# The North Fork Community Theatre

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# WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION By AGATHA CHRISTIE



JAN 1990

#### Welcome to the NFCT!

This president's message is aimed at our members and those of you who would like to become members. The present production starts a new year, and a new decade, but we still have the same old needs. We need you! We need you at our meetings; we need you at try-outs; we need you at work parties and to serve on committees. Remember, this is *your* theatre. It's all very simple – you get out of it what you put into it. Give us some of your spare time and we'll give you some very good memories.

- Art Wilks

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## Witness for the Prosecution

A Play in Three Acts

## by Agatha Christie

January 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20

Director: George M. Tibbetts

Producer: Lynn Martin-Sharar

Asst. Director: Bill Sousa

Produced by special arrangement with Baker's Plays, Boston, MA.

#### **CAST**

#### In order of appearance

Carter Bob Erland
Greta Rose Kobus
Mr. Wilfred Robarts, Atty James Bergen
Mr. Mayhew Earl W. Bedrich
Leonard Vole Johathan Centner
Detective Hearne Richard L. Buzen
Romaine Priscilla Sprague
Clerk Larry Tuthill
Mrs. Meyers, Atty Rosemary McCamish
Judge Wainwright Harry A. Denys
Court Stenographer Marjory Moffat
Lawyer Marylou Flynn
Lawyer Yvette Hudson
Policeman Jed Clauss
Dr. Wyatt Dan McCarthy
Janet McKenzie Phoebe A. Rey
Miss Natalie Clegg Diana Fabian
The Other Woman Deborah Viault
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#### **SCENES**

ACT I

Offices of Mr. Wilfred Robarts, Atty. Afternoon.

ACT II

Criminal Court, six weeks later. Morning.

ACT III

Scene 1 - Offices of Mr. Wilfred Robarts, the same evening.

Scene 2 - Criminal Court, the next morning.

During Act Three, Scene II, the lights are lowered to indicate the passing of one hour.



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Producer Lynn Martin-Sharar				
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Lighting Crew Mike Sieczka,				
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March 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, April 5, 6, 7

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#### **BIOGRAPHIES**

Earl W. Bedrick (Mr. Mayhew) – Earl lives in Mattituck with his family. He is employed as a technician with Mattituck Aviation Corporation.

James Bergen (Wilfred Robarts, Esq.) – This is Mr. Bergen's debut with the NFCT. He last appeared as Tommy Albright in the Words and Music Production of Brigadoon this last fall. With East Hampton's CTC he has appeared in several productions including Picnic as Howard Bevans and Fiorello as Fiorello. He also appeared in the tri-light production of Cole Through the Night. Mr. Bergen lives in Amagansett.

Richard L. Buzen (Det. Hearne) – Rich lives in Flanders with his wife Hillary. This is his first appearance at the NFCT. He was last seen at Riverhead Faculty & Community Theater's production of Annie Get Your Gun.

Jonathan Centner (Leonard Vole) – Jonathan is a builder from Quogue. He has appeared in various community theatre productions over the years on the East End. His latest performance is his last before he returns to Columbia College to finish his undergraduate education. "Timeo Danos et Danao ferentis."

Harry A. Denys (Judge Wainwright) – Harry resides in Riverhead with his family. This is his third production with the NFCT. When he found out George was directing, he couldn't pass up the opportunity to work with him again. He makes everyone feel quite "at ease."

**Bob Erland** (Carter) – Bob is a newcomer to the NFCT and acting (unless this is reality and he's been acting all his life). He says that several years of un-Civil Service working with lawyers and their secretaries gave him natural preparation for the part.

Jed Clauss (Policeman) - Jed is an old hand at the NFCT.

Diane Fabian (Natalie Clegg) – Natalie Clegg spends her days in the forensic laboratory. Diane Fabian spends her days running a medical record department in a hospital, but spends her evenings acting. When she is not performing in a show, she is studying acting at the Masque Theatre in Smithtown. She lives in Manorville

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Marylou Flynn (Lawyer) – Marylou has lived on the North Fork since 1960. she has three grown children and works on Plum Island. Her acting experience consists of playing a corpse and a witch in Hansel and Gretel – all before seven years of age.

Yvette Hudson (Lawyer) - Yvette is a brand new transplant to the North Fork. She comes here from Mississippi to work as a lab technician on Plum Island. Yvette's role as a lawyer in Witness for the Prosecution is her premier theatre performance.

Rose Kobus (Greta) - Rose has appeared in several of our productions, the latest being Don't Drink the Water. She resides in Aquebogue with her husband Mike.

Dan McCarthy (Dr. Wyatt) – Dan is a resident of Southold who received his B.A. in Speech and Dramatic Arts from Iona College and subsequently attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. His first NFCT appearance was as Harry Shapiro in Stalag. 17 and later that year appeared as Dr. Dreyfuss in Promises, Promises. He is glad to be a part of this ensemble.

Rosemary McCamish (Myers) – This is Rosemary's debut with NFCT. She resides in Southold and has an apartment in Greenwich Village. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Marjory Moffat (Court Stenographer) – This is Marjory's 20th season with the NFCT. She usually works backstage but did leave the wings to play Agnes Gouch in both Mame and Auntie Mame and Penny in You Can't Take it With You. You may also remember her as the other half of the dancing cow in Cypsy.

Phoebe Rey (Janet McKensey) – Phoebe is "delighted" to be able to tap the "wee bit of Irish heritage" she has as she plays the dour Janet McKensey. Having been a director during much of her 14 year tenure with the NFCT (The Miracle Worker, Grease, Bells Are Ringing, Oklahoma, Chapter Two, to name a few), Phoebe last appeared on stage as Elsa in Sound of Music. Phoebe has taught drama, is now directing Calamity Jane for Greenport High School, and is a former president of NFCT. Madly in love with the process of theater, Phoebe's finding it fun to be "on the boards" again and hopes the "little people" whisper her lines in her ear.

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**Priscilla Sprague** (Romaine) – Priscilla has been a member of the NFCT since 1978. Her last performance was in *The Miracle Worker*. Last year she was active in the NFCT production of *Stalag 17* and *Promises*, *Promises*. As always, it's a pleasure to perform before the NFCT audience and she hopes they enjoy this show as much as she has.

**Larry Tuthill** (*Clerk*) – Larry was first and last seen on the NFCT stage in *Stalag 17*.

**Deborah Viault** (Other Woman) – This is Debbie's debut with the NFCT. She is a student at Mattituck High School and lives in Greenport with her family.

Bill Sousa (Assistant Director) – Bill is no stranger to any of us. Presently he is completing his second term as one of our Board of Directors. He has appeared on stage, as well as produced and directed many of our past shows and is looking forward to directing our next production – Oliver!

**Lynn Martin-Sharar** (*Producer*) – Lynn has been an active member for nine years and has produced that many shows. She has also worked on other productions in different capacities. She will have very little rest after this show because she will be producing our next production – *Oliver!* 

George M. Tibbetts (Director) – Seen last season as Marko in Stalag. 17 and Sheldrake in Promises, Promises, Witness for the Prosecution is his first directorial assignment for the NFCT.

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Oliver! March 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, April 5, 6, 7

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