



MAITLAND
REPERTORY
THEATRE



Harvey

BY MARY CHASE
DIRECTED BY DREW PITTMAN

April 29 to May 17, 2026

PROGRAM

Director's Notes

Harvey invites us to laugh at the chaos of polite society unravelling, while also gently reminding us that being a little different might just be a strength. Elwood P. Dowd's unwavering good manners, positivity, and belief in his best friend are both hilarious and surprisingly moving. It's old-fashioned comedy with a modern soul, and plenty of opportunities for actors to play, surprise, and delight.

As a director, I'm excited by the chance to bring together a cast and creative team to tell a story that is joyful, generous, and just a bit silly—in the best possible way. This is a show where laughter is shared, characters are larger than life, and audiences leave smiling, perhaps wondering if the world might be better if we all slowed down and looked for the good in one another. I want to thank Maitland Repertory Theatre for this amazing opportunity and trust.

I am incredibly proud of every one of my actors for the dedication, courage, and heart they brought to this work. Their commitment to telling the story, supporting one another, and pushing themselves creatively has been inspiring to witness. Thanks to Kaysia Dowie for coming onboard as my Assistant Director and the extra guidance. I am equally grateful to our support crew, whose tireless effort, professionalism, and care behind the scenes made everything possible. This has truly been a team achievement, and I am so thankful to be surrounded by such talented, generous, and hardworking people.

Drew Pittman

Setting

The action takes place in a city in the Far West of America, in the library of the old Dowd family mansion and the reception room of Chumley's Rest, a sanatorium.

Act I

Scene 1: the library, late afternoon

Scene 2: Chumley's Rest, an hour later

Act II

Scene 1: the library, an hour later

Scene 1: Chumley's Rest, four hours later

Act III

Chumley's Rest, a few minutes later

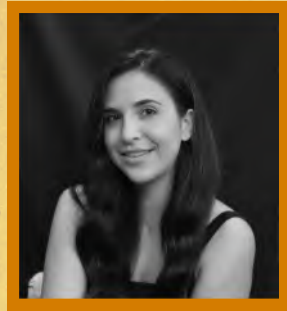
Running Time

Approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes, including a 20-minute interval.

Cast



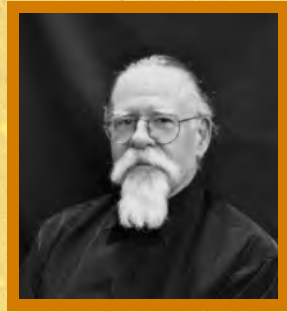
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ELWOOD P DOWD



Madeline Valentinis
VETA LOUISE SIMMONS



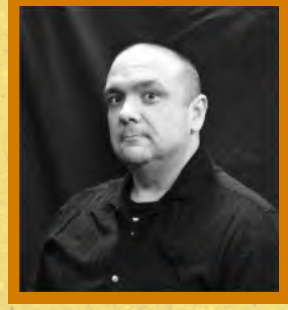
Myah Chambers
MYRTLE MAE SIMMONS



Dudley Horque
WILLIAM R CHUMLEY M.D



Matt Scoles
LYMAN SANDERSON M.D.



John Dee
DUANE WILSON



Emma Campbell
RUTH KELLY R.N.



Michael Smythe
JUDGE OMAR GAFFNEY



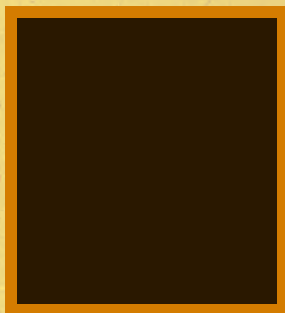
Lisa Sansom
MRS BETTY CHUMLEY



Jane Johns
MRS ETHEL CHAUVENET



Brett Bichard
E.J. LOFGREN



Harvey

The Playwright

Mary Chase (February 25, 1906 – October 20, 1981) was an American journalist, playwright and children's novelist, known primarily for writing *Harvey* in 1944, which was adapted into the 1950 film starring James Stewart.

She wrote fourteen plays, two children's novels, and one screenplay, and worked seven years at the Rocky Mountain News as a journalist. Three of her plays were made into Hollywood films: *Sorority House* (1939), *Harvey* (1950), and *Bernardine* (1957).

Harvey won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1945, and ran on Broadway for four and a half years, for a total of 1775 performances.

Thank You

To our volunteer members who make this show possible.

To The CONDA Judges

Joanna Andrew, Christine Fletcher, Larni Christie, Jackie King, Sascha Okenhall, Wendy Ratcliffe, Dan Stranger and Claire Williams.

To Our Patrons - Meryl Swanson MP,
Mayor Philip Penfold, Keith Cockburn.

And to: Maitland City Council, 2NUR-FM, ABC Radio 1233,
The Sign Shop, Scott Deamer (Jim's Test and Tag)
and to our audiences for their continued patronage.

Production Credits

Director	Drew Pittman
Assistant Director	Kaysia Dowie
Production Manager	Sonya Solomou
Stage Manager	Alexandra Comber
Set Designer	Drew Pittman, Danny Shaunessy
Set Construction /Realisation	Danny Shaunessy, Drew Pittman, Matt Scoles, Michael Smythe, Myah Chambers, Emma Campbell, John Dee, Mersa Mason, Linda Wallace, Alexandra Comber, Dimity Eveleens, Robert Comber, Ian Robinson, the Saturday crew
Hair/Makeup	Amanda Hiles, cast
Costumes	Kaysia Dowie, Amanda Hiles
Properties	Dimity Eveleens
Sound/Lighting Design	Drew Pittman, Colin Campbell, Tyler Dean-Brinkley
Lighting Technician	Colin Campbell
Sound Operator	Tyler Dean-Brinkley
Photography	Kaysia Dowie, Sonya Solomou
Program	Alexandra Comber, Dimity Eveleens
Publicity	Alexandra Comber, Ian Robinson

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