

New Century Players
presents

SUITE SURRENDER

A Farce by Michael McKeever

Directed by Kraig Williams

SEPTEMBER 13-15, 20-22, 27-29, 2019

Two rival divas accidentally booked into the same
hotel room... What could possibly go wrong?



Rex Putnam High School Black Box
4950 SE Roethe Road
Milwaukie, OR 97267

New Century Players Welcomes you to the show!

The New Century Players is a not-for-profit community theatre company. Our mission is to build community by providing opportunities for artistic expression through live performances.

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From the Director...

Six years ago I was asked to direct a show. I started the search knowing I wanted to make people laugh so I searched for a comedy. I also knew I didn't want a lot of set changes so I looked for a single set production and finally I wanted an ensemble piece, meaning every character had a big part in contributing to the success of the play. I read many plays, but once I found "*Suite Surrender*", I knew it was the perfect one! With my first shot at "*Suite Surrender*" I took home the Best Director award, my lead actress was named Best Actress, the set was awarded Best Set Design and we took many other awards as well. I knew there was something special with this play.



Three years later I directed it again with another theatre and had a blast recreating that same magic and now I am back again directing it for a third time. This time for New Century Players. As you may be able to tell, I LOVE this show! I'll always be appreciative to Michael McKeever for introducing this play to the world. The past casts in this show had a blast being in it, the audiences have loved it and have even come back a second time to see it. This time is certainly no different. It has just as much magic (if not more) than the previous times.

They say 'third time's a charm' and it certainly has been with this cast and crew. It's amazing to me as a director that even though it's the same show, it's a totally different feel when you have a new cast of actors take the roles. I have to direct and change the show based on the new actor's talents and abilities so it's exciting to recreate all of it again. This cast and crew have been so much fun to work with. They've all been so great and I can't thank them enough for their excitement and support of my vision.

There's no greater feeling as a director than sitting in the audience and listening to the reaction of an entertained and appreciative audience. I truly hope that this production of "*Suite Surrender*" is that for you. The cast and crew have worked very hard to bring to the stage an amazing show that our wonderful audiences deserve. ENJOY! LAUGH! and TELL EVERYONE TO COME SEE IT!

With love and appreciation,

Kraig Williams

Director "*Suite Surrender*"

Bio: Kraig is thrilled to be back directing with New Century Players. His first time directing with NCP was Jane Austin's "*Persuasion*" in 2017. This is Kraig's third time directing "*Suite Surrender*". Other directing credits include Beaverton Civic Theatre's "*12 Angry Jurors*" and "*You Can't Take it With You*". Also Canby Theatre's "*Fiddler on the Roof*" and "*Children of Eden*". Kraig would like to thank his amazing cast and crew for all the fun, his wonderful kids and to Nicole for their support and love.

**During the show we ask that you
please respect the actors and
your fellow audience members
by turning off cell phones
and other electronics.**

No flash photography or videography please.

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or online at
www.newcenturyplayers.org**

Halloween is coming. Need a costume?

We've got a solution!

New Century Players will be moving from our current offices and storage space and unfortunately our new space is smaller. But that's good news for you, as we are having a sale of costumes and wardrobe used in our shows over the years just in time for Halloween (or any other use you might have).

Saturday, September 21 – 9:00am to 2:00pm

Saturday, October 19 – 9:00am to 2:00pm

Location: 11022 SE 37th Milwaukie, Oregon

(The New Century Players office in the historic Bertram House)



Benefactor Support Program

Thank you for your support of New Century Players! We are proud to represent the greater Milwaukie and North Clackamas areas by producing quality entertainment at an affordable price!

We are a 501(C)3 non-profit organization.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve this community!

We want to thank the following donors who have contributed greatly to making our season possible.

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Cast for Suite Surrender

Mrs. Osgood Diana LoVerso
Dora Del Rio Valerie Vorderlandwehr
Claudia McFadden Kathleen Silloway
Mr. Pippet Ian Leiner
Athena Sinclair Tracey Grant
Murphy Stevens Lisa Jeanne Peterson
Otis Allen Denison
Francis Jason Paris
Mr. Dunlap Kevin Yell
Mrs. Osgood (understudy) Mary Weigel

Setting: The luxurious Palm Beach Royale Hotel, 1942

Number of Acts: 2

Intermission: There will be one intermission of 15 minutes

Production team for Suite Surrender

Director	Kraig Williams
Stage Manager	Abigail Christensen
Tech Designer/Engineer	Brent Hall
Sound	Abigail Christensen
Stage Crew	Rhyann Butler, Dawson Wilson
Costumes	Ellen Spitaleri, Kevin Yell, Mary Weigel
Props	Samantha Swindler
Set Design	Kevin Yell
Music & Choreography	Lisa Jeanne Peterson
Producer	Kelley Marchant
Program	Greg Prosser
Graphic Design	Mark Schwann

Set Decor - After Dorothy Draper

(realized for this production by Kevin Yell)

Dorothy Draper, an interior decorator active and extremely popular on the East Coast for rich patrons and higher-end hotel interiors from the late 1920's through the 1950's, created what is known as "Modern Baroque," adding a modern flair to a classical style. She used dramatic color schemes, and trademark cabbage-rose chintz. From an "Old Money" family, Draper's great-grandfather, Oliver Wolcott, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Stylistically very anti-minimalist, she would use bright, exuberant colors and large prints that would encompass whole walls. She incorporated black and white tiles, rococo scrollwork, and baroque plasterwork, design elements now considered definitive of the Hollywood Regency style of interior decoration. (From Wikipedia)



Diana LoVerso

(Mrs. Osgood)

Diana LoVerso is delighted make her debut with New Century Players. Recent credits include the Duchess in *The Picture of Dorian Gray* with Experience Theatre Project, and Abby Brewster in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Favorite roles include M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias* (Lakewood Theatre Board Award), Anita in *West Side Story* (Drammy Award), and Olive in *The Odd Couple, female version*. Other credits include *String of Pearls*,

Picasso at the Lapin Agile and *12 Angry Jurors*. As a dancer, Diana has performed with the Cincinnati Ballet, Portland Opera, and Morca Flamenco. She's grateful to be part of this wonderful show!



Valerie Vorderlandwehr

(Dora Del Rio)

Valerie is delighted to make her debut with New Century Players and to work with this talented cast and crew. Most recently she performed in Beaverton Civic Theatre's production of *Almost, Maine* and Mask & Mirror's *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*. Her offstage hobbies include reading, rewatching *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, and singing in the car. Valerie would like to thank her

family and friends for their support.



Kathleen Silloway

(Claudia McFadden)

Kathleen is delighted to make her first appearance with NCP. She has appeared in recent productions around the Portland area in roles as varied as the elegant and experienced Lillian Troy (*I Hate Hamlet*), the compulsive and serial cohabitor Florence (*The Odd Couple--Female Version*), the victorious and voracious Fonsia (*Gin Game*), the peripatetic and polarizing

Dorothea (*Eleemosynary*), and more recently, the stern and suspicious Sister Aloysius (*Doubt*). When not rehearsing, she is walking, weaving (as part of Silloway Weaving Studio), and working in substance abuse prevention. Thank you to Kraig and this ridiculously talented and zany cast and crew!

Ian Leiner
(Mr. Pippet)

This is Ian's first show with New Century Players and he is extremely happy to be joining them for this show! He has played Pippet before under Kraig's direction and it's been a pleasure getting to reprise the role with this talented cast and crew. Originally from West Philadelphia, he moved to Bel Air in his youth and was bitten by the acting bug, finding he loved acting on the stage. He moved to Portland several years ago and has been proud to have worked with many talented people over the years. Some of his previous roles include Andrew in *I Hate Hamlet*, Sir Lacking in *Villain of Virtue* and Glenn Cooper in *Rumors*.



Tracey Grant
(Athena Sinclair)

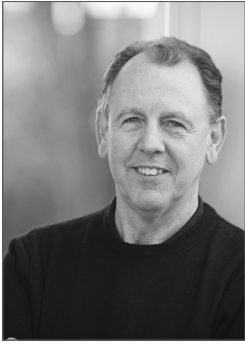
So happy to be here! Performing *Suite Surrender* with New Century Players is a first for Tracey, but not a first with the play or director. In 2015 she performed the role of Dora Del Rio at Sandy Actor's Theatre with director Kraig Williams. Since 2012 Tracey has played a variety of roles with different theaters, but comedy is always her favorite! By day Tracey is a mild mannered 8th grade math and science teacher with the North Clackamas School District. By night she is a member of the Gladstone School Board, a Lyft driver and proud mother of Kelley and Allie.



Lisa Jeanne Peterson
(Murphy Stevens)

Lisa Jeanne Peterson was born and raised here in rainy Portland, Oregon. She graduated from Wagner College in New York City with a BA in Theatre Performance, and a minor in Psychology. Lisa Jeanne has been sailing the world as a singer for Oceania Cruises for the last three years; but is thrilled to be back where it all began here at Rex Putnam, working on this incredible show. Favorite works include, *Cats* (Bombalurina), *Merrily We Role Along* (Beth), *Carousel* (Julie Jordan), *Scab* (Anima), *A Piece of My Heart* (MaryJo), *The Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy), and *The Sound of Music* (Maria).





Kevin Yell
(Mr. Dunlap)

Last seen in the War World I two-man drama "Not About Heroes" last November, Kevin is delighted to be helping make people laugh this time around! A long-time board member of NCP, he has been a frequent director, (including *Glorious!*, *Stepping Out*, *A Murder is Announced*, *Laramie Project*, *God of Carnage*) and occasional writer (*Entanglement*,) plus set decorator and costume assistant for the company. As the owner (with

husband Bud) of a local wedding and event venue, he has seen his share of difficult-to-please divas of course - but absolutely NOTHING like these two!! Hang on tight!!



Allen Dennison
(Otis)

Suite Surrender is Allen's first role with New Century Players. He is a Portland native and has lived here most of his life. Prior roles in Portland theater include Selsdon Mowbray in *Noises Off*, Narrator/Actor 4 in *Around The World In 80 Days*, President Roosevelt in *Annie*, and several light opera roles. He appreciates the much-needed support of his incredible wife Martha, his

family, castmates, crewmates, coaches, friends, and many others who know who they are. Thanks also to the audience. You are the reason that we do this.

Jason Paris
(Francis)

Jason Paris is honored to be in his debut show with New Century Players! Jason previously appeared in film projects and on stage in his native Houston, Texas, before making his Oregon debut and rekindling his love of acting this year with Beaverton Civic Theatre's *Almost, Maine*. A lifelong musician, Jason has scored songs for films and video games. Jason's music can be found on Soundcloud and his Twitch livestream as Paris in Stereo.



Mary Weigel
(Understudy, Mrs. Osgood)

Mary has worked many times in productions with New Century Players. Since 2007 she has had the privilege of performing in *Steel Magnolias* (Ouiser), *A Murder is Announced* (Mitzi), *Moon Over Buffalo* (Ethel), *Bad Seed* (Miss Fern), *The Odd Couple* (Renee) and musical's *Hairspray* (PE Teacher) and *Footloose* (Ethel McCormick). She also appeared in *Suite Surrender* (Claudia McFadden) at Sandy Actors Theatre. Mary has worked for the North Clackamas School District since 1999 and is currently the Principal's Secretary at Ardenwald Elementary School.



Mr. Boodles (as himself):

Mr. Boodles is very excited to be back playing himself for the THIRD time in *Suite Surrender!* His previous times in this production were first at Beaverton Civic Theatre and then at Sandy Actors Theatre. He has recently been seen in Mask & Mirrors production of *The Butler Did It*. Mr. Boodles would like to thank Kraig for asking him to reprise his favorite role and he sends a special thank you to his amazing owner (and his first Claudia McFadden), Donna Haub.



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The Octette Bridge Club - *full staged production*

November 15–December 1, 2019

By P.J. Barry

Directed by Karlyn Love

Presented at Rose Villa Performing Arts Center

(Auditions are being held September 23rd, 6:00pm-9:00pm at the Rose Villa Performing Arts Center on SE River Road)

Don't Talk to the Actors - *full staged production*

February 7-23, 2020

By Tom Dudzick

Directed by Kraig Williams

Presented at Rose Villa Performing Arts Center

Broadway Bound - *a staged reading*

April 17-19, 2020

By Neil Simon

Directed by Brandee Leibrand

Presented at Rose Villa Performing Arts Center

Memory House - *full staged production*

June 5-21, 2020

By Kathleen Tolan

Directed by Julie Akers

Presented at the Rex Putnam Black Box Theater

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