



The North Fork Community Theatre Presents

# PRELUDE

by Robert H. Freeman

Directed By  
BOB ACKROYD

Produced By  
JANET FREEMAN

Assistant to the Director and Stage Manager - JUDY SARKISIAN

## THE CAST

(in order of appearance)

William..... STEVE McCONNELL  
 Roger ..... DAVID DETRICH  
 Richard ..... BOB ACKROYD  
 James Otis ..... BILL BURGESS  
 Samuel Adams ..... JOHN ASHTON  
 Andrew Mackintosh ..... ART WILKS  
 Governor Francis Bernard..... BOB FREEMAN  
 John Hancock ..... DAVID MARKEL  
 John Adams ..... ART QUINTANA  
 Doctor Joseph Warren ..... DICK KEOGH  
 Doctor Benjamin Church ..... JOHN WILLIAMS  
 Paul Revere..... KEN SCANLON, JR.  
 Editor Gill ..... STEVE McCONNELL  
 Governor Thomas Hutchinson ..... SYD BREESE  
 Forester ..... BOB SHAW  
 Captain Fitch ..... DICK TESSITOR  
 General Thomas Gage ..... BOB SHAW  
 Reverend Jonathan Mayhew ..... DAVID DETRICH  
 Captain John Parker ..... BOB FREEMAN  
 Josiah..... BILL BURGESS

Ladies: KATHY SHAW, SUE WIEGAND, NANCY TONER, AMI YOUNG, ANNE O'DONOHUE

Minutemen: ART WILKS, ART QUINTANA, DICK KEOGH, BOB ACKROYD, DICK TESSITOR, KEN SCANLON.

### ACT I

Boston, 1764-1768. The Bunch of Grapes Tavern on the waterfront.

### ACT II

Boston, 1769-1774. The same.

### ACT III

Boston, 1775. The same.

The last scene - April 19, 1775. Buckman's Tavern, Lexington.

## BIOGRAPHIES

**BOB ACKROYD (Director and Richard)** is president of Ackroyd Creative Services. He lives in Mattituck with his wife, Cindy and their three children. Bob also directed our memorable production of *The Lion In Winter*. He was last seen as the preacher in *Dark Of The Moon*.

**JOHN ASHTON (Sam Adams)** is a banker who lives in Mattituck with his wife and three children. This is John's ninth appearance on our stage. He has also been active in the East End Theatre Guild, the New Vic Repertory, and the Stirling Players. John completed a professional acting course at the PAF Playhouse in Huntington.

**SYD BREESE (Gov. Hutchinson)** has been a member of the NFCT since the beginning. He has done every job there is to do in the theatre except act -- this is his debut.

**BILL BURGESS (James Otis and Josiah)** We are sorry to announce that this is Bill's last performance for us at the NFCT because he and his family are off to New Orleans in the near future. We shall miss him and Billie and Belinda very much.

**DAVID DETRICH (Roger and Rev. Mayhew)** has been active in character roles, stage managing and other backstage roles since the 1964 production of *The Crucible*. David is also a past president of NFCT.



**BOB FREEMAN (Author, Gov. Bernard and Capt. Parker)** lives in Riverhead with his wife, Janet and Christopher. He teaches English at West Islip High School.

**JANET FREEMAN (Producer)** lives in Riverhead with Bob and Christopher. Janet's primary responsibility for this show was costumes, which was the biggest job in the show.

**DICK KEOGH (Dr. Warren)** is a member of the Board of Directors of the NFCT. This is his first appearance on stage.

**DAVID MARKEL (John Hancock)** is a veteran of the NFCT stage. He will be directing our next production -- Of Thee I Sing.

**STEVE McCONNELL (William and Editor Gill)** is a new member of the NFCT. He lives in Southold with his wife and two children. Steve is the new owner of the Gifts & Goodies and Gadgets Shop on the North Road in Southold.

**ANNE O'DONOHUE** is a former Manhattanite and theatre buff now residing in Laurel. She is a new member of the NFCT. This is her first time on stage.

**ART QUINTANA (John Adams)** is a veteran of five NFCT productions. He lives in East Marion with his wife and five children.

**KEN SCANLON (Paul Revere)** is a new member of the NFCT. He is a former resident of Southampton. His portrayal of Paul Revere with a beard is unique in the annals of American drama.

**BOB SHAW (Forester and Gen. Gage)** is a real estate broker in Mattituck. He lives with his wife and daughter, Kathy in Cutchogue. This is his second appearance on our stage.

**KATHY SHAW** is best remembered in the role of Eleanor, the Queen in The Lion In Winter. Kathy is employed by the Southold Savings Bank.

**DICK TESSITOR (Capt. Rotch)** is a native of Bellport, now residing in Southold with his wife, Anne and their three children. Dick is a Revolutionary buff. This is his first appearance on our stage.

**NANCY TONER** is a new member of the NFCT. Nancy is a speech therapist for retarded children in Bellport. She resides in Jamesport.

**SUE WEIGAND (waitress)** has appeared six times on our stage during her young life. Her first appearance was in Wait Until Dark when she was twelve. She is now a sophomore at Mercy High School.

**JOHN WILLIAMS (Dr. Church)** lives in Greenport with his wife and children. He is a partner in Ackroyd Creative Services, a Mattituck advertising agency. He will be remembered as Geoffrey in The Lion In Winter. John came to our rescue with only nine days to opening.

**ART WILKS (Mackintosh)** is a science teacher in Southold High School. He lives in Southold with his wife and three children. In addition to being an accomplished actor, he is also a distinguished musician -- bass guitar. Art has been in practically every play produced by the NFCT -- in one capacity or another since Damn Yankees.

**AMI YOUNG** was born in Maine but has lived on the North Fork for the past fifteen years. This is her first appearance on our stage. Ami has worked backstage on two other NFCT productions.

### PRODUCTION STAFF

**Set Design  
and Construction**  
BOB FREEMAN  
TOM FISCHER  
ERICH ZWINKEL  
AMI YOUNG  
JUDY SARKISIAN  
CHRIS FREEMAN  
JOHN OSGOOD

**Props**  
ANNE TESSITOR  
DICK TESSITOR  
DAVID MARKEL

**Party**  
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**Program**  
JANET FREEMAN

**Lighting Design**  
DICK GREENFIELD

**Lighting Crew**  
ERICH ZWINKEL  
DOUG SCOTT  
MARK YOUNG

**Make-up**  
MAUREEN MOFFAT  
MARYANN GALASKA

**Awards**  
JANET FREEMAN

**Tickets**  
JUDY UTTER

**Costumes**  
JANET FREEMAN  
CINDY ACKROYD  
SOPHIA GREENFIELD  
DIANE DETRICH  
MARYANN GALASKA  
MARY LARSEN  
VIRGINIA McCONNELL  
JANICE OLSEN  
KATHY SHAW  
THERESA SHAW  
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**Wardrobe**  
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**House Manager**  
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