



Harvey

Written by: Mary Chase

Directed by: Susan Jones

Performed: Wed 20th-Fri 22nd April 2005 at 7.45pm, Sat 23rd April 2005 at 2.30pm & 7.30pm at St. Anne's Hall, Wandsworth

Cast

Johnson, a
maid.....
Myrtle Mae
Simmons.....
Veta Louise
Simmons.....
Elwood P.
Dowd.....
Mrs. Ethel
Chauvenet.....
Ruth Kelly RN, a
nurse.....
Marvin Wilson,
orderly.....
Dr. Lyman
Sanderson.....
Dr. William Chumley,
psychiatrist.....
Mrs. Betty
Chumley.....
Judge Omar Gaffney,
solicitor.....
EJ Lofgren, a taxicab
driver.....
Miss
Tewkesbury.....

Zoë Andrews
Rachel Tozer
Tracey Childs
Stuart Butler
Frances Holmes
Vanessa Marchant
Mark Freeman
Jonathan Broadis
Mike Ainsworth
Orna Joseph
Jason Marchant
John Laing
Frances Holmes

Crew

Producer..... Frances Holmes
Lighting Design..... Richard Frampton,
Mark Stannett
Lighting Operator..... Mark Stannett
Sound Design & Operation..... Ben Ellis
Set Design..... Frances Holmes,
Paul Johnson,
Susan Jones,
Frances Holmes,
Vanessa Marchant
Props Co-ordinators..... Tracey Childs,
Frances Holmes,
Vanessa Marchant
Costume Co-ordinators..... Gillian Guy
Prompt..... Zoë Andrews
Stage Manager..... John Laing
Assistant Stage Manager..... Sharron Stubbs
Front of House Manager..... Claire Pepperell
Catering Manager.....

Synopsis

Elwood P. Dowd is a kind and friendly soul, a man who is gracious to everyone he meets. However, in the eyes of his sister Veta Louise, and scheming niece Myrtle Mae, he has one crucial flaw: his best friend and constant companion is, according to him, a six-foot white rabbit called Harvey. Fearing social disgrace Veta and Myrtle Mae attempt to commit Elwood to a psychiatric asylum, but the mysterious Harvey turns out to be a force to be reckoned with!

This Pulitzer-prize winning play was turned into the ever popular classic 1950 movie of the same name starring James Stewart and today it continues to charm a new generation. It offers a delightful mix of humour and magic, together with an exploration of the disadvantages of social conformity. Come and enter the wonderful world of a pooka* called Harvey!

* pooka (n) from old Celtic mythology. A fairy spirit in animal form. Always very large.

NODA Review

'Harvey' is a fascinating play; not only with an interesting history but also one that has spawned so many other imitations or ones that clearly have a similar provenance such as Phillip Pullman's currently very fashionable 'His Dark Materials' where the idea of a [\[more\]](#)

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