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The 2007 Summer Season at the Globe is one of our most exciting and ambitious yet. The centerpiece, of course, is the nationally-recognized Shakespeare Festival, now in its fourth year with a repertory company. The Globe has been one of the country's premiere producers of Shakespeare since the Theatre's inception in 1935, and this year we offer three of the Bard's most important works: Hamlet, The Two Gentlemen of Verona and Measure for Measure. We are fortunate that our acclaimed director Darko Tresnjak, fresh from a major success in New York and London, continues as Festival Artistic Director.

Noel Coward's wickedly funny *Hay Fever*, directed by Robert Longbottom — one of today's most sought-after directors — plays in the Old Globe Theatre, with the magical comedy Bell, Book and Candle, directed by Tresnjak, in the Cassius Carter Centre Stage.

This summer the Globe "campus" reaches beyond Balboa Park to downtown's historic Spreckels Theatre, where we'll be producing the west coast premiere (becoming the national tour) of the Tony Award®-winning musical, Avenue Q. Still one of the biggest recent hits on Broadway, Avenue Q is a hilarious show that's perfectly suited to summer in San Diego!

We have much to look forward to as well — with the recently-announced 2007/08 winter schedule, highlighted by four world-premieres: A Catered Affair, starring and written by the legendary Harvey Fierstein, a new stage version of the popular MGM movie musical The Band Wagon, Hershey Felder's world premiere, Beethoven, As I Knew Him, and In this Corner, a Globe commission about famed boxer Joe Louis.

This unprecedented slate of productions would not be possible without the support of our donors and subscribers. We urge each and every one of you to support the Globe in any way that you can during our \$75 million campaign for the Theatre's facilities needs, education programs and endowment. Through this important campaign, as well as through your continued annual support, the Globe will remain San Diego's cultural landmark and continue to serve generations to come.

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# HAY FEVER

# Noel Coward

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STAGE MANAGER Tracy Skoczelas

## **DIRECTED BY** Robert Longbottom

Casting by Samantha Barrie

The Old Globe Theatre, Donald and Darlene Shiley Stage July 14 through August 19, 2007

# Cast of Characters

#### IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Simon Bliss	
Sorel Bliss	Sarah Grace Wilson
Clara	Mikel Sarah Lambert
Judith Bliss	Judith Lightfoot Clarke
David Bliss	John Windsor-Cunningham
Sandy Tyrell	Brian M. Slaten
Myra Arundel	Yvonne Woods
Richard Greatham	Alan Campbell
Jackie Coryton	Bridget Moloney
Stage Manager	Tracy Skoczelas
Assistant Stage Manager	Annette Vé

**Setting:** In the hall of the Blisses' house at Cookham, in June There will be two intermissions.

The Actors and Stage Manager employed in this production are members of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

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(L-R) Deirdre Lovejoy, Janet Zarish, and Jackie Hoffman in The Sisters Rosensweig



Randy Graff, The Lady with All the Answers





The Cast of Pericles



Robert Foxworth, Julius Caesar

All photos by Craig Schwartz

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Through the Theatre's Capital and Endowment Campaign, The Old Globe is raising funds to build the new Karen and Donald Cohn Education Center, as part of the new Conrad Prebys Theatre Center. This facility will greatly enhance the Globe's ability to present education and outreach programs, performances and workshops.

I am pleased to be a part of this exciting project and want to thank each of you who help support the theatre's education and artistic programs through your annual donations.

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As part of the current campaign – Securing a San Diego Landmark – the Globe is actively seeking commitments to its endowment through planned gifts, bequests and other estate planning options.

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# Profiles

### Alan Campbell

(Richard Greatham)



BROADWAY: Sunset Boulevard (Tony nomination), Contact, Lincoln Center. OFF-BROADWAY: Christopher Durang's Adrift in Macao,

Lanford Wilson's Book of Days, AVOW by Bill C. Davis. REGIONAL: Oleanna, Beauty and the Beast, Johnny Guitar, Kennedy Center revival of Bells Are Ringing, Of Thee I Sing, On Shiloh Hill, Boogie Woogie Rumble of a Dream Deferred, Breakfast at Tiffany's, I Love My Wife and Larry Shue's The Nerd. FILM: Weekend Warriors, Bump in the Night, Tom, Dick and Harry, and Universal's Simple Wish with Martin Short and Kathleen Turner. TV: Co-starred for 5 seasons on CBS's Jake and the Fatman. He also co-starred with John Ritter, on ABC's Three's a Crowd, "Evan Grant" on Another World, "Dr. Ellis Marshall" on All My Children, Contact; Live from Lincoln Center on PBS, Law & Order, Homicide; Life on the Streets, Facts of Life, Throb and Matlock. His recordings include Sunset Boulevard, Adrift in Macao and The Best of Andrew Lloyd Webber. Alan is the Artistic Producer of Hot Summer Nights at the Kennedy in Raleigh, NC and is a founding member of H.O.L.A. (Heart of Los Angeles) Youth Theatre. www.alancampbell.net.

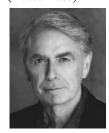
# Judith Lightfoot Clarke (Judith Bliss)



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The Normal Heart,
Public Theater;
EveOlution, Cherry
Lane; Communicating
Doors, Variety Arts;
Sacrifice to Eros. Anyone

Can Whistle Benefit/GMHC Benefit, Carnegie Hall. REGIONAL: Alley, Wilma, Cincinnati Playhouse, Indiana Rep, Syracuse Stage, Capital Rep, Merrimack Rep and Soho Rep in *Misalliance, Cloud 9,* Closer, Blithe Spirit, Three Tall Women, Nora, The Homecoming and Measure for Measure. TV: Law & Order, As The World Turns, and recurring in the upcoming series for the "N" Network, What Goes On. EDUCA-TION: The College of William & Mary.

## John Windsor-Cunningham (David Bliss)



John Windsor-Cunningham trained at RADA. He moved to the USA in 2005, after a long career in British theatre, and was slighty surprised

to be cast as the American attorneygeneral John Mitchell in Martha Mitchell Calling for Shakespeare & Co in MA, and he says, too many parts to list here in their Hamlet. In the U.K. he has worked with almost every major theatre company, including the National Theatre (Headmaster in *Borderliners*), and West End appearances including Joseph Surface in School for Scandal (Duke of York's). He played Christ in Ireland's Jesus Christ Superstar, Christ in The Passion Plays in Canterbury Cathedral, and Christ in Granada TV's drama documentary Celebration, but he promises not to play him any more. TV work in the USA includes the Professor in Guiding Light, improv on The David Letterman Show, and introducing the Monty Python series on PBS.

### Santino Fontana

(Simon Bliss)



OFF-BROADWAY: *The Fantasticks* (Original Revival Cast). OFF-OFF-BROADWAY: *Perfect Harmony,* Studio Tisch. REGIONAL: *Hamlet, The Boys, As You* 

Like It, Death of a Salesman, Six Degrees of Separaton, A Christmas Carol, Guthrie Theater; Death of a Salesman, Dublin Theatre Festival; Love's Labour's Lost, On the Verge, 9/11 Project, Once in a Lifetime, Chautauqua Theater Company; Most Wanted, NY Is Bleeding, Sundance. AWARDS: Presidential Scholar in the Arts. TRAINING: BFA Guthrie/UMN Actor Training Program, Royal National Theater Studio.

### Mikel Sarah Lambert

(Clara)



Mikel Sarah Lambert received a Drama Desk nomination for her portrayal of Mrs. Gascoyne in D. H. Lawrence's *The Daughter -in-Law* at The Mint. NEW YORK:

Cyrano de Bergerac, Roundabout; Private
Battles, Abingdon Theatre; Wit, Union
Square; Richard III, TFANA. ROYAL
SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: Hamlet (with
Ben Kingsley), Henry IV, Part I & II, Henry V,
The Merry Wives of Windsor and Man Is Man
(Brecht). Ms. Lambert worked 12 years in
Great Britain, in the West End, regional theatres and extensively for BBC-TV. She is a
graduate of Harvard University and the
Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. She dedicates this performance to her sons, Patrick
and Tim.

### **Bridget Moloney**

(Jackie Coryton)



EDINBURGH: St. Joan. NEW YORK: Hermanas. NORTH-WESTERN UNIVER-SITY: Mud, Fifth of July, Brother's Comedy, The Mee-Ow Show.

FILM: Arranged, Puccini for Beginners, Fast Company. TV: Love Boat the Next Wave, Law & Order, Law & Order: Criminal Intent, Conviction, Gamekillers I, II, Rescue Me, 30 Rock. WRITTEN WORKS PRODUCED: All Over It, The Peckenpaw, Songs for Dixie Kaminsky. EDUCATION: Bridget graduated with honors in Creative Writing and with a Bachelor of Science in Theatre from Northwestern University in 2005.

### Brian M. Slaten

(Sandy Tyrell)



THE OLD GLOBE: Debut. NY/REGION-AL: A Streetcar Named Desire. As You Like It. True West, This is Our Youth, Angels in America, Balm in Gilead, Boys Life,

Paris Commune, Adopt a Sailor, The Aftermath, Priest in a Pool. FILM: The Tourist (December 2007), Pose Down, Leverage. TV: Law & Order SVU, Law & Order: Criminal Intent, Guiding Light. EDUCA-TION: MFA in Acting from the University of California San Diego.

### Sarah Grace Wilson

(Sorel Bliss)



THE OLD GLOBE: Christmas on Mars. OFF-BROADWAY: *Jump!*, The Exchange; *The Story*, The Public (original cast); Voyage of the Carcass,

Greenwich Street Theatre; Three More Sleepless Nights, Drama League; Far Away, New York Theatre Workshop (u/s). REGIONAL: Three Sisters, American Repertory Theatre and the Edinburgh International Festival; The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, Studio Theatre (Helen Hayes Nomination for Outstanding Supporting Actress); Othello, California Shakespeare Theatre (Dean Goodman Award for Principal Performance); The Story, Long Wharf Theatre; Six Degrees of Separation, Guthrie Theatre; Wintertime, ACT - Seattle. TV/FILM: Law & Order, The Last Romantic, Dark September Rain, Leadcatcher. TRAIN-ING: The Juilliard School (John Houseman Award for exceptional ability in classical theatre). Faculty: Juilliard.

#### Yvonne Woods

(Myra Arundel)



NEW YORK: Franny's Way, Playwrights Horizons: The General from America, Theatre for a New Audience; Henry Flamethrowa, Studio Dante; Slag

Heap, Cherry Lane Alternative. REGIONAL: Miss Julie, Yale Rep; Left, New York Stage & Film; Goodnight Children Everywhere, ACT; Les Liaisons Dangereuses, Huntington; The General from America, Alley; Life's a Dream, Court; The Great Game, Theatre Previews at Duke: The Doctor & The Patient (national & international tour including Lincoln Center Festival, Kennedy Center). FILM: If you could say it in

words (upcoming). TV: Law & Order: Criminal Intent. TRAINING: Juilliard.

### **Robert Longbottom**

(Director)

Robert Longbottom made his Broadway debut as Director/Choreographer with the original musical Side Show, which earned four Tony Award® nominations including one for Best Musical. Other Broadway credits include the revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Flower Drum Song with a new book by playwright David Henry Hwang. This production earned Mr. Longbottom a Tony Award® nomination for his Choreography as well as an Astaire, and Outer Critics Circle nominations. Other New York credits include the Broadway musical The Scarlet Pimpernel, The off-Broadway hit *Pageant*, and *Anything* Goes in concert at Lincoln Center, starring Patti Lupone. For Disney Theatricals he created the touring compilation musical On the Record. At the Kennedy Center he directed a new production of the wartime classic, Mister Roberts, and returned this year to direct and choreograph a revival of Carnival.

### **Andrew Jackness**

(Scenic Design)

BROADWAY: The Scarlet Pimpernel, Wings, Grownups, Beyond Therapy, Spoils of War, Whodunnit. OFF-BROADWAY: NY Shakespeare Festival, Playwrights Horizons, Second Stage. REGIONAL: Carnival, Mr. Roberts (Kennedy Center) ACT, Seattle Rep, Mark Taper Forum, Shakespeare Theater, Santa Fe Opera, Washington Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, New York City Opera, Alvin Ailey. FILM: Killshot, Big Night, The Impostors, Ethan Frome, *The Associate, The Love Letter.* ILLUSTRATOR: Pamela's First Musical, Yale School of Drama.

### **Gregg Barnes**

(Costume Design)

THE OLD GLOBE: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Lucky Duck, Suds, What the World Needs Now. BROADWAY: *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Tony Award 2006, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards), Legally Blonde, Flower Drum Song (Tony Nominations), Side Show. REGIONAL: Arena Stage, Mark Taper Forum, Signature, McCarter, Kennedy Center, Paper Mill Playhouse. London's West End: The Drowsy Chaperone, Pageant (Olivier nomination). Also New York City Opera, Encores!, Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular. NATIONAL TOURS: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Ringling Bros. Circus, Disney's World on Ice, On the Record (Disney), South Pacific. 20 years on the faculty at New York University. Recipient of the Theatre Development Fund's Young Master Award. EDUCATION: NYU.

### Christopher Akerlind

(Lighting Design)

THE OLD GLOBE: Ace, The Piano Lesson. BROADWAY: 110 In The Shade (Tony nomination), Talk Radio, Shining City, Awake and Sing (Tony nomination), Well, Rabbit Hole, A Touch of the Poet, In My Life, The Light in the Piazza (Drama Desk, Outer Critics, Tony Awards), Reckless, The Tale of the Allergist's Wife, Seven Guitars (Tony nomination), The Piano Lesson. ELSEWHERE: ACT, ART, Alley, Berkeley Rep, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Dallas Theater Center, Glimmerglass Opera, Goodman, Guthrie, Hartford Stage, Houston Grand Opera, Intiman Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse, Lincoln Center Theater, Manhattan Theatre Club, McCarter, Metropolitan Opera, NYCO, NY Shakespeare Festival, NY Theatre Workshop, Roundabout, Royal Shakespeare Company, SITI, Santa Fe Opera, Seattle Opera, Seattle Rep, Yale Rep, many others. AWARDS: Obie for

Sustained Excellence; Michael Merritt Award in Design and Collaboration.

### Paul Peterson

(Sound Design)

THE OLD GLOBE: Over 50 productions, including: Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, Two Trains Running, Hold Please, Restoration Comedy, The Four of Us, Pig Farm, The Sisters Rosensweig, Trying, Moonlight and Magnolias, Vincent in Brixton, I Just Stopped By to See the Man, Lucky Duck, The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow, Blue/Orange, Time Flies, Pentecost, Compleat Female Stage Beauty, Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!, The Boswell Sisters, Crumbs from the Table of Joy. ELSEWHERE: Centerstage, Milwaukee Rep, La Jolla Playhouse, Sledgehammer Theatre (Associate Artist), Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company, The Wilma Theatre, L.A. TheatreWorks, San Diego Repertory Theatre, Florida Studio Theatre, Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, North Coast Rep, Diversionary Theatre, Cape Fear Regional Theatre, Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, Malashock Dance & Company, The University of San Diego, San Diego State University, and the Freud Theatre at UCLA. EDUCATION: BFA in Drama with an emphasis in Technical Design from San Diego State University.

### Tracy Skoczelas

(Stage Manager)

THE OLD GLOBE: Two Trains Running, The Four of Us, The Times They Are A-Changin', Summer Shakespeare Festivals ('04 - '06), Vincent in Brixton, I Just Stopped By to See the Man, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, The Food Chain, Two Sisters and a Piano, Bus Stop, Rough Crossing, Much Ado About Nothing, Julius Caesar, Dirty Blonde, Pentecost, Loves & Hours, Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All, Splendour, Pericles, All My Sons, Compleat Female Stage Beauty, Betrayal, Smash, Memoir, Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole

Christmas! ('01-'06), Twelfth Night, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Henry V, The Trojan Women. EDUCATION: BFA, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

### Jan Gist

(Dialect Coach)

Jan Gist has been resident Voice, Speech, and Dialect Coach for The Old Globe since 2002. Previously she was Head of Voice and Speech for the Alabama Shakespeare Festival for nine years and 140 productions. She has coached many productions at theatres around the country including: The Royal Family, Ahmanson Theatre; The Country, La Jolla Playhouse; Continental Divide, Major Barbara, Oregon Shakespeare Festival; Romeo and Juliet, The Shakespeare Theatre, DC; Hobson's Choice, Season's Greetings, Milwaukee Rep; A Perfect Ganesh, Arena Stage; The Taming of the Shrew, PlayMakers Rep; Pride and Prejudice, Indiana Rep; and five full seasons at Utah Shakespearean Festival. Gist has been a guest on KPBS Radio's A Way with Words and is the narrator for the San Diego Museum of Art's documentaries on Degas and the Retratos exhibit. She coached dialects on the film The Rosa Parks Story and has recorded dozens of Books to Listen To. Gist is a founding and published member of The Voice and Speech Trainers Association and has presented at many conference workshops internationally, such as "Shakespeare's Shapely Language," "Rotating Repertory," and The Voice Foundation Symposium on "Filling the House with Ease." She teaches in The Old Globe/USD Professional Actor Training Program. This year she was invited to teach in the International Voice Teachers Exchange at The Moscow Art Theatre and London's Central School of Speech & Drama, brought her in to teach Shakespeare and Pinter workshops.

Gist has been published in VASTA Journals, in the *Complete Vocal Warm-Up, More Stage* and *Dialects*.

#### Annette Yé

(Assistant Stage Manager)
REGIONAL: Baby, No Way to Treat a Lady,
North Coast Repertory Theatre; Forbidden
Broadway SVU, Theatre in Old Town;
A Chorus Line, How to Succeed in Business
without Really Trying, The Smell of the
Greasepaint, the Roar of the Crowd, Me and
My Girl, Company, Forever Plaid, I Love you,
You're Perfect Now Change, Starlight Musical
Theatre. EDUCATION: Mrs. Yé will
receive her BA in Theatre from San Diego
State University in December 2007.

### ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR THIS PRODUCTION

Asst. Director	Peter Wylie
Asst. Lighting Desig	n Michael Paolini
Stage Mgmt. Intern	Kristi Cockrell
Casting Consultant	Mele Nagler

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Santino Fontana



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## Program Notes

# LOOK BACK IN AMUSEMENT

[The following article was taken largely from the transcripts of a 1992 episode of The South Bank Show. Additional material comes from various biographies of Noel Coward.]

When Noel Coward died in 1973, he left a legacy of more than 50 plays, 400 songs, and several volumes of prose and verse, and he'd acted in over 20 films.

The quintessential English gentleman, Noel Coward was in fact born just two weeks before 1900 into a lower-middle-class family in West London. Almost from the cradle, Noel's ambitious mother saw star potential in her precocious son, who

landed his first paying acting job at the age of 10. "I was trained when I was very young as a show-off, and I've continued triumphantly until this moment," Coward remarked in a 1969 interview.

From the age of 11 onward, Noel was acting regularly, but only in minor and supporting roles.
When he was 17 he made a brief appearance in D.W.
Griffith's silent film, *Hearts* 

of the World. He'd become a professional actor, and his confidence in his ability was already immense. Stardom continued to elude him despite his many efforts, so he turned his hand to writing plays and revues featuring himself. In 1924, at age 24, he wrote his third play, *The Vortex*.

"My object in *The Vortex* was to write a good play, with a whacking good part in it for myself," Coward said. "And I'm thankful to say, with a few modest reservations, that I think I succeeded." His character was the drug-addicted son of a woman who made herself look ridiculous by trying to appear young and taking lovers who were half her age. As Coward later observed, "It was an immediate success. It established me as a playwright and as an actor, which was very fortunate, because up until that time I had not proved myself to be so hot in either capacity."

The Vortex was completely new. It dealt with taboo themes, it was emotionally powerful, and it attacked the shallowness of upper-middle-class society, the very people who flocked to see it. Coward played in it for the first 10 months of its run before taking it to Broadway.

Coward soon monopolized British theatre. In 1925 he had four plays running simultaneously in the West End, and he bought his first Rolls Royce at age 26. Coward had created a style of theatre that was entirely his own. In the eight years from 1924 to 1932, he consolidated his style with plays like *Hay Fever, Bittersweet, Private Lives*, and *Design for Living*. Coward starred in all of them.

Biographer John Lahr said of Coward, "He was really the

first English performer to live in what we would see as modern celebrity. He said that he was the Beatles of his era, and he wasn't wrong. He was a phenomenon."

Coward's mastery of stage technique, along with the parts he wrote for himself, meant that by the end of the 1930s he'd perfected his public image as the sophisticated romantic lead — or, as biographer Sheridan Morley punned,



NOEL COWARD AND GERTRUDE LAWRENCE IN PRIVATE LIVES.

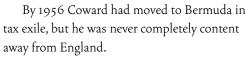
"playboy of the West End world."

"Coward's whole life was dedicated to projecting an image of good manners," Lahr observed. "Here was a man who was ill-educated and gay, and who was taking the whole society for a tumble – and making them imitate him. People were writing about how he talked. He was inventing a style."

By 1940 Noel Coward had written 32 plays and 150 songs as well. Enough of them were published to wallpaper a room, albeit his lavatory, which he rechristened The Music Room.

During World War II, Coward gave concerts for the troops at Winston Churchill's request; his sardonic song "Don't Let's Be Beastly to the Germans" earned him a place on the Nazi death list. Coward's reputation as a frivolous playboy was cancelled out by his 1933 film *Cavalcade*, a cinematic phenomenon with a cast of hundreds. Based on Coward's 1931 play, *Cavalcade* dealt with the fortunes of two families between the Boer and first World Wars. The extraordinary public response

to Cavalcade led Coward to attempt a navy version in 1942, and to star in it himself. The result was In Which We Serve, possibly his most successful film. Coward co-directed the picture with a young film editor, David Lean, who handled the technical details while Coward worked with the actors. Further pictures followed. Another collaboration with Lean turned Coward's one-act play Still Life into Brief Encounter (1945).





SUE DAWES IN BLITHE SPIRIT

He went to Las Vegas in 1955 to launch upon the gamblers his idiosyncratic brand of cabaret. It was like entertaining the troops again, except that here he was an unqualified success. At \$35,000 per week, he was getting more than Las Vegas had ever paid to an entertainer, with the single exception of Liberace. Hollywood flocked to Coward's Vegas revue. The opening night audience included Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, and other stars; the next day, Sinatra said on the radio, "If you want to hear how a song should be sung, go to the Desert Inn and see Noel Coward."

At retirement age, Noel Coward, the mythical figure, made a comeback. He received an enormous boost in 1964 when Laurence Olivier invited him to direct a revival of his 1924 play *Hay Fever* at the National Theatre. The revival (which starred Edith Evans, Maggie Smith, and Lynn Redgrave) was an instant success and transformed his fortunes again; the press and public seemed surprised at just how good a writer he was. More of his early plays were revived, and Coward found himself a fashionable celebrity once again.

In 1969 the Savoy hosted an extravagant 70th birthday party for him, and a number of illustrious colleagues and friends turned out to pay tribute. Further honors followed; he was finally knighted in 1970, and four months later he was given a special Tony Award®. But his health was already beginning to fail, and



IUDI DENCH IN HAY FEVER

he had a succession of illnesses. He went back to Jamaica to die, and in 1973 he suffered a fatal heart attack. In 1984, a stone was unveiled in Westminster Abbey's Poet's Corner commemorating his life. Inscribed on the stone is a fragment of a lyric from one of Coward's many songs: "A Talent to Amuse."

### NOEL COWARD, AS OTHERS SAW HIM **Choice Words from Famous Friends**

"He can get into two or three words, just dripped out, such a witty comment on the situation. He doesn't waste words."

- Dame Edith Evans

"My mother said if you ever bring that naughty boy here again, I'll turn him out."

- Hermione Gingold

"He is punctual, polite, precise and elegant; he became as popular and as much talked about as the Prince of Wales."

- Sir John Gielgud

"I'm a great admirer of Noel's. I think he's the cleverest man of our generation — a wonderful man, but he's cruel. He's cruel as hell, and I'm no good when people are cruel to me... "When Edith Evans was in Hay Fever I'd ask, Well, how are you getting on?' And she would be in floods of tears. Yet if he walked in here now he'd be so charming and we'd all adore him - me included - but he's hell to work with, and I never want to do anything else with him. I'd have to be starving."

— Cicely Courtneidge

"Like all men of enormous talent or genius, he did not merely echo the age he lived in as a youth, or as a very young man, but he helped to create it. If anyone was one of the creators of what we call the 1920s nowadays, Noel was that man."

- Michael MacLiammoir

"He's a marvelous sick-visitor, Noel. Not that many people know that about him; what a kind man he is. I'm afraid I make it seem like a duty, whereas Noel always makes it seem a pleasure, and manages to make one feel better again."

— Terence Rattigan

"Noel could play these nervous strange people, hysterical people, which is very rare...It's only people who are hysterical who can play hysterical parts. You see, he could scream!"

- Dame Sybil Thorndike

"Noel and I were in Paris once. Adjoining rooms, of course. One night, I felt mischievous, so I knocked on Noel's door and he asked, "Who is it?" I lowered my voice and said, 'Hotel detective. Have you got a gentleman in your room?' He answered, 'Just a minute, I'll ask him."

— Bea Lillie

"Sarcastic or sentimental, bitchy or sweet, there has never been anyone quite like him."

- John Kander

### LAHR ON COWARD



NOEL COWARD

John Lahr, the son of actor Bert, is one of the theatre's leading essayists and critics. What follows are excerpts from his book, Coward the Playwright, published by Methuen London Ltd., 1982.

A star is his own greatest invention. Noel Coward's plays and songs were primarily vehicles to launch his elegant persona on the world. In his clipped, bright, confident style, Coward irresistibly combined reserve and high camp...

Coward was not a

thinker. His genius was for style. When his plays aspired to seriousness, the result was always slick, and when he wrote himself into the role of ardent heterosexual lover or ordinary working class bloke, the characterization is wooden. The master of comic throw-away becomes too loquacious when he gets serious, and his fine words ring false. Only when Coward is frivolous does he become in any sense profound.

Frivolity, as Coward embodied it, was an act of freedom, of disenchantment. He had been among the first popular entertainers to give a shape to his generation's sense of absence. His frivolity celebrates a metaphysical stalemate, calling it quits with meanings and certainties. 'We none of us ever mean anything,' says Sorel Bliss amid the put-ons at the Bliss house-party in *Hay Fever* (1925). The homosexual sense of the capriciousness of life

COWARD ON HAY FEVER. . . The idea came to me suddenly in the garden, and I finished it in about three days, a fact which later on, when I had become news value, seemed to excite gossip-writers inordinately, although why the public should care whether a play takes three days or three years to write I shall never understand. Perhaps they don't. However, when I had finished it and had it neatly typed and bound up, I read it through and was rather unimpressed with it. This was an odd sensation for me, as in those days I was almost always enchanted with everything I wrote. I knew certain scenes were good, especially the breakfast scene in the last act, and the dialogue between the giggling flapper and the diplomat in the first act, but apart from these it seemed to me a little tedious. I think that the reason for this was that I was passing through a transition stage as a writer; my dialogue was becoming more natural and less elaborate, and I was beginning to concentrate more on the comedy values of the situation rather than the comedy values of actual lines. I expect that when I read through Hay Fever for the first time, I was subconsciously bemoaning its lack of snappy epigrams.

LAHR ON COWARD'S HAY FEVER. . . In Hay Fever, the first and the finest of his major plays, he gives malice and bad manners an outing. In so doing, the play not only chronicles a new caste in English life but a shift in behaviour. In the years to come, the Blisses' manners would prevail. 'Let [Coward] spare us more of these silly children,' pleaded the Sunday Times. But these silly children were the next generation of the well-to-do — a generation for whom Coward was both a spokesman and a myth. 'There is no one now writing who has more obviously a gift for the theatre than Mr. Noël Coward, nor more influence with young writers,' wrote Somerset Maugham in 1929, in an American volume of Coward's plays that included Hay Fever. 'It is probably his inclination and practice that will be responsible for the manner in which plays will be written during the next thirty years!

is matched by a capricious style. This high-camp style, of which Coward was the theatrical master, worked as a kind of sympathetic magic to dispel both self-hatred and public scorn....The battle in Coward's best comedies is not between license and control but between gravity and high spirits...

...Coward's best work follows, more or less, this recipe for chaos. His reputation as a playwright rests on *Hay Fever, Private Lives, Design for Living* (1932), *Present Laughter* (1942), *Blithe Spirit* (1941) and the brilliant cameo *Hands Across the Sea* (1936). In all these comedies of bad manners, the characters are grown-up adolescents. There is no family life to speak of, no children, no commitment except to pleasure. The characters do no real work; and money, in a time of world depression, hunger marches and war, is taken for granted. Monsters of vanity and selfishness, they appeal to the audience because their frivolity has a kind of stoic dignity.

Written fast and in full, confident flow (Hay Fever – five days; Private Lives – four days; Present Laughter and Blithe Spirit – six days), Coward's best work has the aggressive edge of his high spirits. And when, in the fifties, his plays no longer found favour, he took frivolity's message to the public in person as a cabaret turn, brilliantly mocking his audiences' appetite for anxiety with such impish songs as 'Why must the show go on?' and 'There are bad times just around the corner.'

...It was not the situations of English life (except for *Blithe Spirit* his comedies have no substantial plots) but the sound of it, that interested Coward. When, in *Hay Fever*, Simon Bliss admits to his mother that he hasn't washed, Judith says: 'You should darling, really. It's so bad for your skin to leave things about on it.' Coward loves such fluting vagueness and he has left modern theatre a number of cunning pen portraits of this endangered species...

It is the frivolity in his plays which has proved timeless. The reason is simple. Frivolity acknowledges the futility of life while adding flavour to it.

# Kathryn Hattox...in the Donor Spotlight

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"There are so many opportunities to help make a positive difference in San Diego," says Kathryn Hattox, "but nothing gets me as emotionally involved as the arts do; specifically The Old Globe." Mrs. Hattox is a native San Diegan and the Chair of the Board of Directors at The Old Globe. Although she is an incredibly active member of the Globe's leadership, this is just the current focus in a life dedicated to supporting her community.

"I think that people who have been fortunate enough to accumulate assets that they don't need for ordinary living should

share them with the public," says Mrs. Hattox. "That's my theory." As a supporter of a number of local charitable organizations, Mrs. Hattox puts that theory to work everyday.

In addition to her efforts at The Old Globe, Mrs. Hattox is a long-time supporter of many of the cultural institutions in Balboa Park. She is particularly fond of the San Diego Zoo. In fact, the hippopotamus exhibit at the Zoo is named after her late husband. "Every time family members visit the Zoo, we always stop to take a look at Grandpa's hippo pool."

"I've been coming to the Globe for fifty years, and I hope that I can help to ensure that others will have that same wonderful experience."

When asked about her work in the community, she puts things succinctly, "It is meaningful to see the people in the community enjoy the things to which one has donated their time and money." And at a time when many people can't seem to find enough time to help others, Mrs. Hattox has renewed her dedication to charitable giving.

"I've decided to accelerate my giving because it is nice to see the gifts in action. There's not much point in waiting until you're dead when you can't see anything. I've been donating gifts in this community for quite a while because I've been very fortunate financially. But recently I realized that I should start giving more now. I'm hoping that people will be inspired by all of the amazing things that are going on at the Globe. I've been coming to the Globe for fifty years, and I hope that I can help to ensure that others will have that same wonderful experience."

Mrs. Hattox exemplifies the kind of community spirit that makes San Diego America's finest city. The Old Globe is proud to recognize Kathryn Hattox as a volunteer, a donor and a friend.

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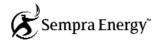




















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# Director Profiles



LOUIS G. SPISTO Executive Director

Louis G. Spisto has served as Executive Director of The Old Globe since October 2002. During his tenure, Spisto spearheaded the return of the Globe's acclaimed Shakespeare Repertory Season and produced several world-premiere plays and musicals, including Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life, and the Twyla Tharp/Bob Dylan musical, The Times They Are A-Changin', which transferred to Broadway in September, 2006, along with the Globe's annual holiday favorite, Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!. In March, 2006, Spisto spearheaded the launch of the Globe's Capital Campaign, "Securing a San Diego Landmark," to raise \$75 million by the Theatre's 75th anniversary in 2010. The campaign is off to a hugely successful start, having reached 61% of its goal. During the past four seasons, the organization has grown its subscription audience an unprecedented amount, countering a trend in the non-profit theatre industry, resulting in the highest level of attendance in over a decade. Prior to coming to the Globe, Spisto served as the Executive Director of American Ballet Theatre in New York City. While there, he increased ticket income and annual contributions for the organization by nearly 20 percent. He also tripled the Ballet's touring weeks and the resources devoted to education and training programs. Spisto has also served as the President of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, where he provided fundraising leadership and creative direction for the orchestra's \$60 million renovation project, and helped dramatically increase ticket sales while initiating several new series for the orchestra. Spisto established a reputation as a superb arts executive here in California, where he spent over ten years as the Executive Director of the Pacific Symphony Orchestra in Orange County. During his tenure there, he tripled the orchestra's annual budget, all while eliminating a prior deficit and successfully completing the orchestra's first endowment campaign. In addition, he established a series of innovative recording projects with Sony Classical and oversaw a number of nationally recognized commissioning projects. A strong advocate of arts education, Spisto built one of the largest and most respected music training and outreach efforts. During his career, Spisto has also served as Director of Marketing for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and Director of Operations and Development for the Performing Arts Center, UC Berkeley. He holds a Masters degree from the University of Wisconsin in Arts Administration and a Bachelors of Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame, and spent many years acting, directing and producing plays and musicals throughout his student days, as well as in professional summer theatre.



JERRY PATCH
Resident Artistic Director

Jerry Patch was appointed Resident Artistic Director of The Old Globe in February 2005. He most recently served as the Dramaturg and a member of the long standing artistic team at Southern California's Tony Award®-winning South Coast Repertory (SCR), where he coordinated the development of 150 new plays, including two Pulitzer Prize winners and numerous other finalists. Patch became the top choice for this new role at the Globe due to his many years of artistic accomplishments, his exceptional relationships with the nation's leading directors and playwrights, and his enthusiastic commitment to new work. While at SCR, Patch worked as Dramaturg on numerous new works, including Donald Margulies' Sight Unseen and Brooklyn Boy, which opened to critical acclaim on Broadway; Margaret Edson's Pulitzer Prize-winning Wit; Howard Korder's Search and Destroy; Amy Freed's The Beard of Avon, Safe in Hell and Freedomland; Lynn Nottage's *Intimate Apparel* and nine world-premieres by Richard Greenberg, including Three Days of Rain. In addition, he co-conceived The Education of Randy Newman with Michael Roth and Mr. Newman. Patch also served as the project director of SCR's renowned Pacific Playwrights Festival, which annually introduces seven new plays to an audience of national theatre leaders. Typically, more than 75% of the plays presented receive multiple productions in theatres across the country. During his tenure at SCR, Patch also held the position of Artistic Director (1990-1997) of The Sundance Theatre Program, which included the Sundance Playwrights Laboratory, one of the nation's leading new play development programs. Additionally, he ran the Sundance Summer Theatre, a repertory of 2-3 productions staged outdoors for Utah audiences and The Sundance Children's Theatre, which is dedicated to the development and presentation of new works for family audiences by leading American playwrights. He also serves as Consulting Dramaturg for New York's Roundabout Theatre Company.



JACK O'BRIEN

Artistic Director

Mr. O'Brien has been the Artistic Director of The Old Globe in San Diego since 1982. Recent Globe productions: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Imaginary Friends, Twelfth Night, The Full Monty, The Seagull, The Magic Fire, Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!, the world premieres of Associate Artist A.R. Gurney's Labor Day and Tina Howe's Pride's Crossing, as well as Time and Again, The Doctor Is Out (Getting Away With Murder) by Stephen Sondheim and George Furth, plus productions of Henry IV, Much Ado About Nothing, Oleanna, Damn Yankees, King Lear, Ghosts, Hamlet, Uncle Vanya, and world premieres of Terrence McNally's Up in Saratoga, A.R. Gurney's The Snow Ball and The Cocktail Hour, Tom Dulack's Breaking Legs, Stephen Metcalfe's Emily. BROADWAY: Creator/Supervisor, Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!, The Coast of Utopia, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (Tony nominations: Best Director and Musical), Henry IV (Tony Award), Hairspray (Tony Award), The Invention of Love (Tony nominations: Best Director and Play), The Full Monty (Tony nominations: Best Director and Musical), More to Love, Labor Day, St. Louis Woman, Pride's Crossing, The Little Foxes, Hapgood (Lucille Lortel Award for Direction, 1995), Damn Yankees (Tony nomination: Best Musical Revival), Two Shakespearean Actors (Tony nominations: Best Director and Play), Porgy and Bess for Houston Grand Opera and Broadway (Tony Award), as well as Radio City Music Hall. ELSEWHERE: The Magic Flute, San Francisco Opera; Tosca, Santa Fe Opera; Così fan Tutte and Aida, Houston Grand Opera; The Most Happy Fella, Michigan Opera and Broadway. TV: An Enemy of the People, All My Sons, I Never Sang for My Father, Painting Churches and The Skin of Our Teeth, all for PBS's American Playhouse. RECENT AWARDS: 2004 Thomas Degaetani Award (USITT), 2002 "Mr. Abbott" Award (SDCF), 2001 Joan Cullman Award for Extraordinary Creativity, 2001 Joe A. Callaway Award (SDCF), the Drama League's Julia Hansen Award for Excellence in Directing, 2001. Member, College of Fellows of the American Theatre; Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, University of San Diego. Mr. O'Brien is a member of the College of Fellows of the American Theatre.

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