

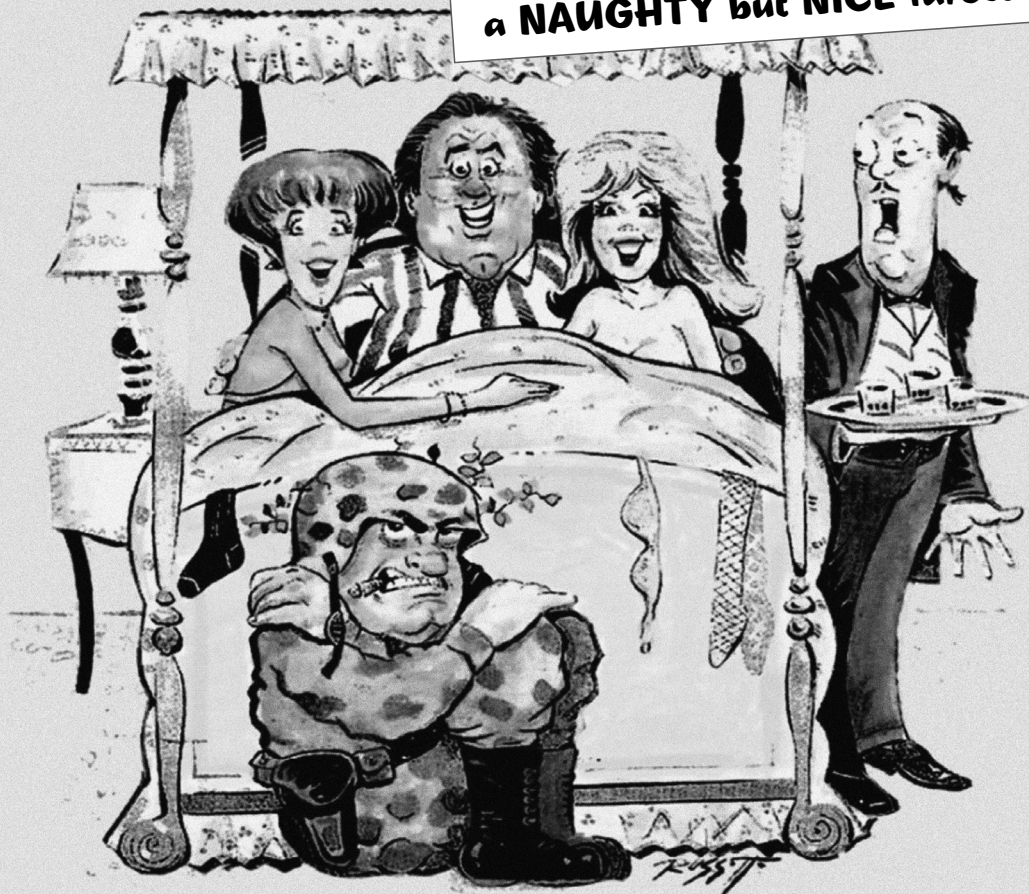


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# The AMOROUS Ambassador

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# THE AMOROUS AMBASSADOR *by* MICHAEL PARKER

April 19, 25, 26 & May 2, 3 at 7:30 PM and April 20, 21, 27, 28 & May 4, 5 at 3 PM

When Harry Douglas, the new Ambassador to Great Britain, tells his family he is going to Scotland to play golf, his wife and daughter announce weekend plans of their own. Their newly hired butler, Perkins, watches stoically as each leaves and secretly returns for a romantic rendezvous in the empty house. Harry's secretary and Captain South of Marine Corps Embassy Security then arrive in the wake of a bomb threat and the embassy is sealed off, with hilarious results. Even the imperturbable Perkins is drawn into the shenanigans.

## CAST

Harry Douglas ..... Jim DeFelice  
 Perkins ..... Frank Thompson  
 Joe ..... Josh Kern  
 Captain South ..... Manny Moitoso  
 Debbie Douglas..... Ella Riley  
 Marian..... Gina Tidwell-Percival  
 Faye..... McCall Bethurem  
 Lois Douglas..... MonaLisa Botts / Debra Kiser

## PRODUCTION CREW

Director..... Tiffany Dinsmore  
 Producer/Stage Manager ..... Cindy Binnicker  
 Assistant Stage Manager ..... Christian Banks  
 Set Design & Build ..... Jim DeFelice  
 and Tiffany Dinsmore  
 Tech ..... April Garrett  
 House Manager..... Joan Marco  
 Playbill Editor ..... Gerrard Goines  
 Playbill Design ..... Jason Jeffers

**SETTING:** The country home of the United States Ambassador to Britain, outside London.

**TIME:** 1997—Bill Clinton is President and Tony Blair is Prime Minister

## ACT ONE

An early Friday evening in summer

## ACT TWO

**SCENE 1**..... The action is continuous  
**SCENE 2** ..... Later the same evening

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## CAST & CREW *(in alphabetical order)*



**McCall Bethurem (Faye)** is thrilled to be doing another show with Chapin Theatre Company. As a lifelong performer and lover of the theatre, she spends most of her time teaching theatre and voice to the next generation of performers. Previous roles with CTC include Maleficent in *Descendants the Musical* and Yvette in *Clue*. McCall thanks her husband Marcus for picking up the slack with the kids and thanks her family for supporting her love of performing. Many thanks to Tiffany and the whole cast and crew for the shenanigans and hard work! We make beautiful music together!



**Cindy Binnicker (Producer/Stage Manager)** is currently working on a world record of how many shows she can stage manage for Chapin Theatre Company. And she's thrilled to get even closer with this funny comedy and amazing cast and director! When Cindy isn't at Chapin Theatre she enjoys driving to and from the theatre, organizing her scripts and washing her black shirts and pants. She has worked on many, many shows with Chapin, including *Shrek the Musical*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Outsider* and *37 Postcards*. She'd like to thank her sister for her continued support and everyone that supports Chapin Theatre!



**MonaLisa Botts (Lois Douglas)** is thrilled to return to the Chapin stage! She's been acting and directing in the midlands for twenty-four years. Two of her favorite roles are Teri Cody in *Hotbed Hotel* and Mrs. Graves in *Enchanted April*, both performed at CTC. MonaLisa is an award winning playwright having won Best New Script at the SCTA Community Theatre Festival in 2017. She thanks her husband Bill for always being her pedestal of moral support. TGBTG!



**Jim DeFelice (Harry Douglas)** was last seen in *It's a Wonderful Life - A Live Radio Play* as Clarence the Angel (and others). Jim loves the fast pace, mistaken identities and wit of a Michael Parker farce. Jim has been in a lot of plays over his 34 years in the Midlands - acting in almost every theatre in the Columbia area. Farce is still his favorite genre though. In addition to acting, Jim manages the Chapin Theatre Company as President of the board. Jim says, "I'm so proud to be a part of this theatre community with all the support and talent that has become a part of the next chapter of the Chapin Theatre Company. I'm lucky to be back on stage with director Tiffany Dinsmore and a great group of talented actors." Jim is married to his lovely wife Tina and has two children and five granddaughters.



**Tiffany Dinsmore (Director)** is so happy to be bringing the hijinx of Harry Douglas back to the stage. She directed *The Sensuous Senator* in 2016 and jumped at the chance to continue Harry's story. Tiffany especially loves directing fast paced goofy comedies and this one is definitely that. She is delighted that her original Harry and Lois (Jim DeFelice and MonaLisa Botts) agreed to return and reprise their characters. She is thankful for such a wonderfully talented group of actors to round out this silly story. Tiffany is the Artistic Director of Chapin Theatre and runs the Chapin Academy of Performing Arts (CAPA). During the day she gets to play with her sweet granddaughter, Elodie. Special thanks to Cindy for taking care of this wild and crazy cast while she is cruising. Tiffany thanks her hot hubby for putting up with her and her family. And thanks to Bree, Chandler and Connor for their love and support.



**April Garrett (Tech)** has no idea how many shows she has worked on with Chapin Theatre, because she is having too much fun to count. She was last seen on stage in *Closed for the Holidays* back in 2022. Since then, April has been behind the scenes helping run tech for *Death by Design*, *31 Postcards*, *Disney's Descendants the Musical*, *Annie Jr.*, and *It's a Wonderful Life - A Live Radio Play*, to name a few. While she still loves being on stage, she has really enjoyed getting to learn and branch out on the 'other side.' It fits right in with April's love of all things technology. Outside of theatre shenanigans, she enjoys working with her middle schoolers and their teachers, hanging out with family and friends, and snuggling with her Springerdoodle, Sir Fluff-a-Luff-aGus.



**Josh Kern (Joe)** is grateful for the opportunity to bring this show to life with such a wonderfully talented group. Josh has appeared on stage as characters from all walks of life. Recently he has portrayed Sammy in *The Wedding Singer*, Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors*, and was in the ensemble of Chapin Theatre's *Beauty and the Beast*. More recently, Josh originated the role of Stephon in the world premiere of *Stilt Girl*. By day Josh is a massage therapist at Just What You Kneaded Mobile Massage Therapy and Lotus Day Spa.



**Debra Kiser (Lois Douglas)** was last seen as Rebecca in *Final Appearance* and Debi in *Stilt Girl*. She has appeared in many Chapin Theatre productions including *Farce of Nature*, *Clue*, *Dixie Swim Club* and several *10 Minute-ish* plays. She has also appeared as Ma in *Torch Song* and Polly in *Other Desert Cities* at Workshop Theatre and M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias* at Village Square Theatre. When not on stage, Debra enjoys retirement by cooking, spending time with family and friends, reading and hosting beach weeks in Hilton Head.





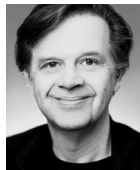
**Manny Moitoso** (*Captain South*) is performing in his third show with Chapin Theatre Company, and his seventh in South Carolina. Originally from South Eastern MA, Manny has been in SC for six years. He is beyond thankful to be included in this very funny show with such a talented cast. He would like to thank

his wife Barbara for putting up with and supporting his acting addiction. And would also like to thank you, the audience, for supporting the local arts because without you in the seats, we couldn't do what we do on stage. Remember an EARTH without ART is just EH. Enjoy the show!



**Ella Riley** (*Debbie Douglas*) is 20 years old and currently pursuing a degree in Special Education. She is a teacher with the CAPA program at Chapin Theatre and serves on the CTC Board as Advertising and Social Media Manager. Ella has a large resume of stage productions, including *Pride and Prejudice* (Lady Catherine de Bourgh),

*Mamma Mia* (Lisa) and *Descendants* (Audrey). In her free time, she loves to make art and take her brothers on adventures. Ella is incredibly proud of *Amorous Ambassador* and hopes that you're able to catch a breath or two between all of the laughter!



**Frank Thompson** (*Perkins*) Whaaaatt?! Frank did not turn in a bio. Well that is (not) a shocker. Frank has the ability to make you laugh with just one word or one look. Being the biggest fan of merry 'ole England, outside of the royal family, Frank is totally at home playing this fun British butler. Have fun and watch out for the colonists.



**Gina Tidwell-Percival** (*Marian*) is excited to share the Chapin Theatre stage again with such a tremendous group of thespians. Over the years she's been in productions of *Wizard of Oz*, *Cheaper by the Dozen* and *Bells On Their Toes*. She closed out CTC's final show at the firehouse in *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and opened the new theater in *Death By Design*. Gina recently

played Marilla in *Anne of Green Gables* at Village Square Theatre. She also performed with a classic Biblical theater in three states and Israel. Gina believes life is a stage and every day our actions influence someone and her desire is to play her life role well.

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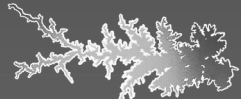


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