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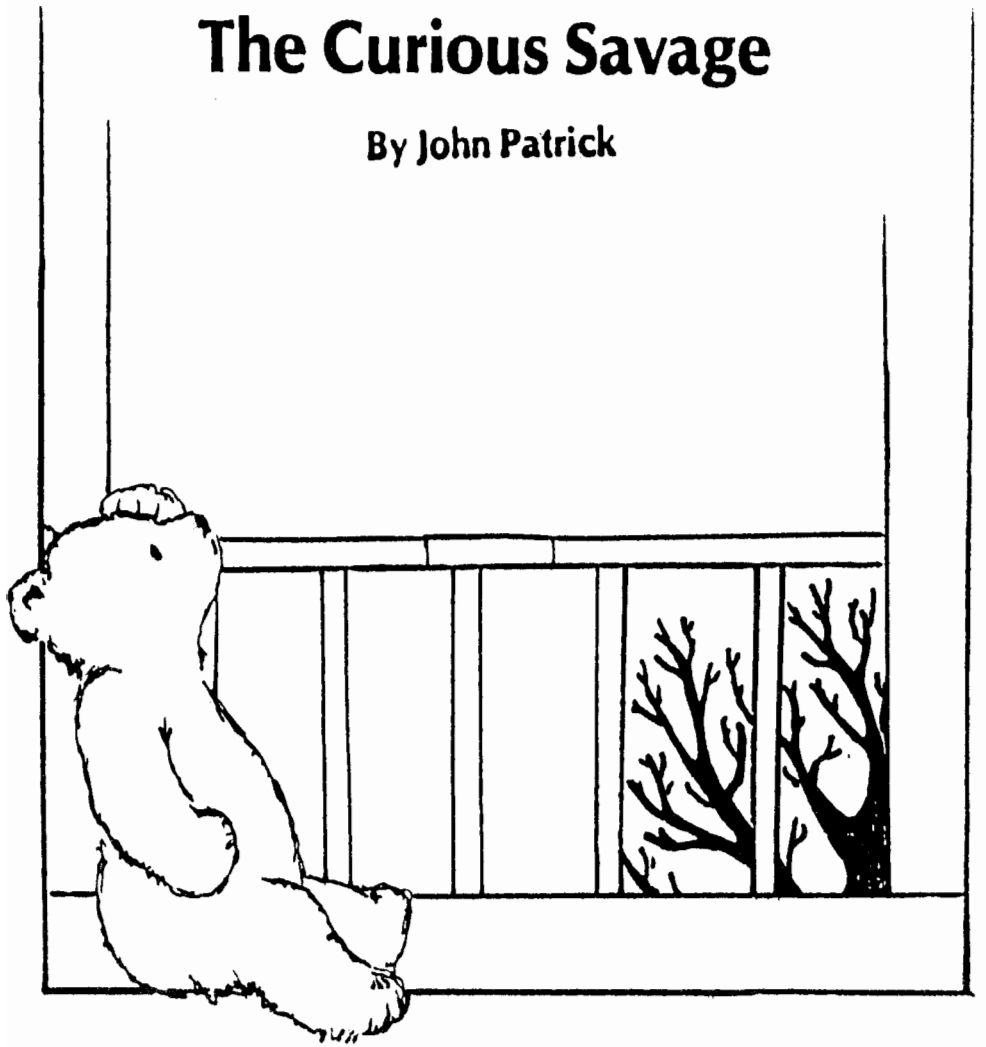


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Presents

The Curious Savage

By John Patrick



A note from the director.....

About the play...

The Grove Players are pleased to present the unofficial fortieth-anniversary production of *The Curious Savage*. The play opened on Broadway on October 24, 1950, with Lillian Gish in the title role and closed after thirty-one performances on November 18th (exactly forty years before our final performance). Since then, *The Curious Savage* has been produced quite often, especially by community theatre groups and high schools. The play's author, John Patrick, went on to write many more plays, including *The Teahouse of the August Moon*, for which he won a Pulitzer prize, *Everybody Loves Opal*, and even a sequel to *The Curious Savage* entitled *The Savage Dilemma*.

-Ron Jenkins

*"And if I laugh at any mortal thing-
'Tis that I may not weep."*

-Byron

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Produced by special arrangement with
Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Director.....Ron Jenkins
Assistant Director.....Katie Alexander
Producers.....Jean Lamb, Susan Toler

THE CAST

The Guests:

Florence.....Anita Reddy
Hannibal.....Gary Charles Metz
Fairy May.....Tracy Vonderohe
Jeffrey.....Joe Reilly
Mrs. Paddy.....Martha Hogenboom

The Staff:

Miss Wilhelmina.....Elyse Myers
Dr. Emmett.....Daniel A. Carlquist

The Family:

Titus.....Robert "Bud" Erickson
Lily Belle.....Kathy H. Racine
Samuel.....Richard D. Alexander
Mrs. Savage.....Barbara Harris

THE SCENE

The living room of The Cloisters,
in a town in Massachusetts,
Late spring, 1950.

ACT I

Scene 1. Night.

Scene 2. The next morning.

Scene 3. That night, after dinner.

ACT II

Scene 1. A few nights later.

Scene 2. A few minutes later.

There will be a 15 minute intermission.

Refreshments are served in the lobby.

Smoking in the lounge area only, please.

Please, no flash photography during the performance.

PRODUCTION STAFF

STAGE MANAGER.....Katie Alexander
SET DESIGN.....Carter Lamb
SET CONSTRUCTION CREW.....Carter Lamb,
Steve Hogenboom, Richard Alexander,
Ann Bajenski, Chuck Budach,
Dan Carlquist, Jean Durran, George Hansen,
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Bold Face indicates crew chairpersons.

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WHO 'S WHO

Ron Jenkins (Director) Ron makes his Grove Players debut with *The Curious Savage*. Recent projects include directing *Funny Girl* for the Beverly Theatre Guild, assistant directing and stage managing *Chaos* for Lifeline Theatre, and portraying Vernon Gersch in *They're Playing Our Song* for Profiles Performance Ensemble. He will be directing *Pack of Lies* for the Palatine Village Players in February and *Chicago* for the Beverly Theatre Guild in May. In real life, Ron is a proofreader for *Playboy* magazine. Seriously!!

Katie Alexander (Assistant Director/Stage Manager) Although this is Katie's first production as Assistant Director, she has been active in numerous technical capacities over her last few seasons with Grove Players. Her credits include stage managing for *The Foreigner*, lighting for *On Blue Mountain*, *Pack of Lies* and *Little Shop of Horrors*, and properties crew for *The Fantasticks* and *You Can't Take It With You*.

Richard D. Alexander (Samuel Savage) This is Richard's third appearance on the Grove Players stage, having previously appeared in *On Blue Mountain* in 1988 and *You Can't Take It With You* in 1989. However, like his wife Katie, Richard has been very active on the technical side, particularly in lighting. He is a member of the Grove Players Board of Directors for the 1990-91 season.

Daniel A. Carlquist (Dr. Emmett) Another active Grove Players member, Dan was previously seen on stage in *On Blue Mountain*. He worked on the stage crew for *Little Shop of Horrors* and the lighting crew for *You Can't Take It With You* and *Veronica's Room*. Most recently he was producer for *The Shadow Box*. A resident of Hinsdale, Dan is a graduate of Downers Grove South High School, and he attended Illinois Wesleyan University. He is currently employed as a project manager for the DiPaolo Company.

Robert "Bud" Erickson (Titus Savage) This is Bud's first comedic role with Grove Players, having previously appeared in song-and-dance roles in *Follies* and *Gypsy*. He has also been active behind the scenes, having worked on the props and set dressing crew for *The Foreigner* and as assistant stage manager for *Little Shop of Horrors*. Bud graduated from the Bank Administration Institute School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin and is employed as vice president and cashier at First Midwest Bank/Illinois in Plainfield. He resides in Naperville with his wife Sherry, and daughters, Amy and Beth.

Barbara Harris (Mrs. Ethel Savage) We are pleased to welcome Barbara back to our stage. She appeared in two Grove Players productions during the 1988-89 season, as Helen Kroger in *Pack of Lies* and Elain in *The Miss Firecracker Contest*. Since that time she has also been in *Brighton Beach Memoirs* for the Des Plaines Theatre Guild and *Waiting for the Parade* for the Ides of March Studio. In addition to her acting talents, which include appearing at Marriott's Lincolnshire with such names as David Doyle and Eve Arden, she has designed props for Marriott's Lincolnshire and Drury Lane East. Barbara is certified as a Montessori pre-primary educator and is the mother of four.

Martha Hogenboom (Mrs. Paddy) Having over thirty years of experience in university and community theater, Martha is making her third appearance on the Grove Players stage. She previously appeared as Lizzie in *The Uninvited* and Betty Meeks in *The Foreigner*. Other favorite roles since moving to the western suburbs include Mother Superior in *Agnes of God*, Sophie Greengrass in *Social Security* and Dorothea in *Eleemosynary*. She interprets American humorous poetry and prose for libraries and community groups. A native of Tennessee, Martha now resides in Downers Grove with her husband Steve, who is invaluable to Grove Players as a set builder.

Gary Charles Metz (*Hannibal*) A self-described "boring, stuffed-shirt accountant" by day and an aspiring actor by night, Gary is making his fourth appearance with Grove Players. His other productions include *All My Sons*, *On Blue Mountain* and *You Can't Take It With You*. Gary has also performed with many other theater groups and is an active member of The Mystery Shop, which specializes in participatory murder mysteries for people of all ages. Gary resides in LaGrange Park.

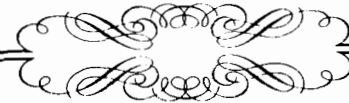
Elyse Myers (*Miss Wilhelmina*) A newcomer to Grove Players, Elyse has previously appeared as Cecily in North Central College's production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* and as Cassandra in their production of *The Trojan Women*. A resident of Naperville, she graduated from North Central College with a Bachelor of Arts in English and French.

Kathy H. Racine (*Lily Belle Savage*) Kathy has performed many roles in Grove Players productions since 1984 and was seen most recently in last season's *You Can't Take It With You* as Essie. Prior to that she appeared in *All My Sons*, *The Uninvited*, *The Dining Room*, and her favorite role, Mama Rose in *Gypsy*. She has also performed with Summer Place in Naperville, Ad Hoc in Lisle, and PATCO in Downers Grove. Kathy resides in Bolingbrook with her husband, Bill, and two children, Kim and Kristopher. She is currently studying Hotel Management at Joliet Junior College.

Anita Reddy (*Florence*) Although Anita is a newcomer to our stage, she has previously appeared as Alais in *The Lion in Winter* for Valley View Theatre Guild in Romeoville and as Chava in *Fiddler on the Roof* for North Central College. She is a graduate of North Central College with a B.S. in Accounting, is a C.P.A. and currently works as an auditor. Anita has also attended a summer session at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York.

Joe Reilly (*Jeffrey*) This is Joe's second appearance with Grove Players this year, having appeared as Mark in *The Shadow Box* in September. His other acting credits include Tony in *You Can't Take It With You*, also for Grove Players, Prince Dauntless in *Once Upon A Mattress* for Tempo Players, the Sergeant in *Pirates of Penzance* for The Summer Place and Phillippe in *Who's Got the Priest?* for Baliwick Chicago Director's Festival. Joe holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from GMI Engineering and Management Institute in Flint, Michigan and currently lives in Lombard.

Tracy Vonderohe (*Fairy May*) Another active Grove Players Board member, Tracy has portrayed Ann in *All My Sons*, Stella in *The Uninvited*, was in the ensemble for *The Dining Room* and was in the chorus for *Gypsy* and *Follies*. Tracy has also worked in many technical capacities including assistant directing, stage managing, lighting, properties, etc. A resident of Downers Grove, she works for an investment firm in the Loop.



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