


### FROM THE DIRECTOR



If you looked at my girlhood list of things I wanted to accomplish in my lifetime you would not find directing a play anywhere on it. After twelve years involvement with FSLT on stage, backstage and on the board I have finally taken the plunge with *The Sensuous Senator*. The only credit I can take is in choosing the play and selecting a magnificent cast and crew. They have given 110% in every area, from building this very difficult intricate set to the hours of rehearsal to perfect the razor sharp timing and everything in between. I want to especially acknowledge the co-producers, Angela Covey and Dianah Gourley. They were my shoulders to lean on, my sounding board, my voice of experience and my tranquilizer when things got harried, but most of all my friends. Without the two of them this show would not have been possible. In this election year I hope *The Sensuous Senator* will prompt you to pull out the banners and signs, wear a bit of red, white and blue, and wave the flag and march the patriotic tune.

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A Bedouin Farce  
by  
Michael Parker

# THE SENSUOUS SENATOR

Fort Smith Little Theatre  
April 15-24, 2004

**DIRECTED BY CAROLE ROGERS**  
Produced by arrangement with Samuel French, Inc

# Prologue: A Senate Anteroom ACT I & II: Senator's Townhouse

There will be a 15 minute intermission between acts

## CAST

*Congressman Jack Maguire—Chris Newberry*  
*Congressman Clyde Salt—Ray Coleman*  
*Senator Harry Douglas—Michael Richardson*  
*Mrs. Lois Douglas - Nancy Blochberger*  
*Betty Morrison—Courtney Stearns*  
*Fiona—Leslie Kidder*  
*Veronica—Nikki McDaniel*  
*Policeman—Rham Cunningham*

## CREW

*Director—Carole Rogers*  
*Producers—Dianah Gourley & Angela Covey*  
*Stage Managers—John Gallagher , Mary Beth Koprovic, Jacquelyn Harper*  
*Costumes—Kaye Birkhead, Phanita Williams & Janet LaForce*  
*Props—Virginia Corey & Nancy Moon*  
*Prompter—Martha Gooden*  
*Set—James Rogers, Jeff Jones , Doug Brown & Ivan Foxworthy*  
*Lights—Jim Moody, Matt Terrell, Dustin Westfall & Adam Neihouse*

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Ray Coleman** (Salt): Ray has been active in FSLT for more than twenty years and has performed in Mary, Mary, Wait Until Dark, Front Page, Cyrano de Bergerac, A Street-car Named Desire, Tally's Folly, The Odd Couple (Female Version), Little Shop of Horrors, The Last Meeting of The Knights of The White Magnolia, The Tavern, and A Funny Thing Happened on The Way to the Forum. He directed One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest, No Time For Sergeants, The Primary English Class and Lou Ann Hampton Laverty Oberlander. He has also acted in Nashville, TN and New York.

**Nikki McDaniel** (Veronica): Nikki has been involved in community theatre for nearly a quarter of a century. She is a boring banker by day and a devoted mother the rest of her waking hours. She looks forward to playing a character.....wholesome in the future.

## BIOGRAPHIES (Continued)

**Chris Newberry** (Maguire): This is Chris' third production at FSLT, Royal Family and Working being his previous credits. Chris has performed in productions with Theatre Tulsa and at his Alma Mater, Ouachita Baptist University. When not performing as General Manager at Old Navy, Chris tends to his two feisty felines, Mike and Bee. Chris is delighted to be reunited with his fellow thespians this show.

**Michael Richardson** (Harry Douglas): This is the 25th production that I have had the pleasure of working on at FSLT. Bringing my character to life and this bawdy political peccadillo to the stage in an election year is not without irony. BRAVO...Carole and thanks, ya' done good.

**Nancy Blochberger** (Lois Douglas): Nancy has been involved off and on stage at FSLT for thirteen years. Her last performance was in Royal Family. In real life she is married to husband, Kent, and works in marketing at Cooper Clinic.

**Courtney Stearns** (Morrison): Courtney is excited to be joining this cast. A recent graduate of Southside High School, she starred as Aunt Eller in Oklahoma! for which she was honored as the best actress of 2001 by her peers. She also received honors for her portrayal of Baptista, the father of feuding sisters in the Taming of the Shrew. She also participated in The American High School Theatre Festival's Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Leslie Kidder** (Fiona): Leslie is a generation down from Brad and Brooxine Kidder and has been active in FSLT off and on since 1968. She has also acted in Missouri and Texas. One of her favorite roles was Jean Brodie in the Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie. Contrary to the role she plays, she is shy and concealing...she claims that she is not for hire.

**Rham Cunningham** (Policeman): This will be Rham's second performance at FSLT. His first was Dr. Chasuble in The Importance of Being Earnest. He loves to make people laugh and laughs along with them. His favorite thing to do is talk....he works as a disc jockey on KISR 93. Rham's philosophy is if you are not laughing, you should be.

