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- Jody Vyrostek (Charles) A mockingbird. A loud and persistent songster. Perches on tree tops, antennas and phone line. A mimic that often sings at night. “I like to imitate voices.”
- Jill Ledbetter (Queen Yolanda) Undeniably feather phobic.” I will not, cannot be a bird.” Can I be a cat?”
- Charlie Dye (La Tourmille) A red-breasted robin. Everyone is so glad to see them after a long cold winter and they lay pretty blue eggs.
- Jim Baker (Archbishop) A cardinal. A crested finch, brilliant color for the male, drab dress for the female. Has a sharp, metallic song with slurred whistles. “Good color, good sound.”
- Robert Cloninger (La Hire) “I would be a stunningly handsome one—just look at me.” a peacock comes to mind. Crested with a long, loosely webbed tail that fans out and shimmers.
- Jim Carroll (Executioner) An owl. Stocky build, bull neck, large eyes and silent wings. Hides out in daylight in heavy vegetation and tree hollows. “they like the night and early morning.”
- Matt Terrell (Boudeussee) A kiwi. A funny bird from down under with short sturdy legs, abbreviated wings that don’t fly and grey/brown feathers that resemble hair. Here he would be exotic.
- Pandora Eve Remillard (Town person) The Little Red Hen “Then I will do it myself.”
- Vicky Arnold (Town person) Mockingbird. “Besides doing bird things they mock others and chase cats.”

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THE FORT SMITH LITTLE THEATRE

presents

THE LARK

BY JEAN ANOUILH

adapted by
LILLIAN HELLMAN

directed by
JIM MOODY

with permission from Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

The Time

1430-1431

The Place

Rouen, France

There will be a fifteen minute intermission between two acts

The Cast

Warwick	Robert Ledbetter
Cauchon	Carl McCauley
Joan	Elizabeth Bell
Joan's Father	Richard Tomblinson
✓Joan's Mother	Judy Blevins
Joan's Brother	Randall Dean Woods
The Promoter	Curtis LaRue
The Inquisitor	Chris Whitson
Brother Lavenu	Aaron Shaffer
Robert de Beaudricourt	John Gallagher
Agnes Sorel	Amber Arnold
The Little Queen	Maebell Remillard
Charles	Jody Wayne Vyrostek
Queen Yolanda	Jill Ledbetter
Monsieur de la Tremouille	Charlie Dye
Archbishop of Reims	Jim Baker
Captain La Hire	Robert Cloninger
Executioner	Jim Carroll
Boudoussee	Matt Terrell
Towns People	Vicky Arnold, Pandora Eve Remillard

The Crew

Director	Jim Moody
Assistant Director	Brandy Cherry
Producer	Katy Boulden
Costumes	Martha Gooden, Rosemary Johnson
Properties	Wendy Quick, Lee Vlademar
Stage Manager	Brandy Cherry, Fran Milam
Graphic Art	Zena Featherston
Lighting Design	Bob Stevenson
Make-up	Judy Blevins
Set Design and Construction	Michael Newcity

Casting Thoughts

Our cast is large and program space is not, so in lieu of biographies we offer . . . Birds of a feather act together or if I were a bird I'd be a . . .

- Rob Ledbetter (Warwick) An emu. A tall bird with long thin legs and small wings. It can't fly but it sure runs fast.
- Carl McCauley (Cauchon) A golden condor. A rare bird of prey of glorious color. Its swooping, soaring flight is a moving picture of freedom.
- Elizabeth Bell (Joan) Not a lark but a giant bird that soars through the skies. "Wait for Act II."
- Richard Tomblinson (Joan's father) A Scissortail Flycatcher. Has a long scissor like tail with pinkish flanks and salmon color red wing linings. They patiently perch on shrubs and fences to better snatch passing insects. "A wise bird who knows when to ask why."
- Judy Blevins (Joan's mother) An indigo bunting. The male is bright blue and the female a drab brown and it sings. "Flies low but never lights long."
- Randall Wood (Joan's brother) A penguin. Short legs, doesn't fly, loves cold water, always in formal dress and walks like Charlie Chaplin.
- Curtis La Rue (Promoter) An eagle. A bird of prey. large, strong, graceful, sharp eyed. Reportably has fascinating and dangerous mating habits.
- Chris Whitson (Prosecutor) A stork. Old world kin of the ibis and heron, has long legs and a strong bill. Mythically they carry babies everywhere.
- Aaron Shaffer (Ladvenu) a duck. Short legs, short neck . . . a swimming bird. "I could swim all day and fly all night."
- John Gallagher (Robert de La Beaudricourt). A hummingbird. The smallest avian, bright in color, narrow wings, a slender bill and a very long tongue. "Fast, elusive and impossible to catch."
- Amber Arnold (Agnes Sorel) A falcon. Have bullet-shaped wings and narrow tails and are speed demons. When swooping down on prey can get up to 100 mph. "because they are regal and smart, a sort of royal acting bird."
- Maebell Remillard (Little Queen) A toucan. Fruit-eating tropical bird. Large with brilliant color. "A different sort of bird-it represents my individuality."