

Director's Note

This production of *The Lion in Winter* by James Goldman is dedicated to my friend and fellow actor, director and all-around support, Cecilia "Cec" Rinaldi, who passed away earlier this year. We first thought about this stage reading in 2020 at Ruth Borovicka's house, right before COVID-19 made itself known, and had an impromptu reading with a few ABC Players to see if we wanted to bring this reading to life on the stage at Stuart's Opera House. Oh, yes, we did! I need to thank Ruth, who lends her voice in some of the duets you will hear this afternoon. I would be remiss if I didn't thank my husband, Jack, who put up with all the crazy rehearsals at our house and whom I was able to nudge into becoming part of the production team!

I, also, personally want to thank this audience for your cooperation in wearing masks in order to protect my actors who have worked tirelessly to bring you this wonderful stage experience. Every one of them is over 50 and brings their entire life experiences with them to the stage! I fondly call them my Senior Moments Ensemble!

Who doesn't like Christmas in June with family surrounding them (warts, goiters, and all)? As Cec was fond of saying "Time to put the *fun* back in *dysfunctional*." Eleanor says it best, "Well, what family doesn't have its ups and downs?" Merry Christmas!

-Karen M. Chan

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**Athenian Berean Community
Players staged reading of**



**June 25, 2023 at 2 p.m.
at Stuart's Opera House**

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Cast

Narrator.....Sylvia Abbott
 Henry II - King of England.....Tom Fiocchi
 Alais Capet - a French princess.....Amy Abercrombie
 John - the youngest son.....Jim Parsons
 Geoffrey - the middle son.....Chad Kopenski
 Richard the Lionheart - the eldest son.....Ken Bowald
 Eleanor of Aquitaine - Henry's wife.....Celeste Parsons
 Philip Capet - King of France.....Joe Balding

Production Staff

Director.....Karen M. Chan
 Assistant Director.....Allison Epperson
 Artwork.....Kit DeBerry
 Stage Manager, Light & Sound Operator.....
Jodi Wellman MacNeal
 Light Designer.....Carol Brown Ault
 Technical Assistance.....T-Bone McCauley,
Sean Johnson & Mike Gimmer
 Dramaturg & Sound Editor.....J. Jack Chan
 Prop Design.....Sandy Russell & Tom Fiocchi
 Costume Design.....Tom Fiocchi & Brittan Posey
 Programs & Posters.....Jim Parsons & Sylvia Abbott
 *Preshow, Production, & Postshow Music.....
Timothy S. Klugh
 "Lover's Christmas Carol".....
 James Goldman with additions by Celeste Parsons.
 Music by Celeste Parsons. Mandolin Accompani-
 ment by Adam Graham. Duet by Ruth Borovicka &
 Celeste Parsons. Audio Engineer: Adam Rich
 Preshow Assistance.....Cecilia Rinaldi, Ruth Borovicka
& Celeste Parsons
 Usher Coordinator.....Linda Watkins
 Refreshment Coordinator.....Melissa Maccabee
 Publicity.....Samantha Pelham & Susan Gilfert

*Timothy S. Klugh-ABC Players Preshow Music

1. "Wicked Waltz"	4. "Chants & Drones II"
2. "Chants & Drones I"	5. "Troubadours Tune"
3. "Plight of Proctor's Ledge"	6. "Chants & Drones III"

*Timothy S. Klugh- ABC Players Postshow Music

"The King Is Gone; The Land Is Dead": A Symphony

1. "The Old Realm"	4. "Unrest in the Land"
2. "Rumors of War"	5. "The War"
3. "Poisoning the Kingdom"	6. "All Is Lost"

"Visions of a Woman"

In Memoriam



In our 2011 production of *The Pajama Game*, Cecilia Rinaldi played Mabel the secretary. Sid was played by Joe Balding.