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# ACT presents

A Doll House

by Henrik Ibsen

Directed by: Randy Hall



### THE CAST

Nora Hargrove	Pati Tiller
Taylor Hargrove	Tommy McConnell
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Neil Kilgore	Jonathan Sapers
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The Hargrove Children	David Zinn

FEBRUARY 15 - 24, 1985

The Year: 1910

Place: Knoxville, Tenn.

Act I - Christmas Eve

Act II - Christmas Day

Act III - The Next Evening

There will be two ten minute intermissions between Acts.

#### DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Norwegian dramatist Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906) is, along with Anton Chekhov and George Bernard Shaw, one of the inventors of 20th-century drama as we know it. Ibsen worked during the early part of his career as a theatre manager and wrote several poetic, symbolic dramas, including BRAND and PEER GYNT. In 1864, he was granted a generous travel scholarship and spent the next 27 years in Italy and Germany. There, Ibsen invented the modern realistic play – dramas tackling serious social issues set in realistic, everyday surroundings. Among his most famous works are HEDDA GABLER, A DOLL HOUSE, GHOSTS, AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE, THE WILD DUCK, and ROMERSHOLM. Ibsen died in Oslo, acknowledged as one of the most important playwrights who ever lived.

A DOLL HOUSE, written in 1879, was the WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF? of the 19th century. Ibsen was a concerned, active proponent of women's rights. Nora's rebellion against her domineering husband shocked Victorian audiences, and to this day – 106 years later – that slammed door has never stopped echoing. The issues of A DOLL HOUSE remain as fresh and urgent as ever.

#### **PRODUCTION STAFF**

Managing Director	Georgeanne V. Reed
Stage Manager	Lucile Bodenheimer
Lighting Technician	
Set Crew	Walker Smith, Tom Hall, Neal Canup Walker Smith, Tom Hall, Neal Canup Vane Perry, Wayne Beasley, Steve Whitton
Properties	Mickey & Cheryl O'Brien
	Steve Whitton
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Poster Design	Pat Caffey, Randy Hall
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**PATI TILLER** – splits a career between Parents Anonymous and WDNG Radio. She is a graduate of the Birmingham Southern Theatre Department, where she appeared in many leading roles. Ms. Tiller is a 5-year veteran of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, and appeared in the T.V. movie KENT STATE.

**TOMMY McCONNELL** — is a freelance Anniston photographer. His last acting experience was at The McClellan Playhouse, where he played George in ALL MY SONS. He also played the lead in ACT's production of THE CRUCIBLE.

**STEVE WHITTON** — who says he had finished high school when Jon Sapers was born, is a professor of English at Jacksonville State University. His last acting experience was at ACT when he played Robert in COMPANY. Professor Whitton says "there is no truth to the rumor that he thinks he's Gene Kelly."

JONATHAN SAPERS – from Boston, Mass., is a reporter with The Anniston Star. Sapers, who declines to admit that he looks anything like Warren Beatty, last played the son in Garcia Lorca's BLOOD WEDDING at Harvard's Experimental Theatre.

**HERVEY FOLSOM** — who never tells her age or her weight, is an arts columnist and a veteran of many ACT productions. She last acted at the Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Miss., where she played Miss Shaw in the comedy, STAGE DOOR.

LOIS STAHL — a native of Madison, Wis., has lived in the south for 30 years. Head of the Processing Department at the Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library, she last played Sister in ACT's DAMN YANKEES. She says she is still referred to as a damn yankee despite all her years in the South.

**RANDY HALL** – who refuses to get into this age business altogether, is a copy-editor and drama critic for The Anniston Star. Hall is a prizewinning playwright, whose comedy ARTS & LEISURE, was produced in Memphis and Philadelphia. Other works have been given staged readings as far apart as Atlanta and New York.

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