

# MADogram

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 Forman .....	Randy 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 Bassick .....	Michael Lopez
Billy .....	Talon Bevan
Dr. Watson .....	Dave Buckingham
Jim Craigin .....	Millie Tansill
Thomas Leary.....	Jennifer Grant
“Lightfoot” McTague.....	Courtney Ritz
Mrs. Smeedley .....	Courtney Ritz
Parsons .....	Daniel Fabres
Count Von Stalburg .....	Dean 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](mailto:jack@jackscheer.com) by April 2nd.

## **MAD Board Meeting**

The next MAD Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:madboard@googlegroups.com) if you would like the Zoom link to attend.

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