

# "The Alchemist"



# by Ben Jonson

- T he sickness hot, a master quit, for fear
- **H** is house in town, and left one servant there;
- E ase him corrupted, and gave means to know
- A Cheater, and his punk; who now brought low,
- L eaving their narrow practice, were become
- C ozeners at large; and only wanting some
- **H** ouse to set up, with him they here contract
- E ach for a share, and all begin to act
- M uch company they draw, and much abuse,
- I n casting figures, telling fortunes, news
- **S** elling of flies, flat bawdry with the stone

Master of Masters: Casey Weed

Subtle: Todd Kassens

Jeremy/ Face: Heath Thompson

Dol Common: Bridget Farias

Lovewit: Harry Conner Kastril: Eva McOuade

Dame Pliant: Sarah Lee Dapper: Ben McLemore

Abel Drugger: Joshua Moretto

Epicure Mammon: Michael O'Keefe

Surly: Katy Thompson / Bradley Wright

Tribulation Wholesome: Jimmie

Bragdon

Ananias: Chris Casey

#### Dancers:

Lindsay Palinsky (Mistress of Dance)

Tina Peppas Celeste Sharp Shelton

Hanna Haide Bradley Wright

Neighbors: Liegh Hegedus

Julio Mella Gene Storie

Mike Osborn Randy Egan

#### **Production:**

Head Mistress: Laura Trezise

Head Mistress' Man: Brian Martin

Mistress of Book: Hallie Casey

Prop Master: Joanna Casey

Torchierre: Eric Johnson

Mistress of House: Katrina Anderson

Dramaturge: Robert Stevens

Captain of Combat: Toby Minor

Stage Crew: Jennifer Fielding

House Crew: Drew Trezise House Crew: Carrie Casey

The streets of London are harsh and overrun with the Plague. It is difficult to stay alive, especially when you are past your prime. Subtle and Dol Common are two such survivors. He a shady alchemist of sorts. She his ever faithful whore. They find themselves in league with Face, the housekeeper for an master that has fled the city to escape the Black Death. With their visions of future comforts dancing before them, the three conspire against a host of scoundrels in the hopes of securing their fortunes. A parade of hypocritical miscreants, all with vices of their own, seek out the threesome to gain some profound profit. 'They shall find things they'd think, or wish, were done.' All things culminate into the con of cons, the Philosopher's Stone. The bringer of all that is fortune.

Watch The Baron's Men unfold the tale before you and perchance you will find yourselves in the players at hand. Remember, 'They are so natural follies, but so shown, as even the doers may see, and yet not own.'





# The Nimble Marmosets:

Cindy Schuafenbuel (Mistress of Music) aka. Phoebe Mayflower

David Shankle (Muse of Music) aka.Sansjoy Wetmath

Sandy Straubhaar aka.Tibiana Habioro

Michael Mendoza (featured maestro) aka.Starcat Wolsey

> Cherie Weed aka. Sweet Pea

## Our Talented Stichers:



Holly Franz Cristina Ayala Leah Adams Hanna Haide Pam Martin Liegh Hegedus Katy Thompson Lindsay & Adria Palinsky Casey Weed Dawn Allee

#### Set Master & Helping Hands:

Casey Weed Laura Trezise Hallie Casey Chris Casey Joshua Moretto Drew Trezise Celeste Sharp Shelton Carrie Casey Joanna Casey Katrina Anderson

Jimmie Bragdon Chris Walden Jennifer Fielding Lindsay Palinsky

> Eric Johnson Gene Storie James Schwarz

#### Act I:

- Lovewit leaves his house to his butler, Jeremy, who opens the house to musicians and neighbors.
- Jeremy meets Dol and Subtle, whore and pimp con men on the street
- ◆ Jeremy learns the con from Subtle and disguises himself as Captain Face to con several Londoners with his new partners but the three have an uneasy peace.

#### Acts II and III:

- The 3 set up cons for a gambling clerk, a filthy, greedy shopkeeper, a pair of holier-them-thou puritans, an angry brother with a rich, widowed sister, and a lecherous knight.
- Each 'mark' is promised that their dreams will be made true with the magical 'Philosopher's Stone', being made in the oven by mystical means.
- The knights friend, Surly, is a skeptic who suspects something is amiss and devises a plan to find them out.
- They pull a fantastical con on the clerk by convincing him he is the nephew of the Queen of Faeries.
- Sir Epicure Mammon is convinced to bring all his metal belongings to the alchemist so they can be changed into gold with the stone.



The Philosopher's Stone showing its Twin Nature



#### Acts IV and V

- ♦ Things get... complicated
- We end with a laugh and a jig!

Ben Jonson narrowly escaped the gallows for killing an actor in a duel in 1598

The Black Plague was primarily spread through London by fleas and rats

Ben Jonson was the sole author of sixteen plays and collaborated in at least eight more A livery three pound thrum is a shabbily dressed, poorly paid underling.

Ben Jonson was imprisoned 3 times over the course of his lifetime.

The Philosopher's Stone was thought to cure illness, prolong life, and bring about spiritual revitalization and immortality

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