

In no particular order

Cinderella (Musical) – Rogers and Hammerstein – 1957

2 males; 5 females plus chorus

This musical is based upon the fairy tale Cinderella, particularly (*Cendrillon, ou la Petite Pantoufle de Vair*) by Charles Perrault. The story concerns a young woman forced into a life of servitude by her cruel stepmother and self-centered stepsisters, who dreams of a better life. With the help of her Fairy Godmother, Cinderella is transformed into a princess and finds her prince.

The 7-Year Itch (Comedy) – George Axelrod – 1952

6 males; 5 females

Richard Sherman roams restlessly around his empty apartment, bemoaning the fact that his wife of seven years, and their son, have just walked out on him. Then, without warning, a gigantic flower pot tumbles down from an overhead balcony, nearly putting him permanently out of his misery. The jarring event has a strange effect on Richard. He now sees his marriage as possible. Suddenly reborn, he invites the delectable doll who lives on the floor above down for an evening of temptation. The night doesn't quite go the way he thought it would, as morality and guilt sneak into his head. In his conscience-literally following him about the apartment- a soul struggle of heroic and hilarious proportions ensues.

The Graduate (play) Terry Johnson – 2000

9 characters with some multiple casting

2 young people - 1 male; 1 female; 2 sets of parents; 2 males; 2 females; Sets suggested rather than fully constructed

The piece begins as model student Benjamin Braddock returns home to his family after graduating. To his parent's dismay he doesn't take up his scholarship or a job, but lounges around the house watching TV, drinking beer and trying to avoid his parent's 'grotesque' social gatherings. At such a gathering he encounters Mrs. Robinson, the bored, alcoholic, sexually frustrated wife of his father's business partner. Mrs. Robinson instantly makes a forthright attempt to seduce Benjamin. Embarrassed, he rebuffs her, but eventually succumbs to her formidable charms. They begin a cheerless affair which ties Benjamin up in knots of guilt and self-loathing. The liaison eventually implodes when he begins to pursue his paramour's daughter Elaine, bringing the wrath of the vengeful Mrs. Robinson and her cuckolded husband down on his head.

This version of The Graduate is a perfect cocktail of satire and drama, an anthem for disaffected youth. We cringe with Benjamin as he fumbles his way through the affair, growing agitated as he checks into a hotel for the afternoon and blowing his cool in the bedroom. Mrs. Robinson's brilliantly caustic one-liners highlight her scornful attitude to both Benjamin and her daughter. The dramatic climax comes when Benjamin eventually confronts Mrs. Robinson, beating her at her own manipulative game.

Doubt: A Parable (Drama) John Patrick Shanley – 2007

1 male; 3 females

Flexible Set

In this brilliant and powerful drama, Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal, takes matters into her own hands when she suspects the young Father Flynn of improper relations with one of the male students.

God's Favorite (comedy) Neil Simon – 1974

5 males; 3 females

A play loosely based on the Biblical Book of Job. The setting of the play is a Long Island mansion, where a pious, God-fearing tycoon names Joe Benjamin dwells and his family: a long-suffering wife, Rose, a prodigal son, David, a pair of kooky twins, Ben and Sarah, and the maid and butler, Mady and Morris. One night a messenger from God, Sidney Lipton (with a big G on his sweatshirt) arrives, and, as in the biblical story, goes through all manner of temptations to get Joe Benjamin to renounce God. When he refuses, he is visited by all the afflictions imaginable. He stand firm and the messenger has to admit defeat.

2010-2011 Alternates (in no particular order)

These alternates will only be used if, for whatever reason, the shows on the primary slate cannot be produced. The order of the shows and directors will be published in the Spring of 2010.

Grey Gardens (comedy/Drama Musical) Book by Doug Wright, music by Scott Frankel, and Lyrics by Michael Korie – 2006

4 males; 3 females; 2 girls; Flexible Set

The hilarious and heartbreaking story of Big Edie and Little Edie Bouvier Beale, the eccentric aunt and cousin of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, once bright names on the social register who became East Hampton's most notorious recluses.

Bell, Book, and Candle (comedy) John Van Druten – 1950

3 males; 2 females

A few modern people can cast spells and perform feats of supernaturalism. Gillian Holroyd, of the Murray Hiss district, cast a spell over an unattached publishers, partly to keep him away from a rival and partly because she is attracted to him. He falls head over heels in love with her at once, and wants to marry her. But witches, unfortunately, cannot fall in love, and this minute imperfection leads to a number of difficulties. Ultimately the lady breaks off with her companions in witchery, preferring the normal and human love offered her by the attractive publisher, Shepherd Henderson, but before the happy conclusion of the romance, Gillian comes very near to losing him-but doesn't.

The Woman in Black (play) Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt – 1989

2 males; 1 female

A ghost story- takes place in Victorian theatre-settings created from material lying around- many sound cues to recreate the atmosphere of the story. Not a long play.

Jake's Women (comedy) Neil Simon – 1992

1 male; 7 females

America's premier comic playwright makes another hilarious foray into the world of modern relationships. Jake, a novelist who is more successful with fiction than with life faces a marital crisis by daydreaming about the women in his life. The wildly comic and sometimes moving flashbacks played in his mind are interrupted by visitations from actual females. Jake's women include a revered first wife who was killed years earlier in an accident, his daughter who is recalled as a child but is now a young woman, his boisterous and bossy sister, an opinionated analyst, his current wife who is leaving Jake for another man, and a prospective third wife.