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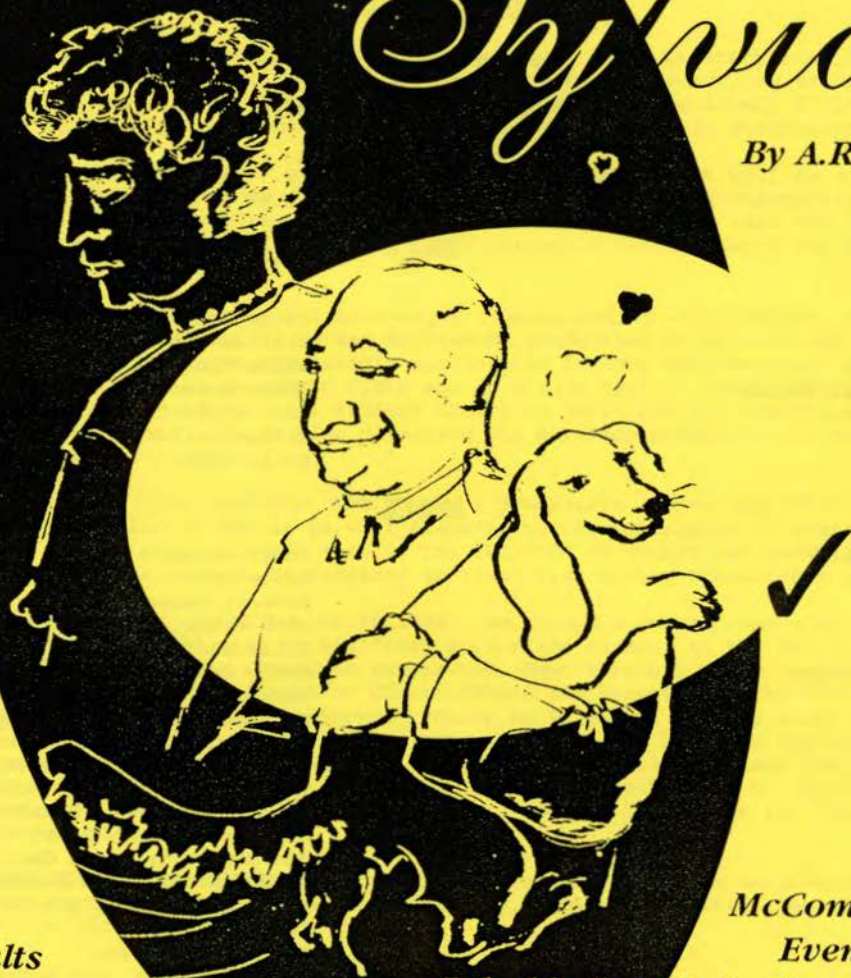
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1996  
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PRESENTS

# Sylvia

By A.R. Gurney



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July 11 thru July 13 at 7.30 pm

Matinee

Sunday July 14 at 2.30 pm

The MSU Department of Communication

presents

# SYLVIA

BY  
A. R. GURNEY

DIRECTED  
BY  
JEFFERY SCOTT ELWELL

SCENERY AND LIGHTING  
BY  
WAYNE DURST

## CAST

Sylvia  
Greg  
Kate  
Tom, Phyllis, Leslie  
Understudies

Julie Rathwell  
William Watkins  
Shana Graves  
Shane McRae  
Marc Stewart  
Cletus Collum  
Emily Cade

## STAFF

Stage Managers  
  
Costumes  
Sound  
Lights  
Set Construction

Torri Gandy  
Emily Cade  
Beverly Mansour  
Rick Frank, Suehyla El-Attar  
Billy Moody  
Emily Cade, Jason Lee,  
Vanessa Mravich, Rick Frank,  
Marc Stewart, Billy Moody,  
Cletus Collum, Todd Rowan,  
Haley Herring, Lulu Owens,  
Vicky Stogner, Kelly Folse,  
Shana Graves, Ace Stanley,  
William Watkins, Torri Gandy,  
Joe Dan White, Matt Gholston,  
Jeremy Brown, Erin Lestrade,  
Laura Cunningham, Liz Davis,  
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Michael Henderson  
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[ Scene II ]

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*Cust.* [ *Aside.* ] Shall I hear more, or shall I shop. I say we shop!

[ Scene III is up to you ]

*Footnotes.*

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# 60/40

By Benjamin Israel

Directed by Shana N. Graves

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

Jay .....	Joe Dan White
Toby .....	Marc Stewart
Cleary .....	Emily Cade
Calvin .....	Cletus Collum

## CREW

Stage Manager .....	Haley Herring
Lights .....	Billy Moody

## ABOUT THE CAST

**Emily Cade** is a junior Speech Education major at Mississippi State University from Kosciusko, MS. "Sixty Forty" is Emily's first production at MSU.

**Cletus Collum** is a junior from Booneville, MS, majoring in Communication (Theatre emphasis). This is his fifth performance at MSU, with previous shows including Wait Until Dark, "Laundry and Lies," "The Art of Dating," and "To the Airport." In the spring, Cletus directed a one-act play, "Animal Instincts."

**Marc Stewart** is, in a bizarre way, from both Fayetteville, NC and Myrtle Beach, SC. He is a sophomore with a triple major in History, Communication (Theatre emphasis), and International Business, and has been in numerous high school and regional productions. "Sixty Forty" is his first MSU production, and he's excited about being part of this great ensemble cast.

**Joe Dan White** is a junior from Kosciusko, MS, with a double major in Psychology and Sociology. This is ninth performance at MSU; most recently he appeared in The Disposal and The Treasure of Tralee, the latter for which he received an Irene Ryan nomination.

### Special thanks

To Benjamin Israel, for trusting me with your show.

To Billy Moody, for helping me make this really happen.

To Wayne Durst, for putting up with me.

To Haley Herring, for all your work and support.

To Jeffery Elwell, for having faith in me, and for giving me a chance. I'll miss you.

Finally, to my cast, for giving all that you are to your characters, for making them come alive; it has been my privilege to know you and to work with you.

A note on this production: "Sixty/Forty" is a "workshop" production of a work in progress written by University of Virginia student, Benjamin Israel. Minimal lighting, sets, and costumes have been used to establish locale and characters.

## There will be a ten-minute intermission after Act One

SYLVIA is produced by permission of the Dramatists Play Service

SIXTY/FORTY by Benjamin Israel will be performed prior to SYLVIA on Sat., July 13 at 7:30 and Sun., July 14 at 2:30

### BIO'S

**JULIE RATHWELL** (SYLVIA) a proud Canadian, has lived in Starkville for the last two years and has been involved in numerous theatre productions at MSU. She has most recently appeared in PICNIC, THE TREASURE OF TRALEE, and ATOMIC FIELD. Following this summer's production, she is off to Catawba College in North Carolina.

**WILLIAM WATKINS** (GREG) is a Starkville native and SYLVIA will be his last production at MSU as he will transfer to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in the fall. He most recently appeared in I DREAM BEFORE I TAKE THE STAND and ATOMIC FIELD. He was the co-winner of the 1996 student directing award for his staging of OSWALD'S CASE this April.

**SHANA GRAVES** (KATE) is a triple-major (Communication, Philosophy, and English) from Houston, TX. SYLVIA is her thirteenth production at MSU and she has received two Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship nominations for her performances. She has been most recently seen in ATOMIC FIELD and as Bloody Mary in SOUTH PACIFIC. She was the other co-winner of the 1996 student directing award for her staging of MAKING THE GRADE this April. She is also directing the workshop production of SIXTY/FORTY (see next page) this summer.

**SHANE MCRAE** (TOM, PHYLLIS, LESLIE) is a Starkville native and SYLVIA is also his last production at MSU as he will transfer to the University of Evansville this fall. He was most recently seen in THE TREASURE OF TRALEE and SOUTH PACIFIC. For his performance as Billis, he received an Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship nomination.

**DR. JEFF ELWELL** (DIRECTOR OF THEATRE) has directed thirty-two plays at MSU since 1989. SYLVIA will also be his final production at MSU. At the end of this month, he and his wife will be moving to Huntington, West Virginia where he will be Professor and Chair of the Department of Theatre/Dance and Director of the Fine and Performing Arts Center at Marshall University. While he is moving on to greater challenges and a larger program he is thankful of the support he has received during his seven years at MSU. There are too many individuals to mention by name but he would especially like to thank Dr. Sid Hill, Dr. Donald Zacharias, Dr. Miriam Shillingsburg, Dr. Jimmy Solomon, Dr. Lida Barrett, and Dr. Jack White for their support, guidance, and wisdom.

**WAYNE DURST** (DESIGNER/TD) has designed sets and lights for an untold number of shows during the past three decades at MSU. With Dr. Elwell's departure, he takes over as Director of Theatre at MSU.

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