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About Man of La Mancha

As Actorsingers anticipates the Golden Anniversary of the group's founding in 1955, we are delighted to share also in a Quadricentennial celebration. In 1605, Miguel de Cervantes published El ingenioso hidalgo don Quijote de la Mancha (The Ingenious Knight Don Quixote of La Mancha), one of the most widely read classics of Western literature. This novel served as the inspiration for Man of La Mamcha.

This well-constructed musical opened November 22, 1965, and ran until June 26, 1971 for a total of 2,328 performances on and off Broadway. Winner of five Tony Awards including Best Musical, the play intertwines elements from the life of Cervantes himself with scenes from the Don Quixote novel. Since Cervantes' death in 1616, there have been more than 200 adaptations of the novel into theatrical forms, but none ever matched the popularity of this musical. Brilliant storytelling, captivating music, and memorable characters make the stage come alive with hope springing from the depths of the dungeon.



Meet the Cast



Catherine Z. Andruskevich (Housekeeper, Moorish Girl) - CZA most recently directed How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. She has many prior directorial accomplishments for A/S and other area groups and has appeared on stage since 1970. Catherine's favorite roles Kate in Kiss Me, Kate, Babe in The Pajama Game, Lady Thiang in The King and I, Marion in The Music Man, Elsa in The Sound of Music, and Arlene in Baby



Mike Bradbury (Captain of the Inquisition) - Mike again uses his military upbringing to help him faithfully carry out his inquisitor duties within the dungeon. Recently Mike played Admiral Peary in Ragtime, Colonel JJ Astor in Titanic, and has performed in 4 other A/S productions (including Brigadoon with son Colin). Mike is pleased to be part of such a great cast and is happy he's not a prisoner. He'd like to thank Maria, Lauren and Colin for all their support, encouragement, and shared love of the stage.



Doug Dion (Jose the muleteer) - Doug is 16 and a student at Hollis/Brookline HS. Doug's excited about this show because it's his first with A/S and outside of school. He's excited about playing a muleteer, because it's a very different part for him and he gets to play the scum of the Earth. Recently Doug has been in H/B's Anything Goes as Evelyn Oakleigh, and Thesmophoriazusae that runs Dec 3-4.



Barry Doucette (Tenorio) - This is Barry's first A/S show and the second time he's been in Man of LaMancha this year. Barry's been performing for 26 years at the Amesbury Playhouse, Boston, Burlington, Lowell and the lakes region. His favorite roles have been Sancho in Man of Lamancha, Psuedolus in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, and Norman Bulansky in The Boys Next Door. Barry's hopes to be in many more A/S in the future.



Sean Duffy (Guard) - Sean returns to the stage after many years behind the stage helping the Jr. A/S and daughters Lauren and Rachel with their shows. Sean was last in The King and I 34 years ago.



William Farguhar (Pedro) - Has extensive experience, none of it having to do with acting. He's a husband and father of 3 from Hollis, creates computer games by day; and by night has parties with his neighbors and makes promises that he'll give acting a try. By the next day of course he vaguely recalls those promises, but follows through on them as he's a man of his word and a Man of LaMancha.



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John Flynn (Juan) – John returns to the A/S stage after his performances in both A/S *Ragtime* and *Titanic*. John's performed in many community and professional theaters including the Seacoast Repertory Theater where he last appeared as the funny *Wizard of Oz* guard and one of the guilty in *Clue, The Musical.* John lives in Portsmouth and is thrilled to be associated with such a talented and dedicated group of people.



Bob Frasca (Governor/Inkeeper) - Bob has been seen on the A/S stage frequently since the 1997 production of *Sound of Music* and is currently President of A/S. Favorite A/S roles have included Captain von Trapp from *Sound of Music*, Sky Masterson in *Guys and Dolls*, Judge Pitkin W. Bridgework in *On The Town* and Capt. Edward Smith in *Titanic*. He is excited that A/S is bringing his favorite musical to the stage. He remains humbly grateful for the support of

his wonderful/patient wife Beverly. Hi K.B.!



Dave Fordyce (Padre) - Dave's most recent A/S performances include Musical Director for *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying* and as Father in *Ragtime*. Other fond A/S memories include the role of Thomas Andrews in *Titanic*, and his part as the *flasher* created by Betty Thompson in *Guys and Dolls*. How blessed we are and how rewarding it is to be associated with A/S. Thanks A/S for 50 years of theatre!



Elizabeth Laflamme (Antonia, Costume Designer) - Elizabeth has been performing in theatre since she was 9, and it has continued to be a passion since then. Her favorite roles include Nancy in *Oliver*, Kate McGowen in *Titanic*, Dominique DeMonaco in *Lucky Stiff*, and Sister Mary Amnesia in 2 shows of *Nunsense* and *Meshugganuns*. Elizabeth was nominated for Best Actress In a musical in 2002/*Titanic* and 2003/*Oliver*, and Best supporting Actress in a musical *cy. Stiff*. She recently finished playing Marion in *Music Man*, and is taking a small

in 2004/Lucky Stiff. She recently finished playing Marion in Music Man, and is taking a small break from playing Lolli in Studio 57, A Cabaret to gear up for New Years Eve! Details at www.neamd.org



Susan Larkin (Prisoners/Moorish Dancers) – Susan is psyched to be doing her 3rd show with A/S and is honored to be a part of such a great cast. Susan last appeared on the A/S stage in H2\$ and Brigadoon. By day Susan works for RFO in Westford. Thanks to Kate and Rudy! God Bless and break a leg to all!



Ashley Love (Fermina) - Trained at Marymount Manhattan College for the past 2 years and is now continuing her acting training Emerson College. While this is her first time onstage with A/S, she's helped on crew shadowing backstage as makeup co-chair in *Ragtime*. Her favorite roles include, Leo in *Nunsense*, Titania in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Electra in *Gypsy*, Katharine in *When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet* and Helena in *All's Well That Ends Well*. She has

been nominated for a NH Theatre Award for the role of Queenie in HONK! and has received awards from NHETG, the Palace Youth Theatre "Stages of Life" award and is an honored

member of the International Thespian Society. Thanks/love to the Studio57 crew-you all mean so much to me-Vi



Jennifer Mallard (Innkeeper's Wife) - Jennifer is pleased to be back on the A/S stage after performing in *Ragtime* and as Caroline Neville in *Titanic*. Jennifer recently performed Susie Monahan RN in NEAMD's *Wit*. Look for Jen next in Concord Community Players *Titanic* this Thanksgiving weekend. Jen thanks God and her family for all the love and support. She dedicates this performance to her Father and Brother for believing in her . I love you! God Bless!



Jim Maloney (Dr. Carrasco/Duke/Knight of Mirrors) - Jim is happy to be performing once again with the A/S, this time as "the bad guy." Jim recently appeared in H2\$ (he was the Book Voice), and *Ragtime* (many roles). His first A/S show was the memorable *Camelot*, which was a great introduction to A/S. Jim is a member of the board of directors of Andy's Summer Playhouse in Wilton. He'd like to thank everyone involved in this show for their support and

dedication, and he hopes that the audience enjoys watching the show as much as the actors have enjoyed in presenting it.



Paul Metzger (Muleteer) – Paul is pleased to be returning to the A/S stage, having appeared several seasons ago in *Pirates of Penzance*. Most recently he portrayed Ernst Ludwig in *Cabaret*, earning a NH Theater Award "Best Supporting Actor" nomination. Paul has performed in over 20 productions, with roles ranging from Petruchio in *Taming of the Shrew* to Sky Masterson in *Guys and Dolls*. Paul would like to say thanks to the La Mancha cast/crew for a

wonderful experience, and to fiancée Donna and children Margaret, Matt, and Mallory for their love and support. Be sure to mark your calendars for A/S upcoming Spring production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, which Paul is directing.



Joelle Morris (Aldonza/Dulcinea) - A recent resident of NH, Joelle holds a masters degree in Vocal Performance from U of Denver and has been primarily singing in Operas for the past 7 yrs. She is thrilled to be part of such a wonderful cast/crew for her first musical theater show in a long, long time. You can soon see Joelle in Granite State Opera's production of Marriage of Figaro Nov 19/21. I thank my ever supporting husband Drew, my equally supporting voice

teacher, William Carey and of course the ever flamboyant Opera Circle's Ricardo Azocar



Dan Murphy (Guitar Player, Muleteer) – Dan's recent stage appearances include A/S *Titanic* and *Fiddler On the Roof, and Guys and Dolls* at the Majestic. Dan also performs occasionally at area coffeehouses and was host of *The Folk Show* on New Hampshire Public Radio a few years ago

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Alex Ouellette (Guard) – This is Alex's 1st show with A/S. Alex began acting this last year at Merrimack HS. In school Alex was in several one act plays and *Guys & Dolls*. Alex is also involved in the video, having taught himself a wide range of video affects. You can see some of Alex's work on the community Merrimack broadcast channel.



Mark Schwartzberg (Anslemo, Understudy for Miguel De Cervantes/Don Quixote/Alonso Quijana roles) - This is Mark's first A/S production. Mark's appeared recently at Manchester's Palace Theater in *Guys and Dolls* (2002) and in *The Pirates of Penzance* (2003).



Joey Tomacchio (Sancho Panza) - A NH native, Joey returned home last year from NYC and made his A/S debut as Tateh in *Ragtime* (NHTA nominee). A graduate of the American Musical & Dramatic Academy in NYC, Joey has performed Off Broadway in *The Canterville Ghost* (US & NYC premieres) as well as in *The Soapranos* and *Li'l Abner*. Locally, Joey has been in NEAMD's moving production of *W*;*t* as Dr. Jason Posner and in *Studio* 57 as Buddy and as Mar-

cellus in Peacock's The Music Man. This show is in memory of Nana and Nano, who always encouraged me to "reach the unreachable star."



Denise Wheaton (Prisoners/Moorish Dancers) - Denise works at ASA Boston as an UA Environment Coordinator by day but loves the theater/performing by night. Although Denise has performed in other theaters this is her first performance with A/S. Denise is excited about being in the show and would like to dedicate her performance to her 4 roommates at home and her greatest inspiration and best friend Jon.



David White (Miguel De Cervantes/Don Quixote/Alonso Quijana) – David has been in theater since college in the 60s. In the 70s he taught high school drama and directed productions of *The Fantasticks* and *The Crucible*. After taking time to start a family/go to grad school, David returned to the stage in the 90s A/S productions of *The Fantasticks* (Huckleby) and *Guys and Dolls*. More recently, he appeared as Mr. Bumble in the 2003 Amherst PTA production of *Oliver* and

as Uncle Louie in *Lost in Yonkers* with the Milford Area Players. This year David was Asst Director while serving as a member of the President's cabinet in *Annie* with the Amherst PTA. David also appeared as Big Daddy in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* with FASKARSNOPRA Productions, and as Dr. Harvey Kelekian and Vivian's father in the NEAMD's production of *Wit*.



Meet the Crew



Brett Mallard (Director) - With more than 25 years experience in the performing arts, Brett brings a wealth of talent and passion for his work. Known for his ability to create diverse and exciting character roles, Brett has performed in hundreds of professional, regional and community theatre productions over the years. Twice nominated "Best Actor in a Musical" for the Seacoast Spotlight on the Arts Award, he also starred in the 2000 and 2001 winning "Best

Musical" productions of "Sweeney Todd" and "Titanic" at SRT.

Recently, his talents have been focused on directing. Brett was the runner up in the NH Theatre Awards category of "Best Director" for his direction of the critically acclaimed and award winning Actorsinger productions of *Titanic* and "*Ragtime*". "*Ragtime*" went on to win 5 NH Theatre Awards including *Best Musical* for the 2003 season. Other directorial credits include "*Honk!*" at the Bell Center in Dover, NH, "*Nunsense*" with the Music and Drama Company of Derry, and "*Wit*" with the New England Academy of Music and Drama (which Brett is a co-founder of). Brett's next projects will be directing the Peacock Players Christmas production of "*Inspecting Carol*" and *Ragtime* at the Seacoast Repertory Theater in Portsmouth. For more information, visit: <u>www.brettmallard.com</u> or <u>www.neamd.org</u>



Michele Henderson (Music Director) – Michele Is thrilled to be returning to A/S for her fourth production. Previous shows include *Camelot, Titanic* and *Rag-time*. An international performer of grand opera for over 25 yrs., Ms. Henderson is passionately involved in the training of young performers, both at her private vocal studio and as a founding member of New England Academy of Music and Drama (NEAMD). She wishes to thank her family for their support,

and her talented cast and orchestra for their hard work to make Man of La Mancha the wonderful show you are seeing today.



Brandon Mallard (Chorographer) - Brandon is a dramatics instructor and personal acting coach at the New England Academy of Music and Drama. For nearly 10 years, he has been seen performing nationally in theatre, television, film and print. Recently he has focused on directing and choreographing. With more than 6 nominations for "Best Choreographer" in the NH Theatre Awards his past Directorial credits include: Choreographer for *Ragtime* (winner of 5 NH

Theatre Awards, including Best Musical), Choreographer for the 2003 NH Theatre Award winning, *Titanic*, and Director/Choreographer for the 2004 NH Theatre Awards show at the Palace Theater. Brandon's other Directorial and Choreography credits include: *Music Man, Studio* 57...A Cabaret, *Nunsense, Honk, Sound Of Music, Boomers, The Last Five Years,* and *School House Rock Live*. Brandon's past performing credits include, most recently, his Best Actor Nominated role of Sir Despard in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Ruddigore,* Bernardo in *West Side Story,* Kenickie in *Grease,* and Judas in *Godspell.* Brandon can be seen regularly, touring as special guest artist with Northern Ballet Theatre, and can be heard on the original cast recording of *Boomers* the musical as Joey. Brandon dedicates this and every show to Hone! I LOVE YOU!

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Scene List

Various places In the imagination of Miguel de Cervantes

The prison vault A road in La Mancha Windmill Scene The prison vault The main room of a country Inn The prison vault A country church in La Mancha Alonso Quijana's house The kitchen of the Inn Dulcinea letter scene The stable of the Inn The Barber's crown Courtyard of the Inn Knighting ceremony Interior of the Inn The prison vault A road in La Mancha Moorish Gypsy camp Courtyard of the Inn Confronting the Knight of the Mirrors The prison vault Bedroom of Alonso's house The prison vault

Musical Numbers

Setting: The common room of a stone prison vault in Seville, Spain, at the end of the sixteenth century.

| Overture Man of LaMancha It's All the Same Dulcinea | Cervantes, Sancho Aldonza, Muleteers |
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| I'm Only Thinking of Him Antor | |
| We're Only Thinking of Him Antonia, Padre, Ho | |
| I Really Like Him. | |
| Little Bird, Little Bird. | |
| Barber's Song | |
| Golden Helmet of MambrinoCervantes, Sancho, Ba | |
| To Each His Dulcinea | |
| The Impossible Dream | |
| The CombatCervantes, Sa | ncho, Aldonza, Muleteers |
| The Dubbing | |
| Knight of the Woeful CountenanceInn | |
| The Abduction | |
| The Impossible Dream (Reprise) | |
| Man of LaMancha (Reprise) | Cervantes |
| Moorish DanceCervantes, Sancho, | Gypsies, Moorish Dancer |
| Aldonza | Aldonza |
| A Little Gossip | Sancho |
| Dulcinea (Reprise) | |
| The Impossible Dream | |
| Man of LaMancha (Reprise)Cel | |
| The Psalm | Padre |

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Michele Henderson - Conductor and Music Director

The Orchestra

Jason Brooke - Flute/PiccloMarDon Conley - OboeCraiSuellen Davidson - ClarinetEd SJim Emmond - GuitarBobErik Fecke - Bass TrbJohnRob Fogg III - PercussionStepNannette Foley - HornDebChris Juhasz - BassoonOrch

Marie Mendelow - Tympani Craig Neth - Trumpet Ed Stromski - Trombone Bob St. Cyr - Bass John Taylor - Percussion Stephan Taylor - Horn Deb Walz - Trumpet and Orchestra Coordinator



Lou Duhamel (Producer) – Lou has been with A/S for 10 years and during that time has stage managed and produced many shows including the summer Teen A/S production of *The Wiz* and the A/S premier of *Boomers*. Some of Lou's other favorites include: Stage Manager for *Fiddler on the Roof* and *On The Town*, Producer for *Titanic* and Jr. A/S's *West Side Story*. Lou has also produced many kids' shows, including the four A/S kids' summer musical pasta shows which he

helped invent: Pasta Music Please, A Blasta from the Pasta, Anything's Pastable, and Mission Impastable. Lou especially enjoys being in shows with wife JoAnne and daughter Allison. Thanks to the cast and crew for your dedication!.



Michael Ryder (Co-Producer) – Mike makes his debut into show production with Man of LaMancha. WOW! What an education! Thanks Lou for the producer partnership and to all our great volunteers! Prior to this Mike could be found on and off most A/S main stage, teen, and junior stages over the last 3 years. His favorite shows to act in? Boomers and those with daughter Jennifer (Brigadoon/The Wiz). In his spare time Mike's a pro-photographer packing thea-

ter lobbies, programs, web sites, homes, and schools with great images, including those for many A/S shows. This year Mike also joined the A/S board where he plans to help this great theater group into its next 50 years. Happy Birthday A/S!



Steve Harper (Stage Manager) - This is Steve's 2nd A/S production following his role as Stage Manager for *Boomers* and the 2003 NH Theater Awards. He joins A/S after a numbers of years hiatus from theater. Having worked on dozens of productions, his professional Stage Managing credits include *Largo desolato* at the Mark Taper in L.A. (original work by Vaclav Havel and Tom Stoppard), *La Boheme* at the Oregon Opera, two seasons at The Utah Shakespearean Festival,

two Seasons of *The Glory of Christmas* and *The Glory of Easter* (Crystal Cathedral, Orange, CA). Additional professional credits include The Dallas Theater Center, The Stark Theater (Hollywood, CA), The Huntington Theater (Boston), and The American Repertory Theater (Cambridge). Steve received his B.A. in Theater (Directing/Management) from CA State University. During the day Steve is a Sales performance Consultant and Trainer.



Dennis Schneider (Lighting Designer/Set Design Team/Sound Team) - Dennis has been a proud member of our backstage team since 1984 - *Man of LaMancha* is his 39th show with us! The recipient of four NH Theatre Awards, Dennis has most recently designed the lighting for NEAMD's *W;t*, last season's productions of *Ragtime* and *Boomers*, the 2003 and 2004 NH Theatre Awards, and the Palace Professional production of *A Chorus Line*. "By day", Dennis is a Strategy and

Marketing consultant who someday hopes to once again see his wife Kerry who can be seen in the Palace Professional Productions of *Annie* and *Cabaret*.



Elizabeth Laflamme (Costume Designer and Costume Chair) - Please see page 10 for Elizabeth's cast and crew biography.



Jeff Bernard (Asst. Stage Manager) - This is Jeff's fourth year working with Actorsingers and his fourth show working backstage. Jeff also frequently appears on stage, most recently in A/S *Boomers, The Pirates of Penzance,* and *Brigadoon.* Many thanks go to Steve for the opportunity to work with a professional (slave-driver <grin>). It has been a lot of fun and I've learned quite a bit.



Michael O'Keefe (Sound Design) - For the past 4 years Mike has been involved behind the scenes with all of the A/S and Jr. A/S productions. Mike has helped in a number of technical areas including sound design, stage management, set design and construction, and special effects. Last year Mike stage managed the A/S award winning production of *Ragtime*. Mike lives in Hudson with his wife and two children who are also involved with A/S and other groups.



John McAllister (Set Design Team/Miniatures) – John has been on and off the A/S stage since 1976 appearing on and behind the stage often with wife Linnea and son Geoff. For this show John lived in miniature for the early weeks of set design as he produced countless renditions of the dungeon to help the team visualize the shows unique stage. John also contributed much of the research and expertise of what was found in a 15th century dungeon. He seemed to

know an awful lot – so much so that we all wonder if he doesn't have a dungeon under his house!



JoAnn Duhamel (Props) – JoAnne joins the crew once again, this time as our props queen (searching the 21st century for medieval swords, helmets, and dungeon accessories). Over the last 5 years JoAnne has been involves with many of the junior, teen, and main stage A/S shows with husband Lou and daughter Allison. JoAnne was last Costume Coordinator for *Boomers* where she was just as quick to find a dozen marine uniforms and 50 graduation gowns

as she is finding a good sword.



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| Sound Design | Michael O'Keefe |
| Set Design Brett Mallar | d, Dennis Schneider, John McAllister, Michael O'Keefe |
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