

# MISTER ROBERTS

A Play in Two Acts  
by  
THOMAS HEGGEN and JOSHUA LOGAN

## THE CAST

(In order of appearance)

CHIEF JOHNSON	..... Rick Lloyd
LT. J.G. ROBERTS	..... Rick Duncan
DOC	..... Chuck Lillis
DOWDY	..... Lance I. Houck
THE CAPTAIN	..... J.R. Colbeck
INSIGNA	..... Ken Delaney
MANNION	..... Gary Adler
STEFANOWSKI	..... Dennis L. Rubley
WILEY	..... Tim McCauley
SCHLEMMER	..... Scott Sterling
REBER	..... Thomas L. Garman
ENSIGN PULVER	..... Kurt Pifer
DOLAN	..... John Shea
GERHART	..... Ed Nofz
PAYNE	..... Chris Boger
LT. ANN GIRARD	..... Christine Wright
SHORE PATROL OFFICER	..... Tom Harmon
MILITARY POLICEMAN	..... Bill Carlson
SEAMAN	..... Neil Dantes

The action takes place aboard the U.S. Navy Cargo Ship, AK 601, operating in the back areas of the Pacific.

Time: A few weeks before V-E Day until a few weeks before V-J Day.

Note: In the U.S. Navy, all officers below the rank of Commander are addressed as "Mister".

## ACT I

Scene 1: Amidships Section of Navy Cargo Ship, AK 601  
Scene 2: Roberts' and Pulver's Cabin  
Scene 3: Amidships Section of AD 601  
Scene 4: Amidships Section of AD 601  
Scene 5: Crews Quarters  
Scene 6: Captain's Cabin

## ACT II

Scene 1: Amidships Section of AD 601  
Scene 2: Amidships Section of AK 601  
Scene 3: Roberts' and Pulver's Cabin  
Scene 4: Amidships Section of AK 601  
Scene 5: Roberts' and Pulver's Cabin  
Scene 6: Amidships Section of AK 601

THERE WILL BE A 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION BETWEEN ACTS.  
— REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN LOWER LEVEL —

## PRODUCTION STAFF

Producer	..... Irene Grimes	Set Construction	..... Kim Shea, Jan Adler
Director	..... Bill Shoop		..... Dianne McKinney, Cindy Ireland,
Stage Manager	..... Marisue Taylor		..... Neil Dantes
House Manager	..... Julie Shoop	Lights	..... Kevin Ireland
Tickets	..... Marty Duncan	Sound	..... Mike Crook, Chris Colbeck
Program Insert	..... Jayne Lillis	Costumes	..... Pat Pavelko
Group Sales	..... Chuck Lillis, Ken Delaney	Props	..... Larry Loyer, Pam Bagwell, Cindy Ireland,
			..... Tammy Kimball, Barb Houck

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## 1987-1988 Community Theatre Season

MISTER ROBERTS  
Show dates: September 24, 25, 26, 1987

LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS  
Show dates: December 3, 4, 5, 1987

CHRISTMAS SHOW  
Show date: December 20, 1987

WINNER OF ROBERT J. PICKERING AWARD  
FOR PLAYWRITING EXCELLENCE  
Title to be announced  
Show dates: February 11, 12, 13, 1988

THE UNSINKABLE MOLLY BROWN  
Show dates: May 5, 6, 7, 1988

**RICK LLOYD** (Chief Johnson) is new to CCT, taking the stage for the first time since high school in 1967. Offstage, Rick is the Director of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the father of one son, Craig, 13, and two daughters, Karen, 11 and Becky, 8. All of his children have stage experience.

**RICK DUNCAN** (Mister Roberts) considers himself very lucky to get to play Elwood in "Harvey", Nathan Detroit in "Guys & Dolls" and to top it off, Mr. Roberts, and all within a year. Rick has been having a great time working with everyone in CCT. He looks forward to telling his grandchildren tall tales about being a star once upon a time in the big city.

**CHUCK LILLIS** (Doc) is appearing in his first CCT production. Chuck has previously appeared in productions of "Alas, Babylon", "The Odd Couple", "Mr. Roberts", "St. Joan", and an original production "Whatever Happened to Dr. O'Kosh?". Chuck finds it somewhat disconcerting that his character has neither a first nor last name. Chuck is a local attorney and his goal is to someday measure up to the stature of renowned attorney/thespian J.R. Colbeck. Chuck feels that he is well on the way to wearing J.R.'s shoes since he's already more than big enough to wear his pants.

**LANCE I. HOUCK** (Dowdy) is making his third appearance with CCT. He was most recently seen as Rats Branigan in "Big Al Goes Straight". He has also appeared in productions of "Harvey", "It's Never Too Late", and "Beauty and the Beast". Lance has been married for 20 years? Whew! He has 6 children and is employed by the Michigan Department of Corrections at Florence Crane Correctional Facility.

**J.R. COLBECK** (The Captain) appears fresh from his annual appearance in Wilburs "Window on Chicago". Recent credits include F.D.R. in "Annie" and Squire Dap in Tibbits 1987 production of "Camelot". Presently he is receiving, reading and grading the over 100 expected original submissions for this year's R.J. Pickering Award competition. Limited program space precludes the list of his CCT and summer theater credits.

**KEN DELANEY** (Insigna) is already considered a CCT veteran, although he has only lived in Coldwater 3 years. "Mister Roberts" is his 7th CCT performance, including last spring's musical "Guys & Dolls". Ken also directed the 1985 Robert J. Pickering Award for Playwriting Excellence selection "Cooperative Living". Ken is a familiar voice on WTVB/WNWN radio, along with appearing as a weather-caster on WILX TV-10. Ken currently serves as CCT's Vice President.

**SCOTT STERLING** (Schlemmer) is new to CCT, though he has appeared in the summer stock production of "Fiddler on the Roof". "Mister Roberts" marks Scott's first speaking role.

**THOMAS L. GARMAN** (Reber) is appearing in his 2nd CCT production. He was last seen as Rusty Charlie in "Guys & Dolls". Tom keeps very busy as the organist for the First Baptist Church, a tour guide for the Wing House Museum, and a stock person at A & P. In his spare time he is working on an interior design degree to accompany his Associate Degree in architectural engineering.

**KURT PIFER** (Ensign Pulver) is pleased to have the chance to perform once again with CCT. He previously performed with CCT in "Little Mary Sunshine" and "Folley's Quarter". He has also appeared in various Tibbits summer stock productions along with the ETC Company at Jackson Community College.

**JOHN SHEA** (Dolan) is appearing in his sixth CCT production, in addition to backstage work in several others. He is the editor/author of the witty, informative, and much-awaited CCT newsletter, a task which he has assumed to avoid being an officer. John feels privileged to once again work with the incomparable Rick Duncan, to whom he has always looked up to, as Rick is 6'6" tall. Area audiences may (or may not) remember John as Sky Masterson in CCT's "Guys & Dolls". When not in the theater, John enjoys operating Voss & Shea Music with his wife, Kim, and beautiful daughter, Jennifer. John is also active in Tibbits summer theater.

**ED NOFZ** (Gerhart) has been busy with many jobs in CCT. Most of his work has been with set construction but he has taken time off to play the part of Pete, the forest ranger in "Little Mary Sunshine" and Benny Southstreet in "Guys & Dolls". His favorites are musicals and this is his first straight show, which he is enjoying very much.

**CHRIS BOGER** (Payne) is a newcomer to CCT but not to the stage. He has appeared in productions of "Bye Bye Birdie", "Anything Goes", and "You're Only Young Once". Chris is a student at Coldwater High School and keeps busy with his many activities there.

**CHRISTINE WRIGHT** (Ann Girard) appears for her third time on-stage with CCT. She also appeared in "Harvey" and "Guys & Dolls" and was stage manager for "Big Al Goes Straight". In real life Chris serves as Tibbits Administrative Assistant. In regard to her character's nickname, several of the cast members are betting on whether Chris has taken costuming to the complete level. She contends they'll never know!!

**BILL CARLSON** (Military Policeman) is a local accountant who directed the Branch County Juvenile Scholarship Program for the last six years. He has worked in Coldwater for 18 years. Bill is appearing in CCT production and this bio is longer than his picture.

**DENNIS L. RUBLEY** (Stefanowski) hammed it up nicely in "Guys & Dolls". He is employed by the Coldwater Daily Reporter. He had to return to work because ham does spoil.

**TIM MCCAULEY's** (Wiley) acting debut came during high school in the summer stock production of "Carousel". Then, he has busily pursued his interest in theater and also appeared in "Music Man", "L'il Abner" and "Bye Bye Birdie".

**TOM HARMON** (Shore Patrol Officer) has performed in previous CCT productions, the latest being "Guys & Dolls". He started acting in high school with "She Stood Alone" and "A Christmas Carol". He resumed acting after a twenty year hiatus. Tom lives in Coldwater with his children Andi and Jon .

**GARY ADLER** (Mannion) has been a member of CCT for three years, serving as Treasurer for the last two years. He has previously performed in the CCT productions of "Little Mary Sunshine", "Come Blow Your Horn" and "Guys & Dolls". He is also the re-dedication of the Coldwater Public Library. Gary lives in Coldwater and is employed by the Board of Public Utilities.