Scotch 'n' Soda Presents



The Last Dancer

Written by Maureen McGranaghan

Directed by Amy Poettinger

Rangos Hall, University Center

November 14, 15 & 16 1997

Cast Bios

Tom Chang (Eichi)- A Sophomore IM major appearing in his second Scotch 'n' Soda production. Tom was also in the cast of the 1996 Homecoming show, "7 Decades of Memories." He would like to thank and send his love to his parents (all four of them) and Audrey Yang.

Ben Ernest-Jones (Carl) - Ben is a Junior Computer Science, and Electrical and Computer Engineering double major. Past Scotch 'n' Soda shows include "The Ugly Duckling" and the Homecoming Cabaret. More than anything Ben would like to be an astronaut. He'd like to thank Jason, Sris, Jeremy, Nikki, and NASA.

Tim Fife (Sensei) - Tim is pleased and incredibly exhausted to be appearing in his eighth Scotch 'n' Soda production. He is a Sophomore H&SS student majoring in stuff. He has previously appeared in "West Side Story", "The Sound of Music", and "The Man of La Mancha" in Maryland/D.C. Metro Area Dinner Theatre over the past two summers. He would like to dedicate his performace to the McGill Boyz and those no longer here. Much love, Arrogance.

Lakshmi Jayapalan (Toshiko) - Lakshmi is a Sophomore Chemical Engineering major. This is her first Scotch 'n' Soda production, and she has finally found her place among the crazies. She would like to thank Cr*s, Lisa, Nikki, and all the little people, you, 5'2" and under. K, bye!

Liz McDonald (Akiko) - Liz is a Junior BHA in Psychology and Drama. She's been in twelve shows and one film although this is her first drama, first Scotch 'n' Soda show and first year at CMU. She enjoys long walks on sunset beaches, mudwrestling, corn-dogs, and Latin flava.

Mirika Nakayama (Shima) - Mirika is a Junior majoring in SDS. She has just arrived from Japan as an exchange student. She passed by the audition poster and decided to drop by the audition out of curiosity. Although she can only stay for one year, she hopes to join S'n'S in future productions.

Cris Peterson (Ota) - Sris is a Sophomore English major and a second year Scotch 'n' Soda addict. Past shows include "Sometimes I Wake Up in the Middle of the Night", "Godspell" and "Here We Are." She would like to thank the cast and crew for being so dandy and also Lisa, Lakshmi, Sas, Ben, John, Tim, J, the Brown-

Guy and Elliot for being so damn cool!
Kieran Smiley (Matsumi) - Kieran is very excited to be in this show; really very excited. His first show with Scotch 'n' Soda has been a learning experience and he would like to say thank you to everyone who helped. I love you all very much; really very much.

Staff Bios

Jeremy Barnett (Set Designer) - Jeremy is a Sophomore Drama major with an emphasis in dramatic literature. He is very excited to be working on an original play, and would like to thank Scotch 'n' Soda for providing so many ways for students to experiment with their theatrical sides.
Hilary Greenbaum (Set Designer) - Hilary comes to Scotch 'n' Soda after three years as the head of scenery at Somerville High School where she worked on productions including "Oklahoma", "The Pajama Game", and "Li'l Abner."
Lawrence Greenfield (Technical Director) - Larry is the most cynical member of Scotch 'n' Soda. Despite his undependable and lazy nature the set was completed by opening night. Unfortunately for the staff, he spent too much time on zephyr with his woooo-man and never bothered to work the dungeon. Larry will never work in this town again.
Amber K. King (Stage Manager) - A Senior double major in Art/History and Anthropology, she has been working with Scotch 'n' Soda since her Freshman year. She has been a part of the production staff and/or an actress for many shows with the organization. She would like to thank friends and family for all their support, especially Megan for those late night phone calls.
Jason Martin (Assistant Director) - Jason is a Junior psychology major and serves on the board as the S'n'S PR Director. This is his fourth S'n'S show and first directing experience. He would like to thank his boys of Scobell 3 and the SWoosH staff for their understanding, and Amy, Cris, and the board for their support. In his spare time he continues his quest for the purple armadillo with the plaid necktie.
Maureen McGranaghan (Writer) - Currently a Junior here at Carnegie Mellon, I am majoring in English and theater, and I've had the pleasure of studying playwriting with Bill Kovacsik for the past two years. This is the first

Production Staff

Writer.....Maureen McGranaghan
Director.....Amy Poettinger
Assistant Director.....Jason Martin
Production Liaison.....Darren Mauro
Production Manager.....Jean Vettel
Stage Manager.....Amber K. King
Assistant Stage Manager.....Kevin Killourhy
Technical Director.....Larry Greenfield
Set Designers.....Jeremy Barnett
Hilary Greenbaum
Lighting Designer.....Susan Swithenbank
Costume Designer.....Olga Massov
Choreographer.....Michael W. Bode III
Vocal Coach.....Jon Portera
Sound Designer.....Tim Stoudt
Graphic Designer.....Hilary Greenbaum
Wardrobe Coordinator.....Hannah Rohlfs
Properties Manager.....Cheryle Rothstein
Costume Crew.....Rebecca Fribush
Elissa Ward
Alice Wu
Master Carpenter.....Sarah Robeson
Master Electrician.....Jarrett Carberry
Public Relations Directors.....Sarah D Sahni
Adam Gallagher
Make-up Artists.....Heather Congo
Chris Hardouin
Run Crew.....Kim Sims
Jason Specland
Christopher Gabriel
Lighting Crew.....Jane Laflin
Alison Greenwalk
John Schwanbeck

Cast of Characters

(in order of appearance)

Sensei.....Tim Fife

Mutsumi..... Kieran Smiley

Eichi.....Tom Chang

Akiko.....Liz McDonald

Ota.....Cris Peterson

Shima.....Mirika Nakayama

Carl.....Ben Ernest-Jones

Toshiko.....Lakshmi Jayapalan

Setting

A garden in an orphanage on
an island off the coast of
Japan, September 1965.

Production Staff

Set Crew

Elissa Ward
Adam Shlian
Brennan Sellner
Andrea Love
Jen Mulligan
John Schwanbeck
Adam Gallagher
Kris Andreassen
Lisa Bigelow
Marnie McKay
Jared Bendt
Chris Hardouin
Charlie Collins
John Perkins
Jake Bordens
Mike Schuresko
Trey Smith
Aaron Siegel
Jane Laflin

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Elise Bernardoni
Kirsten Dartnell & SBW Coordinators
Lisa Dingman
Jeremy Lewit
Hannah Rohlfs
Carolyn Manley
Marcia Gerwig
Audrew Russo
The University Center Staff
Cristal Martinez
Carla Hokanson
William Kovacsik
Steve Selikoff
Andrea Shockling
Ben Henty

A Note From the Director

As soon as I read Maureen's beautiful script I knew that I wanted to be the one to bring it to life on the stage. The past two months I have been helped in this process by many talented people and it will be a period of time that I will never forget. I have learned more than I ever expected to about myself and my ideas, as well as making many new friends.

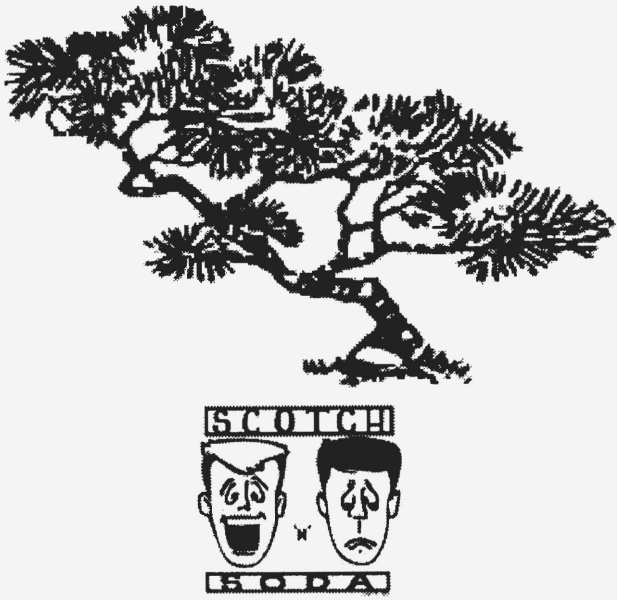
There are too many people to thank in such a small space. First, I must thank the cast for their exuberance, dedication and heart. You made me laugh and challenged me to answer your questions. Secondly, I thank Jason for every moment of his time in and out of rehearsal -- I wouldn't have survived without you. My talented staff has made this show incredibly beautiful -- and I send a special thanks to Larry for being as "perfect and dependable" as I am. Thank you Amber, for making everything run smoothly. Thanks also go to the board, especially to Jeremy and Hannah, for their dedication to seeing the show happen.

All of my professors, advisors and friends should be commended for being so understanding, patient and helpful as my life fell apart and had to be rebuilt again and again. Special thanks to Suzanna for listening and waking me up, to Omer for valuing my sanity over my homework, to Rebecca, Rich and Sarah for not giving up on me (and my existence), and to Mom and Dad for always being proud of me, no matter what.

I have realized in the past two months how much my experiences in this organization have shaped who I am and what I want from life, and I only hope that everyone else involved with The Last Dancer can look back and find the same fulfillment that I have.

I want to dedicate this show to the latest disruption in my life.

-Amy Poettinger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