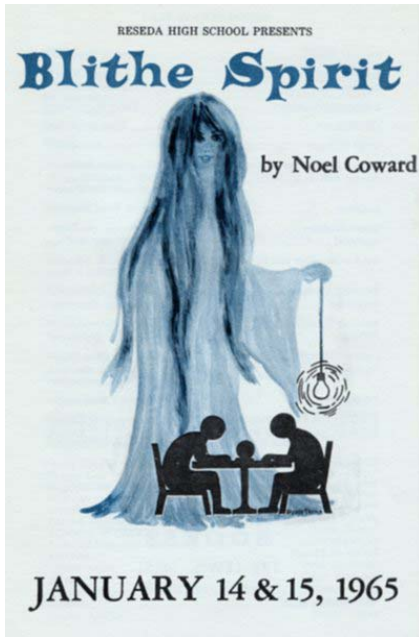


Drama Production Memories

1965 Blythe Spirit



CAST OF CHARACTERS
(In Order of Appearance)

Edith	Shirley Gregg
Ruth	Madelyn DiMaggio*
Charles	Dan Raner*
Dr. Bradman	Barry Tuchman*
Mrs. Bradman	Debby Shulman*
Madame Arcati	Sue Kirby*
Elvira	Sue Glas

The action of the play takes place in the living-room of Charles Condomine's house in Kent, England.

Synopsis of Scenes

ACT I

Scene 1 — Before dinner on a summer evening

Scene 2 — After dinner

ACT II

Scene 1 — The next morning

Scene 2 — Late the following afternoon

Scene 3 — Early evening a few days later

ACT III

Scene 1 — After dinner a few days later

Scene 2 — Several hours later

Evening Performance:
Ten minute intermission between acts.
Blithe Spirit is being produced by special arrangement with Samuel French.



Noel Coward's *Blythe Spirit* was the major production performed by the Drama Department in January 1965. A movie of the same name was released in the early 1940's. The plot opens with a dinner party hosted by Charles (Dan Raner) and Ruth (Maddy DiMaggio) where a séance is performed by the eccentric Madam Arcati (Sue Kirby). Charles's dead ex-wife Elvira (Sue Glas) come back to haunt Charles but only he and his spiritually-sensitive maid Edith (Shirley Gregg) can see the ghost. Elvira plots to have Charles join her in the afterlife but accidentally kills Ruth instead. Rather than live in a haunted house as a henpecked husband, Charles decides to leave both wives and live abroad "free, for the first time" in his life. In the finale, the two ghosts tear up the house in a special effects extravaganza.

The two party guests, Dr. and Mrs. Bradman (Barry Tuchman and Deborah Shulman) added a light touch of pompous incredulity to the mayhem. Barry was inspired by RHS English teacher Mr. Wondra for his appearance (see photo above.)