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Who Put the Mock in Democracy ?

It's the



Producer: **Elaina Newport**

...with lyrics by **Elaina Newport,**
Mark Eaton and the cast

PROGRAM

(the show is constantly changing, based on the scandal of the day! But you might spot a few of these...)

Oprahbama
 I'm So Indicted
 Don't Go Fakin' You're Smart
 I Like Big Cuts and I Cannot Lie
 Duke of Oil
 The Sunni Side of Tikrit
 Barackberry
 Monster Cash
 The Hillarybillies
 TSA: Moist and Dangerous
 Juan Nation
 Return to Spender
 Axles of Evil
 Age of a Stimulus
 Papa's Got a Brand New Baghdad
 Mine Every Mountain
 Lirty Dies and more!

The Capitol Steps begin in 1981, with co-founders Bill Strauss, Jim Aidala and Elaina Newport, at a Christmas party in the office of former Senator Charles Percy. Like most things in Congress, they never knew when to stop. Over the past twenty-six years, the Capitol Steps have recorded twenty-nine albums, and appeared on "Good Morning America," the "Today Show," "20/20," "Entertainment Tonight," "Nightline," CNN's "Inside Politics," and dozens of times on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." For the past twenty years, they've produced quarterly specials for public radio and have been featured in three national specials for public television.

Whenever the Steps sing on pitch they can thank their five fabulous pianists



Marc Irwin



Howard Breitbart



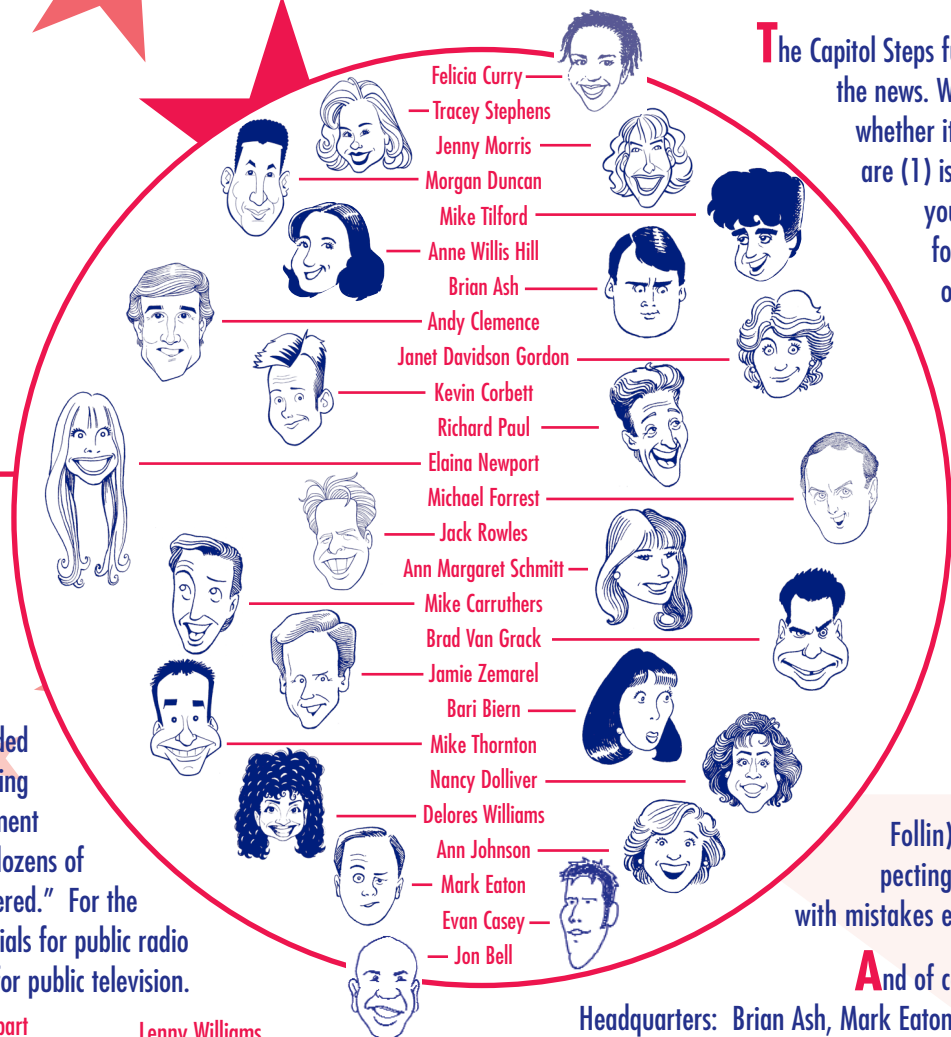
Emily Bell Spitz



Lenny Williams



Dave Kane



Many of the performers have worked on Capitol Hill, some for Republicans, some for Democrats, and some for members who sit firmly on the fence. In fact, the current cast of the Capitol Steps has at one time or another infested the offices of eleven US Senators and seven Members of the House of Representatives. Most of these politicians have since been defeated or placed under investigation.

The Capitol Steps fully admit that they have an odd way of looking at the news. When they hear of a scandal, they don't think about whether it's good or bad for the country. Their two Questions are (1) is it funny? And (2) what rhymes with it? Next thing you know, someone wakes up screaming with an idea for a parody. Typically, it's Mark or Elaina, but blame often falls on other cast members, including Michael Forrest and Janet Davidson Gordon (Buy, Buy American Pie), Kevin Corbett (Obama Merchandising) and Bari Biern (Neiman's is a Girl's Best Friend). And ideas are constantly being thrown in by almost everyone for the backwards talk, Lirty Dies—in fact, the entire cast has tharted to stink that way!

After a few fast and furious e-mails, the song is hurled in front of a live audience by a brave performer. And the tech crew (Paul Tompros, Greg Hammon, Andrew Fahs, Bob O'Hara, Jon Simler, Richard Patterson, Bill Hurd and Shannon Follin) makes sure the new song is heard by the unsuspecting audience. All of this makes its way onto albums with mistakes electronically erased by Jim Smith and Andy Fahs.

And of course there's the entire staff at Capitol Steps World Headquarters: Brian Ash, Mark Eaton, Lisa Pemberton, Andy Fahs, Laura Carrano, Judy Britt, and Bill Hurd. This well-oiled machine allows the Capitol Steps to book shows all over the country with almost frightening efficiency.