

The Original Baker Street Babes
Female Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson Performers (1899-2017)

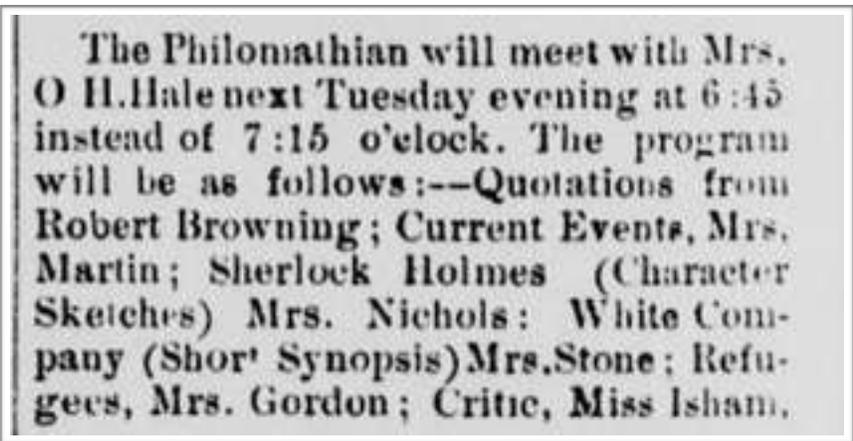
by
Howard Ostrom

News Bulletin....Lucy Liu is playing Dr. Watson in the new CBS series “Elementary”.

Why is this news, other women have played Dr. Watson before. There was even a Dr. Joan Watson before Lucy Liu’s Dr. Joan Watson. Women have even played Holmes. Women have directed Holmes films, penned his radio shows, and have been influential in bringing Holmes to stage. I can’t tell you all inclusive for sure who these women were, but I’ll at least enlighten you to those I’m aware of.

Before film there was stage, so let’s begin with those early female pioneers of the footlights.

1899 - Emma Nichols, yes 1899! **Ray Wilcockson** wrote: “While of tangential historicolockian interest: Emma Nicholls was I'm sure lecturing about rather than performing character sketches in ‘Sherlock Holmes’, the early history of the Philomathian Club and the moustachioed ladies in an unnamed skit are too delightful to miss - one wonders if one of their lost? skits was Holmesian.”



Barre Evening Telegram (Vt.), January 14, 1899

Emma Nichols

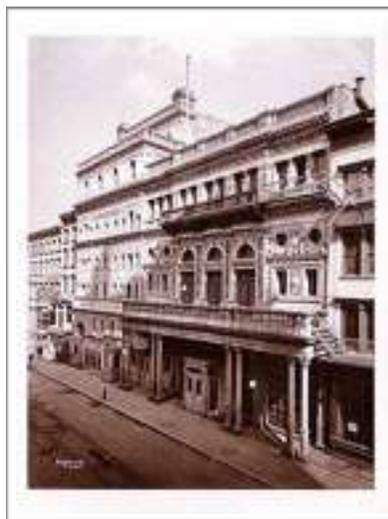
“The Philomathian Club was organized 9 October 1894 as a club devoted to study and improvement. In 1896 the club joined the State Federation of Women's Clubs. In its early days club members met weekly and gave papers on specifically chosen study topics. The club still exists in a slightly altered form.”¹

¹ <http://184.168.105.185/archivegrid/collection/data/801415216>

1900 - Bessie B Beardsley - "Who, anonymous as she remains, would appear to be the first female to impersonate Mr Sherlock Holmes in any media. Here's what I know (and it's not a lot!) about the original Baker Street Babe. Not to be confused with Edison's (later) film 'Miss Sherlock Holmes' starring Florence Turner, 'Little Miss Sherlock Holmes' was a one-act vaudeville sketch, performed at Proctor's 5th Avenue Theater in early July, 1900."²

Proctor's Fifth Avenue (J. Austin Fynes, general manager).—The leading feature of the current bill is furnished by Sheridan Block, who is presenting J. Searle Dawley's one act play, "Little Miss Sherlock Holmes." Mr. Block is assisted by the author, Harry Vaness, and Bessie B. Beardsley, and at the opening performance, Monday, July 9, playlet and players gave general satisfaction. Ida Fuller, with her fire and drapery dances, presents another strong number, and she won much approval for her act.

New York Clipper, July 14, 1900



Proctor's 5th Ave. Theater

² <http://altamarkings.blogspot.co.uk/2015/01/sherlock-holmes-spotting-part-4-wanted.html>

In the next newspaper clipping from "The Era", July 21, 1900 we can see from the plot description that the climax of the play is a major reveal at its conclusion: the mysterious Mr. Robert Rodney, a 'gentleman highwayman', is really the great detective in disguise and little Miss Sherlock Holmes' father! Which makes Mr. Sheridan Block, who plays Mr. Rodney, another hitherto unknown turn of the twentieth century Sherlock Holmes performer.

"LITTLE MISS SHERLOCK HOLMES," a one-act play by J. Searle Dawley, is a prominent attraction at Proctor's Fifth-avenue Theatre this week. The time is the present, and the scene is London. The science of deduction, of which the famous detective was such a successful master, has been imparted to his daughter, Little Miss Sherlock Holmes (Miss Bessie B. Beardsley), who punches sofa cushions, raps on panels, and with a swift glance of her eagle eye at the furniture and "fixings" makes startling disclosures to Front, a boy in buttons, concerning the doings of his master, one Robert Rodney, a "gentleman highwayman," in which character Mr Sheridan Block, a popular actor, makes his first appearance in vaudeville. As the female

his first appearance in vaudeville. As the female "sleuth," notebook in hand, rattles on with all the glibness of speech which Mr Gillette practised nightly for half a year at the Garrick Theatre, the "buttons" is duly impressed, and puts question after question in open-eyed amazement. But Robert Rodney reduces Little Miss Sherlock Holmes and her theories to an absurdity, and makes her feel very "cheap" when he enters upon the scene by checkmating her efforts at every turn. The action requires revolvers, electric bells, and other effective trimmings, and there is an amusing "comedy situation" when Little Miss Sherlock Holmes shuts her skirt in the door through which she has made a hasty exit. Of course, the "gentleman highwayman"

The Era, July 21, 1900 (cont. next page)

promptly grabs the garment, and "Buttons" is called in to hold on to it, which he does until its owner reappears through the opposite door in a most remarkable disguise, and the discarded skirt drops to the floor as the door is opened, to the complete surprise of everyone except the audience. The climax comes when the elusive Mr Rodney tears off his false whiskers and Little Miss Sherlock Holmes, with a startled cry of "father!" falls into his arms. The little trick, hitherto unrecorded, which the famous detective once played upon his daughter, is thus made public, and laughter joins wonder for the first time as an added tribute to his marvellous powers. The other attractions

tribute to his marvellous powers. The other attractions are Ida Fuller, in new illuminated dances; Dorothy Neville, in an entertaining melange of comedy and mimicry entitled *As It Happens*; Westman and Wreck in a rural comedy sketch; Fanny Fields, Dutch character singer and dancer; M'Bride and Goodrich, in Irish comedy; Flatow and Dunn, Negro singers and dancers; the Crawford Sisters, in character changes; the Wartenberg Brothers, musical acrobats, whose performance is clever and original; Failkowski, whose mimicry is of wild range, the lion and the tiger being two of his subjects; Rice and Harvey, in illustrated songs; and De Carlo, eccentric juggler. The pianist's "turn" is now given a new importance by the introduction of a boy with a remarkably fine voice, who sings a popular song to the pianist's accompaniment. He springs a surprise on the audience by acting as one of the ice-water servers, and suddenly bursting into song. The melody chosen is

always a very pretty one, with a haunting refrain, and as the boy passes along the aisles to the back of the house and disappears, his voice growing gradually fainter, the lights are lowered in unison, a very "taking" effect being created, and one which invariably wins several encores.

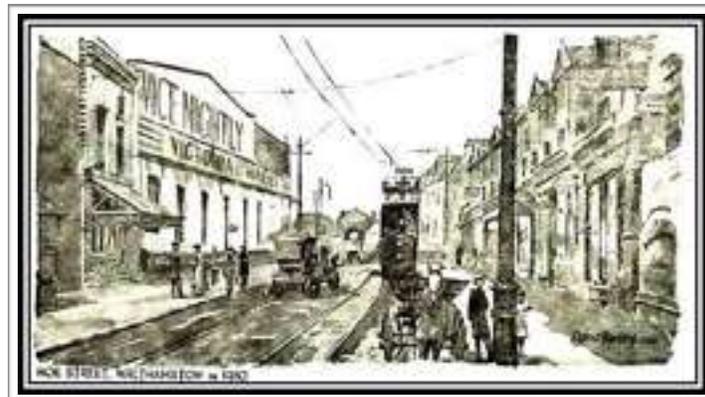
The Era, July 21, 1900

1902 - Amy Liston - Would appears as Blue Boy, alias Sherlock Holmes, in the pantomime “Bo-Peep; or, The Dreaming Maid, The Scheming Baron and the Terrible Hound of the Baskerbills” at the King’s Theatre in Walthamstow in 1902.



The Stage, Nov. 27, 1902

“The Granada Theatre was built on the site of The Victoria Hall in Hoe Street in 1887 by J.F.H. Read who was the founder of the Walthamstow Musical Society and John Cropley, a local builder. The Hall was used for meetings and the performing arts, and in 1896, the building became one of the first to show films, which had just been invented. Between 1901 and 1907, it was renamed the King’s Theatre. In 1906 it became Walthamstow’s first full-time cinema and c.1910, it was renamed the Victoria Picture Palace and was demolished in 1930 to make way for the Granada Theatre.”



King’s Theatre

1905 - **Emma Bunting**, it appears may have taken over the role of Miss Sherlock Holme from Clara Tuner, since is once again “Miss Sherlock Holmes” at the Grand Opera House of Harrisburg, Pa.



Emma Bunting

GRAND OPERA HOUSE
M. Reis, Mgr. Joseph Frank, Local Mgr.
WEEK OF MARCH 6th.
Matinee Every Day.
EARL BURGESS PRESENTS
MISS EMMA BUNTING
And an Excellent Company.

EVENINGS:
To-night, "A Daughter of the South."
Saturday, "The Little Devil."

MATINEES.
Friday, "Miss Sherlock Holmes."
Saturday, "To Be Buried Alive."

Vaudeville features Between Acts

PRICES:—Matinees, - - - 10c and 20c
Evenings, - 10c, 20c and 30c

Harrisburg Daily Independent (Pa.) Mar. 10, 1905

1905 - Adrienne Herndon (1869 -1910), although not a Holmes performer, she did serve a major part in bringing a serious Holmes production to the Afro-American community at the turn of the century. Adrienne was an important African American woman in Atlanta, Georgia. She married Alonzo Herndon, who was born a slave, and became the first black millionaire in Atlanta. Denied being the actress she wanted to be by racism, “she brought Shakespeare to the South, presenting the University's first Shakespearean production; Herndon directed the Atlanta University's theater offerings and gave Atlanta's black community access to serious drama with professional stage sets and costumes. Moreover, she opened the university community to the American theater world, hosting the William Gillette Theater community to the American theater world, hosting the William Gillette Theater Company of New York in a performance of ‘Sherlock Holmes in the Adventure of the Second Stain’. She engaged others at the University in her work W. E. B. Du Bois (the now well known African-American scholar, activist and NAACP co-founder), her colleague on the faculty, served as the stage manager for the Gillette production.”⁴ The Bumstead Cottage Auditorium was actually the roof of the Herndon Home, since African-Americans did not have use of Atlanta facilities in that era. The Atlanta newspaper, even if it was going to report on the Gillette Company, which may have been unlikely considering where it was being held, burned down on Friday, May 7, 1915, losing all prior records. This burning down is a little known fact, because if you recognize that date, May 7, 1915, another event stole the headlines, the sinking of the RMS Lusitania, launching America into W.W. I.

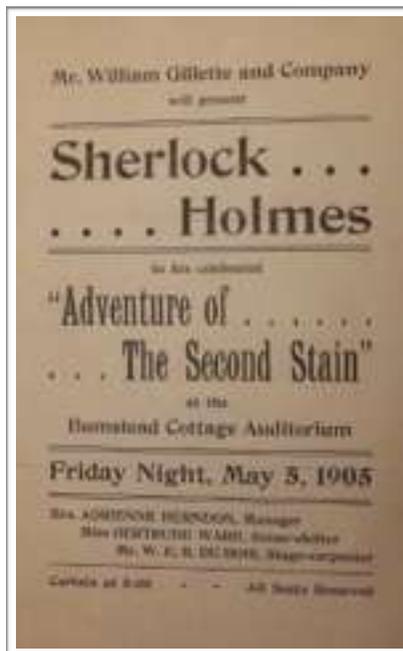


Adrienne Herndon

⁴ www.aaregistry.org/historic_events/view/adrienne-herndon-actress-and-designer



William Gillette



Original Program William Gillette Theater Company of New York Sherlock Holmes in "The Adventure of the Second Stain" 1905

(From the Collection at The Herndon Home Museum, Atlanta, Ga.)

1905-06 - Jenny Clare, played the role of Hairlock Combs in the pantomime "Babes in the Wood".

"BABES IN THE WOOD" AT WIDNES.

Mr. J. Gar Kiddie produced on Thursday evening, at the Alexandra Theatre, Widnes, before a crowded house, his pantomime of Babes in the Wood. Mr. Josh Barry is responsible for the libretto, which is exceedingly smart. For a first night, everything went with remarkable smoothness, the whole production showing signs of careful and conscientious rehearsal. The story is told in eleven scenes, which are well contrived and arranged. Some of the stage settings are remarkably fine, and the scenes of the Village of Golden Grass, The Enchanted Wood, and The Baron's Kitchen came in for loud and spontaneous applause. The music has been written by Mr. Edmund C. Brierley, and is catchy and useful. All the principals have excellent numbers, and take full advantage of the opportunity afforded them. Miss Mabel Englehart is an admirable principal boy, singing and dancing her way very speedily into the affections of her audience. She has been fortunate in obtaining several capital songs, the point of which the artist brings out in really clever fashion. Possibly, the most popular is "Kidding on top of the car," with an action chorus adding largely to the effect. Her duet with Miss Adeline York (Mad Marian), entitled "Little glow worms," went with a great swing. Miss York is a charming principal girl, with a style of the prettiest. Her rendering of "I wouldn't leave my little wooden hut for you," fairly brought down the house. The Sisters Gyps have, to use an Americanism, "walked right into" the parts of the Babes, Harold and Lucy. Very pretty and young artists they are, and the wonderful reception they obtained for their singing of "My Irish Molly O" was well deserved. Miss Maude Western and Miss Nellie Dyson are admirable in the parts of Will Scarlet and Merry Maid. Their singing is sweet, and all their work characterised by good taste. Mr. Kiddie has been happy in the choice of comedians, having secured clever artists and indefatigable workers. It is hardly possible to say too much of Mr. James Curry, who plays the wicked uncle, Mr. Boshak de Pawn, as the drilled lines. His

appearance was the signal constantly for rurs of hearty and oft-renewed laughter. He has a couple of good songs in "Come out of that" and "Philosophy." Mr. Chas. Henry will soon begin to revel in the part of the village schoolmistress, Arminia Koffakke. His witty sallies with Mr. Jas. Curry were much to the taste of the house. Mr. James Saiter has found a part to suit him in Soft Sammy, and his eccentricities provoke much laughter. His comical animal pet, War Hoffs, does the "donkey" work (in a dual sense admirably. The hanging ruffians, without which no pantomime of Babes in the Wood would be complete, and fancy and capable representations in Mr. D. J. Yandy and Mr. J. F. Moran. Their singing of "Are ye asleep?" is a feature altogether out of the ordinary. Mention should certainly be made of Miss Jenny Clare, who, as a lady detective (Hairlock Combs), plays a novel part in a style which marks her as a talented comedienne. Mr. Leonard Charles has a good tenor voice, and as the demon Infernalio he renders several musical numbers tastefully and well. Miss Grace Oliver is a capital foil as the fairy queen, Hybrania. The chorus is powerful and useful, and bears evidence of having been well grounded in their work. The specialties of the pantomime include the Brothers Wye, who are responsible for a daring and unique "trap act" in the Baron's Kitchen scene. The Lorna Quartette is an acquisition to the cast, and the Lorna troupe of lady dancers uphold the reputation they have already established for themselves in Widnes. Byrne and Maximo are two juvenile artists who do a "turn" pleasing with merit. On the evening of production, the local orchestra (under the tuition of Mr. Ernest Wolfe) distinguished themselves. The handling of the elaborate scenery by the local staff was also in every way creditable.

The Era (U.K.) Dec. 23, 1905

1906 - **Bonnie May**, in what is described as a fun burlesque, plays Sherlock Holmes' wife, who impersonates her famous husband. The title of the show is "Sherlock's Home".



Bonnie May

"Sherlock's Home" at Fischer's
"Sherlock's Home," Fred Griffith's musical travesty upon the well known character of Sherlock Holmes, the king of detectives, was presented last night to a capacity house by Fischer's stock company and proved one of the most humorous burlesques yet offered at this theater. The piece has a good plot and the fun revolves about the efforts of Sherlock Holmes' wife to impersonate her famous husband. The leading role as played by Bonnie May showed this talented comedienne had made a careful study of the part. Mr. Howard, the new leading man, is the possessor of a rich baritone voice and his singing specialties as well as his comedy work were well received. The comedians, O'Brien and West, impersonated a pair of rival detectives, and the ludicrous situations into which they blundered kept the audience laughing. The piece is handsomely staged and costumed, and Director Griffith deserves much credit. There will be a matinee of "Sherlock's Home" every day this week, with a souvenir matinee Thursday afternoon and the usual two performances every evening.

Los Angeles Herald (Cal.) May 8, 1906

1906 - Ruth Bryan Leavitt, the daughter of the famous politician and three times Presidential nominee William Jennings Bryan, while attending a performance of a Sherlockian play at a Denver theater casually remarked that she could write a better play than the one they were watching. Challenged by the taunts of her friends, she wrote a play titled "Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective".



Oshkosh Daily Northwestern (Wisconsin) Aug. 31, 1906

Ms. Leavitt's "Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective" was branded by the media as a play sketch which starts out as a detective yarn, and winds up in a love story. With William Jennings Bryan attending opening night, and having been written by a woman, the play caused quite an uproar in the press. Political opponents of W. J. Bryan, and the practically all male press of the time, tended to be quite harsh in their opinions. Just check out the headline below, " 'Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective', Given Precedence Because It Is The Product Of A Woman's Pen."

"Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective,"
Given Precedence Because It Is the
Product of a Woman's Pen.

The Author, Ruth Bryan Leavitt, Daughter of William Jennings Bryan--Oldest Actor In Any of Recent New Plays--"The Power of Money" Shows William H. Crane In An Emotional Role--Other New York Stage News.

[Correspondent of the Courier-Journal.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—In an account of the season's first output of new plays in Broadway, why not give precedence politely to "Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective," because a woman wrote it? Moreover, the woman is Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William Jennings Bryan; and besides that, she gives it out in the same week with the home-coming of her father. It distinguishes him as having a daughter who won't, or can't, level her work down to the demands of vaudeville. Her comedietta has twenty minutes' time in a programme of varieties. Just before it, two of the late Paddy Rooney's daughters dance with exceeding velocity and violence, and the spectators are joyed to a point of ecstasy. Just after it, a pair of dialoguists send swirls of mirth through the theater, mainly because one of them has a real bare lip and for that reason can't help talking fondly. But during Mrs. Leavitt's play neither laughter nor applause breaks the audience's respectful silence—except at one sentence. A hard-up lady advertises as a detective in a way to imply that she is the widow of Sherlock Holmes. The testing of a back burn precedes the entrance of a client.

"You came here in an automobile," she says, deductively. "How do I know? Why, I detect an odor of gasoline about you."

"Ah," says the client, "but mine is an electric motor car."

Mr. Bryan's daughter has written a treasury of Conan Doyle detective fiction with good taste and dexterity, but for theatrical use it is valueless.

Crane An An Emotional Actor.

A very earnest drama, "The Power of Money," puts William H. Crane into the position of an emotional actor—a position that is a dilemma and predicament—for in spite of the personal dignity which of late years he has taken on, audiences still expect him to make them laugh. Crane has become the dean of American actors. It was a question fit for a toss-up, after the death of Jefferson, whether Crane should not be chosen the successor of Jefferson and Booth, instead of John Drew, as president of the Players' Club. And so, after amusing us a long while with American humor, perhaps Crane owes it to his worthily acquired celebrity to stand for senseless love and hate in a dramatic problem of wealth and poverty. Anyway, here we have him as one Joe Tremble, a horse body, bookworm and affectionate husband and father, who would be happy on a small income if only his wife and daughter were similarly minded. I will not give you the puzzle of a summary of the plot to solve, but tell you at once what has come about in the third act.

Crane's wife and daughter have acquired costly tastes and vanities during the first half of the play, and now he is asked to pay "the price of money" to indulge them. His brother, Mark, a soulless schemer for wealth, sees a chance to make it by buying some land which a Lord Carew refuses to sell. Mark's wife loves Carew and hates her husband; so he dares not ask her to utilize her sentimental influence in inducing Carew to transfer the property; but he offers \$25,000 to Crane to persuade the wife, and Crane, in his desire to capitalize his own family, does the shameful job. In the fourth act he at first demands \$100,000 for the deed to the land, but undergoes a reaction of pride and conscience, and turns up the document. That is the

applause made more energetic in the peract than the play did on the stage. Yet there is a touch of singularity in the faces at the outset. Jim Weatherly has an ultra pious wife, and by trying to her about his evening out he gets to be called the good Mr. Weatherly, in distinction from his brother Dick, who is a truth-teller, and therefore becomes known as the bad Mr. Weatherly. In fairness of consubstantial mendacity the two usually get into difficulty right off; but here the sincere husband loses his wife immediately, while the hypocrite keeps his wife. That is all that can be said for the play. Mr. Hawtrey is an agreeable comedienne.

"Lady Jim" An English Piece.

A second thoroughly English piece is "Lady Jim," although the Harold Henton who wrote it has made a living in America some years as actor, artist and journalist. The "Lady Jim" of Hilla Spang is an English countess of the second and smooth, creamy and buttery type. Her wholesome personality is utilized in Henton's heroine—a rural gentlewoman, who goes to London to find out whether her niece's suitor is a good fellow. She gets into his bachelor apartments, and finds a supper, held for two, with a bunch of visitors to show that the expected guest is feminine. He finds a woman servant on her as a visiting aunt, but the trick is quickly exposed, and the host locks Lady Jim in his quarters, while he goes to placate his fiancee. Crise-crise action fills the play with fun, and the climax is marriage for the woman with her antagonist in the dust of mits.

Two song-and-dance plays of American make, "The Tourists" and "Marrying Mary," are new in Broadway. One is in the familiar fashion, safe and sure; the other cuts a change of cloth into unusual shapes, thus taking a step. After I have told you that the tourists who give title to the first-named piece are a Yankee girl in London with a

The Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky), Sep. 2, 1906

Or how about this presumptuous headline referring to Ms. Leavitt as simply 'RUTH' and implying a critical question to her plot. "But Ruth, Where is the Necklace?"

BUT RUTH, WHERE IS THE NECKLACE?

BRYAN'S DAUGHTER WRITES A PLAY SKETCH THAT STARTS OUT AS A DETECTIVE YARN AND WINDS UP IN A LOVE STORY.

Special Correspondence.

New York, Sept. 10.—According to her own statement it was during a vaudeville performance in a famous playhouse that Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of the Nebraska statesman, threw up her hands and exclaimed to her girl companions: "Pshaw, how perfectly foolish, I could write a better sketch than that myself."

It is supposed that one of the girl companions rather than the little girl they had just witnessed. As she said: "I let you realize, Ruth." The latter, being the daughter of William Jennings Bryan, who doesn't take drama, went home and wrote off a modest playlet, entitled "Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective."

Ruth has evidently won the bet, for the playlet is on the boards of Kean's and Henry's Union square, Theatre, and the New York critics are kind and even indulgent to it.

It takes Mrs. S. Holmes and her lover to search for diamonds and draw from the bosom of a confided girl an old lover who then dies and lives.

Mrs. S. Holmes, it would seem from the latter scene, is a wife of some wealth and lives in grand style. She is probably a widow. She takes to heart losses of her money and goes to work, where her father, but on her father's line, grows up his own energy. The association of Mrs. S. Holmes' ideal society life is superior given a job to the advertisement that begins are working overtime in the metropolitan, Miss Varner Gordon, who "dotes" Mrs. Holmes, stands to her assistance that she has always felt that she had detective ability and would any of these money rubbers on her her home—why, she's got done them and have them looked up.

It is therefore perfectly consistent that the accommodating playwright should see to it that Mrs. Holmes beautiful, precious necklace turns up missing. Mrs. Holmes is greatly agitated, for a moment. Then she looks her lover Roger in her husband, thoughtfully. Her nervousness gives place to calm. "How-a," says she, "I'm an idiot." She says this in the language of course. He laughs quite heartily.

"What is it?" he realizes.

"In the evening papers I saw a man in an ad," says Mrs. S. Holmes. To a laudable and purpose, she goes. I read:

NOTICE—If the party who
 • found the handsome pearl neck-
 • lace recently sold by Mrs. T. A.
 • Evans Brown will kindly call
 • at the residence of Mrs. A.
 • Holmes, as for that will find
 • these information of importance,
 • will be saved from serious con-
 • sideration and will be in the
 • hands of his (or her) friends. *

MRS. RUTH BRYAN LEAVITT

MRS. S. HOLMES

"Very clever," says the latter, as he scans the headline.

"Very," agrees Mrs. Holmes. "You see I have it that the same person is responsible for these notices. I'll find the party who stole Mrs. Brown's necklace. I will have to my child the one who stole mine. Very clever, isn't it?"

It's really remarkable how some papers get to great these modern days. Mrs. Holmes has secretly written the advertisement when in stolen Lord Ramsey Smith. Mrs. Holmes gives the one of the earliest notices, while she tells the latter to go and get the police up in the street. "I will learn all from this creature," says she demurely. "When I stop a party in the drawing room it will be a scandal for the police to track to see what the street."

"What is your business with me, sir?" says Mrs. Holmes to his lordship.

"It's a simple story, but the story which ends in a happy beginning," says the party. "I have not always been in a department store. There I met and married to love the sweet face of Annie Jones, who worked at the children's counter. Also, where is she now?"

It seems that after his three-weeks' experience, the year into the last business, will search notices and quite rightfully, she has learned that Mrs. S. Holmes was known to her intimate friends as a clever detective. He just

from the liberty of calling "tried to get her how to get his Annie back."

"And you didn't come in answer to the advertisement, did you?"

"No."

"What was your name before you became a lord, if I may be so bold?"

"Jim Smith."

"Oh." (You have guessed right, gentle reader. Mrs. S. Holmes was the long lost Annie.)

Does Jim like Annie? Yes, Jim likes Annie, after he has pulled down the drawing room curtain. It does the same. "Have you," pleads Mrs. S. Holmes, "for the sake, the other set being held in New York."

"Who stole the necklace? It isn't step to answer precisely but the presumption of guilt is on the order, for so it is stated."

The Cheapest Form of Health Insurance

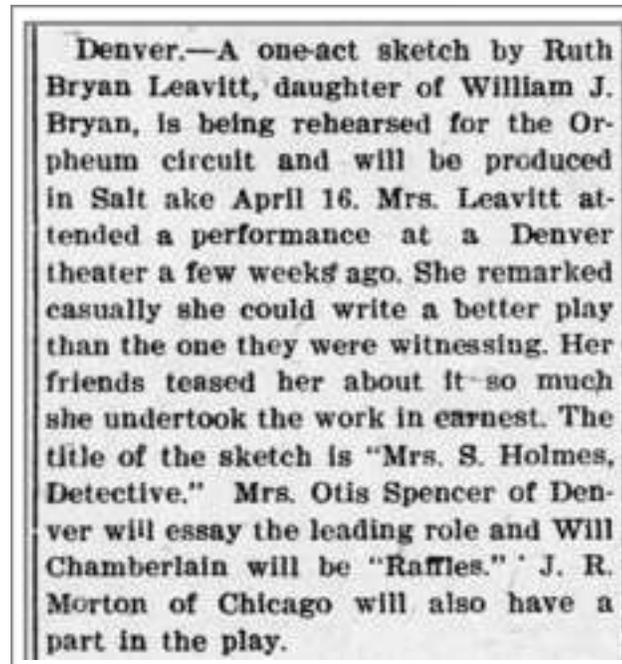
Y ou can buy Health Insurance now. Several paid "Accident" Companies sell it. Sixty dollars per year will bring you \$25.00 per week, for every week you are sick. But your time alone may be worth far more than that. And \$20 per week might not pay it.

Albuquerque Citizen (New Mexico) Sep. 10, 1906

I sense that while “Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective” might not have reached the heights of a Shakespeare work, it surely received much more criticism than it deserved, mainly due to the sexism of the times (sound familiar fandom?), and the political opponents of her father. Did the play live up to Ms. Leavitt’s boast that she could right a better play than the one she attended? Perhaps not, but I wish I could rely on my own eyes for the decision, don’t you?

Next we will take a look at the two actresses who appeared in “Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective”. Elizabeth Spencer, listed in the newspaper clip I have as Mrs. Otis Spencer, the first actress hired and Maude Turner Gordon, the actress who was the major performer for the play.

1906 - Elizabeth Spencer, of Denver, was the original starring actress in Ruth Bryan Leavitt’s play “Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective”.



Denver.—A one-act sketch by Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William J. Bryan, is being rehearsed for the Orpheum circuit and will be produced in Salt Lake April 16. Mrs. Leavitt attended a performance at a Denver theater a few weeks ago. She remarked casually she could write a better play than the one they were witnessing. Her friends teased her about it—so much she undertook the work in earnest. The title of the sketch is “Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective.” Mrs. Otis Spencer of Denver will essay the leading role and Will Chamberlain will be “Raffles.” J. R. Morton of Chicago will also have a part in the play.

Kansas City Daily Gazette (Kansas), Apr. 4, 1906

1906 - Maude Turner Gordon (1868-1940), starred as Mrs. S. Holmes in Ruth Bryan Leavitt's, "Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective". As Mrs. Holmes at the start of the play, when informed of burglars in the neighborhood, she confides to her audience that she has always felt that she had detective ability, and that if anyone of these mean robbers entered her house, why, she'd just detect them and have them locked up.



Ruth Bryan Leavitt and Maude Turner Gordon
Albuquerque Citizen (New Mexico) Sep. 10, 1906

Maude Turner Gordon appeared in a number of Broadway productions from 1908–1925, and "Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective" was produced by her own company. She would go on to appear in 81 films between 1914 and 1938.



Maude Turner Gordon

1906 - **Nellie Kennedy**, not only played the part of Miss Sherlock Holmes in the play of the same name, but she owned the touring company too!



Nellie Kennedy

Nellie Kennedy Company.
The Nellie Kennedy company will open next week's engagement at the opera house with **Miss Sherlock Holmes,** a detective play of a character far removed from the conventional production of this kind. **Miss** Kennedy will, of course, handle the leading role, and is expected to give a very interesting performance. The vaudeville specialties carried by this company are above the average and should prove a drawing card.
Prices 10c, 20c and 30c. Matinee on Saturday, 10c and 20c. Ladies' tickets, Monday night, 13c.

The Barre Daily Times (Vt.), Nov. 16, 1906

Pre-revolution Russia staged many Holmesian plays, which one can read about in my essay “From Watson, With Love”, a history of Russian Sherlock Holmes performers. Two of those performers were women, Ms. Nekrasova-Kolchinskaya and Ms. Loranskaya. Russia would also be the first country to have a film with a female couple as Holmes & Watson, but I’m getting ahead of myself, as that comes later in this essay.

1906 - Ms. Nekrasova-Kolchinskaya (Некрасова-Колчинская), played a character named Mary Sherlock in the 1906 play “Miss Sherlock”.⁵



Miss Sherlock



Mary Sherlock - Ms. Nekrasova-Kolchinskaya

⁵ <https://vivaldi.nlr.ru/ap000000329/view#page=599>

1907 - Ms. Loranskaya (Лоранская), assumed the role of “Mary Sherlock” in the play “Miss Sherlock” in its second year of production. ⁶



Ms. Loranskaya

1907 - P. M. Arnoldy (П. М. Арнольди) - played Mary Sherlock in the 1907 touring play “Miss Sherlock Woman Detective” (“Мисс Шерлок Женщина-сыщик”) in Finland, the play which began on stage in Russia in 1906.



P. M. Arnoldy
Miss Sherlock Woman Detective

⁶ https://scontent-frt3-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/14102307_687550718068976_2103306623006341585_n.jpg?oh=bcaab1b8b439322570b4a6f6ec151c6d&oe=58570500

The Silent Film Era of the early 1900's had Sherlock Holmes-related actresses a-plenty. The earliest I am aware of was Florence Turner.

1908 - Florence Turner (1885 - 1946), was often referred to as 'The Vitagraph Girl', due to her many roles for the Vitagraph Film Company. In 1908 Florence Turner is credited as starring in the Vitagraph film "Miss Sherlock Holmes". Yes, the Vitagraph Film Company which gave us the "Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" (aka "Held for Ransom" 1905), starring G.M. 'Broncho Billy' Anderson as Sherlock Holmes.⁷ Coincidentally, Miss Turner was oft later paired in Vitagraph films with Maurice Costello,



who is frequently cited, mistakenly, as the actor playing Holmes in that 1905 film.

Florence Turner

Two references I found to "Miss Sherlock Holmes" describe it thus:

"Miss Sherlock Holmes" - "An interesting detective story in which the little girl plays the part of Sherlock Holmes and succeeds in convincing her father that she ought to marry the man she loves, and she does it in a unique way. Perhaps the real criminal had a chance to figure out what he gained before he was released from the vault. The photography and filming are good and the film works smoothly."⁸

"Miss Sherlock Holmes" (Edison Mfg. Co.) Length 800 feet - Jack Rose & Jim Dalton are both employed in the same broker's office, are both in love with daughter. Nell favors Jack. Learning that Dalton is planning mischief, Nell disguises as a boy and gets employed in same office. Long story short, Dalton speculates loses and tries to frame Jack. Nell's

⁷ <http://bakerstreetbabes.com/guest-article-the-case-of-the-vitagraph-holmes-or-cowboy-in-a-deerstalker-by-howard-ostrom/>

⁸ "The Moving Picture World" magazine July - Dec 1908 Page 484 - Comments on Film Subject

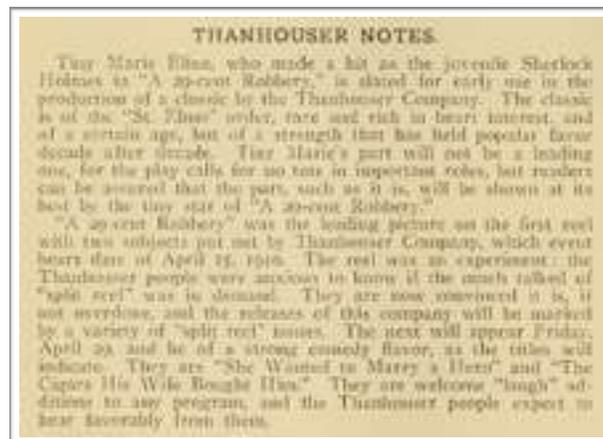
⁹ "The Moving Picture World" magazine July - Dec 1908 Page 458 - Stories of the Films

1910 - Marie Elaine (1902 - 1981) played Edna Robinson, a juvenile Sherlock Holmes, in "A Twenty-Nine Cent Robbery" (1910) for Thanhouser Film Co. It was Marie's very first role and she had the starring role.



Marie Elaine

Thanhouser Notes column - "Tiny Marie Eline, who made a hit as the juvenile Sherlock Holmes in "A 29-Cent Robbery" (1910)...."¹⁰



The Moving Picture World, April 23, 1910

¹⁰ "The Moving Picture World" magazine Vol. 6 Jan. - June 1910 pg. 644

1910-11 - Elsie Albert (1888 - 1981) made a series of detective films for Yankee Film Company in 1910-1911, which dubbed her "The Yankee Girl Detective". In the first film of the series, Nell Pierce's father, Nat Pierce, a Sherlock Holmes type of crime investigator, gets killed. Nell, played by Elsie Albert, with the greatest of Holmesian skills takes over the case and solves the crime from some very slim pieces of evidence. Due to copyrights, the character name was changed from Sherlock Holmes to Nell Pierce, but Elsie Albert was, without a doubt, a female Sherlock Holmes.



Elsie Albert

"The Monogrammed Cigarette" (Yankee) Oct. 10, 1910 - "The cigarette has been credited with being the cause of a great many crimes.Nat Pierce, a Sherlock Holmes type of crime investigator, was retained by Sloan to ferret out the theft, there being important reasons why Sloan did not desire publicity, and therefore kept the loss of the jewels from the police." Long story - short - Nat Pierce ends up getting killed, his daughter, Nell Pierce, "The Yankee Girl Detective", with only a cigarette butt and only halve-obliterated monogram, and the use of disguises, avenges her father's death and solves the Waldo jewel theft case.¹¹

¹¹ "The Moving Picture World" magazine July - Dec 1910 Page 832 - Independent Film Stories

"The Cat Came Back" (Atlas) Oct. 19, 1910 - "Nell Pierce the girl detective once again solves a case of a missing jeweled bracelet, by saving a cat tossed in a bag in a pond by a tramp, and the cat had the bracelet around it's neck. "Nell was a sharp shrewd and well read young miss and had a literary acquaintance with every detective from Nick Carter to Sherlock Holmes."¹²

"Solving the Bond Theft" (Yankee) Oct. 24, 1910 - "A sudden decline in stocks created a stampede in Wall Street. Many stock jobbing firms tottered on the brink of collapse, among them Brown & Swain, whose clients numbered among them some of the most substantial investors in the metropolis. On the day of the avalanche, Swain frantically asks his partner to raise sufficient money to tide them over. Brown insists nothing can be done as funds are exhausted. At this juncture, Col. Jones calls to deposit with his friend Brown, \$150,000 worth of bonds for safekeeping, The Colonel is given a receipt for the same and departs. Swain, who has witnessed the transaction, endeavors to persuade Brown to use these bonds temporarily towards recovering their losses, but is met with a prompt refusal, and Brown secreted the bonds in a private compartment in the firm's large vault. Swain, who has access to the vault but not to Brown's private secret compartment, being driven to desperation engages a noted safe-cracker and crook, Billy Valentine, to burglarize the vault and secure the bonds. Brown discovers his loss and sends for his old friend, Pierce, the Yankee Detective, to unravel the mystery. The message arrives shortly after the death of the old sleuth, who was killed at the post of duty, but his daughter, Nell, decides to make the journey and takes up the case instead. Brown looks upon the girl with much disfavor and refuses to place the case in her hands. Nothing daunted, she bribes the office boy to remain at home on the pretense of being ill and she impersonates a supposed brother and reports for work in his stead. Valentine, the crook, calls at the office of Brown & Swain to secure from the latter the money promised for securing the stolen bonds. Nell recognizes him as an old offender whom her father had sent to Sing Sing five years before. Swain tries to put Valentine off by promises, but the latter forces the broker to turn over the bonds, at the point of a gun, insisting he will hold them until the money promised is forthcoming. Nell shadows Valentine to his haunt, the home of an old hag, in the disguise of a Salvation Army lass. She is captured by Valentine's accomplices and made prisoner. During the night, while the old hag is stupefied by drink, Nell manages to escape by burning the ropes with which her hands and feet were tied, in the flame of a candle. In the meantime, Valentine has received a letter from Swain directing him to the office and stating his money is ready. Nell attempts to reach the office first and is successful, arriving in time to see the bonds delivered and Valentine paid. Here the plucky girl shows her wonderful presence of mind by locking Swain in the huge vault when he steps inside to secure some papers. She then rushes out to arouse the police and accompanies them to Valentine's home just in time to capture both him and his gang. Returning to the office, Nell finds the door locked. Becoming suspicious, she climbs a fire-escape to an adjoining roof and reaches the window of the brokerage office just in time to prevent the distracted

¹² "The Moving Picture World" magazine July - Dec 1910 Page 893 - Independent Film Stories

Brown from taking his life. Explanations follow and the vault is opened in time to turn Swain over to the waiting police.”¹³

"The Case of the Missing Heir" (Yankee) Nov. 14, 1910 - "Tells a story more hair-raising than the exploits of Sherlock Holmes, a plot more intensely interesting than Arsine Lupin's most daring achievement. Another Nell Pierce "The Yankee Girl Detective" story.¹⁴ "Raymond Brown, financier, dies in the prime of his life, after amassing a snug fortune, leaving his wife and infant son the bulk of his wealth, the major portion of which is willed to the infant heir, conditional with his living until he reaches of age. Should the child die before the time, a cousin, Ralph, shall come into the fortune. The latter, through bad associations, has degenerated into a worthless character, a leech on society. Involved heavily in debt, he determines to make way with the child and secure a fortune. Plans are carefully laid to kidnap the heir during a steamship voyage up the Hudson River. Nell Pierce has just successfully closed up a hard ease and is taking a well-earned vacation. She happens to book passage on the same vessel on which Mrs. Brown, the baby and the scheming cousins are sailing. Suspicious action on the part of Brown and an accomplice puts Nell on her guard and she watches the pair but does not comprehend their purpose until too late and the child is spirited away. A chase then follows in which many exciting incidents unfold. Nell gives up all thought of a vacation and takes up a slender clew through which she finally brings the cousin to justice. The daring girl detective is forced to travel dangerous underground passages and many times comes within an ace of losing her life but finally rescues the infant heir and restores him to his distracted mother.”¹⁵

"The Insane Heiress" (Yankee) Dec. 26, 1910 - "Nell Pierce has just solved a mystery involving millions and was planning a long trip to foreign climes. She was tired and needed rest. But Nell was not to get off so easily. This time she was called upon by a young man who told her his sweetheart had been abducted. Close questioning revealed the fact that the abducted girl was heiress to a large fortune which was held in trust for her by her guardian, for whom the young man entertained a decided dislike. Nell decided she must find some means of entering the home of the girl and search for a clue. Disguising herself as a young girl, she sauntered towards the Mannering mansion and was fortunate in being able to join a rope-skipping party of girls. Nell made quite an impression on one of the girls, a niece of the Mannering heiress' guardian, who invited her into the house for tea and cakes. The butler acted suspiciously, as though he had done something he was sorry for. Later on a physician called and she overheard enough of his conversation with the guardian to convince her she was on the right track. To shadow the doctor was comparatively easy. She was not disappointed when they brought up at a private sanitarium for the insane. Now, to get inside that sanitarium was our Nell's next

¹³ http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2288274/plotsummary?ref=tt_stry_pl

¹⁴ "The Moving Picture World" magazine July - Dec 1910 Page 1901 - Yankee Film Co. Ad

¹⁵ http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1468131/plotsummary?ref=tt_ov_pl

plan, but before doing so she decided to impersonate the stolen heiress and scare the old butler into a confession. This she did, appearing on a balcony just outside the library window just as the old man drew aside the hangings when he heard her tap on the window. She later entered the house and stood before him as he sat by the open fireplace. The badly frightened butler was easily induced to tell the story of the abduction, and, as Neil suppose, implicated the girl's guardian. Then she returned home and quietly donned another disguise. When a doctor was called in a while later he was so impressed with the girl's insanity he committed her at once to an asylum for the insane, the same institution where the heiress was incarcerated. Once inside, Nell lost no time. Chloroforming a nurse and changing clothes with her, she soon reached the girl's room and quietly led her out of the house and grounds. Another disguise completely baffled their pursuers and they reached Nell's home, where the girl's sweetheart waited for them. The rascally guardian who had planned to acquire a fortune was summoned to the house and was confronted with his guilt. When he saw the heiress he realized the game was up and straightway confessed. Nell later joined a party of two on their honeymoon and enjoyed her much-delayed vacation.”¹⁶

“The Missing Bridegroom” (Yankee) Dec. 30, 1910. “A wedding was announced for the thirteenth and Nell Pierce (the girl detective) was invited to attend, in her official capacity. At the appointed time all the invited guests were assembled waiting for the bridegroom, but he never came. Nell began to scent a sensation and was not surprised when she saw the butler hand the best man a note. She watched him and crept after him as he left the room and dropped the note, torn to bits, from the open window. It was but the work of a few minutes for Nell Pierce to fit those torn parts together again and change her disguise. When the best man came down the steps, and entered a waiting carriage he found inside an intoxicated youth whom he tumbled into the street and then gave the driver an address. As they drove away the youth sobered up and became active. A second cab drove up at his signal and he entered after instructing the driver to follow the first vehicle. Inside the last cab the youth entirely lost his identity and a bootblack stepped out when the first stop was made. A block ahead the best man was entering a cheap saloon in the river district. When the bootblack strolled in he began polishing the boots of a sleeping sailor. He heard enough to know just where the three rough customers behind him had hidden away the missing bridegroom and just who was responsible for the job. Then the bootblack slipped away. Down at the water's edge a yacht was all ready to sail away. The bootblack reached there just in time to slip on board, unobserved, and hide away. Down in the hold, a short time later, an unusual scene took place. The bootblack was in full charge, backed by two quick-action guns and an eye of steel. It looked for a time as if the bridegroom would be rescued without a struggle but the odds were against the bootblack and he was forced to retreat. Leaping into the water as bullets sung spitefully around him, he swam to shore and phoned the police. The bootblack dropped out of sight and a woman appeared in his stead. The police were not surprised at the change as they all

¹⁶ http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1164591/plotsummary?ref=tt_stry_pl

knew Nell Pierce was capable of many disguises, for it was she who played the role of the drunken youth and also the bootblack. The bridegroom was later sent home in a cab by the girl detective and his fiancée notified of his whereabouts and safety.”¹⁷

"The Counting House Mystery" (Yankee) Feb. 3, 1911 - 'Yes the money disappeared while every member of the counting room was present. ... Nell Pierce did not accept the popular verdict, however, but unerringly hit upon a solution of the problem, which proved her wonderful power of deduction.Nell "The Yankee Girl Detective" finally brought her man to bay, and saved an innocent boy from prison....”¹⁸

“The Woman Who Dared” (Yankee) Feb. 24, 1911 - “Nell Pierce, favorite film detective of the motion picture kingdom tackled the most difficult case in her notable career. That she succeeded in running to earth the perpetrator of the day's biggest criminal sensation seemed nothing short of marvelous, but Nell is something of a marvel in herself and rarely suffers defeat. Perhaps the story does not unfold as most plots do, but the mystery is not explained until the very last which keeps one "keyed up" with excitement and interest. A series of remarkable changes of disguise characterize Miss Pierce's work in this film as above the average character impersonations. In short, "The Woman Who Dared" is an unusual production.”¹⁹

“Thwarted by Nell Pierce”- (Yankee)- May 26, 1911 - “Nell has undertaken to run down a band of jewel thieves, who take to sea in a sailing yacht and is followed by Nell Pierce in a motor boat. She runs down the yacht and the thieves drop the bag of jewels overboard, but Nell's quick eye has taken in the action and notes the location where the jewels went over. Nell meets with a series of startling adventures and is captured, but eventually makes her escape. In the meantime, she has trailed the thieves to the home of a marine diver, whom they engage to go down and recover the jewels. The diver and his assistant proceed out to sea and get ready to go overboard when Nell, with an assistant, overhaul the diver's craft just as they anchor. The captain and his assistant are overpowered and bound, and Nell Pierce takes the diver's suit, gets into it while her assistant screws on the head piece. She is then assisted overboard and sinks to the bed of the ocean, and after a long search, finds the jewels and is pulled aboard.”²⁰

Trivia note: Elsie Albert was the Aunt of Baby Early Gorman who you will see a bit later in this monograph.

¹⁷ http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1142403/plotsummary?ref=tt_ov_pl

¹⁸ "The Moving Picture World " Jan. - July, 1911 Page 206 - Independent Film Stories

¹⁹ http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0235062/plotsummary?ref=tt_ov_pl

²⁰ <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1207062/>

1911 - Helen Anderson, played Sherlock Holmes Jr., in a 1911 film aptly named "Sherlock Holmes Jr." If you read this plot summary from a movie magazine, you would guess a boy had played the part, but no it was child actress Helen Anderson.



Helen Anderson

"Sherlock Holmes, Jr." - (Rex) - "Little Sherlock Holmes, Jr., reads the doughty doings of his hero-god, and at once determines to become a detective himself. Providence at once favors him by giving him a mystery to solve. His father has noticed that in some weird, unaccountable fashion the whiskey in the decanter is ever vanishing, and father swears he drink it as fast as all that. So Sherlock Holmes, Jr. assigns himself the task of discovering who tampers with his father's soothing beverage. Concealed behind a table, he sees Bridget, the cook, come in and at once proceed to get on the outside of a man's size pull on the flask. At once the embryo detective makes his report to his father, with the astounding solution of the mystery. The father decides to use Dr. Brown's Sure Cure for the Liquor Habit on the cook, and obtains a bottle of the fluid. This he puts in the room near the whiskey, intending to pour some in the bottle a little later. Sherlock Holmes, Jr., discovers the bottle and follows the 'Do it Now' maxim. There are friends visiting the house at the time, who are sitting on the lawn with his parents, awaiting tea, which the maid is going to bring them. Sherlock Holmes, Jr. pours a goodly amount of the fluid into the tea. One of the results of taking the liquid is falling into a deep slumber, and in a few moments the host, the hostess, and the guests are fast asleep.

Then happen's along Bridget's beau, the policeman, for whose particular benefit Bridget essays to go inside and procure a glass of 'buttermilk.' After imbibing, the policeman forgets all about everything except that he is awful drowsy, and the next thing, he, too, is asleep. It must have been contagious - or could Bridget not have forgotten herself? - but at any rate, she, too, wanders off into the Land of Nod. Then Sherlock dons the policeman's clothes and club, and marches through the house, monarch of all he surveys. At this opportune moment, two burglars arrive at the scene, and seeking the sleepers, think they have been transferred to Burglar's Paradise. They sneak upstairs, fill their bags with silverware and then fall for the whiskey on the table, little Sherlock watching eagerly. At last they get themselves off, followed by the creator of all the mischief, but they have not gone far when they are overcome by the liquor cure and fall in their tracks to sleep. Little Sherlock now takes the manacles from the policeman's coat pocket, and ties both legs of the burglars together. In due time the household awakes, they seek the boy, and eventually find him covering the two burglars, prisoners of Sherlock Holmes, Jr."²¹



A Scene from "Sherlock Holmes, Jr."

²¹ "The Moving Picture World" magazine Vol. 9 July - Sep. 1911 page 64 - Independent Film Stories

1912 - **Baby Early Gorman** (Earle E. Gehrig 1906 - 1982) as Little Margaret, Baby Sherlock in the film "Baby Sherlock" from Powers Film Co.



Baby Early Gorman

Baby Early Gorman was 6 when she played Baby Sherlock and would eventually retire at age 11 – one wonders what she did for the rest of her (long) life.

"Baby Sherlock" - Universal Film Mfg. Co. Ad - (Split Reel with "The American Olympic Victors") - "A child cleverly secures the restoration of a sum of money that has been stolen. The story is most charmingly interpreted amid beautiful rural surroundings. Just the kind of release that will please the 'kiddies'."²²

"Baby Sherlock" - Comments on the Films column - "Grandpa is set up bound and robbed by two tramps. Baby Sherlock sees the tramps dividing the money and gives the alarm."²³

"Baby Sherlock" - Independent Film Comments column - "John Dobbs, an aged farmer, comes to the village with his family, and while there makes the sale of a cow for a good sum. The farm wagon drives away, filled with pleased country folk, who have been to the hamlet to do some shopping. The payment of the money is witnessed by two tramps, who follow farmer Dobbs home. He is set upon and robbed and the tramps make their escape, running in view of little Margaret, a granddaughter of the old farmer. Another child discovers the plight of the robbed man, who is bound, and neighbors set him free. There is a search for the highwaymen and the irate farmers are aided by Margaret in a most ingenious manner to capture the tramps by reason of their leaving tell-tale evidence. The story is interpreted in a most charming manner. Baby Early plays the role of the child detective in a most astute way, and is rewarded for her vigilance."²⁴

²² "The Moving Picture World" magazine Vol. 13 Jul. - Sep. 1912 pg. 309

²³ "The Moving Picture World" magazine Vol. 13 Jul. - Sep. 1912 pg. 447

²⁴ "The Moving Picture World" magazine Vol. 13 Jul. - Sep. 1912 pg. 484

1913 - Alice Guy (1873 - 1968) was the first female film maker. Her Sherlock Holmes connection is that in 1913 she directed Fraunie Fraunholz, as Burstup Holmes, in a series of silent film shorts, which included “The Case of the Missing Girl”, “The Mystery of the Lost Cat”, “Burstup Holmes’ Murder Case”, and of course “Burstup Holmes”. Alice Guy-Blaché’s career of 24 years of directing, writing and producing films is the



Alice Guy

longest career of any of the cinema pioneers. From 1896 to 1920, Guy directed over 1,000 films, some 350 of which survive, and 22 of which are feature-length films. Guy was and still is the only woman to ever manage and own her own studio, The Solax Company. Despite these accomplishments, she is rarely, if ever, mentioned among her peers in the history of cinema, and most professionals in the industry are completely unaware of her work.²⁵



Fraunie Fraunholz as Burstup Holmes

²⁵ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Guy-Blaché

1913 - Pearl White (1889 - 1938) starred in “Homlock Shermes” (1913). “Pearl, the girl detective, is at home chafing with inactivity and the want of something to do. She decides to go out for a walk in the hope that something in the way of an adventure may come her way. Fred Hanley, a young man, has become a confirmed drunkard. A friend of his brings a doctor to visit Hanley. Hanley becomes excited during their visit and frightens them nearly unto death by shooting at them with a revolver.



Pearl White

They leave in haste, but decide to lock Hanley in his room. This they do, leaving a servant to watch the door. Hanley, crazed for want of drink, writes a note that he is wrongfully imprisoned, and offers \$5,000 reward for anyone who liberates him. This he throws out the window, just as Pearl is passing the house. She picks it up, reads it and realizes that her quest for an adventure has borne fruit. She immediately goes home and disguises as a boy. Coming back, she applies for a job and the woman downstairs employs her and puts the supposed boy to work. Pearl has a hard time of it, peeling potatoes and scrubbing floors, but with never a chance to liberate the unfortunate, supposed prisoner. Later, however, she is caught upstairs listening at the door by the servant, and is kicked downstairs. The woman pulls her ears for leaving the kitchen, and all in all, Pearl is treated exactly how a real detective should not be. However, at last, Pearl succeeds in gaining access to the room and is fondly dreaming of the five thousand dollar reward and her noble work and bravery, when Hanley's friends enter and explain. Pearl appreciates that she has been stung and beats a hasty retreat, resolving to detect in a more profitable way in the hereafter.”²⁶

²⁶ "The Moving Picture World" magazine Vol. 17 July - Sep. 1913

1914 - Bliss Milford, starred as Sally in “The Sherlock Holmes Girl” (1914). A small town girl, from Hope, North Dakota, Bliss Milford was known for her versatility, but “The Sherlock Holmes Girl” helped prove comedy was her forte.



Bliss Milford

"The Sherlock Holmes Girl" - (Edison) - "Sally was the maid-of-all-work at the Palace Hotel, Jonesville. Sally's raise to fame was occasioned solely because some absent-minded guest had left a book behind him, when he departed from the somewhat limited splendors of the Palace hotel. The book was a treatise on the ancient and gentle art of detecting. Filled with a desperate zeal to distinguish herself, Sally decided to 'shadow' the very next guest who arrived in the hotel. The first guest who arrived after Sally's decision was plainly a suspicious character. To begin with, he was quietly dressed and perfectly respectable in appearance. So Sally 'shadowed' the stranger in the most approved fashion. When he locked the door to his room she looked over the transom. Sure enough he took some jewels out of his suitcase. Sally instantly summoned the police. Entering the room to keep the man under closer surveillance, she accidentally pointed a fan, shaped like a pistol at him. Instantly his hands shot above his head. The funny part of it all was he really was the thief. Sally pocketed the reward and departed."²⁷

Bliss Milford can be seen on Youtube in the film "Adventure of the Wrong Santa Claus" (1914). <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwH2GGbD5U0>

²⁷ "The Moving Picture World" magazine Vol. 19 page 17 Jan. - March 1914

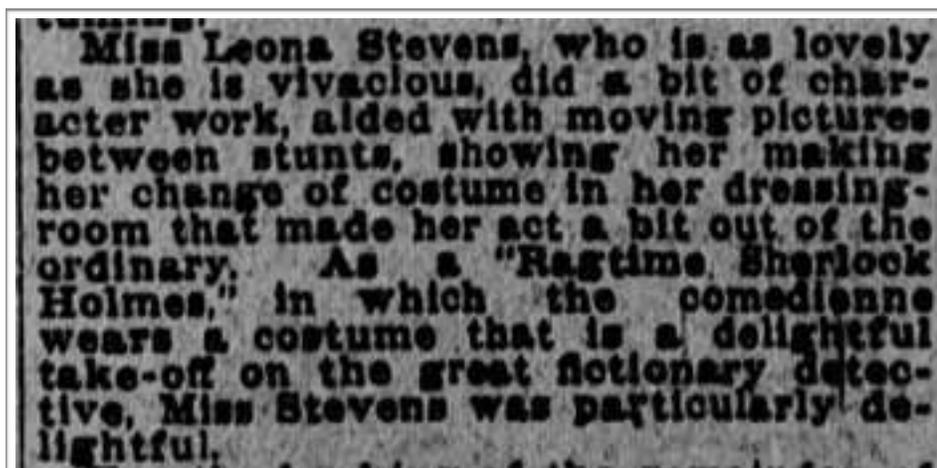
1914 - Grace Cunard (1893 -1967) was an actress, screenwriter and film director. Her connection to Sherlock Holmes was that in 1914 she wrote the scenario for a two reel adaptation of the famous Conan Doyle story "A Study in Scarlet", for Gold Seal Film Company.



Photo of Grace Cunard is from year 1914, with Francis Ford too!

Sherlock Holmes was played by Francis Ford, who also directed the film, and Dr. Watson was played by Jack Ford (Francis's younger brother, better known in later times as the great film director, John Ford).

1914 - Leona Stevens, a comedienne, who as a *Ragtime Sherlock Holmes*, wore a costume in part of her vaudeville act that was a delightful take-off of the great fiction detective.



Leona Stevens

1915 - Bessie Eyton (1890 - 1965), played Bessie Blake, a female Sherlock Holmes, in the film "The Missing Ruby" (1915) Born Bessie Harrison, Eyton starred in at least 200 melodrama, action westerns and crime films. In the 1910's she was visiting the Selig Film studios with a party of friends, when a director saw and liked her red hair because he said it would photograph a beautiful black, so he offered her a minor role, she had no formal training on stage, as did many early film actors, she was talented and soon rose to be one of Selig's most popular stars.



Bessie Eyton

"The Missing Ruby" - (Selig) - March 3 - Another lady detective drama -- without the crooks. Nevertheless, a very valuable ruby disappears from a jewel case belonging to a young heiress, and a female Sherlock Holmes is called to solve the mystery. This she does, with neatness and dispatch. Bessie Eyton, as the detective, continued to look like a lady, even in her maid's costume."²⁸

²⁸ "The Moving Picture World" magazine Vol. 23 page 1763 Jan. - March 1915 Film Comments

1915 - Flora Finch (1867 - 1940) played a female Sherlock Holmes, know as Serena Slim - the slender sleuth, in “Heavy Villains” (1915). Flora Finch was an English-born film actress who starred in over 300 silent films, including over 200 for the Vitagraph Studios film company. “Heavy Villains” featured, "Flora Finch as a female Sherlock Holmes; Hughie Black as the village cut-up; Kate Prince as a cook; and John T. Kelly as a woman hater; are members of a cast in which Cissy Friz-Gerald, Charles Brown, William Shea, Arthur Cozine and Ethyl Corcoran play straight parts, in a paradoxically entitled comedy "Heavy Villains."²⁹



Flora Finch



Serena Slim - The Slender Sleuth

²⁹ “The Photo-Play Review”, Page 14 April 6, 1915

1915 - **Ethel Burton** appeared as the female Sherlock Holmes in "The Midnight Prowlers", with Walter Stull as Loos Pokes. Vim Films.



Ethel Burton

"The Midnight Prowlers" - Stories of the Films - Summation - Mr. & Mrs. Jabbs are nervous about the neighborhood and each independently decide to hire a detective. "...Mrs. Jabb hiring a male sleuth in the person of Loos Pokes and Mr. Jabbs hiring a female Sherlock Holmes." The detectives end up meeting and spooning while the house is being burglarized. When a bugler stumbles and makes noise, the detectives and the Jabbs rush in only to have each detective grab the Jabb they didn't know.³⁰

1918 - **Mae Marsh** (1884 - 1968) played Jane Ridgeway, described as "a captivating little Sherlock Holmes..."³¹, in Goldwyn's "The Face in The Dark" (1918).



Mae Marsh

³⁰ "The Moving Picture World" magazine Vol. 26 Oct. - Dec. 1915 pgs. 1018/1019

³¹ "Motion Picture Magazine", Vol. 15.2-16 Mar - Jul. 1918 pg.93

1918 - Zoe Rae (1910 - 2006), born *Zoë Rae Palmiter Bech*, was a child silent film star, who appeared in approximately 58 films between 1915 and 1920. One of those films was “Little Miss Sherlock” (1918) for Universal. She was known as ‘Little Zoe, the Universal Baby’.



Zoe Rae

"Little Miss Sherlock" - Universal -April 1 - “Will be a Little Zoe Rae feature, directed by Rea Berger, who becomes this clever little girl's screen manager with this issue. Norris Shannon wrote the story and Francis F. Clark made the screen preparations. Claire Du Brey, Charles Hill Mailes, and William Carroll will have prominent supporting roles.”³²



"Little Miss Sherlock"

³² "The Moving Picture World " magazine (Vol, 35) page 539 Jan. - Mar. 1918

1933-37 - Dear friend Ray Wilcockson, an early English stage expert, reminds me to include the four actresses who played Shirley Holmes in the stage play "The Holmeses of Baker Street". He said, "You have, as you're aware, all four actors who played Sherlock Holmes in the play. I'd say these four qualify to be included, especially as the role was significant in the play." I totally agree Ray, and happily add the information you have supplied on our 1930's Shirley Holmes actresses, **Rosemary Ames**, **Barbara James**, **Peggy Ann Wood**, and **Helen Chandler**. He also contributes four news reviews of the play's opening for our enjoyment, one having good illustrations.



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CRITICISMS IN CAMEO.

THE STAGE.

By J. T. GREIN.

I.—"THE HOLMESES
OF BAKER STREET,"
AT THE LYRIC.

SHERLOCK
HOLMES, in
company with Nelson
and the Bank of
England, has become
a national institution.
In the theatre, as
elsewhere, like the

King, he can do no wrong. It must be a very bad play that falls with Sherlock at the helm. And this—after an intolerable first act—turned out to be by no means bad, but ingenuous (with a "u," not an "i") in the highest degree. And we human babes, as most of us remain *après tout* despite the battle of life, are as credulous as our youngsters, provided that the illusion is fairly complete and bamboozles us to our hearts' content. Now in "The Holmeses of Baker Street"—a decidedly clever tale, worth in itself a fortune—it will attract the masses like crumbs the sea-gulls—there is not only old Sherlock, tired and, besides planting his cabbages, practising the cult of bees, but his young daughter, who has inherited the *fair politicier* of papa and yearns for a chance to demonstrate the power of heredity. Well, it comes in the shape of a jewel wrapped up for the parcel post as a queen-bee. This gives papa a chance to hold forth amusingly and sapiently on apiarism—how he must have studied Masterlinck's "Abeilles"!—and the daughter to prove what a dexterous little detective she is—up to a certain point—the point of falling in love. Then all her ambitions fritter away in the arms of her young lover, who, as an amateur crook, narrowly escapes arrest and prison. All this is told in a happy-go-lucky, pell-mell, boisterous way, and it seemed to please the first-nighters mightily. It was acted particularly well by Sir Nigel Playfair, whose old doctor was a gem of quiet humour combined with sardonic touches; and by Mr. Felix Aylmer, a Holmes worthy of the tradition in aspect and treatment; by Miss Rosemary Ames, a clever, versatile comedienne; and by Miss Eva Moore and Mr. Martin Walker, who turned their little parts right into the limelight.



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The rest of Scotland Yard at the hands of William (Afted) Clark, Shirley Holmes (Rosemary Ames), Dr. Watson (Nigel Playfair), and Sherlock Holmes (Felix Aymer). The unfortunate officers are Detective Withers (Vincent Holmes), complete with black eye, and Detective Lake (Ernest Brown)



At the Theatre

"Elementary, my dear Watson"

Sketches by Rowan

"The Maltese of Baker Street," at the Lyric

It is less or not to live . . . that is the question. Holmes, a widower in rustic retirement, has good reason (plus his daughter, Shirley) for telling Inspector Withers and the White Cross Gang to go to the devil. The old rooms in Baker Street smell festively of gun-powder—Shirley, unbound her, has been target-shooting with her revolver—and Scotland Yard are importunate for assistance in the matter of the missing Mofat pearl.

The scale of the lark and the tracks of heredity dictate Shirley's future. A crack shot with silver hand, this step of the old block must be hastied from a career of crime and ship-berthed to the altar as a queen bee to its industrious husband. As in the hive, so in matrimony. Queens must be queen and workers workers. There is no such thing as a neuter. Marriage is woman's sole existence, and a whole-time job. You cannot be a good wife and a lady detective.

Wherefore the apocryph, quelling the old death within him, deterrance on a low-line for the country. To hell with crime; there's no place like Holmes sweet Holmes; those thirty years of retirement are eloquent with warnings. Marriage with the late Mrs. Holmes was a failure because of those acute powers of deduction which prevented the absence from home of Mrs. Watson by the dust on the Doctor's bowler hat. Marriage, being based on mutual deception, became impossible for a woman who never once succeeded in putting over the widdow bluff on a husband who guessed what she was up to before she was up to it.

There is an equally delectable idea for Greta Doye fans and psychologists alike, and the brightest thought in Mr. Basil Mitchell's attempt to revive the ghosts of Baker Street. Thanks to a brilliantly sustained game of characterization by Felix Aymer as Holmes, more than a faint whiff of the old atmosphere is captured.

Unfortunately, the ally of the pearl, which was sent to Holmes in a moon-bee case, huffed for fun by his daughter and Mrs. Watson, re-lunged by Holmes himself, huffed but not huffed by Scotland Yard, and nearly collared by the arch-crook (with wig) operating an innocent gang of Bright Young Men, including the Yaw's son who kept a wireless shop and loved Shirley, cannot speak with the adventures of yore.

In a weak market Sir Nigel's dashing caricature of the "gracious Doctor" is a welcome light spot. It keeps the plot from feeling point, but that lagging wateline and ubiquitous umbrella will, I fear, convert the hundred per cent. Watsonians into swarms of acute pain.



One Way to Catch a Husband

Shirley Holmes (Rosemary Ames) locks a prisoner (Martin Walker) for life, at the well-guarded disposal of the chief crook (Ernest Brown)

It is an author's admirable notion that the best detectives make the worst husbands suggests that the right Holmes for resurrection was not the widower closing over his loss, but the married mouth still in harness.

Picture those after-breakfast tiffs over the hot pipe and the avidly habited, the womanly revolt against prolonged victim-playing, while the infant Shirley whimpers in her cradle over a first tooth. Imagine the humped Watson turning for sympathy to the chaperone of Baker Street and dropping in, while the lord and master was teaching harpists on Dartmoor, to make discreet love over the telephone. And consider the Doctor's disfigurement and Mrs. Holmes's despair when Sherlock exposed their plebeian secret in a flood of acid reasoning, finger-tips pressed together, a contemptuous look in the far-away eye. "I observe, my dear Watson, from the faint trace of powder on your left lip!"

Leaving conjecture for achievement, it remains to commend the comic obtuseness of Vincent Holmes's Inspector Withers, and the wretched air of usual unconscious with which Martin Walker ailment Shirley's unheroic crook and future king bee. That it does not appear to matter very much whether the young man goes to goal or marries Shirley must be attributed to that young lady herself. To subdue flesh and blood into this prolixous sleuth demands a more pronounced array of charm, assurance and sympathy than Rosemary Ames seems to me at present capable of mustering.

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1933 - Rosemary Ames (December 11, 1906 – April 15, 1988) was an American film actress who had a brief career in the early 1930s.³³ She originated the role of Shirley Holmes to Felix Aylmer's Sherlock Holmes in "The Holmeses of Baker Street" at Royal Lyceum, Edinburgh, from January 1933. Ray Wilcockson also notes that she had married Bertie Alexander Mayer (the producer of "The Holmeses of Baker Street") in January 1932 at St Martin's Registry Office, London. Hence she was in the U.K. and hence cast as Shirley Holmes! Rosemary and Bertie divorced two years later.



Rosemary Ames



The Stage, Feb. 23, 1933

³³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosemary_Ames

1933-34 - **Barbara James** played Shirley Holmes to the Sherlock Holmes of Edward Kennedy in tour of "The Holmeses of Baker Street" from July, 1933. Then to the Sherlock Holmes of Hamilton Deane from August 14, 1933, and in the Spring tour of 1934.



Bath Chronicle & Weekly Gazette Nov. 4, 1933

"The Holmeses of Baker Street"
"The Holmeses of Baker Street" began a long tour at the Pier Theatre, Eastbourne on July 17. Bookings include Bognor, I.O.W. circuit, Brighton, Southsea, Felixstowe, Cromer, New Brighton, Douglas, I.O.M., St. Helena, Sheffield, Chester, Warrington, Bath, Exeter, etc. In the company are Messrs. Edmund Kennedy, E. Wensley Russell, Fred Morgan, Lewis Clifford, J. Dodsworth, F.

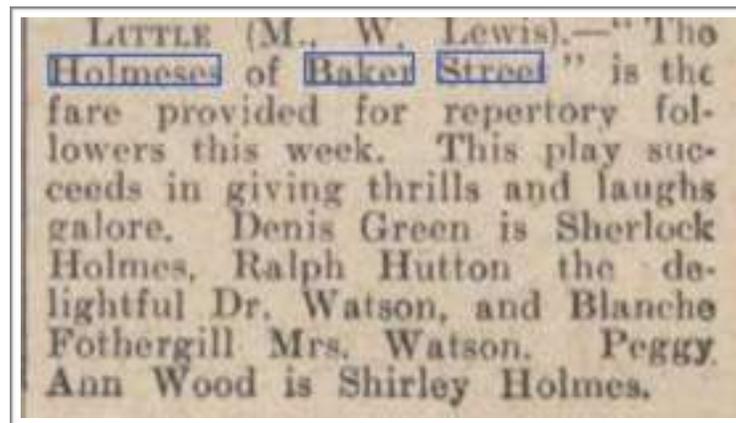
Kingsley, Misses Iris Vandeleur, and Barbara James. Mr. Hamilton Deane will take up the part of Sherlock Holmes on August 14, on the termination of his season at the Royal, Nottingham. The entire Lyric Theatre production is toured and the play has been produced for tour by Mr. Basil Dear. The company are under the direction of Mr. D. Hewse-White, who presents the play by arrangement with Mr. B. A. Meyer and Mr. Leon M. Lion.

The Stage, July 27, 1933

1935 - Peggy Ann Wood - "(14 June 1912—30 May 1998) was a British actress, director and theatre manager associated heavily with the Bristol Old Vic. In partnership with her husband, Ronald Russell (1910–1994), she ran the repertory company the Rapier Players, based in Bristol's Colston Hall."³⁴ She played Shirley Holmes to the Sherlock Holmes of Denis Green in "The Holmeses of Baker Street" in December 1935.



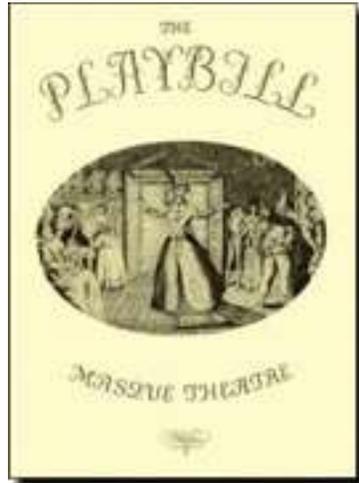
Photo of Peggy Ann Wood from 1937



The Stage, Dec. 12, 1935

³⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peggy_Ann_Wood

1936-37 - Helen Chandler - “(February 1, 1906 – April 30, 1965) was an American film and theater actress, best known for playing Mina Seward in the 1931 horror film Dracula.”³⁵ She played Shirley Holmes to the Sherlock Holmes of Cyril Scott in "The Holmeses of Baker Street" December 9, 1936 - January 1, 1937, at the Theatre Masque, N.Y.³⁶



The Holmeses of Baker Street



Helen Chandler

³⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helen_Chandler

³⁶ <https://www.ibdb.com/broadway-production/the-holmeses-of-baker-street-9740>

1938 - Margaret Lockwood (1916 - 1990), perhaps could be considered the first female Watson as Sir Michael Redgrave calls her that while wearing a deerstalker and smoking a pipe, while theorizing on a train in the comic thriller “The Lady Vanishes” (1938).



Michael Redgrave and Margaret Lockwood

See Sir Michael Redgrave as "Sherlock Holmes" & Margaret Lockwood as "Watson" in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Lady Vanishes" at the 57 minute mark at:

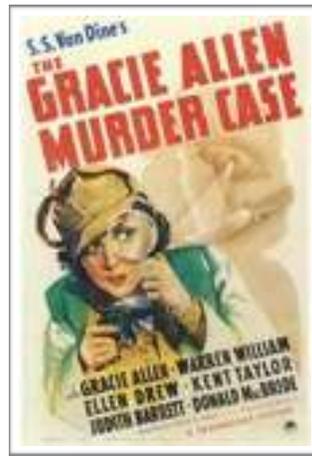
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1J0pUURCj8>

1938-39 - Bonita Granville (1923 - 1988), dressed as Sherlock Holmes for a promotional photo for her Warner Brothers “Nancy Drew” films (1938-39).



Bonita Granville

1939 - Gracie Allen (1895 -1964), best know for being part of the ‘Burns & Allen’ comedy team with husband George Burns, appeared dressed as Holmes in this promotional poster for the sleuth series film S. S. Van Dine’s “The Gracie Allen Murder Case”. “A longtime fan of comedians George Burns and Gracie Allen, ‘Philo Vance’ creator S. S. Van Dine wrote a tailor-made screenplay for the team, which emerged on-screen as ‘The Gracie Allen Murder Case’. The Paramount studio executives decided to dispense with the services of George Burns, leaving scatterbrained Gracie on her own to match wits with urbane private detective Philo Vance (Warren William).”³⁷



“The Gracie Allen Murder Case”



Gracie Allen

³⁷ <http://www.nytimes.com/movies/movie/93649/The-Gracie-Allen-Murder-Case/overview>

1930's & 1940's - Edith Meiser (1898 - 1993) was *'the woman'* who penned many of the original stories for the radio Sherlock Holmes stories in it's golden years of the 1930's and 1940's. She was instrumental in putting Sherlock Holmes on the radio in the 1930's. "In the late 1920s Meiser, and her husband Thomas McKnight, left vaudeville for the world of radio and an opportunity to put Sherlock Holmes stories on the air.



Edith Meiser

The first Holmes tale, "The Adventure of the Speckled Band," was broadcast on October 20, 1930 and featured William Gillette in the lead role... the golden age of Sherlockian radio began in California in the fall of 1939 when the success of Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce in two Twentieth-Century Fox films precipitated a radio revival of the Edith Meiser scripts... one of the conditions of continuing the show on the Mutual network was the Edith would come up with 'new' adventures... This she did... In the 1950s she worked with Frank Giacoia to produce a Holmes comic strip."³⁸



Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce

³⁸ <http://special.lib.umn.edu/findaid/xml/scrb0007.xml>

A new recent radio find sent to me by Sherlockian Ken Arromdee is the 1946 “Meet Miss Sherlock”. “Meet Miss Sherlock” aired in 1946-1947 and was the show of a smart girl who solves crimes a la Sherlock Holmes.

1946 - Sondra Gair (1924 - 1994) “During World War II no women sleuths arrived on the scene but 1946 was a banner year when three new ones debuted on network radio. One was as much comedienne as crime solver, ‘Meet Miss Sherlock’. This was a CBS summer sustainer that recounted the adventures of Jane Sherlock, a scatterbrained amateur detective, and her boyfriend, Peter Blossom, a civil attorney who occasionally fainted. There were two separate versions of this show; the first ran from July 3, 1946 to September 26, 1946 while the second one ran from Sept 28, 1947 to Oct 26, 1947. Both series were produced and directed by David Vaile, with scripts by E. Jack Neuman and Don Thompson. The announcer was Murray Wagner and the live orchestra was headed by Milton Charles. Sondra Gair had the title lead in the 1946 version, Captain Dingle of the NYPD was a youthful Bill Conrad and Joe Petruzzi played Peter Blossom.”³⁹



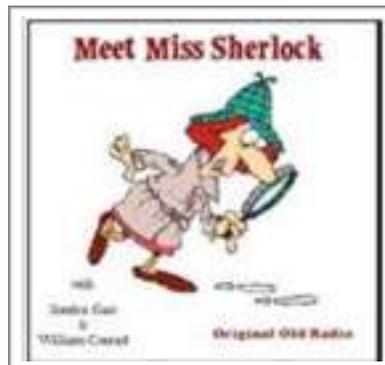
Sondra Gair

³⁹ http://boxcars711.podomatic.com/entry/index/2011-12-10T14_21_13-08_00

1947 - Monty Margetts (1912 - 1997) “When the ‘Meet Miss Sherlock’ series resumed in the fall of 1947, Betty Moran did the first episode but her voice was not ‘dithery’ enough so Monty Margetts was brought in and she played the lead until it went off the air two months later. Barney Phillips was the voice of Captain Dingle. This series was more comedy than adventure, although crimes were eventually solved.” Unfortunately it seems only two episodes still exist of this show, “The Case Of Wilma & The Widow” and “Case Of The Deadman's Chest”



Monty Margetts



‘Meet Miss Sherlock’

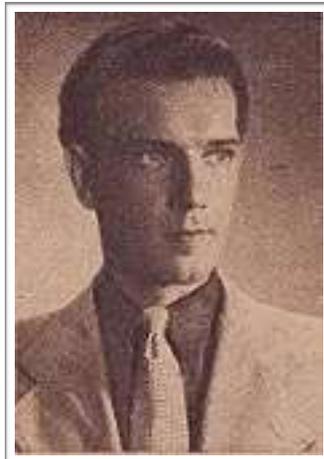
Listen to The Case Of Wilma & The Widow” and
“Case Of The Deadman's Chest” at:

<https://www.oldtimeradiodownloads.com/crime/meet-miss-sherlock/da/asc>

1958 - Halina Michalska voiced Mary Holmes, Sherlock's wife, in the radio play "Mrs. Holmes in Action" ("Pani Holmes w akcji") for the Polish Radio Theater, air date March 27th, 1958. Mieczysław Milecki voiced Sherlock Holmes, with Kazimierz Wilamowski as Dr. Watson and Jerry Pichelski as Inspector Lestrade.



Halina Michalska
Mrs. Holmes in Action (Pani Holmes w akcji)
(Mary Holmes)



Mieczysław Milecki

By the 1950's television was established a major new source of entertainment, and it's earliest female star would chip in with a Sherlock Holmes skit with none other than that iconic Holmes actor, Basil Rathbone!

1954 - Dagmar, born **Virginia Ruth Egnor**, (1921 – 2001) was an American actress, model, and television personality of the 1950s. As a statuesque, busty blonde, she became the first major female star of television, receiving much press coverage during that decade.⁴⁰ In 1954, on “The Milton Berle Buick Comedy Hour”, Dagmar confiscated Basil Rathbone’s deerstalker and pipe, to help solve the case of the missing Buick. Poor Rathbone was distracted by Dagmar in a manner that reminded me of Benedict



Cumberbatch and his encounter with Irene Adler in “A Scandal in Belgravia”.

Dagmar and Basil Rathbone

1960 - June Foray (1917 -), is known as the ‘Cartoon Queen’. Two of her most famous voices were that of that of Rocky the Flying Squirrel and Natasha Fatale. In “Box Top Robbery” (1960), on the ‘Rocky and his Friends’ show, as Natasha Fatale, she voiced Dr. Watkins. Paul Frees, as Boris Badenov, voiced Hemlock Soames. The story had twelve 3



min. 30 sec. episodes, two per show. Boris and Natasha were even in disguise during some

⁴⁰ [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dagmar_\(American_actress\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dagmar_(American_actress))

1961 - **Hayley Mills** (1946 -), who is the daughter of a Doctor Watson (her dad Sir John Mills played Dr. Watson to Peter Cushing's Holmes in "The Masks of Death" 1984), also once posed for a promo dressed as Sherlock Holmes.



Hayley Mills

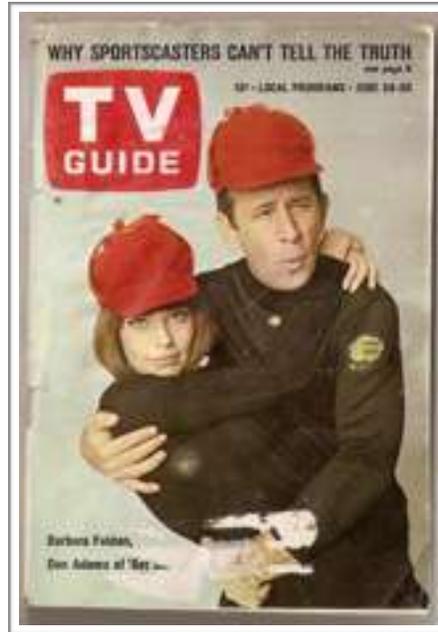
1968 - **The Golddiggers** - Dean Martin brought together twelve beautiful young girls who could sing, dance and act, and gave them the name "The Golddiggers."⁴¹ In one segment of "The Dean Martin Show", featuring comedian Bill Cosby, Bill and The Golddiggers all appeared in full Sherlockian garb.



The Golddiggers

⁴¹ <http://www.originalgolddiggers.com/>

1970 - Barbara Feldon (1933 -) whose most prominent role was that of Agent 99 on the 1960s sitcom *Get Smart*, appeared on the cover of 'TV Guide' in 1970, with co-star Don Adams, wearing red deerstalkers. The "Kraft Music Hall" TV show on November 18th,, featured an episode titled "Don Adams Investigates the Detectives".



Barbara Feldon

1970 - Jessica Pearce, played Sherlock Holmes in "The Mystery of the Silent Dog". "Presented by the Center for Childrens Television and Theatre Instruction. San Francisco: Recreation and Park Department, November 21, 1970. (The New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, E1 of 24) Cast: Jessica Pearce (Sherlock Holmes), Roland Perkins (Dr. Watson), Diana Pack (Mrs. Hudson), Edwin Villante (John Fenshaw), Zachary Pine (Inspector Lestrade), Joan Brown (Lady Hilary Bedely), James Villamante (Jonathan), Victoria Nelson (Margaret Fenshaw), Ellen Thomson (Old Simmons), Merlita Villanueva (Chief Mort), Ann Phelan (Dr. Cusack), Corry Pearce (Dr. Stamford), Anthony Carigo (George Irving)." ⁴²

⁴² <https://www.lib.umn.edu/scr/bm/ush/volume-3-section-XK2>

1971 - Joanne Woodward (1930 -) may have won an Oscar for her role in “The Three Faces of Eve”, and may be married to Paul Newman, but she is best known in the Sherlockian world for having played Dr. Mildred Watson in the movie “They Might be Giants” (1971). With Oscar winner George C. Scott playing Justin Playfair, the movie plot takes place in a Manhattan psychiatric hospital, where Scott, convinced he is Sherlock Holmes, is treated by a female doctor who happens to be named Watson.



Joanne Woodward



They Might be Giants

A fantastic clip of Joanne Woodward and George C. Scott from “They Might be Giants” can be seen on Youtube at:

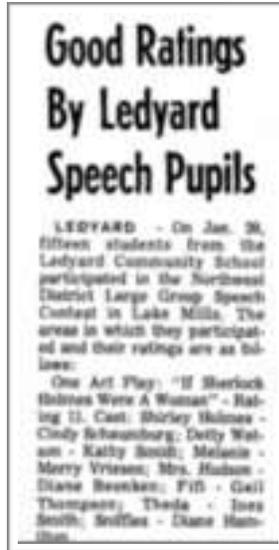
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2oB0pMWh0Q>

1973 - 'Cher' **Cherilyn Sarkisian** (1946 -) and **Carol Burnett** (1933 -) appeared as Cherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in a skit on TV's "The Carol Burnett Show" (1967-1978).



Carol Burnett, Cher, and Dennis Weaver

1973 - **Cindy Schaumburg**, played Shirley Holmes in the one act play "If Sherlock Holmes Were A Woman".



The Algona Upper Des Moines (Algona, Iowa), Jan. 25, 1973

1975 - **Allyson Handley** plays Shirley Holmes, in the stage play "The Case of the Fallen Dickey".

1976 - Stephanie Smith, played Sherlock Holmes in “The Speckled Band”, in what may have been the first Holmes play enacted by an all-female cast! “Presented by the Scheherazade Players. Garden Grove, Calif.: Arthur's Barn, October 29-30, 1976. Cast: Stephanie Smith (Sherlock Holmes), Gloria Rum (Dr. Watson), Carol Rut (Helen Stonor), Denise Dunne (Dr. Roylott), Pat Mullinex (Mrs. Hudson).”⁴³

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1976 - Jenny O’Hara (1942 -), not Lucy Liu, was the original Dr. Joan Watson. In “The Return of the World's Greatest Detective” (1976), a TV pilot that unfortunately was not picked-up, O’Hara played Doc Watson, while Larry Hagman played Sherman ‘Sherlock’ Holmes. The premiss of the show was that Hagman, a motorcycle cop, after being hit in the head by his motorcycle, believes he is Sherlock Holmes O’Hara, as a psychiatric social worker, and Holmes’ friend, is assigned his case upon his release from the psychiatric ward.



Larry Hagman and Jenny O’Hara

“The Return of the World's Greatest Detective”, with Jenny O’Hara, can be viewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGwbed8ik-0>

⁴³ <https://www.lib.umn.edu/scr/bm/ush/volume-3-section-XK2>

1979 - Denise Coffey, in the British comedy sketch show “End of Part One”, dressed as an elderly female Sherlock Holmes for a skit. Check out her transformation in the photos below.



Denise Coffey

1979 - Mireille Allonville played Dr. Watkinson opposite Chris Emmett’s Sherlock Holmes in the British ITV game show “3-2-1”. “The Victorian Era” was the theme of the episode.



Mireille Allonville

1979 - Patricia Stevens, voiced Sherlock Holmes when he showed up in TV's "Scooby Doo & Scrappy Doo" in 1979.



Patricia Stevens

1979 - Elizabeth Huey, played Sherlock Holmes in "The Case of the Off-White Snowman". "Presented by the Children's Television Productions in cooperation with the Commodore Sloat School Parent Club Enrichment Program. San Francisco: Commodore Sloat School, November 30, 1979. (The New Children's Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Story No. 4) Cast: Elizabeth Huey (Sherlock Holmes), Eric Imperiale (Dr. Watson), Elizabeth Brakeman (Mrs. Hudson), Alison Wentker (Penelope Appleby), Cary Tucker (Rabbi Gordon-Sykes), Harvey Delery (Mr. Marcus Temers), Scott Braden (Pastor Stabler), Allegra de Peralta (Anne Ingram), Loretta Sams (Betsy Dolfuss), Elizabeth Dent (Santa Claus)..."⁴⁴

1980 - Sheri Gosliner, appeared as Sherlock Holmes in "Thirty Days to Riches, or Billy the Kidnapped". "Presented by Children's Television and Literature Productions. Introduction by Theodore G. Schulz, B.S.I., as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. San Rafael: Vallecito Middle School, October 25, 1980. Cast: Sheri Gosliner (Sherlock Holmes), David Vasser (Dr. Watson), Andrew Kay (James Wintergreen), David Simon (Billy Wintergreen), Carol Adams (Abigail Black), Colleen Howard (Aveline Black), Anne Quin-Harkin (Sylvia Black), Jenni Asnault (Theodore), Bob Tatum (Tony), Montine Levin (Ms. Pritchard), Matt Botvinick (Steven), Devera Hayes (Cab Driver #1), Sandra Kopp (Cab Driver #2), Ian Adams (Ticket Man), Kerri Daniels (Ticket Girl), Mary Pat Rossetto (Mrs. Hudson), Aaron Chioino (Charles, the butler), English sheep dog ("Peaches")..."⁴⁵

⁴⁴ <https://www.lib.umn.edu/scr/bm/ush/volume-4-section-XX4>

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1980 - Michelle Ball, played Sherlock Holmes in Tim Kelly's "Sherlock Holmes". "Presented by the Anchorage Children's Theatre. Anchorage, Ky.: Anchorage School Auditorium, February 7-10, 1980. Cast: Michelle Ball (Sherlock Holmes), Kip Pritchett (Dr. Watson), Lynn Wilson (Newsboy One), Chamie Schildt (Newsboy Two), Steve Ball (Forman), Jenny Downey (Madge Larrabee), Mimi Pritchett (James Larrabee), Marcy Meyer (Teresa), Teddy Strange (Sid Prince), Natalie Klosterman (Alice Faulkner), Becky Downey (Mrs. Bassick), Alicia Parrish (Ginger), Shannon McAllister (Pepper), Courtney King (Flower Woman), Perry Beck (Gentleman), Kim Kunze (Elegant Lady), Jason Bowen (Detective), Peter Campbell (Professor Moriarty), Midge Cornell (Joan), Nicole Ball (Matchgirl), Becky Andrews (Mrs. Hudson), Vicky McLaughlin (Lady Edwina), Jim Wygal (Prince Carl), Jason Bowen (Lestrade), Susie Lorenz (Gertie), Maureene McAllister (Maggie Baskerville), (Suffragettes, Londoners, Street Singer, Pianist)."⁴⁶

1981 - Kim Lofrano, played Sherlock Holmes in "Between the Buttons". "Presented by the Children's Television and Literature Productions. Introduction by Theodore G. Schulz, B.S.I., the Spirit of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Santa Venetia Middle School, May 15, 1981. Cast: Kim Lofrano (Sherlock Holmes), Drew Miller (Dr. John Watson), Michelle Brown (Narrator), Chris Heliotos (Enos Balford), Rachel Barley (Penelope Neff), James Willits (Julius Whitehead), Maria Gistrand (Edora Eikstein), Sean Walling (Norman), Fontaine Segerquist (Cynthia Balford), Adam Fisher (Robert Maigret), John Bagala (Inspector Lestrade), Mike Perodi (Charles Mitchell), Yvette den Held (Mrs. Hudson), Karl Beyer (Helicopter Pilot), Hali Greenberg (Taxi Driver). Kelly McGrath (Shop Keeper), Kali Braunschweig, Pia Caroe, Angela Fetterly, Kelly McGrath, Danielle Rogers, Hali Greenberg, Karl Beyers (Waitresses), "Scotch" (Dog)."⁴⁷

1982 - Elizabeth Leroy, appeared as Sherlock Holmes in "The Incident of the Chemical Stain". "Presented by Jackie Brand's 6th grade students. Larkspur, Calif.: Henry C. Hall School, April 1, 1982. (Children's Television and Literature Productions) Cast: Elizabeth Leroy (Sherlock Holmes), Chris Gatty (Dr. Watson), Rachel Schiller (Production Musician), Neka Pasquale (Narrator), Caroline Powers (Texas Girl), Nicole Peters (Dianne Hunt), Mike Collins (Ship's Captain), Robert Manniche (Lawyer), Bonnie Nielson (Mrs. Hudson), Allyson Fischer (Fisherman's Daughter), Andre Pardi (Watchman), Sean Croke (Inspector Lestrade), Calezon Ceniceros (Director), Carolyn Wakely (Stage Manager), Matt Shawn (Propman), Neka Pasquale (Gertrude), Caroline Powers (Caroline, doorman), Lisa Bueman (Waitress), Jason Launer (Store Manager).

⁴⁶ <https://www.lib.umn.edu/scr/bm/ush/volume-4-section-XX4>

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1983 - Anna Gilbert, performed as Shirley Holmes in “Shirley Holmes and the Case of the Spanish Indian”. Shirley is the great niece of Sherlock Holmes, whose powers of deductive skills could never be equalled, that was until Shirley. “Presented by Theatre Venture. London: Tom Allen Centre, February 16-March 5, 1983.Cast: Anna Gilbert (Shirley Holmes), Angela Bain (Daphne Gotsum), Helen Reece (Hhouana Gonzotti), Michael Knight (Sailor), Jessica Saunders (Trixie O'Hara), Phil Smith (Joe the Barman), Jonathan Stratton (Dick), Ben Onwukwe (Paulo Gonzotti), Michael Knight (Kansas Harry), Phil Smith (Knuckles Johnson), Jessica Saunders (Angie Lucians), Michael Knight (Sanio Cordez), Phil Smith (M.C. in Katkit Club), Jonathan Stratton (Halibar the Great).”⁴⁸

1983-84 - Francesca Annis, dressed as Sherlock Holmes in these promos for “Partners in Crime”, an Agatha Christie's husband-and-wife sleuthing team shown on British TV in the early eighties.



Partners in Crime



Francesca Annis

⁴⁸ <https://www.lib.umn.edu/scr/bm/ush/volume-4-section-XK4>

1983-pres. - Marianne Bötschi, (1931 -) from Niederneunforn, Germany, has a passion in the stories of Sherlock Holmes that she founded her own theater company. “Marianne Bötschi is a passionate follower of Sherlock Holmes. She played in front of Holmes stories with a small self-made puppet theater. For this purpose she tinkered all dolls of wood and fabric. But small furniture or dolls house walls were built by hand. As a Kasperltheater - just with Holmes characters. This theater fits in a bag, so it is also called ‘blind theater’. It is practically to support and she could act at any time alone, she says. But the ‘blind theater’ for her was not enough. ‘That did not do the great Holmes stories justice. I wanted to organize a real theater.’ Therefore Bötschi presented 24 years ago a community theater which played every spring and autumn, mostly in Greuterhof. For two years, but there is only one piece per year. Because the theater give a lot of work, so the troops wanted to cut consumption somewhat, says Bötschi. For these plays she translated the original short stories from English. The existing German translations had never been sympathetic and she could rewrite the stories so equal in a script. The translation was not a problem for her as before she became a teacher, she worked as an interpreter. She is fluent in English and French.”⁴⁹



Marianne Bötschi

⁴⁹ Selina Giger, <http://www.tagblatt.ch/ostschweiz/thurgau/frauenfeld/tz-us/Fuer-immer-Sherlock-Holmes;art347651,3557396>

1985-2009 - Russel 'Russi' Taylor (1944 -), is an American voice actress who has been the voice of Minnie Mouse since 1986. Besides voicing Detective Minnie, on the Disney Channel's "Mickey Mouse Club" (2009), she voiced Huey, Dewey, & Louie dressed as Sherlocks in "Duck Tales" (1989) and Baby Gonzo as Sherlock Holmes in "Muppet Babies" (1985, 1988).



Baby Gonzo



Huey, Dewey, & Louie



Detective Minnie



'Russi' Taylor

1986 - Gabriela Glatzer, was the voice for the Berenstain Bears when they donned deerstalkers in an episode of “Berenstain Bears”, for Australian TV in 1986.



Berenstain Bears voiced by Gabriela Glatzer

1986 - Margaret Colin (1958 -) appeared as Jane Watson, with Michael Pennington as Sherlock Holmes, in “The Return of Sherlock Holmes”, a 1986 TV movie. The plot was that Sherlock Holmes is brought back to life by Doctor Watson's female descendent, Jane Watson, a private detective, after being cryogenically frozen for eighty years. In 2013 the lovely Ms. Colin returned to the Sherlockian world as the villainess in an episode of TV’s “Elementary”.



Margaret Colin and Michael Pennington

A clip from “The Return of Sherlock Holmes”, with Margaret Colin, can be viewed at
YouTube at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHdWqV4pNOs>

1986 - Ekaterina Vasilyeva (Yekaterina Sergeevna Vasilyeva) (1945 -), played Shirley Holmes and **Galina Shchepetnova** (Simonova) or, Galina Simonova-Shchepetnova (she had been Shchepetnova but married Alexey Simonov) (1948 -), played Jane Watson, in the lovely Russian feature film, “My Dearly Beloved Detective” (1986). A polished, delightful production in itself, this film pays homage to the Sherlockian tradition, especially the superb cycle of Holmes films starring Vasily Livanov & Vitaly Solomin.



Galina Shchepetnova and Ekaterina Vasilyeva

"Two employees of a private detective agency, Miss Holmes and Miss Watson, applying the deductive method, successfully investigating hopelessly complicated case. Scotland Yard decides to get rid of the competition, but there it was! For the young ladies love intervenes ..."⁵⁰



“My Dearly Beloved Detective”

You can watch “My Dearly Beloved Detective”, in it’s entirety at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9Wgz97Sd7ncdGljTFM0REhxS0k/edit>

⁵⁰ http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/Мой_нежно_любимый_детектив

1988 - Laura Carter Alley, played Charlotte Holmes in “Charlotte Holmes and Dr. Watson” Richardson, Tex.: Richardson Children's Theatre, February 1988.



Laura Carter

“Cast: Laura Carter (Charlotte Holmes), Collin Flagg (Dr. Watson), Marie Mann (Catherine De Mise), Erin Jay (Melanie Goodenrich), Feikes (Trudy Usefull), Brian Nixon (Geoffrey Patterson III), Barrett Ray (Tympani Drummond), Allison Warren (Sadie Cash), Monica Blaschke (Freida Weeper), Lauren Mobley (Melodie Script), Wade McIntyre (Richard Tracey), Stephanie King (Ida Kilder), Stephanie Madone (Anita Reedmore).”⁵¹

1989 - Tress MacNeille, (1951 -) voiced Chip as Sherlock Chip, in an episode of “Chip 'N Dale Rescue Rangers” an animated television series on The Disney Channel.



Tress MacNeille

⁵¹ <https://www.lib.umn.edu/scr/bm/ush/volume-4-section-XK4>

1990 - Georgina Hale shows up as Shirley Holmes on the TV show “T-Bag and the Pearls of Wisdom” episode titled “Elementary, My Dear What-Not”. “The next pearl is easily found - it's right there on the dog's collar. But where's the dog disappeared to? This is a mystery that only a Doyle-esque detective and sidekick, a bumbling Victorian policeman, or a young girl can solve. And will anyone ever start listening to T-Shirt? This episode was originally broadcast on Tuesday, 16th January, 1990.”⁵²



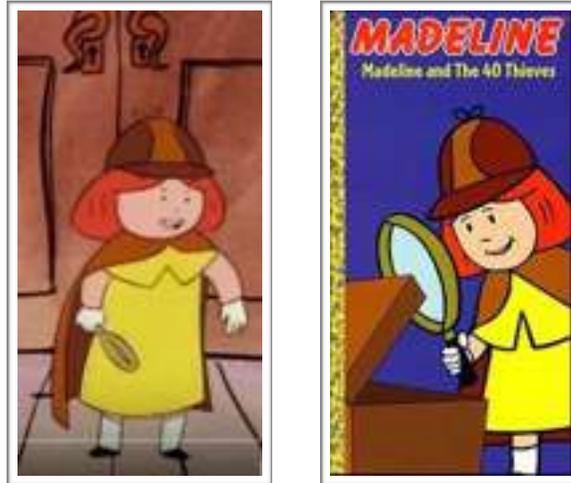
Elementary, My Dear What-Not



Georgina Hale

⁵² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bAPvD0Ax2WQ>

1993 - Tracy-Lee Smythe, voiced Madeline dressed as Sherlock Holmes in “Madeline and the 40 Thieves”. “At the Old House - and all over the neighborhood - people's hats, gloves and scarves are missing. Madeline and Pepito work with Detective Moreau to find the perpetrators, then finally discover that the "thieves" are some altruistic magpies who are distributing the warm clothes to the homeless in the park.”⁵³



Madeline

1993 - Asia Vieira, (1982 -), a Canadian child star, wore a deerstalker in “Dudley Gets a Tummy Ache” an episode of “The Adventures of Dudley The Dragon”, a Canadian TV children’s series.



Asia Vieira

⁵³ <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0968996/>

1993 - Allison Lunning played Shirley Holmes, and **Amanda Taylor** played Dottie Watson, in "If Sherlock Holmes were a Woman", for Sumter High School Drama Club at Patriot Hall, and also at Winthrop College.

DRAMA PRODUCTION

The Sumter High School Drama Club will be presenting the one-act play titled "If Sherlock Holmes were a Woman" at 8 p.m. this Wednesday at Patriot Hall.

The seven-member, all-female cast will take to the stage for the first time as a Sumter High School Drama Club production. The club presented a short play "The Trial of Amanda Marie

Lock," a spin-off of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, to students at Kingsbury Elementary School earlier this school year.

Admission into the play will be \$3 per person and can be purchased in advance at Sumter High School or at the door.

The play features student Allison Lunning, who plays Shirley Holmes and Amanda Taylor as Holmes' assistant Dottie Watson. The two girls are college students whose dorm mother is mysteriously murdered and is investigated by Holmes and Watson.

Other cast members are Kristina Powell, Paula Herrmann, Christie Lardner, Melissa Adams and Tatjana Najdanovic. The Drama Club is under the direction of English teacher Ronnie Burgess.

The club will present the play again Feb. 27 at the Palmetto Dramatics Association at Winthrop College.

Allison Lunning and Amanda Taylor

1993 - Debrah Farentino (1959 -) appeared as the beautiful Amy Winslow, with Anthony Higgins as Sherlock Holmes, in the TV movie “1994 Baker Street: Sherlock Holmes Returns” (1993). “Sherlock Holmes is awakened in modern times from suspended animation as a result of an earthquake. He is aided in his recovery by Amy Winslow (Debrah Farentino), who lives in Baker Street in San Francisco. Holmes pits his wits against the descendants of the Moriarty family, led by James Moriarty Booth. He is also aided by a new group of Baker Street Irregulars led by Zapper (Mark Adair-Rios).”⁵⁴



Debrah Farentino and Anthony Higgins

“1994 Baker Street: Sherlock Holmes Returns”, with Debrah Farentino, can be viewed at YouTube at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=espeZR47c_M

⁵⁴ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1994_Baker_Street:_Sherlock_Holmes_Returns

1994 - Therese Lentz wrote and appeared as Sherlock Holmes in "221B Baker Street" for the Group Repertory Theater, 10900 Burbank Blvd., Burbank. "It's quite elementary, if you think about it. Sherlock Holmes was a woman who disguised herself as a man. That high voice and hairless chin, that secrecy about the past and the mysterious childhood. That love of dissembling. How else could a Victorian woman solve crimes in such a chauvinistic age? Curiously, Holmes's trusty chronicler Dr Watson (and Arthur Conan Doyle) failed to note this fact. But Therese Lentz did with her 1994 play 221B Baker Street. When it comes to the world's greatest detective, the theatre has often lifted the curtain on some lesser known aspect of his life."⁵⁵



Therese Lentz

1994 - Whitney Vale played Sherlock Holmes, with Shelly Kurtz as Dr. Watson in "221B Baker Street", at the Group Repertory Theatre in Burbank, a full-length play by **Therese Lentz** (and who wrote and first played the role).



Whitney Vale

⁵⁵ Johns, Ian. "Pipe dreams, smoke screens." *The Times (London)*, September 2, 2002: 18

“It's quite elementary, if you think about it. Sherlock Holmes was a woman who disguised herself as a man. That high voice and hairless chin, that secrecy about the past and the mysterious childhood. That love of dissembling. If you don't believe it... meet Holmes the confident masquerader in "221 B Baker Street," the play manages, in one swoop, to outrage both Holmesologists and cross-dressers. Mind you, this is not wicked satire or exaggerated comedy so much as intriguing revisionism. As far as the character Holmes is concerned, director Patricia Lee Willson presents him/her forthrightly enough, albeit in a comedic, sometimes farcical context. Unfortunately, the plot almost defies explanation on paper, and on stage it's totally numbing and defeating. We meet the great detective (actress Whitney Vale) in his/her cluttered Baker Street study indulging in a pot of tea with the lovable and bumbling Dr. Watson. Suffice it to say that Watson, the Boswell-like chronicler, has incurred the wrath of Holmes' elder, thin-skinned brother Mycroft Holmes by calling him uncouth names in the Victorian periodical 'The Strand.'”⁵⁶



Whitney Vale

⁵⁶ http://articles.latimes.com/1994-05-20/news/va-60012_1_sherlock-holmes

1994 - Laura Cannon played Doctor Watson, and Aaron Foster played Sheerluck Holmes, in "Sheerluck Holmes" for Thomas Telford School, Telford, Shropshire, U.K. Sheerluck Holmes is “the dithering detective who bungles his way through murder and mayhem fighting off a posse of pirates, ghosts, tarts and triads. He was ably assisted by Laura Cannon as his side-kick, Dr. Watson...”⁵⁷



Laura Cannon

1996, 2000 - Kristin Fairlie, (1985 -), a Canadian actress, voiced Little Bear in “Maurice Sendak’s Little Bear”, a Canadian educational children’s series. Little Bear wore a deerstalker and used a magnifying glass in the episode “Little Sherlock Bear” (1996) and in the episode “Detective Little Bear” (2000).



Kristin Fairlie

⁵⁷ http://www.ttsonline.net/uploads/documents/newsletter_archive/1994_issue10.pdf

1996-2000 - Meredith Henderson (1983 -), played Shirley Holmes, Sherlock's grand-niece for 52 episodes of the superb Canadian children's TV program "The Adventures Of Shirley Holmes" (1996 -2000). When I contacted her for an autograph she sent me a lengthy letter, in which she expressed a desire to reprise the role as a



Meredith Henderson

grown-up Shirley. I'm sorry to see that this never came to fruition. Perhaps someday, someone reading this article will organize a kick-start program on that project. In a side note from "The Adventures of Shirley Holmes", movie heartthrob Ryan Gosling ("The Notebook") surely had one of his earliest acting roles, as a bad boy, in an early episode of the show.



Meredith Henderson

An excellent website, for all the information you could ever want, about "The Adventures Of Shirley Holmes" is; <http://shirleyholmes.damonford.com/>

1996-pres. - Minami Takayama (高山 みなみ), (1964 -), is the voice of Detective Conan on the hit Japanese detective magna series “Case Closed”, which is also known as “Detective Conan” (名探偵コナン). Minami has voiced Detective Conan since 1996 on TV, as well as in 19 feature movies since 1997.



Detective Conan



“Case Closed”



Minami Takayama (高山 みなみ)

1997 - Ashley Taylor, voiced Stacey Sticker, who in an episode of the Canadian TV anime “Stickin Around” played Sherlock Stickler or was it Stacey Holmes?



Sherlock Stickler or was it Stacey Holmes?



Ashley Taylor

1998-2016. - Maggie Fox and Sue Ryding, a classic female comedy duo, star as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in “Move Over Moriarty”. “Written by Maggie Fox and Sue Ryding, ‘Move Over Moriarty’ follows super sleuth Sherlock Holmes and his dim sidekick John Watson as they investigate the Garibaldi Biscuit Affair, a case as impenetrable as a London pea-souper. Fear stalks the backstage corridors of The Strand Theatre as acts are murdered by an invisible hand. First performed in 1998, ‘Move Over Moriarty’ has grown to become a cult classic...”⁵⁸



Move Over Moriarty



Maggie Fox & Sue Ryding

⁵⁸ <http://www.thereviewshub.com/move-over-moriarty-sale-waterside-arts/>

2000 - Sandi Weinthal and **Kerry Piazza** were Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in a tap and jazz dance presentation titled “Duke Ellington Meets Sherlock Holmes” for the University of New Hampshire. Director **Gay Nardone** notes: In “Duke Ellington Meets Sherlock Holmes,” Duke Ellington’s music brings to life the characters of the famous Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. In this dance piece, we take a whimsical look at the characters of the Holmes mystery stories while adding the character of Sir Doyle’s father to the plot. When searching for music for this year’s dance concert, Duke Ellington’s prolific writings were the obvious choice. As choreographer, the impossible challenge was to choose an evening’s collection from the prolific composer. Along with lesser known compositions included in tonight’s performance, are some of the better known pieces such as; “Satin Doll,” “Sophisticated Lady,” “East St. Louis Toodle-oo” and “It Don’t Mean A Thing If It Ain’t Got That Swing.



Gay Nardone



Sandi Weinthal



Kerry Piazza

2000 - Chantal Strand, (1987 -) in “Dragon Tales”, a Can-American animated pre-school children’s TV series, voiced Cassie the soft spoken pink female dragon who wore a deerstalker and carried a magnifying glass in it’s “Lights, Cameras, Dragons” episode (2000).



Dragon Tales



Chantal Strand

2001 - **Sheila McCarthy**, (1956 -) a Canadian actress, voiced Elizabeth the Emotional Pig, in Sherlockian gab, in the episode “Marvin and Eddie in the Middle of Nowhere”, from the Canadian anime series “Marvin the Tap-Dancing Horse “.



Elizabeth the Emotional Pig



Sheila McCarthy

2001 - Danielle DeCarlo played Sherlock Holmes, with Holly Stephenson as Dr. Watson, in a female dominated cast production of Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Sign of Four" at the Onstage Playhouse in Chula Vista, Ca. on September 7th, 2001.



Danielle DeCarlo



Holly Stephenson

2002 - **Debi Derryberry**, (1967 -) was the voice of Jimmy Neutron in “The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius”, an American computer animated television series. Jimmy wore Sherlockian garb in the episode “Crime Sheen Investigation”.



Jimmy Neutron



Debi Derryberry

2003 - Carla MacLean played Sheerluck Jones in "Dracula - the Vampire Strikes Back" for Woodhouse Players at the Welsh Church Hall, Leytonstone, London, U.K.



Carla MacLean

2004- Alison Viktorin - became the U.S. voice actor for Conan Edogawa, Detective Conan, in the popular "Case Closed" anime series.



Detective Conan

Alison Viktorin

2004 - Yeardley Smith (1964 -) & **Nancy Cartwright** (1957 -), do the Holmes and Watson in an episode of the animated series “The Simpsons”, ‘Treehouse of Horror XV’, the fifteenth Halloween episode, airing November 7, 2004, one week after Halloween in the US, which contains 3 parody/fantasy segments, with one taking place in 1890. Lisa Simpson (Yeardley Smith) is Eliza Simpson, female Holmes type character in Deerstalker and cape and Bart Simpson (Nancy Cartwright) is her stupid assistant Dr Bartley.



Yeardley Smith

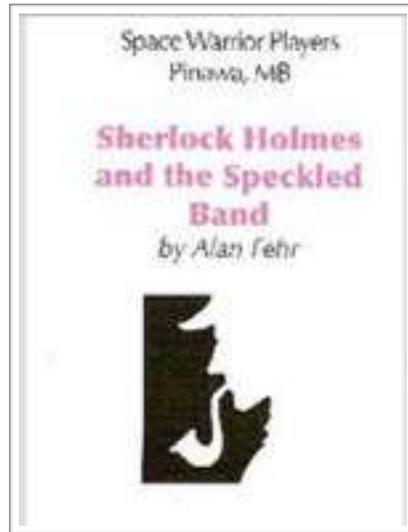


Nancy Cartwright



The Simpsons

2004, 2008 - Ashley Toews performed in “Sherlock Holmes and the Speckled Band” by the Space Warrior Players, at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival. There were only two actors, Ashley Toews as Sherlock Holmes and Alan Fehr as everyone else.



Winnipeg Fringe Festival



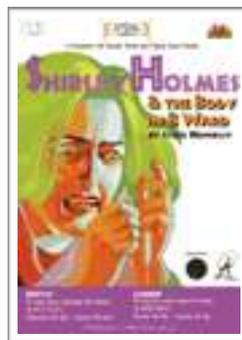
Ashley Toews

2005 - Anne Bravey played Sherlock Holmes in "Sherlock Holmes - the Ultimate Misstery", for Coleshill Drama Group at Coleshill Town Hall, Coleshill, Birmingham. "THERE was a reference to people falling out of a window in last week's excellent Coleshill Drama Group production of Sherlock Holmes - The Ultimate Misstery. That's not a spelling mistake. It refers to the fact that W A Johnson's play reveals from the outset that the great detective is a woman - a circumstance of which only Watson remains unaware until the end."⁵⁹



Anne Bravey

2006 - Lis Sah Stuart played Shirley Holmes in "Shirley Holmes & The Body in B Ward". Wellworld Hospital has merged with a giant pharmaceutical company and a patient has disappeared. Boundaries at the hospital are disappearing too – between staff and patient, reality and fantasy, real life and theatre. When private eye Shirley Holmes is invited in to crack the case she runs into a very different kind of Murder Mystery Weekend, a gallery of fragile, funny and fabulous characters, and a lot more trouble than she could ever have expected⁶⁰



Lis Sah Stuart

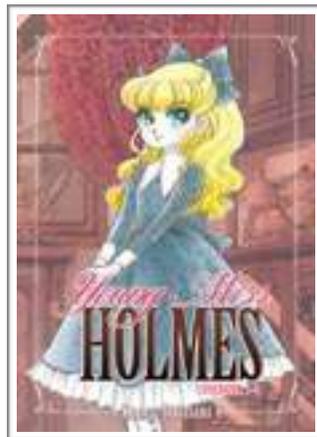
⁵⁹ <http://www.thefreelibrary.com/Theatre+reviews%3A+A+lesson+in+laughter+at+Coleshill+as+Sherlock...-a0139239287>

⁶⁰ <http://www.theatre-wales.co.uk/news/newsdetail.asp?newsID=1740>

2006-11 - “**Young Miss Holmes**’, also known in its original country of Japan as Christie High Tension, is a manga series by artist Kaoru Shinitani, published in the monthly manga magazine, Comic Flapper (2006-11). A sequel series titled Christie London Massive is currently being published in the same magazine. The story follows **Lady Crystal Margaret Hope**, better known as "Christie", who, on top of an incredible university-level education at only age ten, has the very unique ability to perceive obscure information by simple observation and logically deduce all manner of conclusions, which are almost always correct. Inspired by her uncle, Sherlock Holmes, and with no parents in the country to dissuade her, Christie uses her mind and skills to solve the myriad of mysteries she encounters in Victorian London.”⁶¹ (Contributed by Ken Arromdee.)



**Lady Crystal Margaret Hope
Young Miss Holmes**



The cover for the first English omnibus volume.

⁶¹ http://youngmissholmes.wikia.com/wiki/Young_Miss_Holmes_Wiki

2007 - **Lucie Morin**, played Sherlock Holmes, with **Elena Shilova** as Mary Watson, in the French Play “Sherlock Holmes et la Poudre aux Yeux”, or “Sherlock Holmes and the Smokescreen”. “Written and directed by Elsa Royer, the play took place in the middle of the spectators. The scene was a path of sand lighted with lanterns. The plot is a mix between The Adventure of the Speckled Band, The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet, The Sign of Four and A Scandal in Bohemia. In this play, Sherlock Holmes is in fact Irene Adler disguised as the detective.”⁶²



Sherlock Holms et la Poudre aux Yeux



Lucie Morin and Elena Shilova

⁶² https://www.arthur-conan-doyle.com/index.php/Sherlock_Holmes_et_la_Poudre_aux_Yeux

2007-08 - Tannis Kowalchuk plays an accordion-playing trans-gender Dr. Watson “The Uncanny Appearance of Sherlock Holmes”... “a carnival-style crime investigation filled with live original rock music, high-energy acrobatics, slapstick comedy antics, cross-dressing, and twentieth century philosophy. The play follows the world-famous detective, Sherlock Holmes, as he investigates the bizarre murders of Dr. Jeremy Nietzsche and Dr. Kevin Freud. To complicate matters, Holmes becomes embroiled in a competition of wits against a formidable female detective, **Jacqueline Derrida**. As the investigation progresses, the case begins to unravel, and so does the very fabric of Holmes's hyper-rational reality.”⁶³



Tannis Kowalchuk

2008 - India Ennenga, (1994 -) an American actress, was the voice of Pinky in the Can-American animated television series “Pinky Dinky Doo”. In the episode “Pinky Squeaks” (2008), Pinky dressed in Sherlock gab with some very colorful socks!



India Ennenga

⁶³ <http://www.broadwayworld.com/off-off-broadway/article/Photo-Coverage-THE-UNCANNY-APPEARANCE-OF-SHERLOCK-HOLMES-20081201>

2009 - Suzuko Mimori (1986 -) is a Japanese voice actress and singer who is best known as the voice of Sherlock Shellingford in Japan's "Tantei Opera Milky Holmes" (2009) animated series. "Tantei Opera Milky Holmes" is a media franchise owned by the Japanese trading card game company Bushiroad. The series is a homage to the detective fiction genre, and the four female leads are named after famous fictional detectives: Sherlock Holmes, Nero Wolfe, Hercule Poirot and Cordelia Gray."⁶⁴ One episode I watched they ended up in the Sherlock Holmes Museum, and performed a tribute to Irene Adler



Suzuko Mimori



"Tantei Opera Milky Holmes"

Now there is a live performing version of the animated series. Check it out on Youtube at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvCIL-uOvJE>

Or check out one of the animated series at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G8iOGpRf84>

⁶⁴ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tantei_Opera_Milky_Holmes

2009 - Millie Tigwell and **Laura Aitken** played Young Sherlock Holmes, ace detective and Velma Whitsun, Sherlock's assistant, in the play “Young Sherlock Holmes and the Case of Dick Whittington's Cat” at McLaren Hall, Killin -15th, 16th and 17th January 2009.



Millie Tigwell



Laura Aitken

2009 - **Ashley Tisdale** (1985 -), voices Candance, in Sherlockian garb, with **Kelly Hu** (1968 -) voicing Stacy, in Watson's role, for Walt Disney TV's "Phineas and Ferb" cartoon show. The episode was titled "Elementary, My Dear Stacy".



Elementary, My Dear Stacy



Candance and Stacy



Ashley Tisdale



Kelly Hu

2009 - Cayley McKnight played Watson, to Tyler Groenewegen's Sherlock Holmes, in "Sherlock Holmes: The Musical", at the Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival. Singing wasn't the only thing unusual about this tale of Sherlock Homes. It also was modernized and localized for an Edmonton audience. "We wanted to really challenge the youth and give them a show that has a little bit of everything (comedy, romance, horror aspects and high stakes drama)," Sloan said of the reason for selecting Sherlock Holmes: The Musical. Singing isn't the only thing that's unusual about this tale of Sherlock Homes. It's been modernized and localized for an Edmonton audience. Early in the musical, Sherlock encounters the North Saskatchewan River, and references are made throughout to Sherwood Park, Mill Woods and Whyte Ave. Jabs are even taken at Calgary and its resident NHL team, the Flames.⁶⁵



Cayley McKnight (on the left as Watson)

⁶⁵ <http://www.sherwoodparknews.com/2009/08/17/sherlock-holmes-musical-is-afoot>

2009 - **Bridget Booth** was Doctor Watson and Jayden Stapleton played Sheerluck Holmes in "Sheerluck Holmes", for Moama Anglican Grammar School, Moama, NSW, Au. "Set within the framework of late Victorian England, this play is a hilariously extravagant send-up of the great detective and the ever bumbling Watson! ... Never since 'Hamlet', have there been so many bodies! Who done it? Why it's elementary..."⁶⁶



Sheerluck Holmes



Bridget Booth

⁶⁶ <https://www.scribd.com/document/18539703/Sheerluck-Holmes-Program>

The latest trend in media is now video through the Internet. Daily it seems, new videos appear on such sites as Youtube, Vimeo, et. al. Next, I will give you a sampling of some of the recent female Holmes and Watson performers I've come across on these various sites. **"No Place Like Holmes"** (NPLH) (<http://www.nplh.co.uk/>) is a web drama comedy show that is based upon Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "Sherlock Holmes" series. Ross K. Foad plays Sherlock Holmes and Mike Archer plays Dr. Watson. However, one cannot help but to notice its outstanding core cast of female Sherlockian actresses.

“The Women of The Mary Morstan Mysteries”

2010-Pres. - Lexi Wolfe stars as Mary Watson nee Morstan in “The No Place Like Holmes” comedy drama web series “The Mary Morstan Mysteries”. The mini-series follows the tales of the rarely mentioned fiancée and later wife of Dr Watson - Miss Mary Morstan and the exploits , adventures and mystery's she finds herself embroiled in along the way. Holmes once remarked of her character that she would have made quite the detective herself.. though also noting that "marriage would of course ruin this", but that does not mean the quick witted courageous and thoughtful Miss Morstan couldn't stand her own when it comes to a Mystery.



Ross Foad and Lexi Wolfe

2010-Pres. - Kelsey Williams as Madeline Chambers is a cold hearted Jewel and Antiques dealer with a passion for crime on the side.



Kelsey Williams

2010-Pres. - Angela Holmes as Rebecca Constance a highly educated, devious, seductress and Madeline's 2nd in Command.



Angela Holmes

2010-Pres. - Tamzin Dunstone as Miss Christine Blake is the equivalent of the modern day "Mrs. Hudson". She attends to Mr.Holmes homely affairs as his housekeeper and occasionally assists in cases.



Tamzin Dunstone and Mike Archer

2010-Pres. - Linda-Jean Barry as Mrs Hudson was the ever faithful landlady to Mr Holmes and Dr Watson when they stayed in 221b Baker Street. In *No Place Like Holmes* she remains a distinctive memory when Holmes and Watson are warped to the post millennium but is a prominent character in the spin off Victorian set days "*The Mary Morstan Mysteries*".



Linda-Jean Barry

View “The Mary Morstan Mysteries” episode ‘Wheres, Wheres, Watson’ at:
<http://www.nplh.co.uk/wheres-wheres-watson.html>

Check out the Diogenes Documentary videos at: <http://www.nplh.co.uk/the-diogenes-documentaries-the-original-baker-street-babes.html>

2010-Pres. - Samantha Rea, although not a Holmes or Watson, up and coming actress Samantha Rea has completed a rare Sherlockian triple. After appearing as an extra in the London filming of "Elementary", then portraying the role of Michelle Rivers, Miss Blake's BFF in "Dawn of the Red", in the No Place Like Holmes Sherlock Holmes web video, she was booked, and has now now completed filming in BBC's "Sherlock" S3E3. Way to go Samantha!



Ross K. Foad, Samantha Rea, and Mike Archer



Samantha Rea

See Samantha Rea in the hilarious No Place Like Holmes' "Dawn of the Red" at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsQH2zLBKbc>

2010 - **Migraine Sky** and **Tatiana Druzhinina (Blue Larch)** demonstrate a bit of Sherlock cosplay in the short video they call “Holmes/Watson goes female”.



Migraine Sky and Blue Larch

As they put it, short but sweet - love to see more of these, see it at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA46zFbw7Go>

2010 - **Emmie Atwood**, Emmie and Marco dress as Sherlock Holmes for the “Who Wants to Trade for Some Old Tracks?” episode of the PBS children's television show Fetch! with Ruff Ruffman. “Someone has just stolen Ruff's garden gnome and he's determined to get it back!... Ruff sends Emmie and Marco to the Amherst College Museum of Natural History to analyze the footprints left behind by the perpetrator who stole the garden gnome...”⁶⁷



Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman (2010)

⁶⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Fetch!_with_Ruff_Ruffman_episodes

2010 - Karen Ellery performed as Sherlock Holmes in "The Case of Professor Moriarty and the Diamond Jubilee". Performed by the Red Throated League at the Pavak Museum of Broadcasting Saturday, April 10, 2010.



Karen Ellery

2011 - Natalie Sacket played Sheila Holmes in "Sheila Holmes, Kid Detective: The Case of the Missing iPad". "Most everyone has heard of Sherlock Holmes, but this year Northwestern Oklahoma State University's theatre program unveils Sheila Holmes in 'Sheila Holmes, Kid Detective: The Case of the Missing iPad' in the annual children's production in Herod Hall Auditorium. Sheila Holmes, her friends and trusty dog Waffles are in search of her brother's missing iPad only to find that there are numerous iPads popping up and three possible culprits for the disappearance. The play is written by Northwestern alumna Ashlynn Walker."⁶⁸



Natalie Sacket

⁶⁸ <http://www.nwsu.edu/come-help-sheila-holmes-kid-detective-solve-the-case-of-the-missing-ipad-nov21-23>

2011 - Rebecca Knowles (Ms Shirley Holmes), **Rhian Cheyne** (Joan H Watson), and **Liz Gardner** (the older Joan H Watson SRN, narrator and MC), were Holmes and his two Watsons in "The Perplexing Puzzle of the Pedigree Pet and the Policeman", at various Welsh venues for Welsh Fargo Stage Company. "This is a tale of Holmes and Watson. That is the celebrated contemporary consulting detective Shirley Holmes and her flatmate Joan Watson. The Perplexing Puzzle of the Pedigree Pet & the Policeman is a comedy of dark deeds, dead dogs and drugginess - a highly entertaining mix of spoof, social unrest, stoned silliness and satirical sensationalism. And deliberate overacting. Be prepared to laugh."⁶⁹



Rebecca Knowles, Rhian Cheyne, and Liz Gardner

2011 - Debra Hedley was Dr. Watson and Geoff Simmons played Sherlock Holmes in "Mystery on the Orient Express", for Blenheim Musical Theatre Inc in the Theatre Restaurant, Blenheim, NZ.



Geoff Simmons and Debra Hedley

⁶⁹ <http://www.theatre-wales.co.uk/news/newsdetail.asp?newsID=3954>

2011 - Sarah Jackson played Summer Holmes in Season 1, Episode 2: Strade and Holmes: "Holmes to Rent" for Don't Close Your Eyes Live Radio Theatre. "In a time when the law would not allow women to become detectives, Summer Holmes applies as secretary to Boston's least-successful Private Eye: Gulliver Strade. When his father was murdered by a notorious crime family, Strade quit his promising legal career and hung out his shingle as a detective. Now all he needs is his first client... Coincidentally enough, that very day Amanda Neeley hires them to track down her brother -- who got on a plane to London and vanished before it arrived! It's mystery and humor in a Sherlockian vein as Strade and Holmes work to unravel a twisted plot!"⁷⁰



Sarah Jackson

Listen to Sarah as Summer Holmes at:

<https://player.fm/series/dont-close-your-eyes-live-radio-theatre/strade-and-holmes-holmes-to-rent>

⁷⁰ <https://player.fm/series/dont-close-your-eyes-live-radio-theatre/strade-and-holmes-holmes-to-rent>

2011 - Jennie Milner played "Whitun" the glamorous assistant to Mark Gordon as Young Sherlock Holmes, in "Young Sherlock Holmes and the Case of Dick Whittington's Cat", for Adur Theatre Company.



Jennie Milner

2011, 2013 - Serena Pallacordi was Jane Watson with Raffaele Castria as both Sherlock Holmes and 'Nigel Holmes' and Riccardo Cascadan as 'Sidney Holmes' in "Sherlock Holmes e il Mistero della Mummia" for Teatro Stabile del Giallo.



Serena Pallacordi

Watch trailer at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYJT5UMEz6o>

2011-14 - Bang Jineui, Meungeun Jung, and Youngsook Shin were all Jane Watsons on the South Korean Stage before Lucy Liu was Jane Watson in “Elementary”. Youngsook Shin seems to have been the most successful of the



Bang Jineui, Meungeun Jung, and Youngsook Shin

Jane Watsons but she only joined at Encore stage so the first Watson in South Korea was TWO WOMEN: giving slight precedence to Bang Jineui over Meungeun Jung as Bang was in both versions of the “Sherlock Holmes: Secret of the Anderson Family” musical (2011 - 2014).



Bang Jineui

Meungeun Jung

See clips of “Sherlock Holmes: Secret of the Anderson Family”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzG-zkFbajk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2koAhFA8YM>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xe5_p_x5_zQ

2012 - Jamie Lin performed as Dr. Watson with her husband Erik J. Pratt playing Sherlock Holmes in “No Schick, Sherlock: The Case of the Slashing Razor” as a part of Upstage Productions Inter-active Murder Mysteries Series of plays.



Jamie Lin

2012 - Robin Kang was one of two Holmes performers, and **Cecilia Feng** was Dr. Watson, when “thirty students from Beijing Playhouse Academy of Performing Arts performed Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles. They put the show together in just two weeks. The native Chinese students performed in English in front of an audience of more than 100... This is part of Beijing Playhouse's Broadway English theatre camp program. The three goals of Broadway English are to expose children to all facets of theatre production, to have fun, and to improve spoken English.”⁷¹



Robin Kang and Cecilia Feng

⁷¹ <http://www.broadwayworld.com/article/Photo-Flash-Beijing-Playhouses-SHERLOCK-HOLMES-AND-THE-HOUND-OF-THE-BASKERVILLES-20120730>

2012 - Claudia Jones played Sherlock Holmes, her Dr Watson was Daniel Wood, in "Sherlock Holmes" for New Artists Productions at the Sprague Theater, Bandon OR. "The play, by Tim Kelly, combines mystery, romance, action, danger and laughter. A damsel in distress has letters written by a dead girl that will cause grave international problems. Professor Moriarty wants those letters and so does Sherlock Holmes. The game's afoot! But not before the professor's gang has London in its grip. "The play has been adapted for a young cast and written with excellent character roles for our 22 actors," said Anita Almich, who co-founded New Artists Productions with her husband Dan. The audience will experience life on the streets of London in 1890. There are Londoners, street vendors, political activists and characters up to more than what appears."⁷²

http://theworldlink.com/bandon/entertainment/in-and-around-bandon-nov/article_be62af52-2376-11e2-93d4-001a4bcf887a.html

Fast-forward to February, 2016 and we see Sherlock Holmes proposed to by her Dr. Watson, and she says?:

http://theworldlink.com/bandon/news/love-story-theater-involvement-leads-to-romantic-proposal/article_ada35cfa-a0c6-510d-9c3b-44173b4577c4.html



Claudia Jones

With ACD's permission "You may marry him, murder him, or do anything you like to him." :)

⁷² http://theworldlink.com/bandon/entertainment/in-and-around-bandon-nov/article_be62af52-2376-11e2-93d4-001a4bcf887a.html

2012 - Olivia Kinker plays Sherlock Holmes and **Ashley Pino** plays Dr. Watson in the Northport Public School’s production of “Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Jersey Lily”. Set in London during the early 1890’s, the play follows detective Sherlock Holmes and his assistant Dr. Watson as they attempt to solve a case of blackmail for the beautiful actress Lillie Langtree and the witty English playwright Oscar Wilde.



LEAD ACTRESS Olivia Kinker looks stage right, as play protagonist Sherlock Holmes



DIRECTOR DONNA Wilson with Ashley Pino (ing her hair) sketch before practice Monday. Pino will portray the role of Dr. Watson, 'Sherlock Holmes' loyal assistant.

Olivia Kinker

Ashley Pino

2012 - Leslie Potruch plays Shirley Holmes and **Adriana Tenn** (Michelle Ariadne Perez) is Joanna Watson in "Shirley Holmes and the Mystery of the Great Game" (not to mention Jamie Moriarty, Sabrina Moran and Greta Lestrade!) for writer/director/photographer **Rebecca Kuntz**. “Shirley Holmes and best pal/partner-in-crime Johanna Watson team together in their newest adventure! In order to help Irving Adler by retrieving a compromising photo of his, Shirley and Johanna cross paths with arch-nemesis, Jamie Moriarty! With friendship and reputation at stake, what path will Shirley chose?”⁷³ Another of the many BBC “Sherlock” influenced videos which can be found on Youtube.



Leslie Potruch and Adriana Tenn

⁷³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHb- XN70II>

2012 - **Rose Paxman** played John Watson, to Craig Methven's Sherlock Holmes, in "The Great Christmas Caper", Bedlam Theatre, for the Edinburgh University Theatre Company. "Sherlock Holmes, John Watson, Dame Hudson and friends join forces to defeat the nefarious James Moriarty, as he plots to steal Christmas and take over the world. Guest star: pyros."⁷⁴



Rose Paxman

2012, 2015 - **Shari Prestwood** and **Nicole Schlaudecker** played Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson for the Commedia del Arte of Mobile in "Sherlock Holmes and the Haunted Theatre" (2012) and in "Sherlock Holmes and the Gypsy Curse" (2015).



Shari Prestwood



Nicole Schlaudecker

⁷⁴ <https://www.bedlamtheatre.co.uk/shows/sherlock-panto-and-the-great-christmas-caper>

2012-Pres. - Lucy Liu (1968 -), stars as Dr. Joan Watson, with Jonny Lee Miller as Sherlock Holmes, in the TV series “Elementary” (2012). This series is based on a modern day Holmes being a recovering drug addict. He travels to New York City to check into a rehabilitation center, then lives with Watson, who becomes his sober companion, and eventually his apprentice.



Lucy Liu & Jonny Lee Miller

You can watch episodes of “Elementary”, with Lucy Liu, at:
<http://www.cbs.com/shows/elementary/>

2013 - Lydia King played Dr. Watson, to Alex Cummings Sherlock Holmes, in “The Hound of the Baskervilles” in the Questors Theatre, Ealing, U.K. (2013)



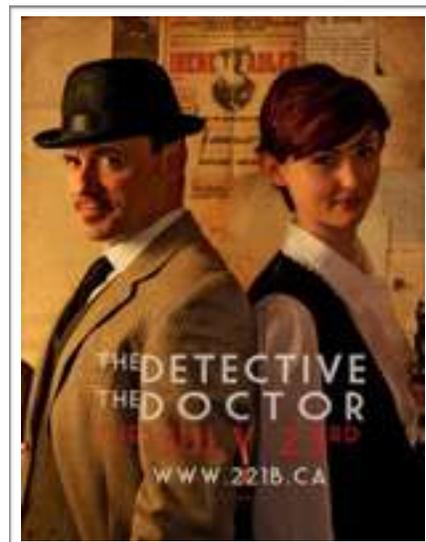
Lydia King

2013 - **Jaspar Mitchell**, plays Sherlock Holmes, with J. P. Beaudoin, as Dr. Watson in "221B - The Web Series" (2013). This web-series is a creation of Carter DeLaat, a recent film student graduate from Humber College. While only being a five episode series, it is still important, as an early part of the new growing craze of Holmes web adaptations,



Jaspar Mitchell

initiated by Ross K. Foad with his 'No Place Like Holmes Players' adaptations: <http://nplh.co.uk/> . In Jaspar's performance there's much promise and she compares well with Ekaterina Vasilyeva's creation. Jaspar Mitchell is quite a fetching Holmes.



Jaspar Mitchell and J. P. Beaudoin

Watch "221B - The Web Series" at:
http://221bwebseries.blogspot.com/p/episodes_22.html

2013 - **Sarah Heard** was Sheerluck Holmes, in the parody “Sheerluck Holmes”, performed at the Calvary Christian Center, near Brisbane, Australia. “Set in Victorian England, this comic murder mystery takes the ingredients of the classic detective stories, and in Gilbert and Sullivan style, adds pirates, the oriental underworld, and a seemingly haunted mansion.”⁷⁵



Sarah Heard

2013 - **Sue Perkins** (1969 -), imitates BBC Sherlock’s Benedict Cumberbatch in the new BBC series “Heading Out”.



Sue Perkins

⁷⁵ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrw4cdbW1OI>

2013 - Hyena Sloth as Sherlock Holmes and **Sam Hawkeye**, as Joan Watson, ask the question, what if Holmes and Watson were both women? They made two short videos to show you their answer.



Hyena Sloth and Sam Hawkeye

Ms Sherlock Holmes - Sherlock Opening...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LI6-c9z1oKg&feature>

Ms Sherlock Holmes - When Sherlock gets bored...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJ5-Xj31A70>

Ms Sherlock Holmes - Christmas Drinkies...

www.youtube.com/watch?v=nujbbtCNYdE

2013 - **Julia Yuzhnaia (Юлия Южная)** as Sherlock Holmes and **Anastasia Poluyan (Анастасия Полуян)** as Dr. Watson in “Шерлок Холмс” (Sherlock Holmes) in a Russian ballet.



Julia Yuzhnaia (Юлия Южная) and Anastasia Poluyan (Анастасия Полуян)

View the Russian Ballet “Sherlock Holmes” at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jDmNas_nsQ

2013 - **Alisa Tumanova** is perhaps the cutest Sherlock Holmes you will ever see. In what appears to be a Russian talent show, Alisa dressed as Holmes, also sings what sounds like a Sherlock Holmes song.



Alisa Tumanova

You can view Alisa on Youtube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6ayVjuLouM>

2013 - **Rebecca Van Tassel** really puts the burlesque into burlesque, as Sherlock Holmes, in her video “Elementary My Dear Watson”. Enough said on this one, viewer beware.



Rebecca Van Tassel

See Van Tassel’s Holmes at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r96-A-Hfpyw>

2013-14 - **Fanny Richert** is a French actress who played Herlock Sholmès in Paris in the play “Arsène Lupin contre Herlock Sholmès”.



Fanny Richert

2013 - Molly Metaphora and **Liru-chan** play Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in “In Hot Pursuit” (По горячим следам). “A short fan film based on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories of Sherlock Holmes and Lolita fashion. Gender swap included. Why not?”⁷⁶
“What if the most famous detective was a woman? What if her companion was a sister of mercy in Afghan war? What if the most dangerous criminal in London was the first female professor in British history? All the answers in our new short film inspired by sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s stories and lolita fashion. Premiere: at Gothic and Lolita festival, Moscow.”⁷⁷



Molly Metaphora



Liru-chan

⁷⁶ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-liy7Qx_C0

⁷⁷ <http://mollymetaphora.tumblr.com/page/4>

2013 - **Sarah Hathaway** plays Jennie Watson, left, and **Leilani Toone** is Shirley Holmes in “The Hound of the Baskervilles.” “In this new version of the story, the estimable Holmes and his able assistant, Dr. John Watson, are nowhere to be found, and their nieces take their places in solving the mystery. Watson’s niece, Jennie, runs the investigation, while Holmes’ niece, Shirley, provides advice and counsel, and of course, wraps up the mystery with a tidy explanation at the end. Jennie and Shirley are chips off the old blocks. While Shirley, played by Leilani Toone, is taciturn and methodical like her famous uncle, Jennie, played by Sarah Hathaway, is nothing like the austere Dr. Watson. Jennie, who also serves as the narrator, is chipper and enthusiastic about everything she does.”⁷⁸



Sarah Hathaway and Leilani Toon

⁷⁸ http://www.theacorn.com/news/2013-11-14/On_the_Town/Mystery_turned_into_comic_thriller.html

2013-14 - Sarah Pelosi played Shirley Holmes in “Horrible Christmas” at Derby Theatre (in conjunction with Birmingham Stage Company). “Horrible Christmas” is a magical and wondrous story featuring time travel, a villainous Santa character, a little boy called Watson and Shirley Holmes the detective. Bad Sidney Claus hates Christmas and delights in stealing children's presents aided and abetted by a prancing and silly Rudolf the reindeer. Enter Shirley Holmes time traveling detective with her time traveling tricycle and off they go back in time to visit the Tudor court of Henry the Eighth and his new wife Katherine, the fun canceling world of Oliver Cromwell, the song and camper of Charles II and to London in 1843 to help Charles Dickens out of his writer's block and create a timeless ghost story about a man called Scrooge. Will Holmes and Watson stop Sidney Claus and Rudolph from ruining hundreds of years of Christmas celebrations and festive joy? Sarah Pelosi plays Holmes with great panache and energy and much fun is had as the tricycle flies across the back of the stage in hot pursuit of the dastardly Sidney and Rudolf on their own time traveling contraption.⁷⁹



Sarah Pelosi

We might not know the actor's names for these next two school productions, but isn't it a wonderful thing that young girls today are given the opportunities to perform in lead Sherlockian roles.

⁷⁹ <http://philloweactor.blogspot.co.uk/2013/12/horrible-christmas-by-terry-deary-at.html>

2013 -Friends School of Minnesota -“The 7/8 Drama Club performed their play, “The Secret Case of Sherlock Holmes” by Craig Sodaro. This large cast of seventeen students had been rehearsing twice a week after school since the end of February. It was wonderful to see their hard work and talent come together in a day performance for the whole school and an evening performance for the community on Friday, April 26, 2013. The play was both a comedy and a mystery rolled into one. A brief plot summary: The play begins in the 1886 English laboratory of H.G. Wells (science fiction author of The Time Machine) where Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson are hired to look for a manuscript leant to Wells by Arthur Conan Doyle (author of the Sherlock Holmes stories). Holmes and Watson accidentally get transported into the future, present day England, by Wells’ time machine. They end up in a mental institution for people suffering from grandiose delusions and meet all sorts of interesting characters, including Queen Victoria, George Washington, two Marilyn Monroes, Count Dracula, Carrie Nation, and Emily Dickinson. A murder happens, which Holmes and Watson must then solve, and then figure out how to get back to the past.”⁸⁰



Sherlock Holmes – Paige



Dr. John Watson – Abby

⁸⁰ Blog by Rebecca Slaby

2013 - ST. Mark's Girls Senior Secondary School, Meera Bagh, New Delhi, performed Sherlock Holmes Play Enactments. "The students of Class V performed famous Sherlock Holmes detective plays written and created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The character of Sherlock Holmes was famous for its astute logical reasoning, ability to perform almost any disguise and his use of forensic science skills to solve difficult cases. It was quite involving and thrilling as one after another the mysteries unfolded and got solved with the criminals always getting their due. The students enjoyed playing the different characters and it proved to be a fulfilling learning experience. The plays were - The Adventures of the Speckled Band, The Adventures of the Blue Carbuncle, Silver Blaze, The Adventures of the Cardboard Box and The Adventures of the Red Headed League. The Adventures of the Speckled Band was adjudged the best play."⁸¹



ST. Mark's Girls Senior Secondary School

We'll probably never know their names, but these just received lovely stills from an all-girls school in India only add to large number of female Holmes performers presented in this essay. Presenting these kind of numbers of female performers makes any suggestion a female Holmes is some kind of a novelty look stupid.

⁸¹ http://www.saintmarksschool.com/girls_school/beyond_curriculum/theatre_back.html

2014 - Li Yiyi (李依伊), Imagine your girlfriend is Sherlock Holmes. How can you surprise her? Watson and Lady Sherlock Holmes fall in love ... in a New Balance Chinese Advertisement (2014). Watson is played by Zhang Xiaohan (张骁晗) and Sherlock is played by Li Yiyi (李依伊)



Li Yiyi (李依伊) - Sherlock Holmes



Zhang Xiaohan and Li Yiyi

You can watch this really cute new Balance Ad at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYjuqg-CwFg>

2014 - **Shelby Kirby**, plays a female Sherlock Holmes, with Ronald Chavis, as Dr. Watson, in Loyola University's 'Hound of the Baskervilles' production, in Marquette Theatre uptown. (2014). “The biggest surprise of the night, however, came not from the plot, but from an unexpected source: the lead actor—or rather actress. Sherlock Holmes was a female. Adapted from the original by Tim Kelly and directed by Janet Shea, this particular version of "Hound of the Baskervilles" has generated buzz because of its non-traditional casting. While in the process of casting the play, director Janet Shea ran into a conundrum that many involved in college and high school theatre productions face—there were simply not enough men available to fill the story’s male roles.... A diminutive, blonde pixie of a girl re-entered the room,” writes Shea. She goes on to say that “[Kirby’s] courage was remarkable. She had paired herself with a tall, handsome African-American male as Watson. The more they read, the more I thought “yes” — and there it was.”... Kirby got the part, and Shea decided to re-write Sherlock’s character as a female role. Both Kirby and Shea agreed that the theatre industry currently lacks enough real diversity, but the situation is improving. “People are getting more and more accepting,” Shea said.”⁸²



Ronald Chavis, Shelby Kirby, Logan Faust and Kelsey Wartelle

⁸² http://blog.nola.com/new_orleans/2014/03/loyola_universitys_sherlock_ho.html

2014 - **Park Bom** in “Roommate” a South Korean reality show appeared in an episode as Sherlock Boms. Park Bom (born March 24, 1984), better known by the mononym Bom, is a South Korean singer. She is best known as a member of the South Korean girl group [2NE1](#) until the group announced their disbandment on November 25, 2016.



Sherlock Boms



Park Bom

2014 - **Pauley Perrette** (1969 -), who plays the offbeat forensic scientist Abby Scuito, on the CBS's top rated show "NCIS", wears an unusual deerstalker, and uttered the lines "Elementary, my dear Gibbs" to Mark Harmon, agent Jethro Gibbs, in a 2014 episode of "NCIS". Pauley stated later, she didn't know it was called a 'deer stalker'.



Pauley Perrette

2014 - **Lyudmila Polyanskaya** dressed to the nines as a female Sherlock Holmes in a musical stage play "Tarzan Love Story". Yes I said, "Tarzan Love Story"! The Russian people love Sherlock Holmes so much they included him in a Tarzan musical, which was performed July 25, 2014, at the schools of Muscovites Chikhacheva.



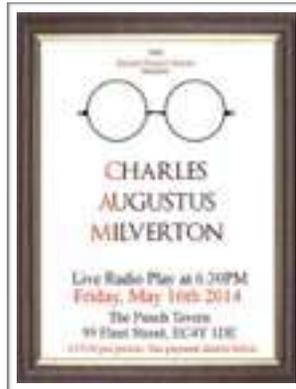
Lyudmila Polyanskaya

2014 - **Rachel Rouge** played a burlesque version of Sherlock Holmes in “A Study in Pink” in Wellington, New Zealand. “A Study in Pink” is described as, “an evening of erudite escapades, as Sherlock Holmes, with her trusty (and sultry) sidekick Watson, explores London's seedy underbelly of Victorian London, in search of a cunning killer.”⁸³



Rachel Rouge

2014 - **Katherine Ryan** and **Lisa Burscheidt** of the Baker Street Babes voiced the parts of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in a live radio play performance of “Charles Augustus Milverton” for The Sherlock Holmes Society of London.

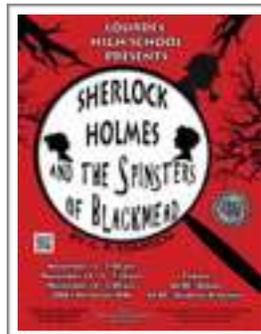


Katherine Ryan

Lisa Burscheidt

⁸³ gdpproductions-nz.herokuapp.com/shows/7

2014 - Amrita Bhagia, played Sherlock Holmes in the stage production “Sherlock Holmes and the Spinsters of Blackmead”. “Someone is murdering the women of Blackmead Manor, and the fiercely independent female academic community is reluctant to ask for help from outsiders. When Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are drawn into the case, they find their reception as sticky as the mystery they must solve. A servant is found dead, a member of the Blackmead community is missing, and the great detective uncovers links to his arch enemy, Professor Moriarty. Is this merely another interesting case or a fatal trap for Holmes himself?”⁸⁴ This play was a presentation of the Fine Arts Department of Lourdes High School of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



Amrita Bhagia

2014 - Megan Whitney played Dr. Watson and Erin Sharp (male) played Sherlock Holmes in “The Hound of the Baskervilles”, for the Harrisburg Area Theatre at Harrisburg Performing Arts Center, Harrisburg, S.D.



Megan Whitney

⁸⁴ <https://www.hitplays.com/default.aspx?pg=sd&st=SHERLOCK+HOLMES+AND+THE+SPINSTERS+OF+BLACKMEAD>

2014 - Amanda Watson and **Bree Vreedenburgh** performed as Holmes and Watson in “The Hound of the Baskervilles”. It took place in Belmont (a suburb of Perth), Australia. This was the Steve Canny and John Nicholson adaptation of Hound, so an all female cast of three performed all the parts.



Amanda Watson and Bree Vreedenburgh

2014 - Grace Romania in “Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars” plays the lead role of Wiggins, who takes over the Holmes role from an ill Sherlock, in this stage offering. Sherlock Holmes has inexplicably fallen seriously ill and cannot solve the case while investigating the murder of Crispin, the sword swallower, at the Wainwright Circus. Fortunately, the Baker Street Irregulars — a group of street children who assist Holmes on occasion — take it upon themselves to find the murderer, save Holmes and prove the adults wrong.



Grace Romania

2014 - Present - Shannen Michaelson and **Sara-Renee Weatherby** play Sherlock Holmes and Jamie Watson the web series “The Adventures of Jamie Watson (and Sherlock Holmes)”. “The Adventures of Jamie Watson”, also known as TAJWASH, is a web series based on the Sherlock Holmes stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, produced by Remarkable, Singular, Curious Productions. Season one aired from August 10, 2014 to May 22, 2015. Season two officially began airing on September 12, 2015. The series follows Jamie Watson and her roommate Sherlock Holmes. Jamie makes videos for her sister, Hannah, to let her know that she's doing okay. Jamie begins helping Sherlock solve cases in their town that range from theft to murder.”⁸⁵



Shannen Michaelson



Sara-Renee Weatherby

2014 - Ecem Simay Kilic portray Dr. Watson, with David Goodman as Sherlock Holmes in “Sherlock B. Holmes: Tea Time”, made by students at Carnegie Vanguard High School in Houston Tx., as once again we find a parody of the BBC “Sherlock” on Youtube. A video self-described as, “A modern adaption of Julius Caesar to the popular BBC series Sherlock using iambic pentameter.”⁸⁶



Ecem Simay Kilic

⁸⁵ [http://web-series.wikia.com/wiki/The Adventures of Jamie Watson \(and Sherlock Holmes\)](http://web-series.wikia.com/wiki/The_Adventures_of_Jamie_Watson_(and_Sherlock_Holmes))

⁸⁶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZtopMir9Dw>

2014 - Mount Alverina High School presented an all female cast in their production “Sherlock Holmes”.



Hannah Madeya

2014 - Candace Clift played Sherlock Holmes in “Sherlock Holmes and The Case of Hamlet or Yorick Kidding Me!”, for Advice To The Players in Sandwich, NH. “Will Sherlock's keen powers of observation and deduction be enough to unravel the tangled web of murder and intrigue in the tumultuous Danish Royal Court? Kicking the summer off was a supreme acting challenge - playing the world's only consulting detective in “Sherlock Holmes and The Case of Hamlet or Yorick Kidding Me!” Of the many exciting discoveries Candace made in the course of this campy production, the most surprising to her was that she actually looks like David Niven.”⁸⁷



Candace Clift

⁸⁷ <http://www.candaceclift.com/news-and-reviews/category/all/2>

2014 - Kathryn Burnett played Sheerluck Jones in "Dracula - the Vampire Strikes Back", for Vane Tempest Theatre Group at Seaham School of Technology, Seaham, Co Durham, U.K.



Kathryn Burnett

2014 - Stephanie Draude played Dr. Watson, with Rich Wordes as Sherlock Holmes in "A Sherlock Holmes Halloween", for Pacific Symphony at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts, in Costa Mesa, CA. "With the help of everyone's favorite detective, Pacific Symphony invites children and families to help solve the mystery of a haunted violin during this morning of music, laughter and clue-finding fun—"A Sherlock Holmes Halloween." This first concert of the 2014-15 Family Musical Mornings series presented by Farmers and Merchants Bank is a campy, comedic turn from the traditional Halloween fare, and is appropriate for all ages, especially those ages 5-11."⁸⁸



Stephanie Draude

⁸⁸ https://www.pacificsymphony.org/about_us/press_room/press_releases/2014-15/Sherlock-Holmes-14

2014 - “Whitlock’, episode one, ‘A Study in Starlet’ is a modern-day web series adaptation of Sherlock Holmes that follows **Lauren Tess**, as cantankerous consulting detective Sophie Whitlock, and **Mary Guilliams**, her New-Age assistant Fawn Watkins, as they solve crimes in sunny, sordid L.A.”⁸⁹



Lauren Tess



Mary Guilliams

Watch at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NeMGhufi2k&list=PLJBgAsNqQyZd6V13pn4l72rBkypOcxCD&index=1&t=74s>

⁸⁹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NeMGhufi2k&list=PLJBgAsNqQyZd6V13pn4l72rBkypOcxCD&index=1&t=74s>

2014 - **Maria Kvasnevska** danced the part of Sherlock Holmes in "A Game of Children" dance performance at "IV Festival of Modern Choreography "Poetry in Motion"". June 28th, 2014, Odessa, Ukraine.⁹⁰



Maria Kvasnevska

Watch Sherlock Holmes "A Game of Children" at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CneOogCgUZs>

2014 - **Maeve Moriarty** and Caleb Seaver played Sherlock Holmes and **Nora Canaday** and **Hannah Wolfe** played Doctor John Watson in "The Death and Life of Sherlock Holmes" for Barnstable High School, at the BHS Knight Theatre, Hyannis, Mass.



Maeve Moriarty, Nora Canaday, Hannah Wolfe

⁹⁰ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CneOogCgUZs>

2014 - **Nellie Rip** played fem-Sherlock and **Nellie Schwarz** fem-John in "221 Bravo Baker".



Nellie Rip and Nellie Schwarz

Watch "221 Bravo Baker" trailer at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXSdw0JrDsc>

2014-15 - **Catherine Chandon**, in the French play "Le Dog des Baskerville", played Imogene Mc Fly (Sherlock Holmes assistant since there was no Dr. Watson), Stapleton Juarez, and Clarabelle Barrymore. In the absence of Dr. Watson, the famous detective Sherlock Holmes and his new assistant, Imogen Mc Fly, engaged in a dangerous investigation that led them from 221B Baker Street, to the misty moors of Scotland. Jean-Jacques Dorier played Sherlock Holmes.



Catherine Chandon

2014-15 - Erica Poole played Shirley Holmes in "Horrible Christmas" for Birmingham Stage Company at The Old Rep, Birmingham. "Let's face it, there are plenty of Yuletide-themed baddies he could feature. But when dear old Santa turned out to be a nasty, conniving, present-stealing rotter, now that's taking 'horrible' to a whole new level. But what a fabulous panto villain he turns out to be, goading the young audience with his bad intentions, primarily to go back in time and ban Christmas forever. Our heroes set out to stop him, visiting the Victorians, Tudors, Stuarts and, memorably the party-pooing Puritans. There is also an interlude in Turkey, believed to be the home of St Nicholas, and Bethlehem, where it all started."⁹¹



Erica Poole

2014-15 - Amanda Madison played Sherlock Holmes in Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Blue Carbuncle at the Brass Works Theatre in Warmley, Bristol, U.K.



Amanda Madison

⁹¹ <http://nativemonster.com/film-and-theatre/theatre/review-horrible-christmas-old-rep-theatre-birmingham>

**Brass Works Theatre Has New Year
Sherlock Holmes Treat For Theatre Fans**

Yes, Sherlock's back! This Sherlock Holmes, ably reprised by Amanda Madison, loves to dress up and sing in the music halls of London and the enthusiastic audience at the first night were soon singing too to accompany the lovely voice of Amanda/ Sherlock!

This intriguing Arthur Conan Doyle adventure has been adapted by Bruce Fellows and is directed by Brass Works Theatre Director and founder Adrian Harris. The Blue Carbuncle is a fabulously valuable jewel and the plot involves a stolen battered hat, a Christmas goose and even the possibility of a blackmail threat that could bring down the Royal family. The story moves along at a cracking pace and the wonderful cast of four bring their characters to life in a way only live theatre can. Gemma Reynolds brought great comic timing and a wonderful accent to her main role as the Countess of Morcar, whose slightly less than perfect command of the English language had hilarious results. David Cole (Doctor Watson) and Samuel Griffiths (Peterson/plus many others) were both excellent and there is much humour along the way. Credit is due to the technical team behind the staging, lighting and sound. Transported from the Music Hall to a foggy London dockside in the blink of an eye, this is the magic of live theatre at its best.

Brass Works Theatre is South Gloucestershire's only professional theatre and was founded to bring high quality theatre arts to the area. Housed in the upper floor of the historic Kingswood Heritage Museum at Warmley, the space has been improved over the last couple of years with new dressing rooms for the cast. With seating on 3 sides of the stage, everyone is close to the actors and action. There is a stair lift to the theatre if required. I should also mention the help provided by the team of volunteers, which includes a pre-theatre and interval bar with cold and hot drinks. Tim Massey who looks after the website and box office ensures it is easy to book seats online too at

www.brassworkstheatre.com/book-now

There's already been a high demand for tickets so please book soon as word is sure to spread!

Angie

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**Theatre Press release for Amanda Madison as Sherlock Holmes in
“Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle”**

2014-16 - Amanda O'Halloran is Miss Sherlock Holmes and **Liz Bragg** is Dr. Jane Watson in the play "Bitch of the Baskervilles". "In this madcap adventure by award-winning Toronto playwright S.R. Kriger, Holmes sends Watson to take on the giant bitch that has already killed one Baskerville and seems to be stalking the second. Full of incriminating clues, and improbable mires, moors, Napoleons, one-liners, snakes, dizzying scene swapping and women playing major roles (gasp!), the show is impossible to resist. And of course, there are corsets..."⁹²



Amanda O'Halloran and Liz Bragg

2015 - Sarah Walker played Dr Watson, with Neal Skelton as Sherlock Holmes in "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Missing Pantomime", for Felton & Thirston Panto Society, at the Felton Village Hall, Northumberland. I can find no production photos. This photo is from the 2012-13 production of "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Missing Pantomime" in Eaton Bray.



Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Missing Pantomime

⁹² <http://www.socratictheatre.com/index.php/bitch-of-the-baskervilles/>

2015 - **Anastasia Weiss** plays Sherlock Holmes in "Mind Palace" for Magical Madness Dance Theater in Black Raven's film.



Anastasia Weiss

Watch "Mind Palace" at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9SBsBeJj7c>

2015 - **Eloise Birch** played Sherlock Holmes, as well as Tappin Crackerjack, Police Captain, and an Ensemble role, in "Redhead", for the London School of Musical Theatre, at the Bridewell Theatre, London. "For this production, **Hannah Chissick** does a great job as director, masterfully transporting us to a Victorian waxworks where grotesque, contorted life-size wax models become real characters: real ladies of the night, police inspectors, old aunts, theatre performers, tappers, and Victorian ladies and gents."⁹³



Eloise Birch

⁹³ <http://musicaltheatrereview.com/london-school-of-musical-theatre-redhead/>

2015 - Olivia McClung played Dr. Watson, with Cameron Walker as Sherlock Holmes, at the North Beach Boys and Girls Club, when the Twin Beach Players presented their newest play “Sherlock Holmes and the Most Amazing Case”. “Olivia McClung who played the role of ‘Dr. John Watson’ is excited to be in her fifth show with the Twin Beach Players. Oliva said, ‘To play the partner of Sherlock was awesome and an honor. I learned a lot from this experience, and I’ve made so many new friends!’ Olivia charmed the audience all throughout the play and also had a wonderful performance.”⁹⁴



Olivia McClung

2015 - Elise Heaven played Sherlock Holmes, Barrymore, Cecile, The hound, Stapelton, and yokel 3, in “The Hound of The Baskervilles” at The Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham (2015).



Elise Heaven

⁹⁴ <https://www.calvertbeacon.com/sherlock-holmes-presented-by-twp/>

2015 - Jessica Lisette and Jeanette Lisette, Jessica is a singer from Nevada who came up with a fun song, titled “Elementary Song”, that features a great deal of Sherlock imagery in the lyrics and video. “In the photo on the right below, Jessica Lisette (right) wears a deerstalker cap like you-know-who while her sister, Jeanette (left) goes all Watson.”⁹⁵



Jessica Lisette and Jeanette Lisette

2015 - Erin Simmons, rotates as one of the five Sherlock Holmes performers in a seven actor improv group whose motto is no script, just let it rip. “Adventures of the Improvised Sherlock Holmes” is the play and group title, and you can find them at Fringe Festivals through the U.K.



Erin Simmons

⁹⁵ <https://sherlockconversations.wordpress.com/2015/11/03/jessica-lisettes-elementary-song/>

2015 - **Hannah Drew** plays Sherlock Holmes and **Karen Slater** plays Jane Watson in web series revolving around Jane Watson, and her challenging roommate Sherlock Holmes (It's a girl's name!) It is called "Baker Street: The Web Series" Filmed in Toronto, Canada, you can watch the three part series on Youtube.



Hannah Drew and Karen Slater

Part 1 "Jane Watson is stuck. She's dropped out of med school to come back to a city she has no idea how to navigate. She's broke, alone, and totally screwed. Plus, her new roommate might be insane." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wojZx2HaHE&list=PL6m8pknf2xi8pEsrUqPSgIY2b7QWeGXwa>

Part 2 "It's been a couple months, and the novelty of a new roommate is wearing thin. Sherlock's smart. Sherlock's great. Sherlock's a petty crook, and Sherlock NEVER SLEEPS. And Jane's attention has wandered..." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rq3FLM-W-Ig&list=PL6m8pknf2xi8pEsrUqPSgIY2b7QWeGXwa&index=2>

Part 3 "Something's missing. Something was stolen. Again. Sherlock wants it back, Jane doesn't want to know, and someone else wants them both out of the picture." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eBMLWapTB0&list=PL6m8pknf2xi8pEsrUqPSgIY2b7QWeGXwa&index=3>

2015 - **Karissa Ketter**, a star in the making at age 13, played Dr. Watson in "Sherlock Holmes' Christmas Goose", with Gavin LeClaire as Sherlock Holmes for Forte Theatre Society at Brookfield Hall, Burnaby Village Museum.



Karissa Ketter

2015 - Ryleigh Braun fills big gumshoes as Sherlock Holmes in ballet slippers, in the Crawfordville Academy of Dance’s “Scooby Doo & The Case of the Missing Hotdogs”. Wonder if that is one of the cases from Watson’s tin box?

Scooby Doo and his gang step out in style to solve the case of the missing hotdogs as Crawfordville Academy of Dance presents its annual end-of-the-year concert Friday and Saturday at Crawfordville High School. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. both nights.

Act One will be a ballet full of mystery and mayhem as Sherlock Holmes (Ryleigh Braun) and her sidekick Watson (Micaiah Bowman) seek the help of Scooby Doo (Riley Whittle) and his gang: Shaggy (Chloe Hemmerlein), Fred (Jessealyn Simpkins), Daphne (Maggie Michael) and Velma (Kyle Bradford) to solve the crime. Will it be Professor Moriarty (Larrie Rogers), Colonel Mustard (Samantha Krowling), Professor Plum (Hannah Smaltz), Miss Peacock (Haley Burke), Dr. Green (Chayenne Pittman), Miss Scarlet (Jordan Grossman) or Mrs. White (Aaliyah Stancher) who gets caught red-handed?

Act Two is a throwback to the music of the 1960s and will feature modern dance, jazz and tap. In addition, the Company and Junior Company dancers will showcase their original choreography and senior Hannah Bowman will perform her "senior finale."

Crawfordville Academy of Dance has been growing dancers since 1996 and focuses on classical ballet, modern dance, jazz, tap and choreography training.

Additional dancers in the Sherlock Holmes, Clue, and Scooby Doo ballet include the Maids: Ayden Braun, Josie Harshbarger, Paige Johnson, Blair Nichols, Abby Sawyer and Hope Taylor; the Clue Cards: Helen Daron, Melanie Dewitt, Missa Horton, Brooklyn Kerns, Bailey Nichols and Jovie Simpkins; the Queen of Ghosts, Hannah Bowman; the ghosts: Tasia Oarin, Elizabeth Dodd, Julia Harshbarger, Kazziah Hayes, Lily McDorman, Faith Pittman, Hannah Sheets, Abby Smaltz, Harmony Taylor and Justice Trouman; the police: Rebecca Allen, Blake Braun, Belle Hines, Layla Moschinger and Lily White; and guests, Stefania Case and Katie Mathison.



Photo courtesy of Blake Crawford
 Pictured are, front row: Chloe Hemmerlein, Riley Whittle; back row: Hannah Smaltz, Larrie Rogers, Hannah Bowman, Micaiah Bowman, Ryleigh Braun, and Ryleigh Braun.

Ryleigh Braun

2015 - Macy Ostrom my personal favorite Watson, was spotted at 221B Con in Atlanta wearing Jackie Chan’s original Dr. Watson outfit from the movie “Shanghai Knights”. You also might have spotted her in a cameo in the Ross K. Foad web-series the “Mary Morstan Mysteries”. I have no idea who that old codger playing Sherlock Holmes is with her.



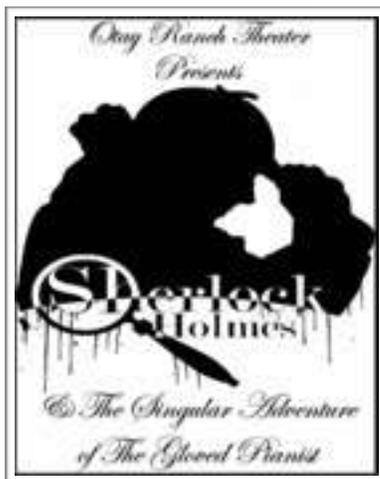
Macy Ostrom

2015 - **Silvana Montoya** and **Jess Hilliard**, as Cherlock Holmes and Dr. Gwatson, brought a South American flavor to the production “El Hound de los Baskervilles” at the Brighton Fringe.



Silvana Montoya and Jess Hilliard

2015 - **Mya Rodriguez** played Sherlock Holmes in the Otay Ranch High Theatre production of “The Singular Adventure of the Gloved Pianist”.



Mya Rodriguez

2015 - **Gia Mora** and **Alana Jordan** as Sheridan Hume and Johnny Watts, are modern day woman Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in the web-series “Herlock”. “ ‘Herlock’ is a light-hearted mystery-drama web series featuring two extraordinary young women who combine their talents to fight for justice in an unjust world. ⁹⁶ The stories draw inspiration from the "Sherlock Holmes" characters and situations created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. For example, the pilot episode has elements of the story "Silver Blaze," and is called "Silver Blade." So it's that kind of thing.”



Gia Mora



Alana Jordan

2015 - **Loren O’Dair** is an American actress who played Sherlock Holmes in the play “The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes”, an American play written and directed by **Desiree Sanchez**, performed by the Aquila Theatre company.



Loren O’Dair

⁹⁶ <http://herlock.us>

2015 - Jasmine Atkins-Smart, Holmes and Watson (Thomas Parker) in “The Accidental Adventures of Sherlock Holmes” haven’t had a case for a very long time. “Holmes is bored and experimenting with LSD on Mrs Hudson while Watson is worried that he won’t be able to pay the rent without a new adventure to write about. Then Isabella Lime arrives - a new client with a new case. When Holmes accidentally kills her, he starts making up an outlandish murder plot to avoid arrest. Except, naturally, all is not as it seems. To say anything more would be to give too much away but, as is to be expected, there’s a lot of preposterous clue solving and an ever-growing master plan behind the scenes, linking everything together.”⁹⁷ Casting Call Pro also list her playing Sherlock Holmes in “Hound of the Baskerville” in (2013) at Brasshouse Theatre.⁹⁸



Jasmine Atkins-Smart

2015 - Charlotte Merry played Sherlock Holmes, for Bablake School a leading Independent co-educational school in Coventry, in their production of “The Final Problem: The Reichenbach Falls” .



Charlotte Merry

⁹⁷ <http://www.broadwaybaby.com/shows/the-accidental-adventures-of-sherlock-holmes/705936>

⁹⁸ <http://www.castingcallpro.com/uk/actor/profile/jasmine-atkins-smart>

2015 - Christine Riippi is Sherlock Holmes and **Amalia Larson** is J. Watson in “The Modern Adventures of Sherlock Holmes”, an improvised play that puts an audience member’s mystery in the hands of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s famous detective. Inspired by recent re-imaginings like the BBC’s Sherlock and CBS’ Elementary, The Modern Adventures of Sherlock Holmes will create a new story at every performance based on a seemingly uncomplicated mystery suggested by the audience. Every story will unfold live and without a script as Holmes and Watson navigate the seedy underbelly of modern-day London in search of answers.



Christine Riippi and Amalia Larson

2015 -Eva McQuade plays Sherlock Holmes in a fresh re-telling of Doyle’s beloved novel developed by the British comedy trio Peepolykus in 2007.”When Sir Charles Baskerville is found dead on his estate with a look of terror still etched on his face and the paw prints of a gigantic hound beside his body, the great detective Sherlock Holmes is summoned from Baker Street with Dr Watson in tow to unravel the mysteries surrounding his death and investigate the ancient curse of the Hound of the Baskervilles. In this hilarious, new adaptation for three actors, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s classic mystery has been supercharged with playfulness and wit reminiscent of Monty Python and The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged).”⁹⁹



Eva McQuade

⁹⁹ <https://ctxlivetheatre.com/productions/the-hound-of-the-baskervilles-by-penfold-theatr/>

2015 - **Fiona Goodman** performed as Sherlock Holmes for the New England Youth Theatre presentation of “Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Speckled Band.”¹⁰⁰



Fiona Goodman

2015 - **Sophia Dickey** played Sherlock Holmes in “The Wild West Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The Case of the Silent Harmonica”, an entry in a Carson City Film Contest. The required elements for each film were the use of footsteps as a sound effect, a harmonica as a prop, and the line "Give me one good reason why I should wear a dress." Each team had one week to write, film, and edit their movie. This movie was 1st place winner for the "Under 16 years old" category.



Sophia Dickey

View “The Wild West Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The Case of the Silent Harmonica” at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9hxXsvxFw8>

¹⁰⁰ http://www.dvalnews.com/pages/full_story/push?article-The+unstoppable+Sherlock+Holmes+is+back+%20&id=26449253

2015 - Olivia Petty and **Kaylee Kim** both played Sherlock Holmes in Alameda High School Little Theater, Alameda, California's alternative versions of "Sherlock Holmes (and the mystery of the missing mystery)". Olivia Petty's version was titled "The Sherlock Holmes!", while Kaylee Kim's version was titled "The Magnificent Moriartys!". "Sherlock Holmes, the greatest detective in London, has been active for ten years. In that time, he's put away most of London's underworld, and he's become a celebrity at the same time due to the popular novels written by his friend Dr. John Watson. But success has its problems, and now Sherlock is bored. Furthermore, the public is losing interest without a worthwhile villain for the great detective. Can Sherlock and his friends find a worthwhile mystery on which to expend their energies? And is that actually a good idea . . .? Written by our very own Tyler Null and featuring a cast of amazing talented youths, this brand new musical comedy is great fun for all ages, and plays for Free (Donation Only) at the Alameda High School Little Theater (Corner of Central & Walnut). Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Missing Mystery has 2 different casts."¹⁰¹



Olivia Petty



Kaylee Kim

¹⁰¹ <https://www.facebook.com/events/607934612642693/>

2015 - Alex Wiseman, and yes Alex is a female, played Sherlock Holmes in “The Improvised Adventures of Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson” at the ‘Under The Gun Theater’, in Chicago, Il. To start the improvisational show, “a host requests a location, a crime, a person and a timeframe (past or present) while Sherlock (in this case Alex Wiseman) is out of the room. Once Sherlock is loosed upon the stage, Watson (Matt Fox) and the rest of the cast provide clues to help lead Sherlock to the solution. It’s a lighthearted and surprisingly rollicking setup, and the comic sexual tension Wiseman and Fox imbued their relationship with added a welcome layer, but some side stories distracted more than they added.”¹⁰²



Alex Wiseman

2015 - Kayla Evans, was Dr. Watson, with Jarrett LaBonne, as Sherlock Holmes, in the Runnels School, Baton Rouge, La., production of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s 'The Adventure of the Speckled Band.' “In the production, Holmes, played by junior Jarrett LaBonne, and Dr. Watson, portrayed by freshman Kayla Evans, meet Helen Stoner, a new client who fears for her life. To save Stoner, Holmes must use his skills to unravel a mystery that involves India, a band of gypsies, a whistling noise in the night, a sinister doctor and an 8-year-old will.”¹⁰³



Kayla Evans

¹⁰² <https://www.newcitystage.com/2015/08/14/review-a-night-of-whodunnitunder-the-gun-theater/>

¹⁰³ http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/article_40548ad3-5791-5428-a51f-1e996498d668.html

2015 - Maki Ichiro played Dr. Watson, with Hashimoto Satoshi as Sherlock Holmes, in "Sherlock Holmes 2 - Bloody Game" at the Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre, Japan. "Sherlock Holmes 2 - Bloody Game" was the Japanese version, of version 2 the hit 2011 Korean musical "Sherlock Holmes: Secret of the Anderson Family", S. Korea's 2013/14 production, also titled "Sherlock Holmes 2: A Bloody Game". As one might guess from the title, the plot revolves around a Sherlock Holmes, Jack the Ripper confrontation.



Maki Ichiro

2015-16 Nicola Dove is one of the three Sherlock Holmes performers in "Spontaneous Sherlock". "Spontaneous Sherlock is an entirely improvised Sherlock Holmes comedy play, based on an audience suggestion of a title. Performed by three of Scotland's most critically-acclaimed comedy improvisers, with live Victorian musical accompaniment."¹⁰⁴



Nicola Dove

¹⁰⁴ <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2516995>

2015-16 Helen Davis and **Lisa Bunker** play Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Johanna Watson in “S-her-lock: The Web Series,” which is a feminist, LGBTQIA positive, independent television series based on the characters and stories created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Set in 1995, we see Sherlock Holmes become an asexual British woman who dwells in New England after a bad spell. Alongside Sherlock is of course her friend and colleague of four years, Dr. Johanna Watson, a transwoman and former army doctor. Residing in Portland, Me., Holmes and Watson are firmly under the thumb of their landlord, Mr Hudson, who is a local drag queen.”¹⁰⁵

Season one “S-her-lock” episodes are¹⁰⁶:

S1 Ep.1 “The Adventure of Mo Money Mo Problems”

Dr. Watson's old friend seeks out advice concerning her cranky landlord.

S1 Ep.2 “The Adventure of the Devil's Dance”

A Forced Family Fun Retreat is interrupted by a murder.

S1 Ep.3 “The Adventure of Charlotte Agnes Milverton”

Holmes is persuaded to take on New England's most prolific blackmailer.

S1 Ep.4 “The Adventure of the Dreamlover”

Dr. Watson's online friend appeals to Holmes for help in order to find her missing lover.



Helen Davis and Lisa Bunker

¹⁰⁵ <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/s-her-lock-the-web-series#/story>

¹⁰⁶ http://www.imdb.com/title/tt4959996/episodes?season=1&ref =tt_eps_sn_1

2015 - The UMS-Wright Middle School Drama Club of Mobile, AL., presents a play, The Hound of the Baskervilles: A Comic Thriller Starring Shirley Holmes and Jennie Watson.



UMS-Wright Middle School Drama Club

2016 - **Sonia Bronder** played Dr. Watson in Prince William Little Theatre’s “Sherlock Holmes and the West End Horror,” and for good measure (a first?) **Leslie Barnett** played Inspector Lestrade, and **AnuRa Harrison** was Constable Stanley Hopkins.



Leslie Barnett



Sonia Bronder



AnuRa Harrison

2016 -Elexi Walker plays Dr Watson with David Leonard as Sherlock Holmes in “The Hound Of The Baskervilles”, for the world-renowned Victorian Travelling Theatre at the York Theatre Royal. “What's more, we are in the age of gender-fluid casting, as we were for Brideshead Revisited this spring, where the tall woman with the moustache, long hair and full-length dress is Dr John Watson, I presume? You presume correctly, and Dr Watson is still referred to as "he" at all times despite being played by the splendid Elexi Walker. Elementary? Well, yes, once you become accustomed to his/her ways, athleticism and light operatic singing and the way he/she becomes the junior, almost novice, partner in the relationship with Leonard's immaculate, dapper Sherlock.”¹⁰⁷



Elexi Walker

2016 - Dawn Krosnowski played Sherlock Holmes in "And To Think That I Saw It At 221B Baker's Street", for Rooftop Theatre Company, at Southern Theater, as part of Minnesota Fringe.



Dawn Krosnowski

¹⁰⁷ http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/leisure/theatre/14663468.Review_Sherlock_Holmes_The_Hound_Of_The_Baskervilles_York_Theatre_Royal_until_August_27_Box_office_01904_623568_or_at_yorktheatreroyal_co_uk/

2016 - Marylou Ambrose plays Whatsun to Tony Schwartz’s Hemlock Holmes, in “Home Sweet Homicide”, a Victorian murder mystery, performed by the Murder Mystery Caravan. “World-famous detective Hemlock Holmes, has just returned from a trip to a sanatorium in upstate New York, where he visited a long-lost cousin. Unbeknown to his sidekick Whatsun, Holmes has brought the cousin, Elmira, back home. When Whatsun discovers the cousin is a beautiful woman with a rare disease, she’s shocked — and jealous! (Yes, Whatsun is a woman, too.) Mystery and intrigue abound when Dr. Ovary and his nurse, Frau Franksenbeans, arrive to cure Elmira — and the doctor becomes as infatuated with Elmira as Holmes is! And what does Holmes’ servants, Mr. and Mrs. Drudgery have to do with this? Are they hiding something as well?”¹⁰⁸



Marylou Ambrose

2016 - Janae Boling played Shirley Holmes and **Piper Bates** played Jennie Watson in “Hound of the Baskervilles” for Oldham County Youth Theatre at their Arts Center in Crestwood, KY.



Janae Boling



Piper Bates

¹⁰⁸ https://issuu.com/theloafers/docs/the_loafer_april_5th

2016 - Amiee Larkin played Sheer Luck Holmes in "Sheer Luck Holmes", which was a funny take on the classic character of Sherlock Holmes, at the Springbank School, Kerikeri, New Zealand.



Amiee Larkin

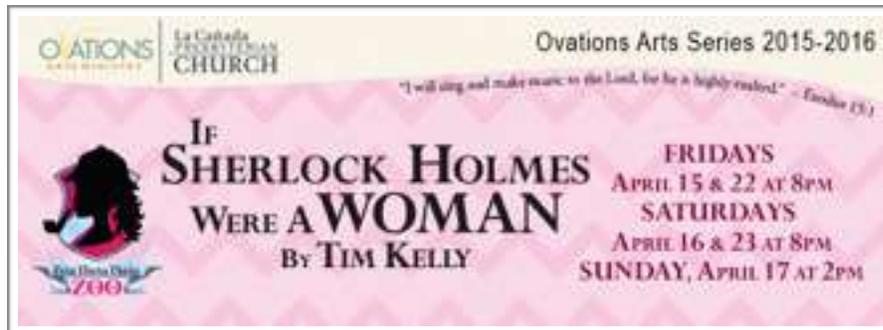
2016 - Suzanne Smith plays Dr. Watson, while Troy Warring plays Sherlock Holmes, in a spoof of the Sherlock Holmes suspense thriller "The Hound of the Baskervilles, at the Theatre Royal, Nelson, N.Z. "The story follows Sherlock Holmes, played by Troy Warring, who also plays other male and female characters, assisted by Dr Watson, played by Suzanne Smith, who also plays a yokel. They investigate why someone is trying to murder Sir Henry Baskerville, played by Chris Goodyear, who also plays Sir Charles, a cabbie and a yokel."¹⁰⁹



Suzanne Smith

¹⁰⁹ <http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/lifestyle-entertainment/79117708/Spoof-of-Sherlock-Holmes-suspense-thriller>

2016 - **Unknown**, yet are the identities of the young women who played played Shirley Holmes and Dottie Watson, in this recent rendition of Tim Kelly's "If Sherlock Holmes Were a Woman".



The cast list consisted of: **Manika Beverly, Jessica Corbett, Robyn Keller, Clare Lahey, Susan Magee, Amber Neukum & Lindsey Plake** however I'm not sure which two played Holmes and Watson.

2016 - Christie Baugher and **Priscilla McEver** play Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson in “Herlock: A Sherlock Parody”. “Sherlock and Watson are on the hunt for a five-boroughs killer; but in the end, this is a parody, so the killer isn't really revealed.”



Herlock: A Sherlock Parody

See “Herlock: A Sherlock Parody” at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psE9H6EvEsU>

2016 - Emma Pfaeffle did great work as Charlotte Holmes in “A Study in Charlotte”, a book trailer for the novel of the same name.



Emma Pfaeffle

See Emma as Charlotte Holmes at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjIJFW8Uetw>

2016 -Wendy Fries donned Sherlock's coat and blue scarf and put on the deerstalker (w/ Steve Emecz as Watson) for the fundraiser called "Holmes and Watson Walk For Homelessness"



Steve Emecz and Wendy Fries

2016 - Lee Suhyun , a member of the Korean pop duo Akdong Musician (better known as AKMU), with her sibling Lee Chanhyuk, in the music video of the song "Re-Bye", dressed in the full classical Sherlock Holmes garb.



Lee Suhyun

View the music video "Re-Bye" at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ST8O-AeY3Uo>

2016 - Jackie Schram is the current Sherlock Holmes in the play “The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes”, an American play written and directed by **Desiree Sanchez**, performed by the Aquila Theatre company.



Jackie Schram

2016 -Kumiko Mendl dons the Sherlock Holmes garb for “Me and My Cat?” at the Bermuda Festival. “Praised as clever, charming and inventive, Me and My Cat? is a children’s theatre performance based on the popular book by award-winning Japanese author and illustrator, Satoshi Kitamura. Detective K sets off to try and solve a mystery with a little help from the Junior Detectives in the audience. Using inventive projection and heaps of fun, this is the perfect show for children aged six and older and their families.



Kumiko Mendl

2016 - Natalie Batchelder played Sherlock Holmes and **Lily Gonzalez** played John Watson in "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Dog Napper" for The Acting Company, Yuba City, CA. Holmes & Watson attempt solve the mystery of the disappearing dogs in their neighborhood. Will they solve it? Will they find the dogs? Will they disappear themselves?



Lily Gonzalez and Natalie Batchelder

2016 - Sarah Loucks played Dr. Watson, with Phil Abell as Sherlock Holmes in the Chittenango High School's performance of "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery".



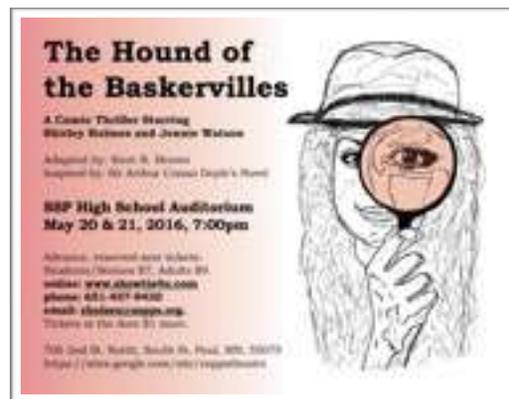
Sarah Loucks

2016 - **Brianna Downing** is Sherlock Holmes and **Kaya Knox** is John Watson in "Sherlock Holmes", for Pagosa Springs High School, Pagosa Springs CO.



Brianna Downing and Kaya Knox

2016 - **Sophie Hall-Schorn** played Shirley Holmes and **Zoe Franklin** was Jennie Watson in "The Hound of the Baskervilles" for South St Paul Public Schools Theatre, Mn. The synopsis makes clear they are the nieces of Sherlock Holmes and John Watson respectively. "Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are on an extended holiday in Europe, leaving their nieces to keep an eye on the flat at 221B Baker Street. The girls are studying for exams when there's a knock on the door. Sir Charles Baskerville has died a mysterious death on the moors, and it's up to the nieces of the famous crime solving duo to solve the case!"¹¹⁰



Sophie Hall-Schorn and Zoe Franklin

¹¹⁰ <https://sites.google.com/site/sspstheatre/hound>

2016 - Alyssa Ashley Otoski Keim is Sherlock Holmes and **Tarin Campanella** is Watson in "The Watson Diaries" web-series. The fifteen episodes from 2016 are available on Youtube. "The Watson Diaries" is a production of The Underground Players, written by co-founder T.A. Campanella. You would classify it as a modern web-series adaptation of the adventures of Sherlock Holmes.



Alyssa Ashley Otoski Keim and Tarin Campanella

Watch "The Watson Diaries" at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Unh4UNN1lh8&list=PLeHHdGhmhe-O0k87Mcvr905W8tePwNP3G>

2016 - Amelia Melvin played Shirley Holmes and **Natasha Du Prez** played Jane Watson in "The Hound of the Baskervilles" for the TRB TheatreSchool Summer Company at the Egg Theatre, Bath.



Amelia Melvin and Natasha Du Prez

2016 - Hilly Hindi played Sherlock and her sister **Hannah Hindi** played John in the Youtube sensation “Sherlock Parody” by The Hollywood Show. “The game is on! Sherlock’s mind palace becomes a musical extravaganza as he solves various crimes in this production by The Hillywood Show®. With the aid of John Watson, a big ass coat, and the science of deduction, this consulting detective is always one step ahead. You’ve never seen a high functioning sociopath like this before! By filming on some of the actual locations seen in BBC’s Sherlock, The Hillywood Show® brings Sherlockians a parody of intricate detail, like never before! Includes fan favorite moments from episodes such as, A Study in Pink, The Great Game, A Scandal in Belgravia, The Sign of Three and more! This parody is bloody awesome.”¹¹¹



Hilly Hindi



Hannah Hindi



Hilly Hindi & Hannah Hindi

Be sure to catch this top notch “Sherlock Parody” at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArdWL2uKf7k>

¹¹¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArdWL2uKf7k>

2016 - Lucy and Emily Keifer - along with their Dad Jim created “Sherlock Holmes and Moriarty's Web”, a cooperative crime-solving game played on a board of moving tiles. Play as Holmes and his confederates, building a case by placing informant, clue, and witness tiles in order to connect the unsolved crimes in London to the wicked Professor Moriarty - while he is doing all he can to destroy your case. Players all win (or lose) together.¹¹²



Sherlock Holmes and Moriarty's Web



Emily and Lucy Keifer

Website:

<https://www.sherlockholmesandmoriartysweb.com>

¹¹² <https://www.sherlockholmesandmoriartysweb.com>

2016 - Betsy Benner played Sherlock Holmes, with Peter Giangliulo as Dr Watson, in "Sherlock and the Beanstalk", for the Kennett Amateur Theatrical Society, Kennett, Pa.



Betsy Benner

2016 - Kalyn Paige performed as Sherlock Holmes in "The Final Problem" presented at The Muse's Evolving Artists Showcase July 2016, in Brooklyn, N.Y. It was a contemporary circus aerial harness dance based on BBC Sherlock .



Kalyn Paige

2016 - Azaria Durant was Dr. Watson to Alexander Clements' Sherlock Holmes, for Class Acts Drama School's adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "A Study in Scarlet". It took place at the Boardmore Theatre in Sydney, Nova Scotia., in April 2016.



Azaria Durant

2016 -All the character from "Zoolander 2" for some unknown reason has found her way into this monograph... can you figure out why...



The Original Cumberbitch

2016 - Katie McLean Hainsworth played Sherlock Holmes and **Mandy Walsh** played Dorothy Watson in “Miss Holmes”. “A new play inspired by the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, written by Christopher M. Walsh and directed by Paul S. Holmquist. Miss Sherlock Holmes, possessor of one of the greatest deductive minds of her generation, finds herself regularly incarcerated for behaviors deemed abnormal in a “respectable” lady. Miss Dorothy Watson returns to London with a hard-won medical degree, but no one will hire a female doctor. These unconventional women, trapped in an era that refuses to accept them, must forge a bond of trust and work together to uncover the deadly secrets surrounding a corrupt police investigator whose wives have a habit up turning up dead. A thrilling murder mystery that re-introduces familiar characters from the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle under a brand new light, in a world premiere production.”¹¹³ “Miss Holmes” played in Chicago from September 9- October 30, 2016.



Katie McLean Hainsworth & Mandy Walsh

And that concludes our look at the year 2016, and we shall proceed on to year 2017. Year 2017 will be the last year for female Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson performers represented in this monograph. This is due to the explosion of female Holmes and Watson performers since the Downey Jr. & Cumberbatch debuts. You can see in this monograph how the number increases significantly each year. Therefore, for the years 2018 and beyond, all the performers will be placed in my A-Z Index of Sherlock Holmes Performers only, and this monograph will be concluded. But don't go anywhere yet. The year 2017 has plenty of interesting entries yet to view, as well as a look at the Baker Street Babes Podcast Group, and an addendum of photos with no names, which you may be able to assist on.

¹¹³ http://www.lifelinetheatre.com/performances/16-17_season_announcement.shtml

2017 - Meghan Magner plays Sherlock Holmes and **Azkadelia Victorious Hattress** is Dr. Watson in “Sherlock Holmes and the Sapphire Night’ which is a hybrid work of traditional theater and contemporary circus. In this original story, featuring a predominantly female cast—including the residents of 221B—Sherlock and Watson unravel the mystery of six, missing, young women and their connection with an enigmatic, star-gazing cult. ‘Sherlock Holmes and the Sapphire Night’ explores themes of feminism and femininity, police bureaucracy, and the responsibility of power through the physicality of circus performance and features Spanish web, Chinese pole, aerial silks, lyra, contortion, hand balancing, diabolos, acrobatics, and more.”¹¹⁴



Meghan Magner



Meghan Magner & Azkadelia Victorious Hattress

¹¹⁴ Stacey Kigner ,Owner, Air Temple Arts, e-mail

2017 - Diana Holdridge interesting enough plays the traditional male role of William Gillette / Sherlock Holmes in the hit Ken Ludwig play “Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery.” This took place Oct. 13th - 28th, in the Stagecoach Theatre in Boise, Idaho. The stagecoach theatre had performed “Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery” prior, in 1914-15 with Kevin Kimsey as a more traditional male William Gillette / Sherlock Holmes. Bravo Stagecoach theatre and Diana Holdridge for going where no female has gone before... William Gillette!



Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery



Diana Holdridge

1917 - Joi Hiatt played Sherlock Holmes, with **Lauren Russell** as Dr. Watson in “The Hound of the Baskervilles: A Sherlock Holmes Adventure”, for Arts in the Open of Boulder, Colorado. Yes, Arts in the Open is an outdoor production, so don’t expect to see winter performances.



The Hound of the Baskervilles: A Sherlock Holmes Adventure

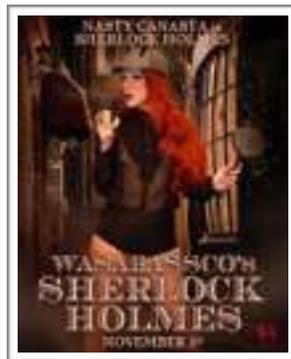


Joi Hiatt and Lauren Russell

2017- Nasty Canasta was Holmes and **Sapphire Jones** was Watson in “Sherlock Holmes and the Case of The Scarlet Buttcheek” “Travel back to Victorian London and join Holmes and Watson at 44DD Baker Street. Can the celebrated detectives uncover the clues (and the cast) in this, their most difficult and naked case yet? Or will the fiendish Moriarty succeed in her tassel-twirling plot to strip the monarchy of its crown - and everything else? Is the Empire safe from this scandal in Brooklyn? Only one this is certain: when you have eliminated the clothing, whatever remains, however improbable, must be naked. It’s ecdystiastical, my dear Watson: Wasabassco’s Sherlock Holmes and the case of ‘The Scarlet Buttcheek’ - Friday November 3rd at The Bell House, Brooklyn, N.Y. With Nasty Canasta as Sherlock Holmes and Sapphire Jones as Dr. Watson; starring Chris Harder, Delysia La Chatte, Dolly Debutante, Hazel Honeysuckle, Jenny C’est Quoi, Penny Wren, Puss-N-Boots, Qualms Galore, Sydni Deveraux and special guest James And The Giant Pasty; with music by The Napoleon of Sound, DJ Stormageddon.”¹¹⁵



Nasty Canasta and Sapphire Jones



Sherlock Holmes and the Case of The Scarlet Buttcheek

¹¹⁵ <http://supportlocalmusic.co/wasabasscos-sherlock-holmes-tickets-the-bell-house-brooklyn-friday-november-03/>

2017 -**Tomochika (Yukiko Tomochika)** (友近由紀子) one of Japan's most famous comedians appears as Sherlock Holmes in a TV commercial message called 'Point of Living' for CHUBU Electric Power Company.



Point of Living- Chubu Electric Power Ad



Tomochika

You can watch this CHUBU Electric Power ad at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zd7gKNNfGJU>

2017 - **Liz Wisan** in “Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery’, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson must crack the mystery of ‘The Hound of the Baskervilles’ before a family curse dooms its latest heir. Watch as the intrepid investigators untangle a dizzying web of clues and deceit. Does a wild hellhound really prowl the moors? Can Sherlock and Dr. Watson discover the truth in time? Silly accents and disguises abound as 5 actors portray over 40 characters in this fast-paced comic mystery. The ensemble cast is led by Liz Wisan, a Festival newcomer whose portrayal of Sherlock Holmes will lend a fresh twist to the much-beloved sleuth. She is joined by Dave Quay as Dr. John Watson, the detective's trusted confidant. ‘Once in awhile, you are lucky enough to find an actress who can do anything and everything, and Liz Wisan simply blew away the competition when we were searching for our Sherlock in New York City this spring. Liz will join the ranks of the great virtuoso actresses like Katherine Hepburn, Glenn Close and Fiona Shaw, who have played traditionally male roles. We are thrilled to present this twist on Sherlock and welcome to our stage a star in the making. Our audiences are going to be delighted by her, and we could not be more excited,’ says Artistic Director Dina Janis.”¹¹⁶



Liz Wisan

¹¹⁶ <http://www.broadwayworld.com/vermont/article/Liz-Wisan-to-Lead-Female-Driven-BASKERVILLE-A-SHERLOCK-HOLMES-MYSTERY-at-Dorset-Theatre-Festival-20170627>

2017 - **Maddy Hensley-Kingery** appeared as one of the Sherlock Holmes performers in “Sherlock Holmes and the Logic of Magic” at Valley of the Moon in Tucson AZ. October 6th -30th. Valley of the Moon is an enchanted storybook land and the heart of magic in Tucson, Arizona. This unique area was built by George Phar Legler in the 1920s for the purpose of appealing to the magical imagination of children and of bringing mental and spiritual healing to visitors of all ages.¹¹⁷



Maddy Hensley-Kingery

Hae Jiyoo (해지유) is just another an example the the huge influence the BBC’s “Sherlock” has noticeably had on Korea, and especially on their K-Pop music (watch Shinee Sherlock’s video ‘I’m So Curious’ if you don’t know of what I speak, or read my monograph on Holmes and music, which features a number of them). My comment on twitter when I saw this Rylee photo was, “I think I would watch ‘Elementary’ if Rylee of the K-Pop group ‘Mellow’ was Lucy Liu's Sherlock Holmes instead of Jonny Lee Miller!”



Rylee of K-Pop group *Mellow*

¹¹⁷ <http://www.tucsonvalleyofthemoon.com>

2017 - Emilia Fox -"Silent Witness" actress Emilia Fox makes an appearance as Sherlock Holmes on BBC TV's "All Round to Mrs Brown's". Emilia Fox is the daughter of former Dr. Watson, Edward Fox, "Darkwater Hall Mystery." Her Uncle, James Fox, played Sir Thomas Rotheram in the 2009 "Sherlock Holmes", which starred Robert Downey Jr. Mrs. Brown is a popular British comedy character.



Emilia Fox



All Round to Mrs Brown's

Fox appears at ~10:40 in this "All Round to Mrs Brown's" video.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McFTAZxQis8>

2017- Ken Ludwig's "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" played in Driftwood's Wade James Theatre, Edmonds, WA. Sept. 8 - Sept. 24. "The show stars **Kris "Pepper" Hambrick** as Holmes and **Brynne Garman** as Watson. Veteran regional actors, Hambrick and Garman understand their characters. They do well in men's clothing and are adept at using emotion and physicality employed by men. However, to fully get the women-playing-male-characters idea, I might have dispensed with Watson's unneeded mustache... For this show, director Paul Fouhy, a retired high school drama coach, phoned Ludwig to ask what the playwright thought of casting women in the roles of detective Sherlock Holmes and his surgeon friend Dr. Watson. Ludwig gave his blessing. In the program, Fouhy explains that, "We have not made the principal characters female but rather have simply cast women to play the parts." The idea is that women might more profoundly portray the friendship between Holmes and Watson.¹¹⁸



Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery



Kris 'Pepper' Hambrick and Brynne Garman

¹¹⁸ <http://www.heraldnet.com/life/driftwoods-baskerville-would-greatly-benefit-from-faster-pace/>

2017 - Angela Hazeldine and **Thea Beyleveld** alternated nights as Dr. Jane Watson in “The Hound of The Baskervilles: A Riotous Comedy!” A British play, written by Thomas Moore, directed by Thomas Moore, performed by The Northern Rep at The Reading Room, The Great Northern Warehouse (Manchester, UK) It starred Christopher Brown and Michael Justice as Sherlock Holmes, and Angela Hazeldine and Thea Beyleveld as Dr. Jane Watson. The four actors performed the two roles on alternate nights.¹¹⁹



Christopher Brown & Angela Hazeldine



Michael Justice & Thea Beyleveld



The Hound of The Baskervilles: A Riotous Comedy!

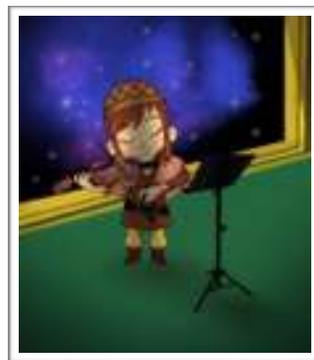
¹¹⁹ https://www.arthur-conan-doyle.com/index.php/The_Hound_of_the_Baskervilles:_A_Riotous_Comedy%21

2017 - Maria Kennedy wasn't actually Sherlock Holmes, but you would never know it from this advertisement for 'Murder at Martindale Manor', held by Torchlight Mysteries out of Hampshire, U.K. Torchlight Mysteries are dedicated to bringing mystery to heritage locations in the UK. Whether it be the excitement of an interactive murder mystery dinner in an atmospheric heritage location, the mystery of a locked room, or watching a classic whodunit murder mystery... there will be something to puzzle over... and you can bet Sherlock Holmes may be used in the advertising.¹²⁰



Maria Kennedy

2017 - Not just in advertisements but also virtual reality platforms you will now find female Holmes. I really enjoyed the detective sections in Hat in Time. Hat in Time is a cute-as-heck 3D platformer featuring a little girl who stitches hats for wicked powers! A Hat in Time is developed by Gears for Breakfast and has become the largest Kickstarter-funded indie 3D platformer, reaching almost 1000% of its original Kickstarter goal!¹²¹ I really enjoyed the detective sections in Hat in Time.



Hat in Time

¹²⁰ <https://torchlightmysteries.com/events>

¹²¹ <http://hatintime.com>

2017 - Jennifer Piper appeared as Sherlock Holmes and **Sarah Clarke** as Dr. Jean Watson in “A Scandal in the Weimar,” directed by Belinda Campbell, and written by Claire Bowen and Jennifer Piper. It was presented as part of Due West Festival, in Footscray, VIC, Australia, Aug 25-Sept 9. ‘Lady Sherlock Holmes, Nazis and cabaret. It's London, 1939. Tensions are building as war seems imminent. Lady Sherlock Holmes and Dr Jean Watson are engaged by Diana, Lady Mosley to track down Irene Adler in Berlin and retrieve sensitive information. But all is not as it seems...All the action and intrigue of Sherlock Holmes, with the seduction and wonder of an underground Berlin cabaret.’¹²²



A Scandal in the Weimar



Jennifer Piper and Sarah Clarke

¹²² <http://www.witinc.com.au/whats-on/scandal>

2017 - Amy Whitrod Brown as Sherlock Holmes and **Sarah Kerr** as Jane Wilberfoss (her Dr. Watson), in “Sherlock Holmes: A Study In Scarlet”. “YORK company Nightshade Productions return to the street night air from tomorrow to stage a ‘unique adaptation’ of ‘Sherlock Holmes: A Study In Scarlet.’ The audience will follow Jane Wilberfoss (Sarah Kerr), a war-veteran doctor newly returned from Afghanistan, on her quest to reunite with her troubled friend Lady Josephina Carmicle (Rose Muirhead), who has sent her a desperate plea for help. Applying their trademark combination of historical storytelling and immersive street theatre, Nightshade will bring to life the first meeting between Jane and her long-time companion Sherlock Holmes (Amy Whitrod Brown), the world’s only consulting detective. One is still haunted by conflicts past as she struggles to find meaning in a bleak Victorian city; the other is alone, addicted and alienated. "In a world full of mystery and deceit, the truth of who Sherlock Holmes really was will finally be revealed," promises director Damian Freddi. So, note the female casting! Sherlock Holmes: A Study In Scarlet will be a 90-minute immersive, promenade theatre performance through the streets of York, says Freddi, who also orchestrates the show's fight choreography. Setting out at 7pm from the Golden Fleece Inn, off Parliament Street, the audience will follow the characters through an adventure filled with murder, intrigue, conspiracy and revenge as Nightshade Productions present Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story "as you've never seen it before."The cast will be completed by Richard Thirlwall's Inspector Lestrade, David Zezulka's Sergeant Drebber and Daniel Gray's Alavon.”¹²³



Amy Whitrod Brown and Sarah Kerr



Sherlock Holmes: A Study In Scarlet

¹²³ <http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/leisure/theatre>
15432390.You_may_detect_a_difference_in_Nightshade_Productions__Sherlock_Holmes__Note_the_casting/

2017 - With **Gina Palmer** as Sherlock Holmes and **Stacy McCargo** as Dorothy Watson, “Miss Holmes” would play at The Children’s Theatre of Western Springs, IL, October 19-29, 2017.¹²⁴



Gina Palmer as Sherlock Holmes and Stacy McCargo



Miss Holmes

I would expect to see many more women Holmes and Watson in this fine play come 2018.

¹²⁴ <http://theatreofwesternsprings.com/on-stage/tws/miss-holmes/>

2017 - Gigi -“Talking about womens’ empowerment, we can picture this scene with a little help from Brazilian photographer **Mari Merlim**, who made a beautiful photo shoot called “The Fantastic World of a Sherlock Holmes”, with a little girl called Gigi as the protagonist... In the photo series, Gigi, the curious young lady, starts to walk in an old library until she finds a Sherlock Holmes book among fifteen thousand others. When she opens it to read, she’s magically back to 1887 and starts her journey as a detective herself, ready to solve some mysteries all around. Everything starts with a good touch of imagination, right?”¹²⁵



Gigi



The Fantastic World of a Sherlock Holmes



Photo Shoot by Mari Merlim

¹²⁵ Nunes, Brunella <https://www.boredpanda.com/what-if-sherlock-holmes-were-a-girl/>



Gigi



The Fantastic World of a Sherlock Holmes¹²⁶



Photo Shoot by Mari Merlim

¹²⁶ <https://www.marimerlim.com.br/single-post/2017/02/10/O-fantastico-mundo-de-uma-Sherlock-Holmes>

2017 -Kristie Fontaine starred as Sherlock Holmes in “The Clowns of the Baskervilles”, a British play performed at the Fractured Theatre (Barnstaple, UK) during the Barnstaple Fringe Festival from June 29th to July 2nd, 2017. You like Sherlock Holmes and clowns? You will like The Clowns of the Baskervilles.¹²⁷



The Clowns of the Baskervilles



Kristie Fontaine

¹²⁷ [https://www.arthur-conan-doyle.com/index.php?title=The Clowns of the Baskervilles](https://www.arthur-conan-doyle.com/index.php?title=The_Clowns_of_the_Baskervilles)

2017 - Jana Pulkrabek - played a female Watson in “Slapstick Sherlock”, for Down the Rabbit Hole Theatre, in Copenhagen, Denmark, November 29th through December 10th, 2017. “Humor and outlandishness like in ‘Sherlock’? Tick! A female Watson like in ‘Elementary’? Almost! Not so sure about the satire like in those Basil Rathbone propaganda films during WWII ... Granted, this female ‘Watson’ (hard-working Manusarts stalwart Jana Pulkrabek in long leather boots) hasn’t been to medical school, and it’s with some trepidation that Holmes (Gordon Torbet) and the real doctor (Siegmar Tonk) agree to help Miss Hudson solve the mystery of how the blue carbuncle ended up in the Christmas goose. The Famous Five weren’t available apparently. But sure enough, this humorous triangle work through their power-struggle-filled relationships in order to solve the mostly idiotic mystery and save Christmas. With the dependable Jeremy Thomas-Poulsen at the helm, and elements of classical theatre and satire...”¹²⁸



Slapstick Sherlock



Jana Pulkrabek and Gordon Torbet

¹²⁸ <http://cphpost.dk/activities/93690.html>

1960's - Present - Evelyn Herzog - is saved for the finale of this monologue, because she literally lived the life of Gigi, from those above incredible pictures by Mari Merlim, in "The Fantastic World of a Sherlock Holmes". She left her indelible mark on the Sherlockian world a half-a century earlier. "Evelyn Herzog (The Daintiest Thing Under a Bonnet', 1991) saved her tooth fairy money to obtain a copy of 'The Complete Sherlock Holmes'. That book became the foundation upon which she attracted a group of other college students at Albertus Magnus College to meet and discuss the Sherlock Holmes stories. Precocious young women, they wrote to William S. Baring-Gould, John Bennett Shaw, Peter Blau, Ted Schulz, and others and developed ongoing correspondence with them. While still in high school, Evy learned that (at that time) the Baker Street Irregulars did not admit women to its dinners. While in college, she and her cohorts still considered it an injustice, and, being the 1960s, they picketed the 1968 BSI Dinner. That eventually led to the founding of the Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes, of which she is still 'The Principal Unprincipled Adventuress'. Evy was invested in the BSI among the six women (including **Susan Rice**) whom Tom Stix invested at the memorable 1991 BSI Cocktail Party which finally fully opened the BSI to women. She has been a notable Sherlockian and an important figure in American Sherlockian history."¹²⁹



Evelyn Herzog

¹²⁹ <http://www.bsitrust.org/2017/07/evelyn-herzog-interview-oral-history.html>

Based on the recent explosion of young female Holmes performers as seen in this project, I think the 2010 decade, besides being the Benedict Cumberbatch Era, must be also regarded as the Female Holmes Performers Era. Similar as to how I would credit William Gillette's popularity for the worldwide Sherlock Holmes media explosion created at the start of the twentieth century, I must credit Mr. Cumberbatch's popularity with a great deal of credit for this recent female Holmes performers explosion. However, don't give old Benedict all the credit, as this essay does show us, despite the repression of female Holmes performers by a male dominated profession, there have been many female Holmes performers since 1899, right Mrs. Nichols! It is quite a shame that most of them haven't received proper credits until a full century later.

A Last Bow to The (Original) Baker Street Babes

When I concluded things with the fact that it has been all been done before, I'm not saying it can't be done better. This essay began with Mrs. Nichols and the mustached ladies of Philomathian Club in 1899. They were a group of ladies limited in area to Barre, Vermont, and to having group meetings in one location. Give those female followers of the great detective the modern social media, Twitter, Tumblr, Podcasts, Facebook, etc., etc., and you might come up with a brilliant group such as the modern day, aptly named, 'Baker Street Babes'. They describe themselves thusly; "The Baker Street Babes are an all-female group of Sherlock Holmes fans who talk about everything from canon to Cumberbatch, Charles Augustus Milverton to Jude Law, and dancing men to Jeremy Brett. We love Sherlock Holmes and we love having well informed, but also quite fun discussions about it. We're all young and we're all females, but we're all die hard Sherlockians/Holmesian. It's a demographic within the Sherlock Holmes fandom that is new and growing and doesn't yet have a voice. We hope to become that voice and we want to prove that we're not just going to coo over Robert Downey Jr and Benedict Cumberbatch, as lovely as they are, but that we know the canon and want to have discussions about it as well. We hope to help provide a bridge between the older and often intimidating world of Sherlockiana and the newer tech savvy generation of fans that are just discovering the Holmes stories."¹³⁰ The Baker Street Babes thanks to those social medias are a worldwide phenomenon.

Kristina Manente was the founder of the group. The members of the group that I'm aware of are, **Lyndsay Faye, Lisa Burscheidt, Melinda Caric, Katherine Ryan, Taylor Blumenberg, Amy Thomas, Sarah Roy, Ashley Polasek, Maria Fleischhack, Elizabeth Giorgi, Tamar Zeffren and Tiffany Knight.** They have

¹³⁰ <http://bakerstreetbabes.com/babes/>

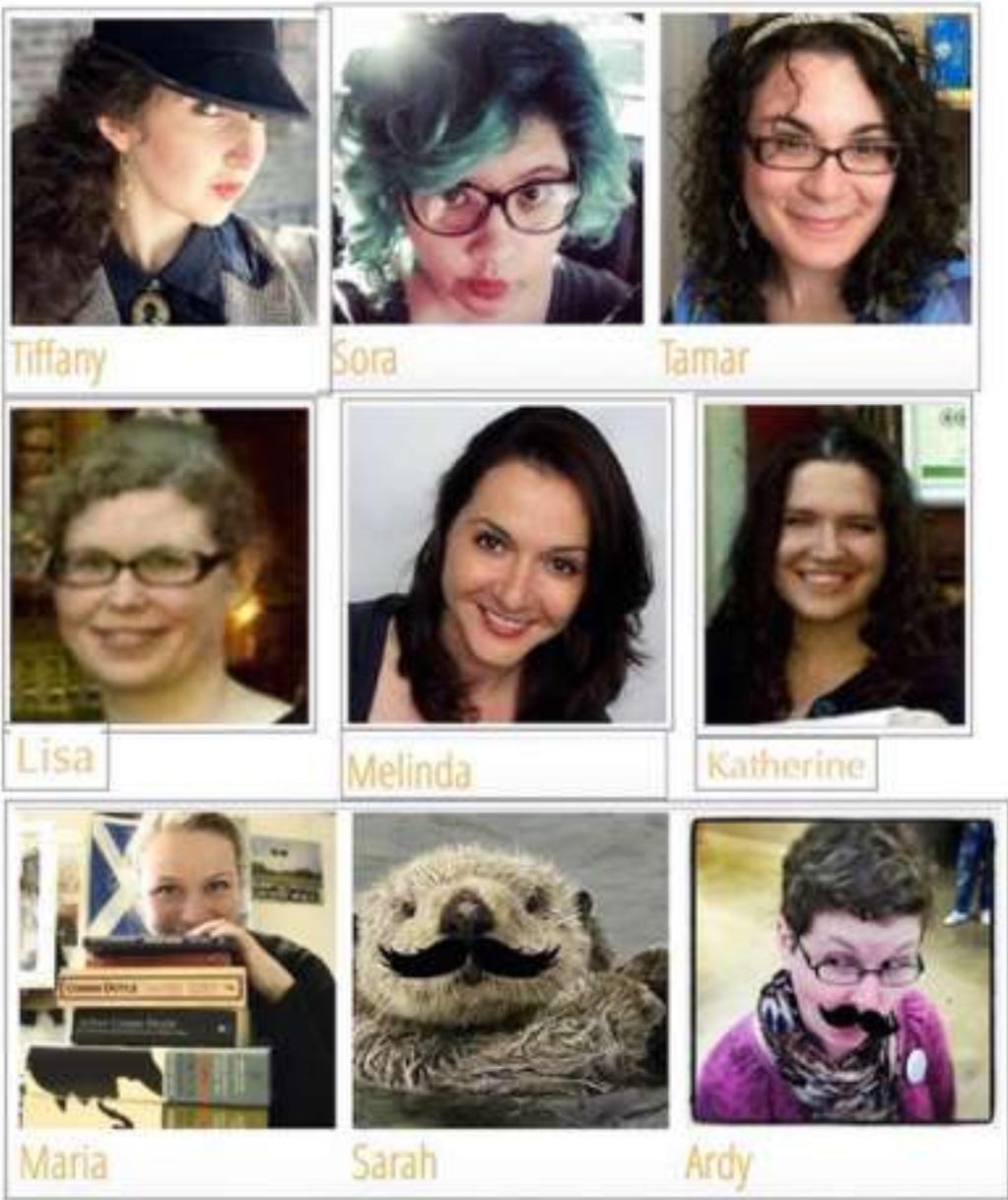
many honorary members too, since it appears if you are a guest on their podcasts you become a honorary member.

A more accurate and current list supplied by Kristina puts it like this:
Current BSBs: **Kristina (Curly), Ardy, Kafers, Maria, Taylor, Lyndsay, Amy, Sarah, Melinda, Ashley, Sora, Tamar, and Tiffany.** Retired BSBs: **Maria, Jenn, Liz and Turk.**



The Baker Street Babes

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For podcasts by The Baker Street Babes, or fun and entertaining Sherlockian information, visit their website at: <http://bakerstreetbabes.com>

Addendum I - 'Names Unknown'

Some female Watson are better left unknown. I refer to those appearing in pornographic films. Here, however, are several 'Jane Doe' Sherlock and Watson still to be identified. Can you help??

Unknown



Sheerluck (201?) (S)

Unknown



Sherlock Holmes and the Uncomfortably Short Mystery (2012) (S,I)

Unknown



Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Oily Museum
(2015) (I)

Unknown

(UMS-Wright Middle School Drama Club, Mobile, AL.)



UMS-Wright Middle School Drama Club after performing *The Hound of the Baskervilles: A Comic Thriller Starring Shirley Holmes and Jennie Watson*.

The Hound of the Baskervilles (2015) (S)
Shirley Holmes and Jennie Watson

Unknown



Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Crown Jewel (2015) (S)

Unknown



Sherlock and Watson: Best Friends Forever (2015?) (S)

Unknown (Creative Ural School)



Sherlock Holmes & the Mystery of Lost Watch (ШЕРЛОК ХОЛМС И ТАЙНА ПРОПАВШИХ ЧАСОВ) (2015) (S-Rus.)

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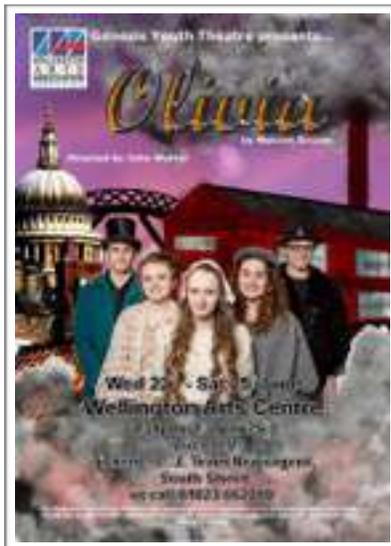
Charlotte and Quackson (2016) (F-Rus.)

Unknown (Valley Catholic Drama, Beaverton, OR)



The Secret Case of Sherlock Holmes (2016) (S)

Unknown (Genesis Youth Theatre) (Wellington Arts Centre)



Olivia (2016) (S)

Unknown



Wurstel 100% Amadoric Ad (2017) (T-Ita.)

Unknown (Buenos Aires Players)



Sherlock (Musical Comedy) (2017) (S-Arg.)

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