

ARI HOPTMAN

actor • writer • comedian • voice-over artist

REPRESENTATIVE THEATER EXPERIENCE

Directors' Theater: *Glengarry Glen Ross* (James Lingk)
Fifty Foot Penguin Theater: *12 Angry Men* (Eleven) *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* (Ira)
Great American History Theater: *Sisters of Swing* (Lou Levy, Bing Crosby, etc.)
Illusion Theater: *Autistic License* (Father)
Nautilus: *Man of La Mancha* (Barber, Prisoner)
Park Square Theater: *The Chosen* (David Malter)
Partizan Players: *Shtick and its Relation to the Unconscious* (Catskills comic Jackie Witz), *The Princeton Seventh* (Blanchard)
Paul Bunyan Playhouse: *Born Yesterday* (Paul Verral), *The Foreigner* (Charlie), *The Odd Couple* (Felix)
Pendulum Theater: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Chasuble)
Pigs Eye Theatre: *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* (Ira Stone), *A Few Good Men* (Dr. Stone), *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* (Albert Einstein), *Don't Drink the Water* (Walter)
Sell the Cow Theater: *Sex Lives of Super Heroes* (Michael)
Theatre in the Round Players: *Two Rooms* (Michael Wells)
Theatre l'Homme Dieu: *Last of the Red-Hot Lovers* (Barney Cashman), *Sisters of Swing* (Lou Levy, Bing Crosby, etc.), *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Mr. Dussel), *1940s Radio Hour* (Clifton Feddington), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Mushnik)
Univ. of Minnesota: *Der gestiefelte Kater* (performed in German) (Herr Leutner)

PRODUCED PLAYS: **Selected one-person shows:** *Y2K and the Seven Dwarves*, *Kill the Mimes! Kill the Mimes!* (held over), *Dang! The Ari Hoptman All-Request Show* (Minneapolis and Tim Sims Playhouse [Second City] in Toronto), *Dial M for Comedy* (held over), *Delaware and Other Lies*. **Musical** (with George Maurer): *So This Duck Walks Into a Psychiatrist's Office* **Full-length plays:** *I Married Odin*; *The Quick and the Red*; *The President, Once Removed* (Fifty Foot Penguin Theater).

STAND-UP AND CABARET: Acme Comedy Club (run as featured performer), Balls Cabaret (Mpls), An Evening of English Music Hall (Chairman), Checkpoint Cabaret (Berlin). Occasional duo work: "Stump the Etymologist" (aka *Clitic and Calque*).

FILM: *A Serious Man* (Arlen Finkle), *Newton's Disease* (Mr. Hungus), *Two Harbors* (Spock Buyer). **Writer-co-director-star:** *The Story of Verner's Law* (see youtube.com)

RADIO: *Morning Show*, WOPR Radio (host), *Whadd'ya Know?*, American Public Radio (Guest), *The Clitic and Calque Show*, KFAI – Mpls (Talk Show), *Mid-Morning with Katherine Lanpher*, MPR – Mpls (Guest), *A Holiday Stage Session with Bill Holm* (MPR)

EDUCATION: Ph.D. in Germanic Philology, University of Minnesota.

SPECIAL SKILLS: Can speak, read, and write German; knowledge of Latin, Yiddish, Old English, some French and a microscopic bit of Dakota; various accents (including German, French, southern, Icelandic, Brooklyn, Cockney [some experience as dialect coach]); choral experience; cartoonist; vast teaching experience.