

# The Importance Of Being Earnest

By Oscar Wilde

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Millard Hall Northwest College





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### Scene Synopsis

Act I: Algernon Moncrieff's flat in London. It is a warm summer afternoon in 1895.

Act II: The Garden at the Manor House, the next afternoon.

Act III: The drawing-room of the Manor House, later that same afternoon.

#### **Director's Note**

One hundred years and two and a half weeks ago, "Earnest" first opened on the stage of St.

James Theatre in London. The intelligent and sometimes slapstick humor then seemed to poke fun at strict Victorian life. Now, a century of social decay later, we see through the humor to the cost of such flippancy. Carelessness with integrity leads only to a shallow - and burdensome - existence. In our time together tonight, we hope you enjoy the comedy of exaggerated circumstances as these characters begin to learn about honesty and authenticity...and "The Importance of Being Earnest."

# Cast

Algernon Moncrieff	Aaron Albert
Lane	Jeff Emmett
John Worthing	Mark Gould
Lady Bracknell	Sherry Scheline
Gwendolen Fairfax	
Miss Prism	Robin Harris
Cecily Cardew	Jesica DeMers
Rev. Canon Chasuble, D.D	Jeff Emmett
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# **Production Staff**

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Director	Debbie Lamm
Assistant Director	Tricia Knight
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Poster\Program Cover Design	
Technical Director	Keith Wright
Set Painters	Abigail Faylor
	Virginia Eddy
	Charis Marquis
	Cast and Crew
	Drama Club
Costumes	Tricia Knight
	Tim Emineth
	Cast and Crew
Lights	Ed Keeley
	Drama Club
Sound	Darren Janzen
	Drama Club

# **Biographies**

#### **Aaron Albert**

Aaron is a Sophomore from Central Point, Oregon. In high school, Aaron performed in "You Can't Take it With You" and "Servant of Two Masters." His hobbies include acting, reading and football. Aaron wants to become a stronger man of God and be involved in children's ministries. He also wants to find a way of getting a wife without spending \$40,000.

#### Jesica DeMers

Jesica is from Olympia, Washington. As a Freshman, she enjoys drama, going out with friends and taking pictures. She has been involved in high school productions as well as her drama team at church. She was also a Channel 13 KCPQ Kid. When Jesica graduates with a elementary education degree, she hopes to work with Youth With A Mission.

#### **Jeff Emmett**

Jeff is a Senior from Branford, Florida. His dramatic experience includes working with his high school drama club and a Christian theater group. When Jeff was asked what his favorite hobbies were he replied, "computers, computers, computers!" Jeff wants to become a Children's Pastor and teach children the love of God.

#### Mark D. Gould

Presently a Senior, Mark is from Kalispell, Montana. He has written and directed many plays. He has performed in "Pilgrim's Progress" and "Grandpa." He enjoys all kinds of sports, namely Ping-Pong in the student union building. Mark has three goals while at Northwest: To graduate, to memorize his lines and to serve the Lord.

#### **Robin Harris**

Robin, from Lake Stevens, Washington, is a Freshman who has an extensive background in theater. "Pride and Prejudice," "Henry the V" and "Devil's Advocate," are to name a few. She loves reading, swimming and singing. When Robin graduates, she hopes to be a Certified Public Accountant who acts and sings on the side.

#### **Tricia Knight**

Tricia, a freshman from Des Moines, Washington, enjoys water-skiing, swimming, acting and spending time with family and friends. As the assistant Director, she enjoyed working hard on the costumes and recalls the time when Aaron licked her hand in practice. Tricia wants to graduate from college and become a teacher and "grow more madly in love with the Lord."

#### **Debbie Lamm**

Debbie, Director of "Earnest" and graduate of Northwest, has a long history in drama. Debbie loves music, earning her Master's degree, chocolate and Diet Coke. She hopes to bungee jump, live on the east coast for 2 years and write a book by the age of 40. Debbie truly loves working with the cast and crew of "Earnest."

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#### **Sherry Scheline**

Sherry is a Freshman from Casper, Wyoming. Since 1989, she has been actively involved in various Shakespeare Festivals and drama competitions. Sherry loves to spend time with those who are close to her. "Despite all my childhood ambitions....I would really like to just finish college, get married, be a housewife and have eight kids!"

#### Julea Stratton

Julea, a Senior, is from Roseburg, Oregon. In high school, she performed in a number of plays such as "The Night of January 16<sup>th</sup>" and "You Can't Take it With You." Julea enjoys ballet, drawing, hiking and old movies. Graduating with a BA in Church Ministries, her greatest desire is to tell others about Jesus Christ and to teach the Word of God.

#### **Surprise Staff Performer**

Our "mystery" actor is from Salt lake City, Utah. He has performed in theater since 1972. Fishing, golf, singing in barbershop quartets and church choirs are just a few of his hobbies. Our "Surprise" staff member's goals are to survive his children's teen years and to continue service at Northwest until retirement. Upon retirement, he would like to buy and operate a "bed and breakfast" with his wife, Annette, in the Lake Tahoe, California area.

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