

AN O. HENRY CHRISTMAS

by Howard Burman



Directed by Mannie Bemis, assisted by Sarah Jones

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Guido..... Donia Dunlap
Fran..... Jessica Quintero
Dinty..... Matt Fletcher
Agnes..... Pam Cox
Grover..... Paul Cox
Marguerite..... Reneé Easley
Hal..... Michael Kostedt
O.P..... Terry Busby

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director..... Mannie Bemis
Assistant Director/Stage Manager..... Sarah Jones
Lights, Sound, and Special Effects Design..... Tom & Mannie Bemis,
Teddy Escobar
Booth Operation..... Tom & Mannie Bemis
Set Design & Production..... Mannie Bemis, Paul Cox, Tom Bemis
Costumes..... Pam Cox, Cast
Props..... Cast

THEATRE OPERATIONS

Publicity Photography..... Tom and Mannie Bemis
Advertising & Promotion..... J Chester Design & Matt Fletcher
Box Office & Concessions..... Carolyn Olson
Ushers..... Darren Easley, LaWanda Scholl
Box Office Attendants..... Sabrina Escobar, Teddy Escobar

ABOUT THE CAST



DONIA DUNLAP (Guido) joined the Carlsbad Community Theatre family in the summer of 2012 and refuses to leave. Producing sound effects, acting and directing, she has had a part in 31 plays. A Carlsbad native, Donia earned her B.S. in Communication from Eastern New Mexico University and currently serves as the Vice President of the CCT Board of Directors.



JESSICA QUINTERO (Fran) is excited to be a part of *An O. Henry Christmas*. Jessica began her journey in acting on the set of *The Ropes*, created by Vin Diesel. She has since diversified her career in areas both in front of and behind the camera, with her most recent role as Lisa in the network television show *For the Love of Jason*.



MATT FLETCHER (Dinty) is appearing in his twenty-third CCT production, most recently as Ebenezer Scrooge in last season's *A Christmas Carol*. With many memorable roles to his credit, Matt has earned awards for Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor and Best Minor Character. He also enjoys directing and playwriting, and teaches Beginning Stage Acting classes for both adults and children at Southeast New Mexico College. Matt is the Chief Procurement Officer for the City of Carlsbad and serves as Treasurer for Carlsbad Community Theatre.



PAM COX (Agnes) A retired National Park Service ranger, Pam has been a regular both on stage and behind the scenes at CCT since 2011. She first appeared in *The Curious Savage* and has played roles in more than a dozen productions, most recently in last season's *A Christmas Carol*. She has directed numerous shows, among them *The Cemetery Club* and *Now and Then*. She and her husband Paul recently became grandparents for the first time to twins, Cooper and Kaycie.



PAUL COX (Grover) has been part of our theater family since 2014. He has been active on stage as well as behind the scenes. Most recently he was assistant director to *I'll Be Back Before Midnight*. He is retired from the National Park Service, spending his last ten years at Carlsbad Caverns. He and his wife Pam are enjoying their new roles as grandparents to Cooper and Kaycie!



MICHAEL KOSTEDT (Hal) made his first CCT appearance when he was only six years old and has become a regular, already appearing in *I'll Be Back Before Midnight* this season. He performed at Carnegie Hall last November with the Early College High School Choir and is currently a science major at Southeast New Mexico College.



RENEE EASLEY (Marguerite) You can usually find Renee at the CCT door, taking tickets and greeting guests. Marguerite of *An O. Henry Christmas* is her inaugural CCT role. She has devoted herself to raising her wonderful daughters, Skyler and Tessa Folks, along with caring for four cats and two dogs. Renee is grateful for the support of her wonderful husband, Darren, as she embarks on this new adventure.



TERRY BUSBY (O.P.) has been active in theater since he was a child, having played various roles in plays from melodramas to musicals. Some of his favorite roles include Seymour Krelborn from *Little Shop of Horrors*, Richard Hannay from *The 39 Steps* and Ichabod Crane from *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Terry currently works at Carlsbad Public Library.



DAISY COX (Drifter) makes her first appearance on the CCT stage as Drifter, the foot warmer. Her parents, Pam and Paul Cox, adopted her as a puppy seven years ago. Daisy enjoys playing with her feline siblings, Kiki and Lily, kayaking and paddleboarding.

THE AUTHORS



HOWARD BURMAN is the author of more than twenty full-length plays and 12 books. He earned BA and Ph.D. degrees from the Ohio State University and is a Fulbright Scholar. He has served as Artistic Producing Director of Cameo Entertainments, the Hilberry Theater, and California Repertory Company, which he co-founded. His plays have been translated and produced in a number of foreign languages. Retired Emeritus from California State University, Long Beach, he lives and writes in Felton, California.



WILLIAM SIDNEY PORTER (1862-1910), better known by his pseudonym O. Henry, led a life that was at times uncertain, yet always intriguing. Known primarily for his short stories, his works, including *The Gift of the Magi* and *The Ransom of Red Chief*, are known for their witty narration and surprise endings.

