

Back On STAGE

And I could not be happier. I know that it has been two years since *Hound of the Baskervilles* but it really seems like yesterday especially this week when the last three months of fun work come to fruition. Each experience is a different challenge and along the way I am lucky to meet new performers and work again with those I have previously been on stage before. It really does feel like a family over time... at least in this neck of the woods. Of course, tech week is full of interesting events: New sound system that will be extraordinary I am sure; Mishaps with the set; Attempting to control the young ones in the cast when they are off stage; and other assorted chaos.

Yes, I once again was cast in the role of the slimy villain. My favorite type of role! When Mare asked me which role I would like (after I was informed that I was not old enough to portray Kris Kringle), I did not hesitate when I told her... "Sawyer." I knew exactly what I wanted to do with the role and make it my own but still have some of the nuances of the original in the 1947 movie, *Miracle on 34th Street*. It must be paying off because Miss Mary told me after rehearsal tonight that she loves my character and what I have done with it. AW, Heck! As someone told me after I announced the role I had received "This could be your best role yet. Both as a challenge and fitting your acting forte." One of my cast mates even compared me (the role, I assume) to a Bond villain.

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