

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

("The Present" – 1895)

ACT I – Algernon Moncrieff's Flat, London.

ACT II – Jack Worthing's Garden, Hertfordshire.

ACT III – Jack Worthing's Manor House, Hertfordshire.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

Erroll Hooker	The Narrator Lane, Manservant and Merriman, Butler
David Koberling	Algernon Moncrieff
Christopher Mayberry	John Worthing, J.P.
Ian Patrick Corbett	Lady Bracknell
Teona Renda	Hon. Gwendolen Fairfax
Cricket Gray	Cecily Cardew
Susie Curtis	Miss Prism, Governess
Abby Winters	Rev. Canon Chasuble, D.D.

The **staged reading** is a style of theater in which the reading of a fully developed or classic play is itself the performance. The actors present dramatic readings of narrative material without costumes, props, scenery, or special lighting. Actors use only scripts and vocal expression to help the audience understand the story.

The Little Theatre of Watertown
proudly presents a staged reading performance of

The Importance of Being Earnest

– A Trivial Comedy for Serious People –

by Oscar Wilde

August 23rd 2025

6:00 PM Performance

– The Strand –
136 Franklin St.
Watertown, NY

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PERFORMERS

Erroll Hooker (Narrator, Lane, Merriman) is eagerly returning to the stage as a fairly recent member of the Little Theatre of Watertown. While having minimum experience in theater in adolescence, he's had a great time discovering a new passion with guidance from the Little Theatre of Watertown and he appreciates the support from viewers and everyone directly involved.

Christopher Mayberry (Jack Worthing) has had a great time helping prepare this staged reading with his fellow actors. This is his fourth time performing with the Little Theatre of Watertown. Most recently, he was in *Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* as three generations of the Baskerville family. He hopes people enjoy this hilarious show, and that they will continue to come out and support live theater.

David Koberling (Algernon Moncrieff) is a native of Upstate New York. He enjoys sharing the stage with his friends and bringing smiles to the audience. Today he is delighted to step into this earnest portrayal of Algernon Moncrieff. He extends his gratitude to Ian, the director, and members of the Little Theatre of Watertown for this opportunity! Not an actual Bunburyist.

Cricket Gray (Cecily Cardew) loves being a part of the Little Theater of Watertown! Her most recent stage appearance was as part of *The Vagina Monologues*. She is really excited to play sweet, simple Cecily Cardew. There is nothing better in the world than to be a part of something that entertains. Thank you for coming to support the local theater. Look out for future workshop opportunities and enjoy the show!

Teona Renda (Gwendolen Fairfax) is proud to be a part of another performance with the Little Theater of Watertown. This time she appears as Gwendolyn Fairfax in the staged reading of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. This is Teona's third time on stage and she is grateful to her fellow cast mates and crew for the opportunity to work with them again. She hopes that you, the audience, enjoy the show!

Ian Patrick Corbett (Lady Bracknell) directed tonight's performance. They believe people will enjoy the staged readings, leveraging our ready talent to support the more involved production elements of a full theater season, and hope to establish recurring events to further benefit the organization. Thank you for coming out to support our mission. It's still a funny, relevant show after 100+ years!

Abby Winters (Dr. Chasuble) is very excited to be a part of the inaugural cast for the Little Theatre of Watertown's staged readings series. She has loved being a part of the Little Theatre of Watertown and hopes this series will get more people excited about the organization. She'd like to thank all of her marvelous family and friends, but also all of the amazing patrons of the arts here in Watertown.

Susie Curtis (Miss Prism) is a longtime member of the Watertown theater community. Having acted, directed, stage managed and mentored for the Little Theatre of Watertown, Watertown Lyric Theater, and the now defunct Third Wave Productions, she is elated to be a part of LTW's staged reading series. Thanks to all my family and chosen family for your love and support.

Interested in being part of our next staged reading? Please email us artistic@littletheatreofwatertown.com