance
Lighting

Tom Fiocchi & Brittan Posey

Costume Design

Linda Watkins

Usher Coordinator

Jim Parsons, Sylvia Abbott

Sam Pelham, Susan Gilfert

Publicity

Melissa Maccabee

Refreshment Coordinator

Tim Towne

Light Board Operator

Celeste Parsons, Ruth Borovick,

Cecilia Renaldi

Preshow Assistance



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