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Auditions for *The Lark* will be held earlier than originally scheduled. Auditions will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, July 22 and 23. Call 783-2966 for audition location after July 1.

The Fort Smith Little Theatre
presents

*THE
COCKTAIL
HOUR*

STARRING

Brad Kidder • Clara Jane Rubarth
David and Heather Steadham

Written by A.R. Gurney
Directed by Michael Richardson
Produced by Phanita Williams

June 6-15, 2002

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THE CAST

(in order of appearance)

Bradley	Brad Kidder
John	David Steadham
Ann	Clara Jane Rubarth
Nina	Heather Steadham

THE CREW

Director	Michael Richardson
Producer	Phanita Williams
Stage Managers	John Gallagher, Judy Blevins
Wardrobe	Wilma McCauley, Kaye Birkhead
Props	Martha Gooden, Holly Nethers Nikki Hutchins, Brandi Cherry
Set Design	Candace Sanders
Set Construction	Jim Carroll, Jimmy Edwards, Reesa Carroll, Mary Beth Koprovic Michael Richardson
Lighting Design	Jim Moody
Lights&Sound Technician	Michael Tickler
Lobby Display	Bruce Birkhead
Prompter	Leslie Kidder
Production Photographer	Zena Featherston
Art Design	Daphne Weir

*Mr. Kidder's and Mr. Steadham's wardrobe is by
D.S. Traditional Clothier*

THE SETTING: The well appointed living room of a well-to-do family in upper New York State

THE TIME: Early Fall

Act I: Early evening

Act II: Later in the evening

“The Cocktail Hour” Biographies

Brad Kidder (Bradley)

I am grateful for this opportunity to once again be with the “audience”, always that wondrous blend of humanity that is the tap root of theatre. It is a pleasure to travel with you from illusion to reality and back again. This is a great cast and crew. They are community assets, and it is a pleasure to work with them to bring this play to life. The FSLT has meant very much to my entire family since the late 1950s. In my life off stage, there is my wife Brooxine, our four children and six grandchildren to bring color to the day. I am teaching for John Brown University, tutoring for the Literacy Council and teaching conversational English to visiting scholars from China, who are doing research at the UofA/Fayetteville campus. The irony is that every time I teach them how to pronounce something, they teach me what it means.

Clara Jane Rubarth (Ann)

Clara Jane calls “Ann” the role she has been growing toward for a very long time. Years of work backstage, primarily in costume design and construction, has not prepared her for life in the lights. The challenge is **exciting, however, and rewarding.** And her success she says is entirely due to the ensemble cast and a patient director. Her role in the rest of her life plays before classes at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith where she teaches nonfiction and workplace writing.

Heather Steadham (Nina)

Heather Steadham is a 28-year-old Fort Smith native currently living in Van Buren. She works as an Abstinence Educator for the Fayetteville School District, traveling to teach in the health classes at Hackett, Hartford, Paris, Ozark, Cedarville and Van Buren. Heather serves as the volunteer executive director of the Young Actors Guild, the area children’s theatre based out of the King Opera House. Her goals include teaching English and drama in high school and her fondest dream is to run the Young Actors Guild full-time. Heather enjoys time at home with her husband, Dave and her four miniature schnauzers—Bluebeard, Gypsy, Salem and Cyrano.

David Steadham (John)

David Steadham got his love of theatre while growing up in Houston. He relocated here after marrying his college sweetheart, Heather. He is the technical director for the King Opera House as well as the Young Actors Guild. He is returning to college this summer to pursue a degree in Recreation. He aspires to one day become a youth minister. In his free time he enjoys working with kids and going to the theatre and movies with Heather.