

# Zale J. Kessler\*

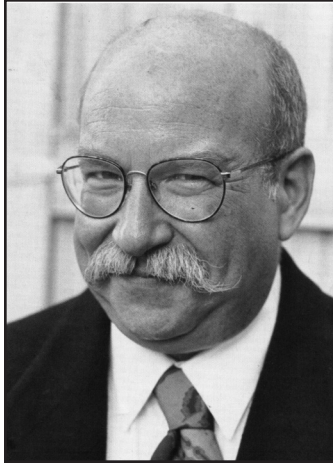
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Zale J. Kessler built a prolific career over 60 years as a character actor.

He started out on Broadway, performing in a number of shows.

He was cast as the leading man in “Dear World,” opposite Angela Lansbury.

Kessler also acted in movies, including small roles in many fan-favorite films produced by Mel Brooks.



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He exhibited his versatility by performing on the operatic stage, singing and acting in “Die Fledermaus,” “The Merry Widow,” and “The Pirates of Penzance.”

Kessler was a familiar face on television, appearing on such shows as “Murder She Wrote,” “Night Court,” “The Jeffersons,” and 1977’s “Fernwood Tonight,” in which he had a recurring role.

His television career even spilled over into cartoons, where he voiced a number of characters in Hanna-Barbera productions.

Kessler died in September 2015.