



THE AMERICAN THEATRE OF ACTORS

presents

"NEAR FOREST PARK"

Written & Directed by

MENY BERIRO

- Cast -

Matt AARON FINKELSTEIN
Carl BRETT SULLIVAN SANTRY
Vince MICHAEL BIANCO
Detective ANTONIO MASTRANTONIO

Time: Recent Past

Place: Near Forest Park

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"DOGS PLAYING POKER"

by

JACK CANFORA

Directed by

JEB TOMS

Stage Manager - Michael Gershowitz

- Cast -

Tim DAN McCORMICK
Blake EDDIE MANLEY
Mark ERIK STRONGBOWE
Doug T.J. ZALE
Samantha MASHA SAPRON

Time: Recent Past

Place: Basement of Home

WHO'S WHO
"NEAR FOREST PARK"

MICHAEL BIANCO: (Vince) has been acting in NYC for the past eight months. In this time his credits are "BALTIMORE WALTZ", "HAMLET", "ON THE HIGH ROAD" and other. Prior to moving to NYC he was living and performing in Rhode Island. Recently he has co-founded In the Kitchen productions and would like to thank his family and friends for their support.

AARON FINKELSTEIN: (Matt) grew up in suburban Chicago and studied at Tisch's Experimental Theatre Wing at NYU, as well as programs at Steppenwolf Theatre and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London. He has performed at HERE in NYC, in "IN 3 TO 6 SECONDS and can be seen this summer in Shakespeare in the Park(ing) Lot's in "TWELFTH NIGHT". He also sings and plays his own songs on guitar.

ANTONIO MASTRANTONIO: (Detective) After retiring as a NYC police sergeant he pursued his other love which is to perform. He's appeared in several TV & film segments and present project is a featured role in, a gangster, in "The Rose Kennedy Story". Thanks to my wife Maria, my children and my parents for their great support and patience. Also thanks to Meny Beriro and the cast for the pleasure of working with them. Thank you all.

BRETT SULLIVAN SANTRY: (Carl) is pleased to be back at ATA after directing "ORPHANS" here a production which received OOB, "PICK OF THE WEEK". A graduate of Goddard College, he acted & directed in Vermont, Martha's Vineyard and Ohio before coming to NYC 4 years ago. He just finished directing his first film "PRACTICE, EXERCISE & GOOD, PLAIN FUN" which is in the editing room right now. Thanks to his friends, family and cast mates for their patience and support.

MENY BERIRO: (Playwright/Director) was born in Gibraltar & raised in Queens. This is his 7th play at ATA. He would like to thank James Jennings for his continuing support. He would also like to thank all the cast for their dedication. & Special thanks to Miklos and Viktoria as well as Michael Ming for all their help. To Candy, "Mihal Kita".

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DAN McCORMICK: (Tim) As a graduate of Drexel U. in Philadelphia & an Alumnus of The Stella Adler Academy West, Dan was last seen here at ATA as 'Randy' in "LAST CHANCE FOR A SLOW DANCE". Among many other, he's worked with Danny Aiello, Robert Forster & Vincent Pastore. He wishes to thank all his new friends in "Dogs...". It's been great!

EDDIE MANLEY: (Blake) just finished working with Jeb Toms on "DONNIE" at TSI Studio. He is very happy to be working with Jeb again as well as the other 'Dogs' in the cast. Everything else is left to your own imagination.

MASHA SAPRON: (Samantha) A recent graduate of William Esper Studios, she is thrilled to be playing a character very close to her heart, an adulterous, screaming bitch. Most recently she performed in "HOME FIRES" at Access Space & "IN THE BOOM, BOOM ROOM". You can catch her this summer at the Fringe Festival at TNC in "LAST CALL" & promises no 'deafening'scream

ERIK STRONGBOWE: (Mark) Graduated from Mercy College with a BA. He then backpacked around the world twice; Europe, North Africa, India, Russia, worked on a Kibbutz in Israel & taught English in China. Favorite roles are Prince John in LION IN WINTER, Bill Sykes in "OLIVER" & 'Belarius' in "CYMBELINE".

T.J. ZALE: (Doug) Just finished "SHAKESPEARE IN CONCERT" here at ATA and also "THE WAY THINGS ARE". Last summer he was in "ANTONY & CLEOPATRA" here. Other plays are "A MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM", "LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST" and "THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON". He is featured in the film short "LUNCH" at Sundance Festival.

JEB TOMS: (Director) Working his way up from the South: New Orleans to N.C. and finally to NYC, he is proud to mark his directorial debut at A.T.A. with this play "DOGS PLAYING POKER"

JACK CANFORA: (Playwright) This is his 3rd play to be done here at A.T.A. Others are "VIKING FUNERAL" and "INDELIBLE", for which he won the 'Jean Dalrymple Award' for Best Playwright this past season. He's had several plays done in Regional Theatre.

MICHAEL GERSHOWITZ: (Stg Mgr) Making his debut with A.T.A. & sends his love to Mom & Kim. He will be directing "WIZARD OF OZ" next year.