



The Unknowable Killing of Little Boy Blue by David Boles

The 1993-1994 Season of Staged Readings

In the beginning was the WORD and the WORD was good. Indeed, over 2500 years ago an ingenious Greek put word to movement and backed it up with specific musical accompaniment. Lo! The Drama was born. Behold! That Drama drum still beats. MAPS wants to make sure that rhythm continues to pulse and grow by celebrating the beginnings of new works created by those masterful craftsmen - our playwrights. Help us to revel in these new delights tell your friends and together we may soon discover the next Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides or Aristophanes. As someone famous once said, "The play's the thing". We think so too! Enjoy!

> Ken Parker Co-Artistic Director of MAPS

As a native Nebraskan, I lived with this story for six years before I was able to confront this idea on the page. The story troubled me deeply in a dark and uncertain place. In my third year at Columbia University I had to write a Masters' Thesis. I pulled out six years of research, confronted myself and finally wrote: When A Life Trembled to Death. I rediscovered my linguistic roots and tried to be true to the rhythm and the cant of the mid Western tongue and mind set. I then took that M.F.A. thesis and transformed it into this play: The Unknowable Killing Of Little Boy Blue.

John Boles Playwright

# The Play Committee of THE MAXWELL ANDERSON PLAYWRIGHTS SERIES presents a staged reading of

# The Unknowable Killing of Little Boy Blue

by DAVID BOLES

#### Directed by VERNON HINKLE

#### The Cast

Narrator	ASHTON CROSBY
Rolly Hunter	DEAN KYBURZ
Steven Kelton	SAM MINK
Lee Hunter	
Roger Kelton	ALLEN ZELLER
Cud Lauder	HERB DUNCAN
Reverend Roslyn Polskovic	MARLA STERLING
Eli Stutzman	JOHN FATTEROSS
Judge Gretchen Benkins	SANDRA GORDON

Time: 1985-1986 Place: Chester, Nebraska

There will be one ten-minute intermission.

Discussion following the readings.

The audience is invited to join the playwright, director, cast and MAPS Committee at the reception afterwards...

MAPS extends its sincere thanks to Manero's of Greenwich for serving dinner to the cast between the Saturday performances.

We also thank DeRosa's of Westport who have generously provided refreshments for our receptions.

Who's Who

#### **DAVID BOLES (Playwright)**

was born in Lincoln, Nebraska and his work has appeared Nationally in 16 states and 27 cities, including The Brooklyn Academy of Music and The Kennedy Center. Mr. Boles wrote Book & Lyrics for *Raising Arizona: The Musical* (based upon the motion picture) which is currently being produced by The National Alliance of Musical Theatre Producers. Mr. Boles is an M.F.A. Honors graduate of Columbia University in New York City. As a student at Columbia, Mr. Boles was a Shubert Foundation/Columbia Presidential Scholar for three years. He is an Active Member of the Dramatists Guild.

#### VERNON HINKLE (Director)\*

first appeared on the MAPS scene in 1990 as a playwright with Country Matters, and his Travel Play was presented here as part of our Triad 2 program last year. His other plays have been presented as near as the O'Neill Theater Center, the Westport Arts Center and Polka Dot Playhouse — and as far away as Greece where he has also directed. As an actor, he was featured in our Wakeville's Trial, and he made a surprise (to him) appearance in last year's Hadleyburg, U.S.A., which he also directed. Another MAPS directing credit: Under The Gods. Vernon did double duty reading Merton and Ebner in our last presentation — Both Your Houses.

#### ASHTON CROSBY (Narrator)

Recent credits include playing "several codgers" in a New Works Project at the Berkshire Theater Festival, directing of *Anne Of Green Gables*, the musical, for the Somers Theater Company, and performing Shakespeare at the Danbury Actors Repertory . In the "real world" Ashton teaches Theater and Latin ... yes, Latin ... at Rippowam Cisqua School in Bedford. He will be remembered for his role of Dell in the recent MAPS production of *Both Your Houses*.

### HERB DUNCAN (Cud Lauder)\*

just played Simeon Gray in Both Your Houses. He will also be remembered at MAPS as Nicholas Oblensky in Leo Tolstoy Is In The Next Room Dying, Emery in Butterscotch and the father in Goodbye Sonny. He has extensive credits in Off-Broadway, regional and stock productions and on TV has appeared on The Guiding Light and All My Children as well as countless commercials. He is currently seen on TV as a quirky character speaking for Oatmeal Crisp. A former faculty member of C.W. Post College, he also co-produced an Off-Broadway production of Kafka's In The Penal Colony at the 41st St. Theater.

# JOHN FATTEROSS (Eli Stutzman)

is a mainstay of the Fairfield County community theater circuit. Some of his recent performances include Talk Radio and Bedroom Farce with Westport Community Theater, Light Up The Sky, Toys In The Attic and End Of The World with Cameo Players, The Sunshine Boys, Luv and Kiss Mama with Stamford Sterling Barn, Only Kidding with Curtain Call and Run For Your Wife with New Canaan Town Players. He also portrayed William Shakespeare in the original play Romeo And... at this year's SoNo Arts Festival. John was Eddie Wister in the recent reading of Both Your Houses.

## SANDRA GORDON (Judge Benkins)

appeared most recently in Greenwich as The Defenseless Creature and the Mistress in The Acting Company's May production of *The Good Doctor*. She has also been in their productions of *The Midnight Caller*, You the Jury and Women Here Are No Different. Last February