



March, 2021



MAD Play-Reading Group

“Sherlock Holmes – A Drama in Four Acts”
By William Gillette and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Directed by Jon Gardner
A live online staged reading, directed by Jon Gardner

Performed live online Saturday, March 27 at 8pm, viewable via YouTube. See <https://www.madtheater.org/> for the link and the latest information.

“Sherlock Holmes – A Drama in Four Acts,” was written by William Gillette with help from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. It tells the story of an elaborate blackmailing scheme by James and Madge Larrabee, assisted by Professor Moriarty, the Napoleon of Crime, and investigated by the detective Sherlock Holmes with his loyal companion Dr. Watson.

The play was first produced in 1899 with Gillette himself playing Holmes; a role that he repeated many times over the next 35 years. Gillette’s use of a deerstalker cap and curved pipe in his depiction of Holmes have become enduring symbols of the character. In another important element of theatrical history, an early production featured a teenaged Charlie Chaplin playing the pageboy Billy.

Notice: This play depicts cocaine use.

Cast in order of appearance:

- Madge Larrabee Sherry Mitchell
- John FormanRandy Barth
- James Larrabee Don Mitchell
- Térèse Alicia Magee
- Mrs. Faulkner Courtney Ritz
- Sidney Prince Laura Brandt
- Alice Faulkner Ashley Greeley
- Sherlock Holmes Eliot Malumuth
- Professor Moriarty..... Cathy Barth
- John Courtney Ritz
- Alfred BassickMichael Lopez
- BillyTalon Bevan
- Dr. WatsonDave Buckingham
- Jim Craigin Millie Tansill
- Thomas Leary..... Jennifer Grant
- “Lightfoot” McTague..... Courtney Ritz
- Mrs. Smeedley Courtney Ritz
- Parsons Daniel Fabres
- Count Von StalburgDean Pesnell
- Sir Edward Leighton Bill Kelleher

MAD Storytelling Workshop

Join Jack Scheer for a storytelling workshop via Zoom on April 7th at 7 P.M. This two hour workshop will focus on true, personal storytelling and include lessons and exercises about storytelling structure, character development, and other techniques for creating dramatic and engaging stories. To register, send an email to jack@jackscheer.com by April 2nd.

MAD Board Meeting

The next MAD Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8th, at 5:30 PM via Zoom. All club members are welcome to attend. We plan to hold our board meetings in 2021 regularly on the second Thursday of the month. Please email madboard@googlegroups.com if you would like the Zoom link to attend.

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