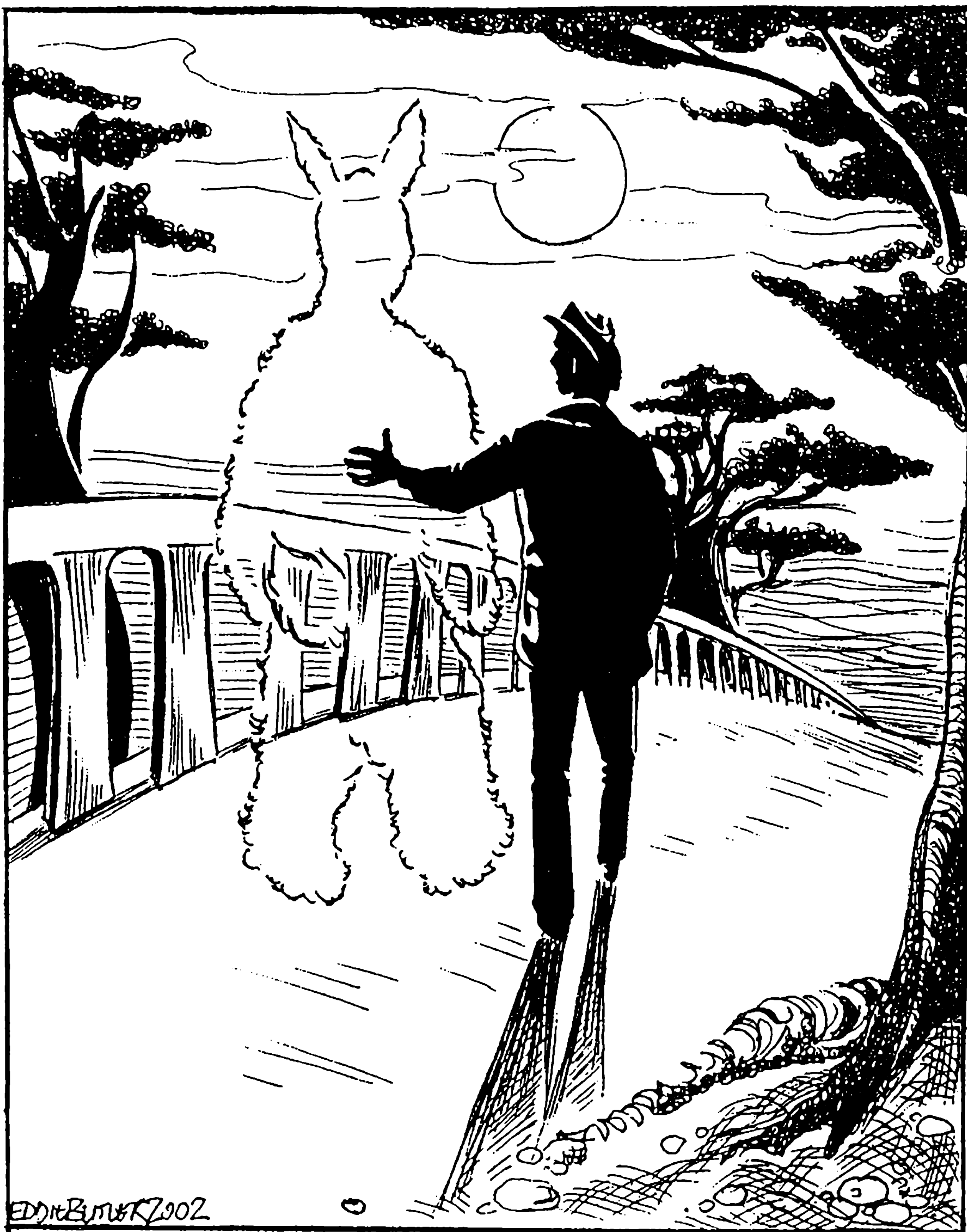




**LEEDS ARTS  
CENTRE**



**Harvey**  
by  
**Mary Chase**  
**Leeds Civic Theatre**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2003 at 7.30 p.m.  
Matinee Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

## About the playwright

Mary Chase was born in 1907, in Denver, Colorado. She began her career as a journalist, before turning to theatre and writing her first play 'Me Third'. Other plays followed including 'A Slip of a Girl', 'The Next Half Hour', 'Mrs Mitching', 'Lolita', 'Midge Purvis' and 'Cocktails for Miri'. Mary won the coveted Pulitzer prize for 'Harvey', she also wrote a screenplay version of the play. She died in 1981 aged 74.

## About the play

Harvey was written in 1943, under the title 'The White Rabbit'. It was first produced in New York City at the 48<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre on November 1<sup>st</sup> 1944, becoming one of the longest running comedies in Broadway and West End history. The play tells the story of amiable drunk Elwood P Dowd, and his best friend, a 6' 3½" tall white rabbit that only he can see.

***No rabbits were harmed during the making of this production.***



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You can also write, with contact telephone number, for further information to:

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# Harvey Cast

**Myrtle Mae Simmons**

**Veta Louise Simmons**

**Mrs Ethel Chauvenet**

**Ruth Kelly**

**Duane Wilson**

**Lyman Sanderson**

**William Chumley**

**Betty Chumley**

**Judge Omar Gaffney**

**E.J. Lofgren**

**Elwood P. Dowd**

**Elaine Blair**

**Judith Daniel**

**Nina Goldthorpe**

**Rachel Hughes**

**Paul Bushell**

**Mark Taylor**

**David Newell**

**Jane Galloway**

**David Wheatley**

**James Bell**

**Eddie Butler**

***Harvey will be appearing as himself***

## **ACT I**

**Scene 1:** The Library, late afternoon.

**Scene 2:** Chumley's Rest, an hour later.

## **ACT II**

**Scene 1:** The Library, an hour later.

## **Interval**

**Scene 2:** Chumley's Rest, four hours later.

## **ACT III**

**Chumley's Rest, a few minutes later.**

The action of the play takes place in a city in the Far West in the library of the old Dowd family mansion and the reception room of Chumley's Rest.

<b>PRODUCTION MANAGER</b>	<b>Laurie Ball</b>
<b>STAGE MANAGER</b>	<b>Janine Walker</b>
<b>ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER</b>	<b>Kirby Meehan</b>
<b>SET DESIGN</b>	<b>Laurie Ball</b>
<b>SET CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>LAC team</b>
<b>PROPERTIES</b>	<b>Shirley Broadbent</b>
	<b>Pam Jones</b>
<b>LIGHTING</b>	<b>Peter Waddicor</b>
<b>SOUND RECORDING</b>	<b>Jim Marshall</b>
<b>SOUND OPERATION</b>	<b>Chris Hardy</b>
<b>PROMPT</b>	<b>Greg Hughes</b>
<b>WARDROBE</b>	<b>Anne-Claude</b>
	<b>McDermid &amp; team</b>
<b>FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER</b>	<b>Marie Lindley</b>
<b>BOX OFFICE MANAGER</b>	<b>Maggie Rhodes</b>
<b>Co-Directed by</b>	<b>Eddie Butler &amp; Laurie Ball</b>

**There will be one interval of twenty minutes,  
during which the theatre bar will be open.**



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The Leeds Arts Centre would like to thank everyone who helped with this production.

## **Civic Theatre**

Theatre Manager	Steven Cartwright
Assistant Manager	Vivien Simpson
Chief Technician & Lighting	Peter Waddicor
Technicians	Sandy Clark
	David Simpson
Box Office	Margaret Rook
	Sylvia Gooding

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- a) The public may leave at the end of the performance by all exits and entrance doors and such doors must at all times be kept open
- b) All gangways, passages and staircases must be kept entirely free from chairs or other obstructions.
- c) Persons shall not be permitted to stand in any of the intersecting gangways, or stand in any other unseated space in the auditorium, unless standing in such space has been specially allowed by the Licensing Sub-Committee. A notice is exhibited in that part of the auditorium in which standing has been sanctioned.
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The next Guild Production at the  
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