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Vicksburg Theatre Guild presents...



# The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Based upon the story by C.S. Lewis  
Dramatized by Joseph Robinette  
Directed by Earlene McCleave

**Friday-Saturday November 12-13 and 19-20 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday November 14 & 21 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Parkside Playhouse  
Vicksburg, Mississippi**

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## A Note from the Management

Since we've had Earlene McCleave doing quadruple duty as Director and Costumes Director for this play, as well as *Gold in the Hills* Producer and Costumes Director for the whole theatre, she didn't have time to write the traditional Director's Letter. We're really getting our money's-worth out of her, especially since everybody here is a volunteer and nobody gets paid. If we'd allowed her the time, she would have written something like this:

"I want to thank the cast and crew and their families for all their efforts to bring *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* to life on our stage, as well as the many other people whose work behind the scenes is never recognized. In addition, I would like to thank VTG for allowing me the opportunity to be a Director. I consider it to be a great honor, and I hope the results live up to their expectations."

We are honored by Earlene's dedication and hard work. This program would not be complete without recognition of Barry, Earlene's late husband, whose passion for theatre and for this play is missed by all. Barry's interest in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* was instrumental in bringing it to our stage. He is with us in spirit.

Barry McCleave  
1948-2004

Vicksburg Theatre Guild expresses  
its condolences to the families of  
Gloria Thames Bottom,  
Alan Ebersole, and  
Maxine Johnston.

If you have comments about this Program, contact Mike Calnan at [Comments@e-vtg.com](mailto:Comments@e-vtg.com) or 601-636-0471.

## There's more to be done...

The Building Fund Campaign still needs your help to raise the remainder of the matching funds for our 2005 grant application. As you look around, you will notice other things we need to accomplish to improve your theatre experience. The remainder of the 2004 Building Fund Drive will repair the building exterior. This may not be directly visible from your seat, but it will stop the deterioration of the concrete masonry blocks and improve the building's weather tightness. We are in the initial stages of preparing a grant application for the Mississippi Arts Commission 2005 *Building Fund for the Arts* program. For this effort to succeed, we need another \$20,000 in local matching funds in order to obtain \$30,000 in State funds. We hope you will consider helping us.

More information is available in the lobby.

*The 2004 Building Fund Drive has been very successful*

Project	Cost
Exterior repairs	\$54,742
TBD	\$1,100
Auditorium carpet	\$2,379
Contingency 5%	\$2,911
Project Total	\$61,132

Financial Status	Amount	Available
MAC Share (60%)	\$31,175	\$31,175
VTG Share (40%)	\$20,785	\$20,785
Total Funded	\$51,960	\$51,960
Unfunded	\$9,172	\$2,998
Project Total	\$61,132	\$54,640



*We still need matching  
funds for 2005*

Fundraising	Amount
VTG Share	\$20,785
Unfunded	\$9,172
Subtotal	\$29,957
Future Grants	\$20,043
Goal	\$50,000
Total Raised	\$23,782
Remaining	\$26,218

Since VTG is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization,  
tax-deductible donations may be made, as provided in Section  
170 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

## Thank you for supporting us

We've raised \$23,782 so far, and we have \$10,000 remaining on a pledge from Dr. Paul Ballard. We hope you enjoy the new carpet we recently installed in our auditorium with your support.

### Platinum (\$2,500 or more)

the Dr. Paul Ballard family

### Gold (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Anonymous	Junior Auxiliary of Vicksburg
Falco Chemical Inc	Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Sherry Lambiotte
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Mrs. Naomi Boswell, in memory	SSgt. Billy Howard, USAF Ret	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nichols
of Barry McCleave and his	Mr. and Mrs. John Leigh	Ms Flavia Overman, in
dedication to the Theatre	Hyland III	memory of her parents
and the children of	Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jackson	Frances & F.D. Ethridge
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## In the wings...

### Call for *Fairy Tale Theatre 2005* Student & Apprentice Directors

Students who are interested in applying to be a student or apprentice director for the 2005 session may send e-mail or letters to Jo Beth Britt at <jbbr.seren.shel@usa.net> or 2205 Mount Alban Road, Vicksburg. In order to apply for a *student director*, the student must be at least 16 years old, or 12 years old for *apprentice directing*. Letters must be postmarked no later than **December 31st, 2004**.

### *Gold in the Hills* Auditions

... will be held from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Jan. 8th, 2005**, at the Parkside Playhouse. All parts are being auditioned: drama, singing, and dancing. We have potential parts for anyone over 6 years of age and in good health. **Gold** welcomes new faces; experience is not required. Traits sought are talent, effort, patience, reliability, and respect for your fellow actors. For more information, visit the **Gold** web site at [www.vicksburg.com/~gold](http://www.vicksburg.com/~gold).

We regret to announce that *A Dickens Christmas Carol* has been cancelled. We were unable to cast this wonderful play. We will attempt to schedule it for another date next season.

### *We're speeding up our Box Office!*

We are using an open-seating plan for this season. It worked well during *Bugsy*. You do not need to make reservations, and there will be no assigned seats. Simply go to the show and buy your ticket at the door.

Lindsay Smith, a longtime Fairy Tale Theatre actress, was diagnosed Acute Myelogenous Leukemia in August. There will be a blood drive for Lindsay from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. on November 22 at Bowmar Baptist Church sponsored by the VHS Pride Band, the Sophomore Class, and the Honor Society. Visit her web site at [www.howislindsay.com](http://www.howislindsay.com).

## Membership

If you plan to regularly attend our shows, membership still costs you less than you would pay to buy tickets to for the rest of the season.

### 2004-2005 Membership Rates

#### Regular Memberships

Child (age 12 & under) (1 ticket*)	\$15
Student (age 13 through college) (1 ticket*)	\$25
Associate (no tickets)	\$25
Senior Citizen (age 55 & over) (1 ticket*)	\$35
Individual (1 ticket*)	\$40
Family (tickets* for parents & children in immediate family)	\$90

#### Special Memberships

Patron (2 tickets*)	\$115
Angel (3 tickets*)	\$145
Family Angel (tickets* for parents & children in immediate family)	\$185
Benefactor (6 tickets*)	\$290
Capital Patron (8 tickets*)	\$575

#### Business Memberships

Small Business (4 tickets*)	\$290
Business (6 tickets*)	\$460
Corporate (12 tickets*)	\$920
Sponsor (20 tickets* for sponsored show, full-page program ad)	\$2,300

\* A ticket entitles every member to attend one performance of each **main stage** play, and one **Gold in the Hills** performance during each of the Spring and Summer runs.

To join or renew for the 2004-2005 season, please mail a check to:

VTG  
P.O. Box 821472  
Vicksburg, MS  
39182-1472

We will have a Membership desk at all performances.

*Business members* also receive:

- one ad, in a program of choice,
- additional ads at a reduced price, and
- a listing in all main stage programs.



## Cast & Staff Biographies (continued)

**Evan Wojtala (Edmund).** Evan is originally from New Orleans and is in the 7th grade. He enjoys being home-schooled. He participated in Fairy Tale Theatre for two summers and was cast as "Kurt" in The Sound of Music. He likes playing soccer and taking Tae Kwon Do. Evan is a loyal hockey fan and his favorite team is the Detroit Redwings.

### My Fair Lady

a musical

produced by Mrs. Dorothy Kenna Brasfield  
& The Rev. Michael C. Nation  
and directed by Mr. James Anderson

**Shows:** 4-6 & 11-13 February 2005

The timeless musical story of Eliza Doolittle, a flower vendor on the streets of London, and Professor Henry Higgins, a prominent figure in London society. Eliza wants to learn how to speak and act like a lady and she wants Professor Higgins to teach her.

The cast has been selected and rehearsals have started. *My Fair Lady* promises to be wonderful entertainment for all ages.



**Bugsy Malone**, the opening play of our 2004-2005 season, was a delight for everybody who attended. Thanks to Kathryn Resio, her dedicated production staff, and her talented cast.

### A Walk Through Vicksburg on Channel 23 Featured the Vicksburg Theatre Guild

Kimwana Orseby interviewed Buddy Hallberg and Mike Calnan with video clips from *Gold in the Hills*, *Our Town*, *Fairy Tale Theatre*, *Bugsy Malone*, and *Romeo & Juliet*.

If you would like a copy of this show, please contact Mike at 601-636-0471 or ch23@e-vtg.com.

## Cast & Staff Biographies (continued)

**Susan Archer Chiarito, MD (*White Witch*).** Susan, a newcomer to the stage, has supported her two girls Cicily and Mary Alyce in previous Little Theatre productions. She enjoys reading and having free time — even though she has very little of it.

**Zachary Chieply (*Dwarf*).** This is Zach's first speaking part at VTG. Prior to this he acted in Fairy Tales. Zach loves geology and Legos. A sixth-grader at St. Francis, Zach dreams about becoming a geologist and traveling all over the world.

**Eric Hesselberg (*Fenris Ulf*).** Eric is an 18-year-old senior at VHS. He participates actively in the theatre, both on and behind the stage. He plays trumpet in the VHS Band and is President of the VHS Art Club. Eric plans to attend college and major in Fine Arts.

**John Hesselberg (*Mr. Beaver*).** John has acted and directed onstage during his college years, portraying many quirky characters. He briefly studied with Uta Hagen before turning to more serious studies. He is a Professional Artist and Historian and has consulted for the National Park Service, Southeast Louisiana University, and the History Channel. He is currently an Art Teacher with the Vicksburg/Warren School District.

**Earlene McCleave (*Director*).** Earlene has helped backstage in many productions contributing to the design look of the stage, and directed Dial M for Murder in 2003. She is employed as a manager at the VWSE Federal Credit Union. VTG has given her an opportunity to exercise her Interior Design BFA from MS Univ. for Women.

**Larry Thomas, Ph.D. (*Makeup*).** Larry has acted and done makeup professionally (Inactive Actors Equity) and has performed in too many VTG productions to list. Learned the art of makeup from watching VTG members of days past and studied at The University of New York. Served several terms on the VTG board of directors. "Some of my best acting is done in real life!"

**Richard Van Den Akker (*Aslan*).** Richard has been involved with community theater since 2001 and has appeared in several plays. Active in the Red Cross and the Boy Scouts of America, he is also an amateur playwright. As a long time admirer of C.S. Lewis, Richard is honored to be a part of this play.

**Amy Welch (*Assistant Director*).** Amy has been involved with theater since the age of 8. She has acted, directed, run lights, worked backstage, and has played "Nellie" in *Gold in the Hills* for the past 7 years. Amy received her Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Mississippi. She directed a play while at the University of Mississippi to raise money to stop the violence against women.

**Erin Wojtala (*Lucy*).** Erin plays Barbara in *Gold in the Hills* and has been in *The Sound of Music*, *Our Town*, and three *Fairy Tale* plays. She is home-schooled and spends her free time writing, reading, drawing, and memorizing Disney Classic songs. Most of all, Erin enjoys horseback riding. Born in New Orleans, she loves eating crawfish, gumbo, and red beans and rice.

## Remaining 2004-2005 Season...

### My Fair Lady

a musical produced by Mrs. Dorothy Kenna Brasfield  
& The Rev. Michael C. Nation  
and directed by Mr. James Anderson

**Shows:** 4-6 & 11-13 Feb 2005

### Gold in the Hills 2005

an 1890's melodrama produced by  
Earlene McCleave & Jason Fairchild

**Auditions:** 8 Jan 2005

**Shows:** 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 Mar; 1, 2, 8, 9 Apr  
8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 Jul 2005

### The Taming of the Shrew

a comedy directed by Garrett Wallace

**Shows:** 6-8 & 13-15 May 2005

### Fairy Tale Theatre 2005

youth theatre produced by Jo Beth Britt & Beth Martin

**Shows:** late Jun 2005

## 2004-2005 VTG Board of Directors

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# The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Based upon the story by C.S. Lewis

Dramatized by Joseph Robinette

Directed by Earlene McCleave

## Cast (in general order of appearance)

### Children:

Lucy.....	Erin Wojtala
Edmund.....	Evan Wojtala
Susan .....	Mary Alyce Chiarito
Peter.....	Zach Booth
Professor .....	Michael Nation
Mrs. Macready.....	Leah Johnson

### Forest animals:

White Stag.....	Cicily Chiarito
Unicorn.....	Mery Rose Worthington
Mr. & Mrs. Beaver .....	John Hesselberg & Emilee Booth
Centaur.....	Steven Dionne
Wood Nymph .....	Samantha Shugars
Tumnus, a faun.....	Paul Worthington, Jr.

Fenris Ulf, a wolf, head of the Witch's secret police.....	Eric Hesselberg
2nd Wolf.....	Marcus Taylor, Amy Welch
White Witch, an evil queen .....	Heather Calnan, Susan Archer Chiarito
Dwarf, a servant to the Witch.....	Zachary Chieply
Father Christmas, a bringer of gifts .....	Mark Jourdan
Elf, Father Christmas' helper.....	Cicily Chiarito

Aslan, a great lion.....	Richard Van Den Akker
Vines .....	Sonia Arredondo, Piper Booth
Merry Party .....	Danielle Mosley, Harold Mosley, Caroline Nation, Ryan & Noah Van Den Akker, Karen & Kaitlyn Williamson

Bird .....	Jai Dobson
Mice .....	Wes Allison, EJ & Paul Auttonberry, Hannah Fallon, Caroline Nation, Elliott Wojtala, Emily Wojtala

Leopard #1 .....	Hillary Fallon
Leopard #2 .....	Haley Sellers
Reindeer .....	Piper Booth, Sonia Arredondo
Statues .....	Cast Members
White Witch's Army .....	Cast Members

### Older Children:

Lucy.....	Terri Booth
Edmund.....	Jerome Booth
Susan .....	Susan Chiarito, Glenda Arredondo
Peter.....	Johnny Booth, Walter Johnston

## Production Staff

Assistant Directors.....	Amy Welch, Glenda Arredondo
Stage Manager .....	Cody McKellar
Set Design .....	David Johnson
Light Design .....	Tony Bednar, Ian Tubman, Amy Welch
Lights.....	Ashley Johnson
Costumes .....	Earlene McCleave
Make-up .....	Larry Thomas
Set Artwork .....	Leah Johnson, Samantha Shugars,

John Hesselberg

Props.....	Glenda Arredondo
Techs .....	Jessica Coleman, Brittney Hunt, Allie Johnson,

David Johnson, Syd Johnston, Walter Johnston, Jim Wojtala

Lobby Decoration .....	Anna Booth
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Set Construction .....	David Johnson, Cody McKellar, Jim Wojtala, Richard Van Den Akker
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Battle Choreography.....	John Hesselberg
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Thanks to Cast Members and their Families who helped with  
Set Construction, Set Artwork, Costumes, and Makeup.

## Cast & Staff Biographies (in alphabetical order)

**Glenda Arredondo (Assistant Director).** Glenda is an 11 year veteran of VTG musicals. She's a busy mother of 4. Her son Luke attends Florida State, Adam is in 11th grade, Kevin is in 8th grade, and Sonia is in 6th grade. Her hobbies are photography, baking and singing.

**Emilee Booth (Mrs. Beaver).** Emilee is a senior at St. Al's and has done Fairy Tale Theatre for eleven years. She was a tech in Godspell and appeared in The Hobbit, Romeo and Juliet, and A Christmas Carol. She was the Student Director for the St. Al's play this year. She is the Youth Member at Large on the VTG Board of Directors.

**Zach Booth (Peter).** Zach, a 10th grader at St. Al's, made his stage debut in kindergarten as "Tommy" in Gold n the Hills and was hooked! He has been in several main-stage and fairy tale plays, including The Jungle Book as "Mogli," The Nerd as "Thor" the bratty child, and "Rutherford Wolf." He also enjoys reading, languages, politics, Karate, and the pursuit of all "A's".

**Heather Calnan (White Witch).** A sophomore at St. Al's where she is a Flashette and on the Basketball Team, Heather has appeared in Paint Your Wagon, Gold in the Hills, and Fairy Tales. She took dance classes in New York last summer, and will appear in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. She dances at Debra Franco's and takes voice lessons from Clarissa Davis.

**Mary Alyce Chiarito (Susan).** Mary Alyce has done Fairy Tales since 1996 and was an Elf in The Hobbit. She is a 10th grader at All Saints. A member of the Vicksburg city swim team for the past two years, she is also a member of St. Michael's Catholic Youth Organization. She enjoys writing, reading, swimming, drawing, and taking care of her two dogs and two cats.