WESTERN ONTARIO DRAMA LEAGUE

Hosted by Woodstock Little Theatre at the Market Centre March 15-20, 1999.

Welcome to Festival '99

LESLIE MOLNAR



Leslie Ann Molnar

A Welcome from the Festival '99 Chairperson - Leslie Ann Molnar

On behalf of your Festival '99 Committee, it is with distinct pleasure that I extend to all of you a warm welcome to the Western Ontario Drama League Festival. We are pleased and excited to have been given the opportunity to host the Festival in Woodstock and in our new theatre facility. Attending, preparing and participating in a Festival of this size takes tremendous commitment from everyone. I sincerely thank my Festival committee whose help, energy and enthusiasm were second to none. I also sincerely thank our sponsors and advertisers and those who gave their support through donations, products and service to make this Festival a success. None of this week's celebration would have been possible without you. We wish you a very happy and rewarding time throughout this week attending and enjoying the stunning entries to this year's celebration of theatre. May you connect once again with old friends, make new friends and learn an appreciation of what makes Woodstock the "Friendly City"!

Break a Leg!

LESLEY J. QUESNELLE



On behalf of the Board of Woodstock Little Theatre I would like to welcome you to Western Ontario Drama League Festival '99 at The Market Centre Theatre.

Our Festival Committee, under the chairmanship of Leslie Molnar, has worked tirelessly to put together a memorable week for all, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

Further thanks should go to the City of Woodstock and all of their staff for understanding the time and energy that hosting such a Festival entails.

I look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones while enjoying a week of award winning theatre.

Lesley J. Quesnelle President Woodstock Little Theatre

Annie Reaume



Annie Regume

On behalf of the Western Ontario Drama League, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Festival '99.

It has been with great anticipation that we finally gather at this wonderful facility in Woodstock. The members of Woodstock Little Theatre and the citizens of Woodstock are to be congratulated for the creation of this unique theatre complex.

A special thank you goes out to all the people who have made this week possible, in particular the very hard working volunteers here at the theatre, the performing groups and all those groups involved in the adjudication process in their home communities. The commitment of these volunteers to the performance of quality theatre in Ontario is phenomenal. It is because of these amazing people that I know we are in for a wonderful week of theatre at Woodstock Festival '99.



Pre-Festival Adjudicator

KAREN RICKERS



Formerly the Producer of Gryphon Theatre and the Manager of The University of Western Ontario's Talbot Theatre, Karen was a member of the Shaw Festival's Directors Project in 1996. A guest artist in Toronto high schools, workshopping Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet through The Royal Conservatory of Music's Learning Through The Arts Program, she now also serves as Local Coordinator for that educational initiative. Karen has adjudicated for the Sears Drama Festival (at both the district and regional levels), as well for ACT-CO. An actor, singer and director as well as an adjudicator, her favourite roles include Margot in Transit of Venus (Gryphon Theatre); Irene in Irene (Garden City Productions); Gloria in Mame (Limelight Dinner Theatre); and Philia in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (Theatre Kent). Her favourite works as a director include The Browning Version (Shaw Festival Directors Project); The Importance of Being Earnest (Gryphon Theatre); Julius Caesar (Victoria's Origins Theatre); and The Rainmaker

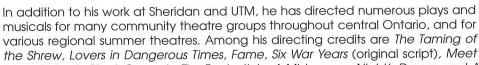
(The University of Western Ontario). A former board member for Theatre Kent, Chatham and London Community Players, she is delighted to return to her community theatre roots in such a personally rewarding way.

Festival Adjudicator

RON CAMERON

Mr. Cameron is a professor of theatre, director, writer, adjudicator and workshop leader. Over the past 25 years, he has taught acting for the Music Theatre Department at Sheridan College in Oakville, where he served for many years as Academic Coordinator. As well, Mr. Cameron teaches for the Sheridan College-Erindale College joint program in Theatre and Drama Studies at the University of Toronto in Mississauga, and directs productions for both programs.

He was awarded the 1993 President's Award of Excellence at Sheridan College.



Me in St. Louis, Black Comedy, The Fantasticks, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and A Chorus Line. For fourteen consecutive years, he taught acting at Theatre Ontario's successful Summer Courses.

His textbook on acting technique, <u>Acting Skills for Life</u>, is in its third printing with Simon & Pierre Publishers of the Dundurn Group. It combines acting technique exercises, improvisations, theory and excerpts from Canadian plays. He also has two scene study books in print: <u>Behind the Scenes, Vols. 1 & 2.</u>

In total, Mr. Cameron has adjudicated over 2,000 productions in more than 100 Festivals during the past 25 years. His work with the Ontario Collegiate Drama Festival and many community theatre Festivals has taken him extensively throughout the province. He has also adjudicated several times for the American Association of Community Theatre at State, Regional and National levels. This season, he is adjudicating for the SODF in Elmira, WODL in Woodstock, and Region III in Muncie, Indiana.

Mr. Cameron graduated as a history major from the University of Western Ontario, and went on to train in theatre at the Banff School of Fine Arts, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London (England) and the University of London. He has served on the executive, board and several committees with Theatre Ontario and, for three years, was a member of the International Committee of the American Association of Community Theatre.





JOHN B. FINLAY, M.P. OXFORD

Dear Theatre Goers and Visitors of the Western Ontario Drama League Festival hosted by the Woodstock Little Theatre.

As the Member of Parliament for Oxford, it is a great pleasure for me to welcome you, one and all, to Woodstock and Oxford County.

As a long time member and sometime actor of the Woodstock Little Theatre, I know that this is the first time Woodstock has hosted the Festival in our new theatre. I hope you all have a stimulating and exciting time as you enjoy the best drama in Western Ontario.

Break a leg,

ERNIE HARDEMAN, M.P.P. OXFORD

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Oxford County, and to our historic Woodstock Little Theatre for the 1999 Western Ontario Drama League Festival.

I am proud that Woodstock is hosting this prestigious event in community theatre in Ontario. Certainly all participants, guests and audience members will be treated to some of the best theatre our local companies have to provide.



I want to wish all the companies, and all of the actors well during the Festival. I especially want to extend best wishes to local participants from Woodstock, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Embro who I know will provide not only outstanding entertainment during the competition, but a warm welcome to all visitors.

While you are in Oxford, I would invite you to visit our many local attractions throughout our area and enjoy the beauty of historic downtown Woodstock and County Square.

Best wishes on an entertaining event and "Break a Leg."

JOHN H. GEOGHEGAN, MAYOR OF WOODSTOCK

On behalf of the City of Woodstock I wish to extend a warm welcome to all attending the Western Ontario Drama League Festival.

Bravo to the five community theatre groups who have won the right to present their productions at the Festival. I am sure the audience will find the performances to be of the finest caliber.

My congratulations to the organizers for their hard work and commitment in bringing such an event to Oxford County.

Best Wishes for a successful Festival Week.







W.O.D.L. Pre-Festival Awards

THE AUDREY VALE MEMORIAL AWARD

The Gift of Galt Little Theatre for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Major Role.

Winner: Lucy Williams as Fonsia in The Gin Game.

THE PETER WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL AWARD

The Gift of Sarnia Little Theatre for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Major Role. Winner: John Hobbs as Juror #3 in Twelve Angry Men.

THE REPUSKI AWARD

The Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Repuski for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role. Winner: Ron Eagle as Mr. Baker in Come Blow Your Horn.

THE LONDON COMMUNITY PLAYERS AWARD

The Gift of London Community Players for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role.

Winner: llene Elkaim as Lulu LaRoche in Perfect Timing.

THE HADLEY AWARD

The Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hadley of Sarnia for Outstanding Performance by a Juvenile. (A juvenile is anyone who has not reached his or her 18th birthday by March 1 of the current year.)

Winner: Rebecca Scott as Nurse Flinn in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

SPECIAL ADJUDICATOR AWARDS

The Gift of John Snowdon and Owen Sound Little Theatre for Special Awards of Merit as selected by the Preliminary Adjudicator.

*Winners: Set Design and Execution - Thistle Theatre, The Affections of May

- Owen Sound Little Theatre, If We Are Women

For Overall Presentation of a Unique Canadian Play: Kitchener Waterloo Little Theatre, Tango.

THE MOLLY YEARHAM MEMORIAL AWARD

The Gift of Dundas Little Theatre for Best Visually Co-ordinated Costumes of a Non-Rental Nature (This award is selected by the preliminary adjudicator as he/she is the only one who sees all of the competitive groups. It may be awarded to either a pre-festival or in-festival group.)

Winner: London Community Players, Thirteen Hands.

THE TURNER AWARD

The Gift of Glen Turner for Outstanding Direction. *Winner:* Megan Hobbs for *The Gin Game*.

THE THEATRE KENT AWARD

The Gift of Theatre Kent for Most Promising New Actor or Actress (First speaking role on stage outside of a High School production).

Winner: Sandra Andrews as Ida in Theatre Tillsonburg, The Cemetery Club.

W.O.D.L. Pre-Festival Awards Continued



THE FRED TOWNSEND MEMORIAL AWARD

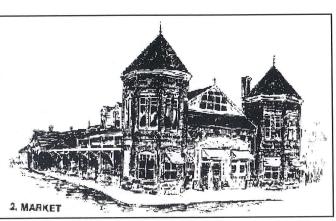
The Gift of Inez Hayes for Outstanding Ensemble Work. *Winner:* Theatre Kent, *Twelve Angry Men.*

THE PALACE THEATRE AWARD - GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MARTHA BLACKBURN

The Gift of Rick Verrette for Outstanding Lighting Design and Execution (This award is selected by the preliminary adjudicator as he/she is the only one who sees all of the groups. It may be awarded to either a pre-festival or in-festival group).

Winner: Brian George for Woodstock Little Theatre, Orphans.

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was relocated to the Fair Grounds where it continues to be a very busy place on Saturday mornings. Bravely, the Woodstock Little Theatre answered a proposal call for uses of the building in 1993 and by the spring of 1994 learned that with a financial partnership including the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments and themselves, this fine old building would have new life. More months of planning followed considering structural modernization, building and safety code requirements. Then the reconstruction phase followed and many more decisions were made about the building's final appearance features. Finally, when all the work was completed, members of Woodstock Little Theatre were delighted to have a new home.

The building officially opened in March of 1996 and in April an eleven performance sold out run of *Anne of Green Gables* launched the Woodstock Little Theatre into its fifty-first season of performances. During the fundraising campaign for WLT's \$400,000 contribution to the \$1.6 million cost our slogan was - Be a part of theatre ... We're glad we are!

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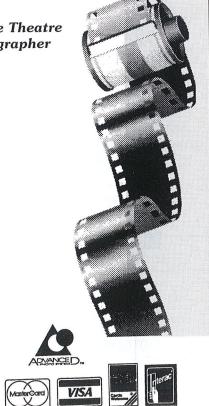
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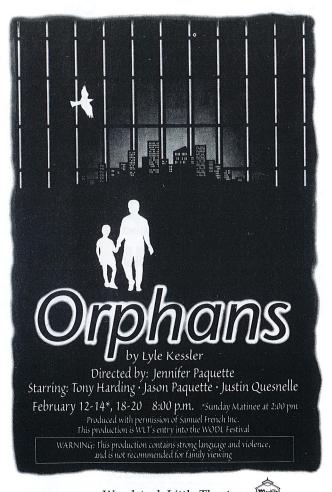
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Woodstock Little Theatre

Monday, March 15, 1999



Woodstock Little Theatre AT THE MARKET CENTRE THEATRE

SETTING

The action takes place in an old row house in North Philadelphia.

Act I:

A spring day

Act II:

Two weeks later

CAST

Phillip Treat Harold Justin Quesnelle Jason Paquette Tony Harding

PRODUCTION CREW

Director Stage Manager ASM Production Ass't

Set Design Set Co-ordinator Master Carpenter Set Builders

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Galt Little Theatre

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

GALT LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS

"The Cemetery Club"



by Ivan Menchell

directed by Kay Mattear produced by Patricia Harmer

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

CAST

Ida Cath Judd
Lucille Patricia Northey
Doris Joan Howell
Sam Henry North

Mildred Jude Winterbottom

PRODUCTION CREW

Stage Manager Jane McWilliams
Assistant Stage Managers Dave McMullin
Trevor McWilliams

Script Assistant/Prompt
Play Polisher
Set Design
Set Decor
Paul Runstedler
Sarah Quantrell
John Snowdon
Roger Howell
Chris Butcher

Assisted by

Jacqueline Sutherland
Barbara Teillinger
Michael Butcher
Roger Howell
Jim Mattear
Steve Greig
Doug Hillcoat

Set Construction Roger Howell

Assisted by George Winterbottom Owen Jones

Rick Ryan
Gary Biggar
Jim Bath
Jamie McLellen

Lighting Design Roy Schreiber Jim Mattear

Assisted by Jason Estabrooks Heather McFarlane

Makeup Donna Brown
Wardrobe Jude Winterbottom
Properties Stephen Smith
Assisted by Sound Warren Shaw

Hair Maria Philips

Leaf Collectors Ben & Emma Stavenow Children's Program

Patricia Harmer Jane McWilliams Anne Morison

TIME

The time is Mid-Autumn, the Present.

SETTING

The action of the play takes place in the livingroom of Ida's house and at a cemetery in Forest Hills, Queens.

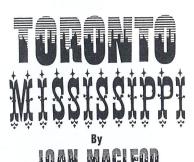


Burlington Little Theatre

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

URLINGTON

Presents





Produced by special arrangement with Playwrights Canada

CAST

King Bill Jhana Maddie Vince Guerriero Peter Churey Charlene Taylor Laurie Kortschak

PRODUCTION CREW

Director Producer Stage Manager Ass't. Stage Manager Set Design Construction Crew

Set Painting

Ian MacPherson Trevor Bonanno Lara Jiménez Louise Reed Dani Podetz Trevor Bonanno & Clair Bonanno

Dani Podetz Michelle Spanik Doreen Brown Inez Hayes Sondra Learn Shaun Vaughan **Enid Arron**

Lighting Design Lighting Crew

> Costumes **Properties** Sound

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Fay Bonanno Peter & Peggy Churey Doreen Brown George Newton

Act 1

Prologue	King on stage
Scene 1	Late Evening
Scene 2	The next morning
Scene 3	The Sunday night
Scene 4	Same night after dinner

Act II

Scene 1	Next Morning
Scene 2	Late Afternoon
Scene 3	King on stage
Scene 4	Evening
Scene 5	The next morning
Epilogue	King on stage

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* Miss Jackson is appearing with the permission of Canadian Actors' Equity Association

PRODUCTION CREW

Director Producer Stage Manager Assistant Stage Manager

Assistant to the Director Head of Properties Properties Assistants

> Head of Costumes Costume Assistants

> > Set Design Set Construction

> > > Set Crew

Set Realization

Sound Design

Musical Effects

Lighting Design Lighting Assistant

Head of Publicity

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Program

Gerry Butts
Alma Bennett
Vanessa Windmill
Barb Clark
Katherine Witcher
Monika Lassner
Michelle Davidson
Barb Lee
Lis Pieper
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Karen Frauley

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Greg Bride Ned Vukovic

SETTING

The setting is the two rooms of the Kowalski apartment in the French quarter of New Orleans. The action of the play takes place in the spring, summer and early fall.

Act I

Scene One Scene Two Scene Three Scene Four Late Afternoon *
Six o'clock, the following evening
Later that night
Early the following morning

Act II

Scene One Scene Two Some weeks later Later. About 2 a.m.

Act III

Scene One Scene Two Scene Three Scene Four Scene Five Some weeks later
Three quarters of an hour later
A while later that evening
A few hours later the same night
Some days later

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North

Penny Eizenga Norah Cleary Mary Jane Walzak Barbara Metcalf

PRODUCTION CREW

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Set Décor

Set Construction
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The Gift of Anne Wilson for Outstanding Performance by a Juvenile (A juvenile is anyone who has not reached his/her 18th birthday by March 1 of the current year.)

Your Choice



THE CALDER AWARD

The Gift of Woodstock Little Theatre for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role.

Your Choice

Winner



THE PLAYERS GUILD AWARD

The Gift of The Players Guild of Hamilton for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role.



Your Choice

Winner



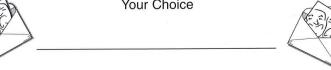
THE RUBEN CARDINELL MEMORIAL AWARD

The Gift of Guelph Little Theatre for Best Co-ordinated Production (The winner of this award is selected by the Host Group Festival Stage Manager).



Your Choice

Winner



THE DOLLY NUNAN AWARD

The Gift of Guelph Little Theatre for Most Promising New Actor or Actress (First speaking role on stage outside of a High School Production).

Your Choice

Winner



THE LEDINGHAM AWARD

The Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ledingham for Best Visual Production.

Your Choice

Winner



THE HAROLD P. SELLERS MEMORIAL AWARD

The Gift of Burlington Little Theatre for Outstanding Technical Achievement.

Your Choice

Winner







In-Festival Awards

THE CKCO-TV AWARD

The Gift of CKCO-TV for Outstanding Direction.

Your Choice



Winner

THE BONANNO AWARD

The Gift of Mr. & Mr. Lawrence Bonanno for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Major Role. Winner



Your Choice



THE TERRY DOYLE AWARD

The Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Terry Doyle for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Major Role.



Your Choice



Winner

THE MATHEWSON AWARD

The Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Mathewson for Outstanding Ensemble Work.



Your Choice



Winner

SPECIAL ADJUDICATOR AWARDS

The Gift of Mr. Ed Procunier for Special Awards of Merit as selected by the Festival Adjudicator.



Your Choice



Winner

THE D. PARK JAMIESON MEMORIAL AWARD

The Gift of Sarnia Little Theatre for Best Production in Festival.





Winner



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Your Choice



Winner



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