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Tea At Five



Synopsis

Joins us for a cup of tea, won't you? Katharine Hepburn beckons us into her Connecticut home for a cozy chat and an intimate look at the legend, and the woman behind the legend. Based on the critically acclaimed New York production, the independent, intelligent, feisty Hepburn comes alive once again when Kate Mulgrew, of Star Trek: Voyager fame, slips deftly into the voice and being of the famous actress. The tale opens in 1938 when the 31-year-old Hepburn is five years beyond her first Oscar-winning successes. In the middle of a career slump after a series of movie flops, she waits by the phone to hear whether she nailed the part of Scarlett in a film called Gone With the Wind. The story moves to 1983, when Parkinson's disease has left her voice shaking, her hand clutching a cane, but her eyes still shining with intelligence, wit and the wisdom that informs a long life lived to the fullest. Tea at Five touches on Hepburn's turbulent childhood, her 15 year-old brother's suicide, and her 27-year affair with Spencer Tracy.

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Customer Reviews

I had no idea Kate Mulgrew performed this. Wonderful character actor and great listening. I would love to see this performed if she does a actual live show. Great companion to her autobiography. It lets you see her full acting abilities and something other than Star Trek Voyager (which was a great show and she was wonderful in it).

I can just "see" Katherine Hepburn as I listen to Kate Mulgrew's performance. I had forgotten how desperately "Hepburn" wanted to be Scarlett O'Hara. Listening to her talk about the "old" Hollywood

in the days of the studio moguls...George Cukor. David Selznick, LB Mayer. Her love hate relationship with Louella Parsons and Barbara Parker. Some of her stories about how Hollywood treated her and how she treated them are hysterical. It is a wonderful trip down memory lane as she brings the Golden Age of Hollywood to life.No one but Kate Mulgrew could have brought Katherine Hepburn back to life.

Katherine Hepburn and Kate Mulgrew -- who could have asked for a better pairing? I love both actors and it is a joy to have access to this Audio version of the stage play.I live so far from everywhere I'll never get to see this on stage, so I am thrilled to have a piece of what I hope will go down as a classic performance by Kate Mulgrew.

What a thrill to re-live the experience of having seen Ms. Mulgrew perform this solo piece in Cambridge, Massachusetts at the ART. I wept at the opening of the second act, having been unaware of the extent of Hepburn's age-related infirmities. It was thrilling, evocative, riveting, entertaining. I am glad to have lived long enough to witness the show, and to re-visit it in my car during my commute to work.

This is one of the best audiobooks I have listened to. Kate Mulgrew's interpretation of Katherine Hepburn is right on the mark. I was privileged to get to see the play many years ago and the audiobook does a wonderful job of bringing the characters to life.I highly recommend "Tea At Five" as an audiobook.

Learned things about Katherine Hepburn we had never heard. Her voice as the older Hepburn was very good. We enjoyed it very much.

Kate Mulgrew is excellent as Katharine Hepburn, but I find the piece itself flat and not particularly interesting. I expected it to shine much more light on the inner workings (or at list fictionalize something interesting) of Miss Hepburn.

I had the EXTREME fortune of seeing Kate Mulgrew perform this play in Baltimore, but not before buying the CD. Kate Mulgrew had always been compared to Kate Hepburn. Her voice is amazingly like Hepburns, as her command presence. The first act of this play is amazingly funny you will laugh like crazy. if u can't see the amazing play in person this is a must buy!

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