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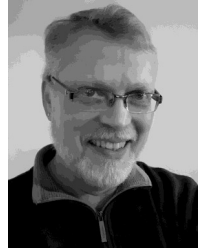


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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Having the opportunity to direct *The 39 Steps* (twice!) has been one of the highlights of my more than 35 years of doing theatre. I had so much fun with the cast, Mitchell, Susan, Doug and Jayson, along with Assistant Director Kathy, adding fresh bits of silliness to an already hilarious script.



The sheer theatricality of the play gives the director and the actors tremendous freedom to add their own creative stamp on the production. Limited sets and costumes, and even limited actors, draw the audience into the creative process by requiring them to fill in the gaps with their imagination. Splash in a healthy dose of over-the-top accents and well-chosen sound effects and you take a classic spy thriller to a completely new place... A very funny place.

I hope you have as much fun watching the show as we had putting it together and performing it each night. Hang on... it's going to be a roller coaster ride.

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The 39 Steps

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ACT I

1: Hannay's Flat, London

2: Palladium Music Hall

3 & 4: Hannay's Flat

5: Lobby

6: Hannay's Flat

7: Highland Express

8: Edinburg Station

9: Highland Express

10: Forth Bridget

11 & 12: Crofter's Cottage

13: Scottish Moors

14: Alt Na Schellach

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ACT II

1: Sherriff's Office

2: City Streets

3: Assembly Hall

4 & 5: Police Car

6: The Dark Moors

7: McGarrigle Hotel

8, 9, 10: Hotel

11, 12, 13: Palladium Hall

14: Hannay's Flat

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CAST & CREW

Mitchell Van Zant.....Richard Hannay
Sue Bishop.....Annabella, Margaret, Pamela
Jayson Albright.....Clown 1
Doug Bishop.....Clown 2

Director.....Jerry Johnson
Assistant Director/Stage Manager.....Kathy Zientara
Costume Design.....Dina Fryman
Costume Assistant.....Mary Wilking
Costume CrewCheryl Laskowski, Penny Williams
Marketing.....Jayson Albright, Jerry Johnson, Emily Steele
Props.....Brian Haubner, Jerry Johnson
Set Design/Painting.....Scott Magruder, Jerry Johnson
Sound Effects/Lighting.....Jerry Johnson
Backstage.....Chase Doolin, David Gilpin,
.....Noah Hamilton, Brian Haubner, Aidan Lee
Dressers.....Dina Fryman, Mary Wilking, Penny Williams
House Manager.....Kathy Zientara
Spotlight.....Rachel Roettger, Josh Sowa

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THE STORY

This two-time Tony® and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of four), an onstage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance! In *The 39 Steps*, a man with a boring life meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered.

Soon, a mysterious organization called "The 39 Steps" is hot on the man's trail in a nationwide manhunt that climaxes in a death-defying finale!

The original London production directed by Maria Aitken designed by Peter McKintosh lighting designed by Ian Scott sound designed by Mic Pool and movement directed by Toby Sedgwick opened at the Tricycle Theatre in Kilburn in August 2006 and transferred to the Criterion Theatre in the West End on September 14, 2006. The original production was directed by Fiona Buffini. This production is licensed and the films distributed by ITV Global Entertainment Ltd.





Mitchell Van Zant – Mitchell is a native to Decatur and has enjoyed performing with Theater 7 for many years. From classics like *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, with his role as Chief Bromden, to one day becoming the King of the Britons in the award-winning *Spamalot*. Whether it be serious or silly, he enjoys the experience community theater brings to his life and hopes to perform with Theatre 7 for years to come.



Susan Bishop – This is Susan's first Theatre 7 production. Her husband, Doug, has been involved in Theatre 7 for over 20 years and she has helped behind the scenes a few times. Susan has worked in the Children's Area of the Decatur Public Library for 15 years. She is also half of the library's story-acting outreach program, READiculous, and co-creator of the youth program, READiculous, JR. Susan would like to thank Jerry and the cast for making this such a wonderful experience, and her husband, Doug, for all his support and encouragement!



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Doug Bishop – Doug is a Theatre 7 veteran, first appearing in 1999 as Patrick O'Reilly in *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. Since then he has been in numerous shows, including *Barefoot in the Park*, *Epic Proportions*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Sylvia*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, *Spamalot*, *The Explorer's Club* and Theatre 7's original production of *The 39 Steps* in 2012. He lives in Decatur and has the immense pleasure of acting with his beautiful and talented wife Susan in her first Theatre 7 production. They have two grown "kids", Alex and Samantha. They are also grandparents to a future star, Bailey. When not playing the "Clown," Doug is Senior Director of Beverage Innovation for Bunn in Springfield.



Jayson Albright – Jayson is thrilled to be back in the world of *The 39 Steps*, having previously played Richard Hannay in the 2012 production. Jay has collaborated on multiple Theatre 7 shows with Jerry, Doug, and Mitchell; favorites include *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Epic Proportions*, *Avenue Q* and *The Explorers Club*. This is his first collaboration with Susan, though technically there's three of her so they too have already worked multiple times together. Jay made his Theatre 7 acting debut way back in 1995's *Bathroom Humor*. *Moon Over Buffalo* was his first directorial effort. He was last seen on the Theatre 7 stage in 2018 as Dr. Frederick Frankenstein in *Young Frankenstein*.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

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ABOUT THEATRE 7

Theatre 7 is a 501(c)3 non-profit, volunteer-run organization, dedicated to fostering the theater arts in the Decatur area. Every season, the cast and crew of volunteers produce three mainstage productions as well as several dinner theaters at area restaurants. We are the only community theatre company in town that hires local musicians for our musical productions.

Get Involved: We need actors, builders, tailors, graphic artists and more! Everyone is welcome to attend a membership meeting, held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at our downtown headquarters at 131 N. Water St., Decatur.

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Theatre 7 is a volunteer-run company dedicated to fostering the theater arts in the Decatur area.

Theatre 7 started as a spinoff from the Town and Gown theatre group that focused on the classics. Some members wanted to do more contemporary material, so in December 1963 about 30 people organized what became Theatre 7 in 1964.

Our members have presented comedies, dramas, musicals, one-act plays, mysteries, dinner theatres, variety shows and a travel troupe.

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