

## ***The Burns and Aloe Radio Show Cast List***

***2 Male, 4 Female, and 1 M/F***

**BARKER BARKER (M)** announcer/emcee for the Burns and Aloe Radio Show

**JIM BURNS (M)** married to Janey, the straight man in their comedy duo

**JANEY ALOE (F)** married to Jim, she has a very literal understanding of things

**MARGE MITCHELL/GINNY/BABS (F)** Janey's sarcastic neighbor / radio voices

**GLADYS GREENE/SHELLY (F)** Janey's knowledgeable neighbor/ radio voice

**BETTY BROWN/MILDRED (F)** Janey's neighbor who keeps everyone on track / radio voice

**NERDY McNERDY (M/F)** sound effects person

**TIME:** 1930's

**PLACE:** A radio studio in New York City

### **Sample Pages**

*(Stage lights up about half; lights down to half on the audience. **BAND plays song 1** to signal the servers to seat the rest of the guests. Lights down on audience; lights up full on stage. BAND plays **intro music**. BARKER enters. BAND plays throughout introductions, playing softer as BARKER speaks and louder when he pauses. SEE PRODUCTION NOTES.)*

BARKER: Live longer! Methuselah Cigars presents ... The Burns and Aloe Show! Featuring Jim Burns and Janey Aloe! *(Pause for music.)* Also starring Marge Mitchell and Gladys Johnson! *(Pause for music.)* And Nerdy McNerdy on sound effects *(MCNERDY does a sound effect)*. And of course, the world famous *[Insert BAND name]*. *(BAND finishes **intro music**. BARKER leads audience in applause and exits. **BAND plays song 1.**)*

*(Song 1 ends. BARKER enters, applauding for the BAND. BURNS enters.)*

BARKER: We've got a great show for you tonight, folks! In just a minute, Jim Burns will be with us. Meanwhile, this is Bill Barker with a message for everyone who has not yet smoked that heady and hearty, soothing and satisfying, grand and glorious cigar: Methuselah Cigars. Until you smoke Methuselah Cigars, you don't know how healthy

cigars can be. Methuselah Cigars are the only cigars that Jim Burns will smoke, and he will tell you ...

BURNS: *(Takes a big puff of his cigar.)* My, that's smooth.

BARKER: Not just smooth, but --

BURNS: My, that's refreshing.

BARKER: And not just refreshing, but --

BURNS: My ... lungs feel healthy! Just like my friend Nerdy McNerdy.

*(SFX of McNERDY coughing a lung up then gasping, "Healthy.")*

BARKER: That's right, my friends. Besides having that nicotine you crave, Methuselah Cigars also have tar and formaldehyde, to preserve and fortify your lungs. We guarantee that if you smoke at least one Methuselah Cigar a day, you will live to be one hundred years old or double your money back. Tomorrow, I want you to try Methuselah Cigars. You will thank me for the rest of your life. And now, here's Jim Burns and ... Jim, where's Janey?

BURNS: Oh, she's busy running.

BARKER: Well, good for her. Is she running for fun, for shapely legs, for healthy lungs?

*(SFX of McNERDY coughing a lung up then gasping, "Healthy.")*

BURNS: No. She's running for president.

BARKER: For ... president? Janey? But she's ... you know.

BURNS: A woman? You think she's unqualified because she's a woman?

BARKER: Of course not. She's unqualified because she's an entertainer.

BURNS: Oh. *(Puffs on cigar.)* I completely agree. I told her there is no way that a celebrity with absolutely no political experience would ever be elected president.

BARKER: The very idea.

BURNS: I know! But you know Janey. Once she sets her mind on something, there's no talking her out of it.

BARKER: What made her decide to run for president?

*(SFX of woman walking in heels as ALOE enters.)*

BURNS: Why don't you ask her yourself? Hello, Janey.

ALOE: Hello, Jim. Ask me what?

BARKER: I just found out that you're running for president. What made you decide to do that?

ALOE: I just think if you want to get out of this Great Depression, you should hire a comic. I'll get America laughing in no time.

BURNS: No argument there.

BARKER: So you don't think President Roosevelt is doing a good job?

ALOE: I'm sure he's a nice man, but he spends too much time playing cards.

BARKER: How do you know that, Janey?

ALOE: All he talks about is a New Deal.

BURNS: And that's just not cutting it.

BARKER: I take it, Jim, that Janey is a member of the GOP?

ALOE: I wish you wouldn't spell words when you don't want me to know what you're talking about. I find that very irritating.

BARKER: No, I just --

ALOE: Jim does that to me all the time. He says things like, "We're going to have trouble with the USSR," or "We're going to do a show for NBC," or "Old MacDonald had a farm, EIEIO."

BARKER: No, Janey, GOP stands for Grand Old Party.

ALOE: Oh, I don't belong to the Grand Old Party.

BARKER: What party do you belong to?

ALOE: The Surprise Party!

BURNS: Surprised?

BARKER: Very much so.

ALOE: I say if you're going to have a party, make it fun.

BURNS: That would be a first in politics.

BARKER: Jim, did you join Janey's Surprise Party?

BURNS: No. I am not a member of any organized political party. I am a Democrat.

BARKER: You stole that from Will Rogers.

BURNS: I only steal from the very best.

BARKER: Janey, were you chosen in a convention?

ALOE: Of course not. I am an unconventional candidate.

BARKER: So you are running as a dark horse?

ALOE: Bill, I'm running for president, not mayor (mare).

BURNS: That would be a night-mare.

BARKER: But Janey --

ALOE: I'm sorry, but I cannot take any more questions at this time.

BURNS: Now you're talking like a politician.

ALOE: I have to meet with my campaign staff, the Maple Grove Thursday Bridge Association.

BARKER: You've got to go to a club for your campaign?

ALOE: Oh, Bill! I mean staff as in people who work for me, not staff as in a club. Goodness me, you are so literal sometimes.

BURNS: That is one of your main faults, Bill.

BARKER: I didn't mean --

ALOE: Goodbye, Bill. And Jim, don't come home until supper. The campaign meeting is at our house, and you can be very distracting to serious-minded people.

*(SFX of woman walking in heels.)*

BURNS: What am I supposed to do until then? *(SFX stop.)*

ALOE: Be distracting to these serious-minded people. Do one of your monologues. Or you could do your knock-knocks jokes with Bill. *(SFX of woman walking in heels.) as ALOE exits.)*

BARKER: Oh my, look at the time! I've got a root canal appointment. I can't miss that. Good-bye, Jim. *(SFX of man running quickly away.)*

BURNS: Well, I guess it's down to me or the band. Let's have more music...

*(BURNS cues DIRECTOR and leads audience in applause as he exits. **BAND plays song 2.**)*