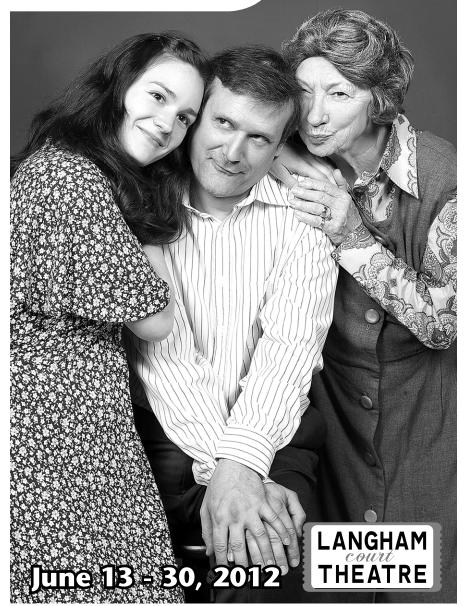
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# **Director's Notes**

I first read *The Foreigner* eight years ago and have wanted to do a production ever since. I thank Keith and Cynthia for putting it into this season and asking me to direct it. What appealed so much about *The Foreigner* was that it made me laugh out loud on the first reading – unusual for me. Of further appeal was the rather "old fashioned" format of the play with its heros and villains and good triumphing over evil. However, Mr. Shue has taken this "melodrama," added a good deal of charm, a large helping of nonsense, a larger helping of laughter and a "feel good" ending that makes for a very satisfying afternoon/evening of entertainment. I want to take this opportunity to thank the cast and production team for applying their talents, enthusiasm and dedication to this production. It has been an extremely rewarding journey for me, and I hope it will be for you as well. Enjoy!

# Victoria Theatre Guild presents

# Foreigner

by Larry Shue June 13 - 30, 2012

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Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

Director TOSHIK BUKOWIECKI
Producer CHRISTINE KARPIAK

Stage Manager NICK STULL

Set Design DICK NEWSON

Lighting Design STEPHEN JACKSON

Costume Design ANNE MARIE ARNESON

Sound Design MAX TERPSTRA

Properties/Set Dresser **JEAN DE CARTIER** 

# Cast

PERRY BURTON Charlie Baker
LESLEY GIBBS Betty Meeks

PAUL SHORTT Rev David Marshall Lee

SARAH SABO Catherine Simms HENRY SKEY Owen Musser

NICK SEPI Ellard Simms

### Act I

The Place: Betty Meeks' Fishing Lodge, Tilghman County, Georgia, USA
The Time: The Recent Past

**Scene I:** Evening **Scene 2:** The following morning

# There will be one 15-minute Intermission

### Act II

Scene 1: Afternoon, two days later Scene 2: That evening

# **Production Team**

Assistant Director ION SCHEER

Assistant Stage Manager KATHY MACOVICHUK

Assistant Properties/Set Dresser SUSAN HUNTER, BRITTANY VIS

Stage Crew BRITTANY VIS, LEANN TRENCHARD,

MICHELLE MITCHELL, KATT CAMPBELL

Head Scenic Carpenter BILL ADAMS

Carpenters GORDON ALEXANDE, JULIUS MASLOVAT,

BARRY GRIMSHAW, MIKE KUSS, TIM KARPIAK

Head Scenic Painter NAOMI ASHDOWN

Painters JOHN SMITH, LISA PRESTON

Lighting Operators KEN MASON, HEATHER CASSELS,

STEPHEN JACKSON

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# TOSHIK BUKOWIECKI

Director

The first show that Toshik took part in at Langam Court Theatre was *I Am A Camera* in 1972. Now, 40 years later, this is Toshik's fifty-eighth production. His previous directing credits include *Gigi, An Inspector Calls, I Hate Hamlet, That Summer, The Long Weekend* and *A Month in the Country*. In addition, he has done numerous set designs and appeared in many Langham productions. A Life Member since 2002,

he is currently in his third term as President of the Guild and continues to find that having to work infringes on the time he can spend at the theatre.

# **Production Biographies**

JON SCHEER Assistant Director

Jon is in his third year as Treasurer for Langham Court Theatre but this is his first full show here. He has a BA in Theatre from the University of Michigan plus over fifty years experience on and off stage. In addition to Langham, since moving to Canada in 2006, he has worked with St. Luke's Players, VOS, Peninsula Players, Victoria Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Stage West, and Four Seasons



Musical Theatre as director, stage manager and actor. He wants to thank Toshik for the opportunity to break out of Administration and into production.



# CHRISTINE KARPIAK

Producer

Christine has happily jumped in with both feet as she has taken on the challenge of a new role as Producer, parting from her usual role on stage. Being on the other side of the boards provides a satisfying new perspective on the play-making process and its wonderful and talented "play-makers". Christine was last seen on the Langham Court Theatre stage playing Florence in last

season's *The Odd Couple*. Favourite roles include Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls*, Truvy in *Steel Magnolias* and Julia in *An Act of the Imagination*.



Stage Manager

The role of the Stage Manager is to maintain the vision of the director throughout the run of the play. He or she "calls" the play; that is, calling the lighting, sound, and actor cues. When things go smoothly, the audience sees a seamless play; when not, anything can happen. Enjoy!



# DICK NEWSON

Set Design



Dick has been involved with Langham Court Theatre since moving here with his wife in 1998. He has done stage management as well as set construction and the occasional set design. He has appeared on the Langham stage in several plays and at other venues in Victoria. Dick is also responsible for much of the maintenance of the theatre as well as keeping the electronic box office system humming. Dick is proud to be the newest Life Member at Langham Court.



# STEPHEN JACKSON

Lighting Design

Stephen is a first timer with Langham and is incredibly excited to be in Victoria for his first time. He comes to Langham from Toronto where he attends the Performance Production program at Ryerson University and will be attending his third year this fall. While in Toronto some of the roles he has taken on are head electrician for Ryerson University's installment in Nuit Blanche and assistant flyman for Choreographic Works

2012. Stephen is having a blast with the cast and crew of *The Foreigner* and the Langham community. He hopes to return and continue contributing to Langham Court Theatre in the future. He would also like to thank Sylvia Farr for her enormous support and lighting advice.

# **ANN MARIE ARNESON**

Costume Design

Since 1989 Ann-Marie has periodically worked in the costume department as a seamstress/designer for several shows, some of which were; The Winslow Boy, I Hate Hamlet, School for Scandal, An Act of the Imagination, The Odd Couple, Shadowlands, Sylvia, E-Rex and others. She enjoys working with other Langham Court volunteers who share the love, energy, and enthusiasm of participating in the many different aspects of live theatre.



# MAX TERPSTRA Sound Design

# **Production Biographies**

By day, Maxwell is a web-programmer for the Internet Shakespeare Editions, as well as a computer science tutor. By night, he is most often found working lights and sounds for St. Luke's Players. He was most recently seen at Langham last season designing and operating sound for A Month In The Country. He is excited to be working in the same role today, but creating a completely different soundscape!"

# JEAN DE CARTIER Properties/Set Dresser

The Foreigner is about the tenth play at Langham Court where Jean has been part of the production crew. She started in 2008 and is pleased to say she has learned a lot having had little experience in theatre before. She thanks the long-time members who have supported her and says it is great to be part of a community where one can contribute life skills and common sense. She says being able to get along with the folks



makes the whole experience fun and worthwhile. Many thanks to two new members, Susan and Brittany, for helping to gather the props and set dressing.



# About the Playwright



Larry Shue was born July 23, 1946, in New Orleans. Shue grew up in Kansas and Illinois, displaying an early interest in theatre. Shue attended Illinois Wesleyan University and graduated with a B.F.A. in theatre in 1968. His professional career as an actor brought him to serve in the army in the entertainment division, and netted him two acting awards in Atlanta, in 1977. He then joined the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, where he changed paths and began his career as a playwright. He progressed to writing several full length plays, the best known being *The Nerd* (1981) which pre-

miered in London's West End (later moved to Broadway) and *The Foreigner* (1983, premiered in Milwaukee) and also moved to Broadway. Shue's success led him to be commissioned by Disney to write a screenplay for *The Foreigner*. He also worked on a script for a CBS comedy series, as well as a book for a Broadway musical based on the TV show *The Honeymooners*. Unfortunately, Larry Shue's promising career as a comic playwright was cut short by his untimely death in a plane crash at the age of thirty-nine.



# Bravo to the **Langham Court Theatre** community for staging a stellar 2011/12 season.

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**DREW WAVERYN** 

Froggy

Drew is very happy to be a part of *The Foreigner* with so many old friends and some new ones too. He has been involved with Langham Court Theatre since 1985 and things just keep getting better. Last season at Langham was a busy one for Drew, having appeared as Jon Peacock and Harry Woods in *The Laramie Project*, Afanasy Ivanovich Bolshintsov (say that three times fast) in *A Month in the Country* and Lord Robert Cecil in *Elizabeth Rex*.

# **Cast Biographies**

# PERRY BURTON

Charlie which,

Offstage Perry normally speaks in the third person which, while an absolute boon when writing a bio, is best described as "off-putting" to law enforcement officials. When asked whether he is a "glass half-full, or a glass half-empty person" he often replies with "It depends, am I drinking or am I pouring?" In addition to Langham Court, Perry has been involved locally



with St Lukes Players, Peninsula Players, and the Victoria Shakespeare Society, and has a tiresomely long list of credits available on DVD.



**LESLEY GIBBS** 

Betty Meeks

Lesley has appeared in several plays at Langham Court, most recently in *Lady in the Van* and *Picnic*. She has acted in the UK and Canada in radio and TV as well as live theatre. She is delighted to be sharing the Langham stage with colleagues old and new. Lesley especially welcomes so many new cast and crew to the Langham theatre family.



David
Born on the Atlantic coast and raised in the prairies, Paul Shortt
has been calling Victoria home now for just over 4 years.

Though this is his first show at Langham Court, he can be found regularly around the city - whether in open mic venues singing out his heart, or even backyard puppet shows as a puppeteer and voice actor. Paul is thrilled to be a part of *The Foreigner*, and hopes you enjoy.





Catherine

Sarah is a fourth year Theater student at the University of Victoria. She has always had a passion for the Fine Arts and is very excited to be a part of *The Foreigner*. This is her first show with Langham Court and she has had a wonderful time working with the cast and crew. They are all very talented and very welcoming. She hopes to be involved in many shows with Langham in the future.





# **HENRY SKEY**

Owen

Upon hearing the news that he would play a racist, dumb, conniving, redneck jerk, Henry was delighted. Finally, he could shed his polite past of growing up in Oak Bay and stop being nice to people. Since being cast, he has tried to emulate Owen as much as possible in everyday life; he's stopped holding doors for people, only tips 18% instead of 20% at restaurants and when asked 'how are you?' at work, he replies 'fine' without asking them how they are. He apologizes, but not until the play is over.

# **NICK SEPI**

Ellard

Nick feels privileged to be initiated into the Langham community by way of this exciting production. Nick has BFAs for both Performance and Design in Media and Performing Arts from the Savannah College of Art & Design in Georgia. Nick recently co-produced, with his wife, and portrayed Jeff in [title of show] in London, Ontario under the guise of their production company "another theatre company". He would like to thank Kate and the rest of his family for their immeasurable support.



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# **Art Exhibition**

# Ken Mason

Ken was born in Calgary. Stricken with boredom at an early age, he devoted his life to alleviating it with art and pedagogy across Canada, the U.S. and Japan. Since arriving in Victoria with his wife last fall, he has been warmly welcomed by Langham Court and Selkirk Montessori School. He briefly explains why he uses hair at www.haircraft.org.

# Todd M. Ayotte

Todd has been drawing and creating for as long as he can remember. He attended the Alberta College of Art and Design, where he fell in love with sculpting. Since moving to Victoria in 2000, Todd has found his release through illustration and painting, and has recently begun experimenting with stone etchings. He has many muses – both real and imagined. An apprentice carpenter, Todd dreams of one day building the sculptures he has in his head.

# Chris Ranes

Chris has been surrounded by photography his entire life, as his Dad and Granddad were both shutterbugs, but only recently has he truly focused on the more artistic side of photography. He enjoys capturing travel adventures, the beauty of where he lives and the people and world around him. This display at Langham Court represents only his second public exhibit. He is thankful for the opportunity, and hopes you like what you see.

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