



# Actors Ensemble of Berkeley

## At Live Oak Theatre

2012 Winter Staged Reading Series

### **THE REAL THING**

**by Tom Stoppard**

- A staged reading -

Directed by Matthew Surrence

**ONE NIGHT ONLY**

**Tuesday, Feb. 7th, 2012, 8 p.m.**

Henry – **Stanley Spenger**

Annie – **Shifra Pride Raffel**

Billy – **Morgan Brown**

Max – **Al Badger**

Brodie – **Barry Eitel**

Max – **Al Badger**

Debbie – **Greer Jansen**

Charlotte – **Michelle Delattre**

Music by – **John Palme and Alice Montgomery**

**Matthew Surrence** (Director) is currently playing Jellaby in *Arcadia*. He directed a staged reading of *The Knight of the Burning Pestle* last year at Actors Ensemble, which was a revival of his staged reading of this play at Subterranean Shakespeare in 2010..

**Stanley Spenger** (Henry) has been a frequent presence on stage at Actors Ensemble, recently on the boards both for last year's *Heartbreak House* and *Blithe Spirit*. He has also directed numerous productions, including our last Stoppard production, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* in 2007.

**Shifra Pride Raffel** (Annie) is currently playing Lady Croom in Actors Ensemble's *Arcadia*. She apologizes to Michelle Delattre for once again wrecking her home with Stanley Spenger (as in last year's *Heartbreak House*) and thanks her beloved valentine Stephen for his tireless support.

**Morgan Brown** (Billy) When he isn't on stage, Morgan is a graduate student in mathematics at UC Berkeley. Recently he was the Mathematics Consultant for *Arcadia*. Next year he'll be a postdoc at the University of Michigan.

**Al Badger** (Max) is currently appearing as Noakes in *Arcadia*. Nothing else of interest has ever happened in his life, ever.

**Greer Jansen** (Debbie) is currently a senior at Berkeley High and was last seen in Berkeley Playhouse's *Cinderella Enchanted*. Though new to Actors Ensemble, she is thrilled to be involved in this production of *Arcadia*, where she is an understudy for multiple roles. Aside from theatre, various interests include helping things grow, 90's boy bands, and circuses.

**Michelle Delattre** (Charlotte) This is Michele's second turn at Stoppard with AE; ten years ago she played Cecily in *Travesties*. More recently she appeared as Hesione in *Heartbreak House*. Across the Bay in Mill Valley she is artistic director of the Curtain Theatre doing Shakespeare in the Park.

**Barry Eitel** (Brodie) is currently playing Chater in *Arcadia*. He recently played Mr. Praed in San Leandro Players *Mrs. Warren's Profession*. He will direct a staged reading of *Savage/Love* with Boxcar in March.

**John Palme** (Music) also provided music for the staged reading of *The Knight of the Burning Pestle* last year at Actors Ensemble and created original compositions for *War Parrots of Miami* for Play Cafe the year before.

**Alice Montgomery** (Music) currently plays with Curtain Theatre in Mill Valley, chamber music in Alameda, as well as in the upcoming production of *A Hot Day in Ephesus* by Vicki Siegel opening here at Actor's Ensemble In April.

*Don't miss the remaining shows in our Winter 2012 Program:*

**ARCADIA** by Tom Stoppard, though **February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> and 12th: **IMPROV at AE**, with The Streetlight People and The 5 Deadly Improvisers

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>: Staged reading of **Henry IV** by Pirandello/Stoppard, dir. by Anna Andersen

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