

Rocket to the Moon

by

Clifford Odets

Directed by Brendon Fox

Pacific Stages presents
The Salon Staged Readings

Producer
Jeryll W Adler

Associate Producer
Jelayne Miles

Cast of Characters in order of appearance

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| Ben Stark, DDS | Geoffrey Lower |
| Belle Stark | Dana Delany |
| Cleo Singer | Seema Sueko |
| Phil Cooper, DDS | Rob Nagle |
| Mr. Prince | Peter van Norden |
| Frenchy | Reed Diamond |
| Willy Wax | John de Lancie |
| Stage Directions | Leora Wien |

John de Lancie [Willy Wax] is probably best known for his work on Star Trek. He has been in numerous TV shows, films and plays. In the music world he has created many theatrical/musical events for such orchestras as: New York Philharmonic, LA Philharmonic, and Chicago Symphony. He is a graduate of the Juilliard School. His last two plays were: Arthur Miller's Resurrection Blues and Richard Greenburg's The Naked Lady on the Appian Way.

Dana Delany [Belle Stark] was last seen on stage as Beatrice in Much Ado About Nothing at The Old Globe, directed by Brendon Fox. This past television season she could be seen on Kojak with Ving Rhames. Ms. Delany received two Emmys for her portrayal of Nurse Colleen McMurphy in China Beach.

Reed Diamond [Frenchy] has had the remarkable good fortune to be employed in the theater, on television, and in the movies. He is best known for his portrayal of Detective Mike Kellerman, on the TV drama Homicide. He recently completed filming Good Night and Good Luck, directed by George Clooney.

Geoffrey Lower [Ben Stark, DDS] A veteran actor on stage and film, Geoffrey has played leading roles in major venues in New York City; Washington D.C.; Hartford, Connecticut; and Southern California. Television roles include series regular characters on The Trial's of Rosie O'Neill and a seven year run on Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman as the Reverend Johnson. On the big screen he has worked with Steven Spielberg, Roger Spottiswood and Michael Browning.

Rob Nagle [Phil Cooper, DDS] has performed at theatres around the country, including Centerstage, San Jose Rep, The Old Globe, Shakespeare Theatre & The Goodman. He has appeared in many films, including Cellular & American Wedding, and on television in Without a Trace, Everwood, The Guardian, Buffy, and Dawson's Creek.

Seema Sueko [Cleo Singer] is the AD of Mo`olelo Performing Arts Company. She recently portrayed Jennifer in The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow (The Old Globe & Yale Rep), and has just been commissioned by Mixed Blood Theatre to co-write a play with Velina Hasu Houston and Naomi Iizuka.

Peter van Norden [Mr. Prince] most recently appeared in Major Barbara at San Jose Rep. (Bay Area Theatre Critics Award for best performance), Misalliance at Center Stage, Baltimore and King Lear at San Diego Rep. Film credits include: The Accused (opposite Oscar winner, Jody Foster); Police Academy 2; and Naked Gun 2 1/2. TV: Stephen King's mini-series, The Stand; and dozens of episodics, including recurring roles on L.A. Law, Murder, She Wrote, and Life Goes On.

Brendon Fox [Director] is currently the Associate Producer at LA Theatre Works, and formerly the Associate Director of The Old Globe Theatre in San Diego. He is very happy to be working with this group of artists. You can learn more about Brendon at www.foxdirector.com.

Pacific Stages
The Salon Series

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We open with Clifford Odets' ROCKET TO THE MOON. Called the American Chekhov, Odets is considered the most gifted American Social Protest dramatist of the thirties, and certainly one of America's greatest playwrights. His works, as presented by the influential Group Theatre, were the conscience of America during the Depression. Along with PARADISE LOST, ROCKET TO THE MOON contains some of Odets' greatest and most poetic writing.

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We also thank Melanie & Richard Lundquist, and Continental Development Corporation. You are home to our dreams, and an exceptional example of the best our community has to offer.

We welcome you all.

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