THE CAST OF SORRY, WRONG NUMBER

Christine Nordin.....Mrs. Stevenson
Elizabeth Karre.....Operator
Jeffry Nordin.....George
Western Union
Alex West.....Thug
Chief Operator
Hospital Reception
J Roth.....Sgt. Martin

ABOUT THE ERSTWHILISTS

With the radio drama "Sorry, Wrong Number", the theater troupe dubbed "The Erstwhilists" (see the list of cast members above) are presenting their third production. Their premier performance was a recreation of the radio drama "Donovan's Brain". Their second show "Caligari", combined live music and vocal dubbing to the silent film "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari".

Though some of the cast members vary from show-to-show; though the artists come from a number of different backgrounds and pursue different interests and vocations in their daily lives; they all (with but one notable exception) have one thing in common: they all do some work through the Minnesota Historical Society. Beginning its work in 1849, the Minnesota Historical Society is the oldest such society in the country. Though the Minnesota Historical Society has nothing to do with the Erstwhilists' productions, the members of the troupe owe some thanks to the Society which has provided them with the opportunity to find fellow artists who share a keen interest in history.

PHONE FRUSTRATION
Musings from the Director

Is there some significance in this drama, Sorry Wrong Number, written in the 1940's for us today? It would be stretching it to try and find a deep moral, but perhaps something could be said of Mrs. Stevenson's efforts to weave her way through "the system" as represented by her encounters on the telephone line. Who can't relate to her sense of frustration when trying to get assistance through the various channels of customer service set up to help in navigating the complexity of the behemoth institutions serving modern civilization?

It is interesting to contemplate how differently this story might play out today. In the six decades since this drama was written we've "progressed" now to having automated customer service on the telephone lines. Mrs. Stevenson would likely have to contend with robotic voices on the other line telling her to press "1" for this and "2" for that "3" for another and on and on until she (like so many others) would surely hang up the phone in frustration. She'd likely be trying to get her husband on his work line and his cell phone, both of which would find her leaving desperate voice messages. She'd probably call 9-1-1 instead of the police, but in the end would this or any of our other technological advancements have saved her?

These "tele-mazes" are perhaps the inevitable result of the advancement of our society, and as was the case with Mrs. Stevenson, there can be a horrible sense of powerlessness when negotiating our way through them. Let us hope a better design may be developed some day.

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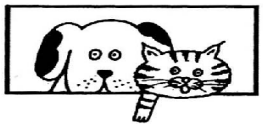

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