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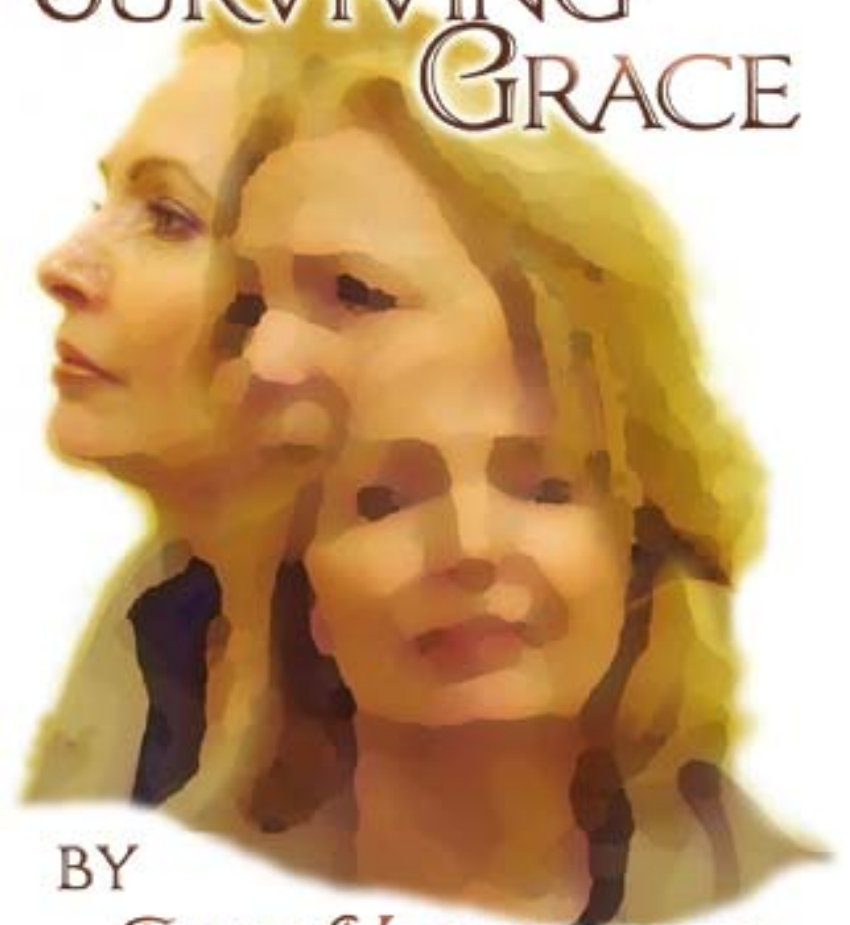
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SURVIVING GRACE



BY
TRISH VRADENBURG

*Cox Building Playhouse, Plano
May 31 - June 23, 2007*

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COMING UP NEXT



The TENTH installment of Rover's signature 24-hour play festival!

June 30 at 8:00 p.m.
Courtyard Theatre of Plano

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August 23 - September 15
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Look what is playing in June, 2007

Manly Men: An Evening Chockfull of Lies and Testosterone Labyrinth Theatre

April 26 – June 8 www.TheLabyrinthTheatre.org

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April 27 – May 26 www.dallashubtheater.com

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May 18 - June 2 www.irvingtheatre.org

Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? WaterTower Theatre

May 24 - June 17 www.watertowertheatre.org

Jack and Jill Second Thought Theatre

May 24 - June 10 www.secondthoughttheatre.com

Surviving Grace Rover Dramawerks

May 31 - June 23 www.roverdramawerks.com

Caught in the Net Pocket Sandwich Theatre

May 25 - June 23 www.pocketsandwich.com

Sylvia Contemporary Theatre of Dallas

June 7- July 1 www.contemporarytheatreofdallas.com

Bravo for Broadway III Denton Community Theatre

June 8 - 10 www.dentoncommunitytheatre.org

End Times Kitchen Dog Theater

June 8 - 30 www.kitchendogtheater.org

tick, tick....Boom! Uptown Players

June 8 - July 1 www.uptownplayers.org

PUP FEST Kitchen Dog Theater

June 9 www.kitchendogtheater.org

Romeo & Juliet Shakespeare Dallas

June 13 - July 21 www.shakespearedallas.org

HONK! Flower Mound Performing Arts Center

June 14 - 24 www.fmpat.org

Hello, Dolly! Garland Summer Musicals

June 15 - 24 www.garlandarts.com

The Secret Garden Repertory Company Theatre

June 15 - 24 http://rcttheatre.com/Home_Page.html

Love's Labour's Lost Shakespeare Dallas

June 21 - July 20 www.shakespearedallas.org

Pinkerton!!! Dallas Children's Theater

June 22 - July 22 www.dct.org

The Nerd Denton Community Theatre

June 22 - July 1 www.dentoncommunitytheatre.org

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June 30 www.roverdramawerks.com

THE CAST

Kate Griswald.....Sherri Small Truitt
Lenny the Doorman.....Joe Porter
Grace Griswald.....Alice Montgomery
Jack Griswald.....Howard Korn
Madge Wellington.....Alison Davies
Marty.....Joe Porter
various doctors.....Joe Porter
Sam Gelman.....Andrew Kasten
Lorna.....Laura Yancey
Rabbi.....Joe Porter
Morton Seligman.....Joe Porter

THE PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....Mark-Brian Sonna
Assistant Director/Stage Manager.....Jacqueline Pettit
Producer.....Carol M. Rice
Scenic Designer.....Alejandro de la Costa
Lead Carpenter.....Jason Rice
Set Construction/Furniture.....Ande Bewley
Bob Burford, Alejandro de la Costa, Sara Divelbiss
Jacqueline Pettit, Michael Rathbun, Jason Rice
Shane Strawbridge, Mark-Brian Sonna
Costume Designer.....Misty Baptiste
Lighting Designer.....Mark-Brian Sonna
Sound Designer.....Shane Strawbridge
Properties Designer.....Terrie Justus
Light and Sound Board Operation.....Jacqueline Pettit
Publicity/Programs.....Carol M. Rice
Box Office.....Kim Wickware

Time: the present

Place: New York City, Tenafly NJ, Chicago, Miami, The Grand Canyon

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

ROVER'S MISSION

Searching for treasures, new and rediscovered,
for theatre "off the beaten path."

Rover Dramawerks produces lost or forgotten works
of well-known authors,
revives excellent scripts that have suffered from lack of exposure,
and discovers unknown gems of the stage.

WHO'S WHO

Costume design is just one of the many areas that **Misty Baptiste** has worked in for Rover. Previously, she has worked as an actor (*Sideways Stories from Wayside School* and numerous ODOs), a director (*Spider's Web*), and most importantly as the owner of a truck. J She also serves as a Rover Board Member. To pay those pesky bills, Misty teaches high school theatre but prefers to spend time with her friends and family! Misty is currently directing a children's production of *Many Moons* at Runway Theatre in Grapevine.

Alison Davies is originally from New Zealand and has been in Texas since the early 80's. Since being here she has worked in many theatres in the metroplex. She is delighted to be doing her third production with Rover. Her last roles with Rover were in *Lady Windermere's Fan* (a Column Award winner) and *Love From a Stranger*.

Alejandro de la Costa is from central Mexico, moved to Texas in 1979, and has worked alongside Mark-Brian Sonna since the inception of MBS Productions doing costuming and set design, both of which have received a plethora of great reviews. His stage design for the Mark-Brian's play *...a moment in the life of Willa Dee Arvis* earned him the 2007 Column award nomination for best scenic design. He will be directing *Kiss the Boys* next, and his play *Floor 13* will be presented during *Theatre of Death* this fall.

Terrie Justus has done props for several Rover shows, notably *Spider's Web* and an especially lovely three-tiered "wedding cake hat" for *The Near-Sighted Knight and the Far-Sighted Dragon*. She is a member of the Rover Board and has also performed for Rover in *Lady Windermere's Fan*, *War of the Worlds*, and *Little Footsteps*. She has also worked and performed at Garland Civic Theatre and Rockwall Community Playhouse.

Surviving Grace marks **Andrew Kasten's** theatrical resurrection with Rover Dramawerks since playing the lead in Christopher Durang's one-act comedy *The Actor's Nightmare* many moons ago in college. Known for his affable personality, good looks, quick wit, school boy charm, disarming nature (*edited for brevity*)...and modesty, Andrew has always craved the spotlight. A lawyer by day, he has worn a number of hats, including college instructor, SAT tutor, wedding DJ, small business owner, impersonator, and voiceover artist. However, Andrew admits the true talents he possesses are his gift of gab, excellent penmanship, and loud hand clap, along with his proud membership in the Richardson Community Band (trombone). When interviewed by *Car & Driver Magazine*, Andrew stated that his dream role is to play Edmond Dantes in *The Count of Monte Cristo*. Andrew humbly extends a warm thank you to family and friends for their enthusiastic support.

Beginning Stage Combat for Adults

Have you ever wanted to learn basic stage combat skills for the stage and screen, but didn't know where to start? Instructor Matt Fowler will teach classic techniques such as stage falls, punches, holds, kicks, knees, elbows, and combinations. A strong emphasis will be placed on warm-up techniques, working with partners, and team building. For adult actors of all ages and experience levels, this is a great introduction to stage combat!

Instructor: *Matt Fowler* (recently seen in Rover's *Woman in Mind*!)

8 week class, Saturdays, June 9 – August 4 (no class on Saturday, June 30) from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - \$120.00

Directing Workshop

In the modern theatre, the director is the creative force behind a production's success. This 12-week workshop dives into the roles and responsibilities of the play director. Topics will include script analysis, casting, creative team communication, conflict management, and the feared opening night jitters. A special focus will be placed on how to build a production concept that a design team can find inspiring and turning this concept into a fully unifying principle that communicates to an audience. Course will be geared to the experience of the participants - all levels of interest from "theatre as a hobby" to "theatre as a career" are welcome. Come learn how we create the magic that is the theatre!

Instructor: *Lisa Devine* (director of *Private Eyes* earlier this season!)

10 week class, Saturdays June 2 – August 11 (no class on Saturday, June 30) from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. - \$200.00

So You Wanna Be Funny...

It takes more muscles to frown than smile – conserve energy this summer by taking a class in comedy! Rover Dramawerks presents an Adult Acting course dedicated to the art of being funny. Exercises and projects will be geared to freeing your imagination in a fun filled environment. Techniques will be taught in stand up comedy, improvisation, and physical comedy by using the writings of great comedy legends of the stage: Neil Simon, Ken Ludwig, Larry Shue, Woody Allen, and others! Come join a hilarious group! If you always wanted to learn acting, this is your chance! (Requirement for this course: The ability to laugh or the desire to learn.)

Instructor: *Lisa Devine* (...and director of TWO of Rover's shows next season!)

8 week class, Mondays June 4 - July 23 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - \$160.00

Classes will be held at the ArtCentre of Plano - 1039 E. 15th Street in historic downtown Plano at the corner of 15th and Avenue K, just three blocks from the Cox Building Playhouse where we perform.

Visit www.roverdramawerks.com for information on how to enroll!

(And if summer is just too busy for you, be sure to sign up for our mailing list so you can plan to take one of our fall adult classes!)

GOT KIDS?

Many of us at Rover Dramawerks have kids...who are too young to enjoy most mainstage productions and too young to stay home without a babysitter. This tends to put a cramp in our theatre going, especially when the regular babysitter starts dating!

Enter Rover's child care partners!

The Little Gym of Carrollton is located at the corner of Hebron and Old Denton, just 20 minutes from the Cox Building Playhouse, and EVERY Saturday night, they have a Parent Survival Night from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Ages 2 1/2 and up are welcome, and you don't even have to be a Little Gym member! They'll even take care of dinner for your kids! The Little Gym of Carrollton often has special deals for Rover patrons, so check them out and tell them we sent you! www.tlgcarrolltontx.com

Adventure Kids Playcare has also been a lifesaver for Rover moms and dads. Located at the corner of Preston and Park, in Plano (with several other metro locations), this is a FUN FUN FUN drop-in babysitting location that we adults would like to hang out at! Mention Rover sent you and get a discount on your enrollment fee! www.adventurekidsplaycare.com

Maybe you're one of those lucky families who has two sets of grandparents close by, so you don't need child care help. What about **classes** for your budding star? Rover Dramawerks is proud to offer THREE exciting summer camps in June and July for ages 5-12 through Plano Parks and Recreation. For information and to enroll, visit Leisure Online at <http://parks.planotx.org/econnect/Activities/ActivitiesDetails.asp?ProcessWait=N&aid=14063>. And HURRY! Camps are filling up FAST!

BUT WAIT!

"I don't have kids, but I'd love to find out about your adult theatre classes!" Well, we can help you, too! Rover Dramawerks is pleased to announce four new adult classes for all levels of experience!

Acting for Adults

A five-week acting course for the beginning and intermediate actor. Class work includes studying, rehearsing, and performing scene work; basic audition techniques; movement and voice exercises; and character and script analysis. Students will work in pairs, in groups, and one on one with the instructor, so class size is limited.

Instructor: *Sherri Small Truitt* (award-winning star of *Surviving Grace!*)

5 week class, Tuesdays June 12 - July 17 (no class on Tuesday, July 3) from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. - \$160.00

Howard Korn is pleased to be back with Rover Dramawerks after playing the King in last season's *The Near-Sighted Knight and the Far-Sighted Dragon*. He has appeared locally at the Plano Children's Theatre, with the J players at the Jewish Community Center, with Plano Rep, Frisco Community Theatre, and the Labyrinth Theatre, as well as in a number of TV commercials, industrial films, printed ads, and brochures. Howard's favorite roles thus far have been Danforth in *The Crucible* and Merv Kant in *The Sisters Rosensweig*. His favorite theatrical experience was appearing with his wife and their granddaughter in several productions.

Alice Montgomery is quite thrilled to play the role of Grace for Rover Dramawerks and would like to dedicate this performance to the memory of her parents - to her father, Rev. William Montgomery, who suffered from Alzheimer's, and to her mother, Beulah Montgomery, who took care of him until the end. She also sends love to her future husband, Chris, her two sons, her three grandchildren, to Linda and to the Dragon Ladies!

Jacqueline Pettit is thrilled to be working with Rover Dramawerks. This is her first show with Rover. She has worked with several companies including Howard Payne University, Still Here Acting Group, and Alpha Psi Omega - Alpha Alpha Epsilon. Jacqueline would like to thank her family for their continuous support. She would also like to thank Carol Rice and Mark-Brian Sonna for giving her this amazing opportunity to serve with them.

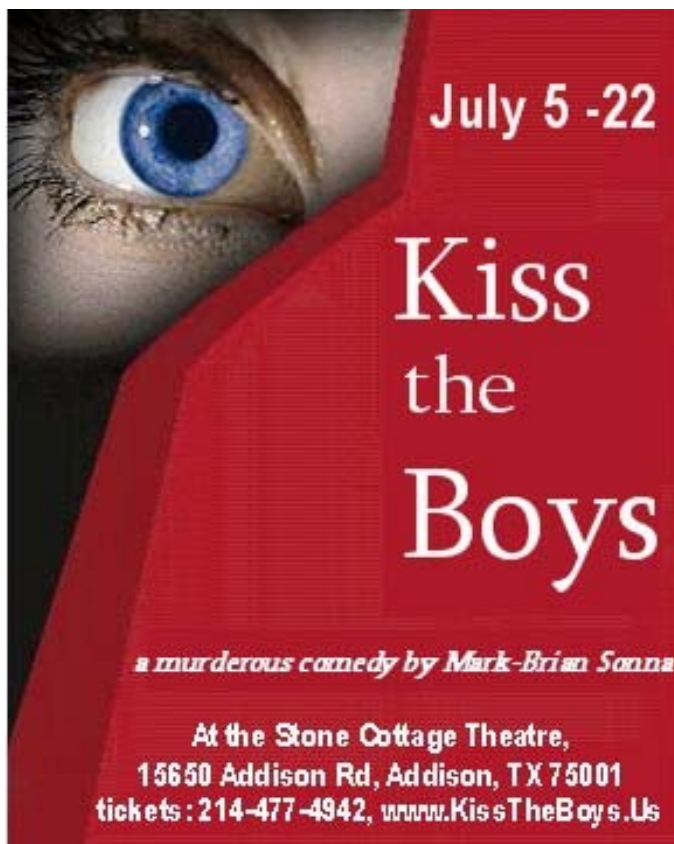
Joe Porter has lived in the Dallas area for nearly 26 years and been active in DFW theatre since 2003. Recent shows include Rover's *Woman in Mind*, *Abide In Shadow* for The Fringe Festival, *Dial M For Murder* for MCT, *You Can't Take It With You* for GCT, and *Night Watch* for the Rotunda Theatre. His amazing talent, range, and depth are superseded only by his humility (a direct quote from Mr. Porter). In his next life, he hopes to actually have a life, rather than an empty husk of broken dreams. Or maybe a beagle.

Mark-Brian Sonna began his career in the arts as a ballet dancer, then became a choreographer, a playwright, and finally, a director. He's performed both as a dancer and an actor in the north Texas area since 1980. He is the artistic director of MBS Productions, and is author of numerous plays and translator of many others. His upcoming project is *Kiss the Boys* which he wrote and will be acting in, followed by directing *Vodka and Kisses*, and then *Theatre of Death* for the Halloween season.

Shane Strawbridge is excited to be a part of *Surviving Grace*. Shane was last seen with Rover Dramawerks as Tom in *Frame 312*. He is a graduate of Howard Payne University. Shane has performed with several theatres in and out of Texas including Rover Dramawerks, Shakespeare Dallas, Casa Manana, Post Playhouse, Lyric Theatre Arts Co., and Still Here Acting Group. Shane would like to thank his family and the Pettit Family.

Sherri Small Truitt is excited to be back on the stage since her last show, *The Baltimore Waltz* with Rover last summer. Since then she produced Rover's *Woman in Mind*, produced a documentary and acted in two film projects. Her last feature film, *The Water's Edge* has claimed numerous awards at four film festivals. A multi-award winning actor, Sherri has been recognized for her performances in such productions as *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (Martha), *Everything in the Garden* (Jenny), *The Rainmaker* (Lizzie), *An Inspector Calls* (Sheila), *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (Nurse Ratched), *The Curate Shakespeare As You Like It* (Celia), and *Memory of Water* (Teresa); as well as performed for Sea World of Texas and Shakespeare in the Park.

This is **Laura Yancey's** first production with Rover Dramawerks. Favorite roles include Queen Margaret in *Richard III* for the Dallas Shakespeare Festival, the Countess de Lage in *The Women* at Contemporary Theatre, and Olympia (Column Award Nomination) in *A Flea in Her Ear* for Classical Acting Company. Other venues include Theatre Three, Theatre Too, WingSpan, and New Arts. Laura holds an MFA in Acting from SMU.



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ROVER NEEDS YOU

Rover Dramawerks is experiencing incredible growth! 2007-08 marks our third full season at the Cox Building Playhouse and our seventh year of production. We will be presenting six full length mainstage shows and two One Day Only 24-hour play festivals in the upcoming year, and we're very excited about it!

However, with such amazing growth comes more expense. Renting the Cox Building Playhouse is expensive. Paying actors and directors and designers is expensive. Building sets is expensive. And the list goes on. We want to continue presenting quality theatre and increasing our visibility in the Plano area, but we need your help to do so. Ticket sales cover only a fraction of the cost of a production. Won't you consider making a tax deductible donation to Rover Dramawerks? No amount is too small, and we would be forever in your debt.

Rover is also looking for new board members! If you are interested in making theatre happen, please let us know! We especially need people who are great at getting the word out about Rover to sponsors, philanthropists, and organizations throughout Plano. Please contact board President Carol Rice at carol@roverdramawerks.com for more information.