Sunnybank Theatre Group in association with ORiGiN Theatrical presents

# ANYONE

## BREAKFAST

Written by Derek Benfield

Directed by Lesley Davis 22nd July - 6th August 2016

### Anyone for Breakfast?

Derek Benfield (1926 – 2009) was a British playwright and actor, born in Bradford, West Riding of Yorkshire, and educated at Bingley Grammar School. He was a master of the 'farce' and was the second actor to play Patricia Routledge's character's husband in *Hetty Wainthropp Investigates* (1996–98).

As a playwright, Benfield wrote more than 30 stage plays, popular in regional venues and with amateur dramatic companies, and often performed abroad. *Beyond a Joke* (1979), starring Arthur Lowe, had its premiere at the Shanklin Theatre on the Isle of Wight. *Bedside Manners*, starring John Inman, toured in 1988.

For the fourth production of our 50th anniversary year, STG brings you Benfiled's classic *Anyone for Breakfast*. In this merry comedy of marital mishaps the scene is set for an evening and morning of crazy misunderstandings and mistaken identities as the guilty parties in question try desperately to tape over the cracks and keep their romantic secrets secret!



#### Lesley Davis - Director

Bitten by the theatrical 'bug' at a very early age, Lesley has had a very diverse theatrical career with amateur theatre, both on and off the stage. Her recent stage highlights include Harriet in *Key for Two*, Maria, in *The Sound of Music* and Suzy in *Wait until Dark*. Directing is not a new challenge for Lesley, having assisted with the direction with many shows and directing others like *Funny Money*, *Joseph* 

and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and STGs very successful production of A Few Good Men. She now turns her hand to another comedy for STGs latest production, Anyone for Breakfast. Our story takes place in the sitting room of the beautiful country home of Shirley and Gilbert, in a smart area of southern England.

#### Act 1 - A Friday evening in the winter

Act 2 - The following morning

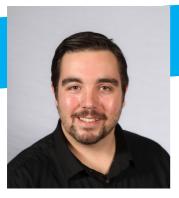


John Mordacz – Assistant Director John has had a long association with STG, both behind the scenes (in the lighting box and designing/building sets), as part of the management committee and our President in 2008. He has also been involved in many shows produced at STG and is delighted to once again be working with Pam and Lesley, and this wonderful cast, to bring to life this hilarious comedy.



**Pam Cooper – Assistant Director** An STG member for over 30 years, Pam has directed, appeared in and been involved in too many productions to even begin listing them here! *Move Over Mrs Markham, Key for Two* (1991), *Not Now Darling* (all by Ray Cooney) and probably the most difficult to stage, Noises Off. On the more serious side, Dial 'M' for Murder, Beyond Reasonable Doubt, Witness for the Prosecution ... need we go on? We

will though as Pam was also fortunate enough to work on the hugely successful musicals *Nunsense*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *The Sound of Music*. If that isn't enough, her last production was her own musical creation, *You Must Remember This* in 2015. Pam would now like to share a few laughs with you with this latest comedy addition to her repertoire. Enjoy!



#### Jake Parsons - Gilbert

Jake first experience with theatre was a performer in his primary school's musical way back in 2001. During his high school years Jake excelled in drama, achieving the top student (drama) award for both his senior years. He also participated in the school's Centre of Artistic Development (CAD) program which gave talented and dedicated students an opportunity to focus on and improve their craft.

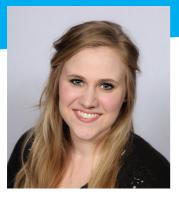
Jake remembers these years fondly and was thrilled to have worked alongside the other CAD members in shows such as *Macbeth* (as Macbeth), *Blue Remembered Hills* (as Peter), *Away* (as Roy) and *A Midsummer Nights Dream* (as Bottom). Since graduating from high School Jake allowed his passion for acting to take a back seat in life while he focussed on other pursuits. But in recent times he has endeavoured to bring that passion back into his life. *Anyone for Breakfast* will be Jake's first performance at STG!



#### Kayleen Nunn – Shirley

Kayleen is a regular, both on and off the STG stage, making her debut back in 2006 in Nunsense and has appeared in several productions since, Calamity Jane, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Careful Rapture, House Guest, a very happy Hen in Chook Chook and more recently took to the stage with her tap shoes in Stepping Out. Kayleen has also appeared in many concerts as part of the

QPAC Choir. Being the official STG photographer normally has her behind the camera and she is looking forward to being back on the stage with a fantastic cast in *Anyone for Breakfast*.



#### Sophie Rohweder - Jane

Sophie Rohweder loved attending the theatre from a young age, but it wasn't until the age of ten, did her passion for drama and performing develop. Since then, Sophie has been involved in many performances comprising of several children's theatre pantomimes including *Snow White, Cinderella* and *Sleeping Beauty* as well as numerous musicals, including *Hairspray, Avenue Q* and *Wicked*.

This is not Sophie's first STG performance as she has been involved in several successful plays and musicals. She was instrumental, as the inaugural Youth Theatre Director at STG, in successfully setting up and running school holiday musical theatre programs for both primary and high school students, in addition to weekly school level drama classes. Sophie returns to the STG stage to play delightfully amusing Jane. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has enjoyed being involved!



#### Brodie Greig – Mark

Brodie has played a range of roles, beginning with small productions whilst growing up, then moving from theatrical arts into music entertainment whilst building a career and business in IT. Over time, his musician-based roles began developing more into creative 'musical' style performances, incorporating acting, song and dance into original pieces commissioned by charitable organisations

and private groups. Refocusing his creative and comedic energy, Brodie recently walked the boards of Growl Theatre in their production of *Harvey*, pursuing the role of 'Wilson'. He is now back playing Mark, a strikingly handsome younger man, who's aloof and obsessive ways create, hilarity, fun and confusion for all. Brodie is incredibly excited to be a part of the excitement and contention that is *Anyone for Breakfast*.



#### **Greg Johnson - Roger** Greg has appeared in plays such as *The skin of our Teeth, The Happiest Days of our Lives, and The Shifting Heart. However,* he has had many years' absence from legitimate theatre performing in musicals. some of his musical roles have included King Arthur in *Camelot,* Jud in *Oklahoma* and the Major-General in *The Pirates of Penzance.* At STG, Greg has appeared in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way

to the Forum, The Sound of Music, The Mikado and last year played Jack Dempssey in the much claimed You Must Remember This. He is thrilled to be in the very funny Anyone for Breakfast with such a talented cast, under the direction of the gifted Lesley Davis.



#### Haidee Gaudry - Helga

Anyone for Breakfast is Haidee's first appearance at STG. She has a background in Dance and Applied Theatre and previously taken on a multitude of roles, ranging from performing on stage, to working with children and adults with disabilities. Haidee is very excited to join the STG family and work with the cast and crew.



Ronalda Cook – Stage Manager It seems like just yesterday that Ronalda was in the lighting box following Dusty Springfield with a spotlight. This show marks the sixth (!) in a row since Ronalda joined STG last July and she still loves it and is still having heaps of fun. She thoroughly enjoys her time at STG, her second home, although it would be nice to have a few more hours in the day to get everything done!

#### CREW

Stage Manager	Ronalda Cook
Lighting & Sound Design	Brad Wyeth Ronalda Cook
Lighting & Sound Operators	Joanne Sephton Allan Hare Ashley Worsman
Set Design & Set Construction & Set Decor	Stuart Sephton, Chris Guyler Ronalda Cook, Jake Parsons Sophie Rohweder, Greg Johnson Brodie Greig, Zander McGrath
	Corey Rapley, Lesley Davis Kayleen Nunn
Poster Design & Photography	Kayleen Nunn, Mark Zoethout
Program	Paul Marshall

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