

# dead man's cell phone

## by Sarah Ruhl

#### Director

DANI SNYDER-YOUNG

#### **Scenic Designer**

CURTIS C. TROUT, USA

#### **Costume Designer**

MARCIA McDonald, USA

#### **Lighting Designer**

DAVID ALLEN STOUGHTON

#### **Sound Designer**

AJ CHIEN senior BFA Design/Technology

Playwrights Horizons, Inc., New York City, produced the New York Premiere of "Dead Man's Cell Phone" Off-Broadway in 2008.

Originally produced June 2006 by Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, Washington, DC, Howard Shalwitz, Artistic Director; Kevin Moore, Managing Director.

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Produced by Special Arrangement with: Samuel French

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## Cast

Jean	HAILEY LECHELT, junior BFA Acting
Dwight	HOLDEN GINN, junior BFA Music Theatre
Hermia	EMILY HARDESTY, junior BFA Music Theatre
Gordon	JEFFREY KELLER, junior BFA Music Theatre
Mrs. Gottlieb	ELIZABETH FERRIS, senior BFA Acting
Mysterious Woman	SHELBY KORTE, sophomore BFA Acting
Chorus	RYANN CHIODA, junior BA Theatre Arts CAMI TOKOWITZ, sophomore BFA Acting

#### **Director's Notes**

A wonderful fact to reflect upon, that every human creature is constituted to be that profound secret and mystery to every other. A solemn consideration, when I enter a great city by night, that every one of those darkly clustered houses encloses its own secret; that every beating heart in the hundreds of thousands of breasts there, is, in some of its imaginings, a secret to the heart nearest it! Something of the awfulness, even of Death itself, is referable to this. No more can I turn the leaves of this dear book that I loved, and vainly hope in time to read it all...It was appointed that the book should shut with a spring, for ever and for ever, when I had read but a page....My friend is dead, my neighbour is dead, my love, the darling of my soul, is dead...In any of the burial-places of this city through which I pass, is there a sleeper more inscrutable than its busy inhabitants are, in their innermost personality, to me, or than I am to them?...The messenger on horseback had exactly the same possessions as the King, the first Minister of State, or the richest merchant in London. So with the three passengers shut up in narrow compass of one lumbering old mail-coach; they were mysteries to one another, as complete as if each had been in his own coach and six, or his own coach and sixty, with the breadth of a county between him and the next.

—CHARLES DICKENS, A Tale of Two Cities

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## **Production Team**

Asst. Director
Stage Manager KRISTIN SOLODAR, senior BA Theatre Arts
Dramaturg
Dialect Coach
Assistant Scenic Designers
Associate Costume Designer HANNAH SAGE, junior BFA Design/Technology
Assistant Costume Designer Dominic Gambaiani, sophomore BA Theatre Arts
Hair and Makeup Designer KELCIE MORTELL, senior BFA Design/Technology
Fight Choreographer
Fight Captain Conor Finnerty-Esmonde, senior BFA Music Theatre
Asst. Lighting Designer VIANEY SALAZAR, junior BFA Design/Technology
Asst. Sound Designer Lela Clark, senior BFA Design/Technology
Technical Director
Scene Shop Supervisor
Costume Shop Supervisor
Properties Master Whitney Meltz, sophomore BFA Design/Technology
Production Electrician
Master Electrician NICK VALDIVIA, sophomore BFA Design/Technology
Asst. Master Electrician OLIVIA SARKIS, sophomore BFA Design/Technology
Scenic Artist
Publicity Coordinator
Assoc. Publicity Coordinator Tess Wisher, senior BA Theatre Arts
Graphic Designer Gary Schwartz
House Manager Lela Clark, senior BFA Design/Technology
Asst. House Managers. JEAN MUZA, sophomore BFA Acting MEGAN LAI, sophomore BFA Acting PAOLA LEHMAN, sophomore BFA Music Theatre
Box Office Manager Kelly J. Ullom
Light Board Operator ELIJAH DAVIS, sophomore BA Theatre Arts
Sound Board Operator

#### **Production Crews**

#### Wardrobe Crew

DANA LASSWELL (head), junior BA Theatre Arts REBECCA CAUTHORN, freshman BA Theatre Arts CATHERINE GROTH,

freshman BFA Music Theatre

SAM HULSIZER, freshman BFA Acting
GENEVIEVE KLEVE, freshman BFA Acting
DANIELLE PONSOT, freshman BA Theatre Arts
ALIZA SAPER, freshman BFA Acting
JOSIAH TENNET, freshman BFA Music Theatre
CHRIS WOODLEY, freshman BFA Music Theatre

#### Run Crew

Madisen DeBord (head),
freshman BA Theatre Arts

Morgan McCane (head),
freshman BFA Music Theatre

Stefano Egleston,
freshman BFA Music Theatre

Carson Grey
freshman BFA Music Theatre

Maya McGowan,
freshman BFA Music Theatre

YUBEI SHEN, freshman Theatre Minor

#### Fly Crew

WILL MUELLER, (head),
sophomore BFA Acting
TAYLOR CODUTO, freshman BA Theatre Arts
KIRA RANGEL, freshman BFA Music Theatre

#### **Electricians:**

TAYLOR CODUTO, freshman BA Theatre Arts STEFANO EGLESTON,

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ANDREA FROEHIKE, freshman BFA Acting
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freshman BFA Acting

LENA KINCAID, sophomore BA Theatre Arts

IAN O'TOOLE, freshman BA Theatre Arts

KAELIN REICHMANN, sophomore BA Theatre Arts

CONNOR WIDELKA, sophomore BA Theatre Arts

#### **Production Assistants**

#### **Costume Shop Assistants**

ANDREA FROEHLKE (head),

AIDA CHEUNG, ELIZABETH FERRIS, TREVOR GABEL, LIBBY HART, NOAH HASKINS, ILYSSA KOSOVA, KAMILAH LAY, CATHERINE MOJSIEWICZ, HANNAH SAGE, JACKIE SALGADO, CONNOR SPECK, ANNE WARNKE

#### Scene Shop Assistants/ Facilities Manager

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Book by George Abbott
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