

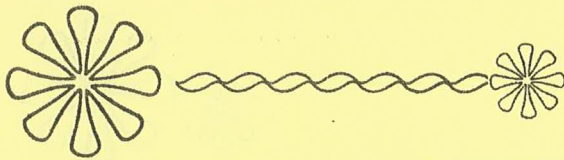
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WELCOME TO THE W.O.D.L. FESTIVAL '72.

The plays which you will enjoy this week are the result of a lot of hard work by some very dedicated and talented people.

I wonder if you Ontario theatre-goers realise what wonderful quality of performance is available to you? Community theatre has, since the nineteen twenties, been Canada's national theatre. The challenge of competition provided by the annual D.D.F. Festivals has been mainly responsible for the excellence you will see on this stage this week.

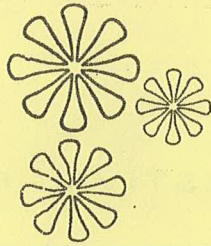
Not only has amateur theatre benefited, however, but in the same period of growth a National Professional Theatre has emerged. Many of its brightest stars, people like Kate Reid, Bill Walker, Amelia Hall, Bruno Gerussi and many others, first trod the boards and gained public attention in D.D.F. Festivals. Regional theatres like Shaw, Manitoba, Neptune and Stratford drew heavily in their initial growth and indeed still rely on the talents of our alumnae.

To win or lose, the joy of victory, the agony of defeat, have become questionable virtues of late. The "Showcase" Festival eliminating awards and showing us instead a theatrical cross-section is now in vogue. We shall not debate the virtues of either with you at this time. Let us instead enjoy what we have! Let us form our own opinions as we watch our talented friends on stage. Let us applaud, criticize, argue or agree. But first and foremost, let us experience. Because that magical relationship between the audience and the players is what theatre is all about.

Let the play commence.

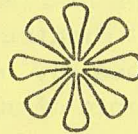
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WESTERN ONTARIO DRAMA LEAGUE



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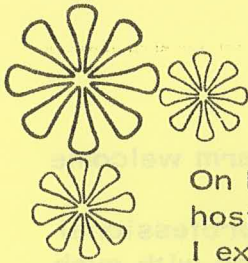


Curtain Times

Tuesday through Friday.....	8:00 P.M.
Saturday.....	7:00 P.M.

Doors Will Be Closed At Two Minutes To The Hour

The competitive nature of the performances in any Festival demands that each performing group be given equal opportunity; therefore, late arrivals will not be seated until the first intermission or suitable pause.

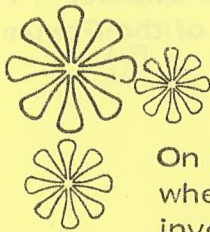


On behalf of Sarnia Little Theatre, which is proud to play host to this year's Western Ontario Drama League Festival, I extend a warm welcome to all the participating groups, fellow members of the W.O.D.L., and to all those who have come out to support and witness what we feel will be an entertaining week of theatre.

I would like to thank the Western Ontario Drama League and our Festival Committee for their efforts in making this Festival possible, and you, the patrons, for your interest, without which those efforts would be wasted.

Best wishes to the competing groups and to all of you.

Sam. Hunter
President,
SARNIA LITTLE THEATRE

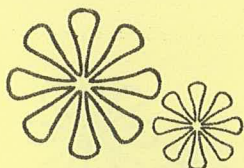


On behalf of "Festival '72" - a warm welcome to all - whether viewing or participating. We hope your involvement will be pleasant.

To the Pre-Festival Adjudicator, Mr. Ed. Procunier, our appreciation of his unstinting efforts to bring to Sarnia the best in theatrical entertainment.

To the many people who made it all possible, both theatrically and socially - a sincere thank you.

Charles Perrie
Festival Chairman.



OUR ADJUDICATOR - Mr. Jack Merigold

The Western Ontario Drama League extends a warm welcome to our Adjudicator for 1972, Jack Merigold.

Mr. Merigold has an extensive background in both professional and amateur theatre, having worked in association with such notable directors as the late Sir Tyrone Guthrie, Michael Langham and Jean Gascon. For several years he worked as production stagemanager of the Stratford Festival, being the first Canadian appointed to that position.

His association with amateur theatre includes directing, producing and conducting workshops for groups including Peterborough Little Theatre, Lindsay Theatre Society, Coburg Opera and Drama Guild and Temple Players, Toronto.

Listed among his accomplishments are production director for the opening season of the St. Lawrence Centre, and advisor to the Centennial Commission in Ottawa on popular and light entertainment.

Currently, as well as performing on Wayne and Shuster TV productions, Mr. Merigold is Theatre Manager of the Forum Amphitheatre at Ontario Place.



The audience is invited to remain for Mr. Merigold's adjudication, which will be given from the stage, following the presentation of each play. After the performance on Saturday night, he will announce his choices for Festival Awards.

Tuesday 21st March 1972

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OWEN SOUND LITTLE THEATRE

presents

Halfway Up The Tree

by Peter Ustinov

Directed by Vince Mathewson

The Cast

Lady Fitzbutteress.....Ruth Broomfield
Helga..... Pat Lillies
General Sir Mallalieu Fitzbutteress... Boston Patterson
Robert..... Bill Munro
Lesley..... Nancy Harris
Judy..... Doris Niemir
Tiny Gilliatt-Brown..... Larry Henry
Basil Utterwood..... Mike Penfold
The Vicar..... Norman Broomfield

SCENE: The action of the play takes place in a cottage in Hampshire, England.

ACT I More or less now
ACT II Somewhat later
ACT III Somewhat later still

Production Staff

Producer Norm Gorbet
Stage Manager Don McLeod
Lighting Dave Skelton
Wardrobe Joan Yule, Betty-Lou Potter
Makeup Joyce Mercer
Audrey Cheadle, Myrtle Bleich, Bill Duncan
Ruth Henderson, Ernie Schiarizza
Sound Effects Doug Dandeno
Set Designer Doug Wood
Set Construction Maurice Hewitt, Gord Dandeno
Properties Corry Lapointe
Renny Thompson, Ruth Lodge

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Wednesday 22nd March 1972

SARNIA LITTLE THEATRE

presents

The Night of the Iguana

by Tennessee Williams

Directed by Frank Casey

The Cast

Maxine Faulk.....	Valerie Hadley
Pedro.....	Luis De Araujo
Pancho.....	Kim Nienhuis
Rev. T. Lawrence Shannon.....	Alan Clifton
Hank.....	George Wood
Herr Fahrenkopf.....	Charles Perrie
Frau Fahrenkopf.....	Norma Hunter
Wolfgang.....	Brian Wastle
Hilda.....	Donna Zuber
Judith Fellowes.....	Mary-Pat Gleeson
Hannah Jelkes.....	Diane Surman
Charlotte Goodall.....	Linda Hunter
Jonathan Coffin (Nonno).....	Ron Baker
Jake Latta.....	Mike Churchill

SCENE: The verandah of the Hotel Costa Verde, Mexico, 1940.

ACT I Scene 1..... Mid afternoon

Scene 2..... Early evening

ACT II..... Later that evening

Production Staff

Producer.....	Bob Sharp
Set Design.....	Robert Abuda
Stage Manager.....	Elmer Berencsi
Sound.....	Frank Ingles
Costumes.....	Edie Poore
Properties.....	Joyce Fairlie
Set Decoration.....	Janet Williamson
	Charlene Spratt, Peggie Coslett
Makeup.....	Janet Ritchie
Lights.....	Jim Wallace, Tom Scurfield

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Thursday 23rd March 1972

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SAINT THOMAS MORE PLAYERS

present

Shadow of a Gunman

by Sean O'Casey

The Cast

Donal Davoren	Eric Taylor
Shamus Shields.....	Bill Wade
Minnie Powell.....	Teresa De Cecchi
Mrs. Henderson.....	Myra Ferrie
Mr. Mulligan	Wes Lee
Maguire.....	Tom O'Reilly
Tommy Owens.....	Bill Wade
1st Auxiliary.....	Ray Jenkins
2nd Auxiliary	Tom O'Reilly
Mr. Grigson.....	Wes Lee
Mrs. Grigson.....	Margaret Wilson
Mr. Gallagher.....	Tom O'Reilly

The Play is set in Dublin in 1920, one year before Britain granted independence to most of Ireland, but retained control of the six north eastern counties, commonly referred to as "Ulster", which is very much in the news today.

ACT I : : : : : A room in a Tenement in Hilljoy Square, Dublin, 1920
ACT II : : : : : Several hours later.

Production Staff

Master Carpenter	Barry Snow
Stage Manager	Sheena Ross
Assisted by	Allan Ross
Lighting	Gary Allen
Assisted by	Bruce Dawson
Wardrobe	Claire Owen
Properties	Madeline DePaul
Assisted by	Mary Crispo
Sound	Paul Ferrauto
Makeup	Helen Binks

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Wednesday 22 March 1972
Friday 24th March 1972

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ST. CATHERINE'S PRESS THEATRE
presents

The Lady's Not For Burning
by Christopher Fry

Directed by Barbara Cockburn

The Cast

Richard, an orphaned clerk.....David Ross
Thomas Mendip, a discharged soldier....Alan Youngson
Alizon EliotAlison Davies
Nicholas Devize.....Bruce Herzog
Margaret Devize, mother of Nicholas... Molly Rutledge
Humphrey Devize, brother of Nicholas.....Al Bennet
Hebble Tyson, the Mayor.....Desmond Davis
Jennet JourdemayneFaye Davis
The Chaplain Ogwen Glyn-Jones
Edward Tapperloom, the JusticeNorman Harding
Matthew Skipps.....Henry Master

SCENE: A room in the house of Hebble Tyson, Mayor of the small market town of Cool Clary.
TIME: 1400 either more or less or exactly.

Production Staff

Set Designer Jack Timlock
Costume Designer Wama Timlock
Light Designer Al Anderson
Stage Manager Scott Hayward
Assistant S. M. and Properties Lindsay Morris
Sound Supervisor Bill Wong
Sound Operator David Beare
Lights Operator Doug Rathbun
Set Construction Al Anderson, Max Bartel
Scott Hayward, Steve Newman
Costume Construction Judy Kennedy, Marilyn Lovett
Pat Upper, Isabell Woodward
Set Artists George Upper, Jack Timlock
Makeup Helen Jelley, Elsie Poulouski

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Saturday 25th March 1972

BURLINGTON LITTLE THEATRE

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presents

Yesterday the Children were Dancing

by Gratien Gelinas

translated by Mavor Moore

Directed by David Mallis

The Cast

Pierre Gravel	Roy L. Hughes
Paul O'Brien	Jim Costley
Raoul Roberge	Maurice Dubras
Larry Gravel	David Victor
Berthe Martin	Ruth Garner
Nicole Chartier	Lesley Gairn
Andre Gravel	Martin Bragg
Louise Gravel	Rosemary Ferguson

SCENE: All the action of the play takes place in the Gravel living room.
The action of the play unfolds without interruption.

Production Staff

Producers	Norm and Marilyn Groves
Associate Producer	Lawrie Bonanno
Technical Advisor	Harold Sellers
Set Design	Dani Podetz
Set Painting	Mary Hopkins, Vivienne MacKrell Linda Parsons, Janet Booth Judy Groves, Marilyn Groves
Stage Manager	Maurice Owen
Assisted by	Bill Baskin
Master Carpenter	Tom Booth, Brian Eaton
Furnishings	Ken Hamilton, Rick Westaway, Norman Groves
Assisted by	Joan Paterson
Properties	Elsie Thompson, Rose Halcomb
Assisted by	Terry Burdick, Ann Reid, Marie Butt
Makeup	Eileen Westaway
Assisted by	Flo Lee
Costumes	Dorothy Knutsen
Sound	Natalie Ball, Vivienne MacKrell
Lighting	Linda Parsons
	Colin Shakespeare
	Ken Hamilton

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Pre-Festival Awards

The National Trust Award

The Gift of The National Trust Company Toronto,
for The Best Performance by an Actress.
Presented by - Mr. Sam Hunter

The Winner - **SANDRA FIELDING**
Simcoe

The CFPL TV Award

The Gift of Station CFPL - T.V., London, for
the Best Performance by an Actor.
Presented by - Mr. Ed. Manning

The Winner - **CHRIS G.**
GUELPH

The CKCO TV Award

The Gift of Station CKCO - T.V., Kitchener, for
the Best Performance by a juvenile, male or
female, in a play entered for competition in
the W. O. D. L. Festival. (A juvenile is any
person who has not reached his or her 19th
birthday prior to the night on which his or her
performance was adjudicated.)
Presented by - Mr. Don Willcox

The Winner - **MARTIN BRAGG**
BURLINGTON
Bruce Hurzogg
St Catherine's

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The number of Awards was reduced this year in the interest of brevity. However, those who might have been winners in the deleted categories have, no doubt, had their qualities recognized at their adjudication by Mr. Ed. Procunier, our Pre-Festival Adjudicator.

The W.O.D.L. Trophy for the Group obtaining the highest number of marks is replacing the D.D.F. Trophy, which is now in The Museum of Man in Ottawa. The new Trophy has been sponsored by the following Past Presidents: Mr. Walter Barlow, Mr. D. Park Jamieson, Mrs. Florence Smith, Mr. Bruce Sully, Miss Elsie Thomson, Mr. Charles P. Tuck, Dr. C. G. Mitges, Mr. Clay Hall, Mr. Bruce Devitt, and Mrs. Nora Winter.

The W.O.D.L. Trophy, to be kept by the winning group, is donated yearly by the retiring President, this year Mr. James Costley. The individual awards and gifts are original works of sculpture by members of The Potters Guild of Burlington, Ontario - Denise McKay, Lois Harry and Joan McDougald.

Festival Awards

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The CKCO TV Award

The Gift of Station CKCO - T.V., Kitchener, for the Best Performance by a Supporting Actress.
Presented by - Mr. Don Willcox

The Winner - Molly Rottledge
St. Catherine REFUSED

The Canada Trust Award

The Gift of The Canada Trust Company, London, for the Best Performance by a Supporting Actor.
Presented by - Mr. Maurice Gomme

The Winner - Wes LEE
S.T.M.P.

The CKNX TV Award

The Gift of Station CKNX - T.V., Wingham, for the Best Stage Manager.
Presented by - Mr. George Walling

The Winner - MORRICE OWEN
B.L.T.

The CKCO TV Award

The Gift of Station CKCO - T.V., Kitchener, for the Director of the Best-Directed Play.
Presented by - Mr. Don Willcox

The Winner - FRANK CASEY
SARNIA

The Brickenden Award

The Gift of Mrs. G. A. P. Brickenden, London, for the Best Performance by an Actress.
Presented by - Mrs. Brickenden

The Winner - DIANE SURHAN
SARNIA

The Jordan Memorial Award

The Gift of Mrs. A. D. Jordan, Hamilton, for the Best Performance by an Actor.
Presented by - Mrs. Brickenden

The Winner - BILL WADE S.T.M.P.

The W.O.D.L. Trophy

The Gift of W. O. D. L. Past Presidents, to the Group obtaining the Highest Number of Marks.
Presented by - Mr. Clay Hall

The Winner - SHOWDOWN OF A GUNMAN

The W.O.D.L. Award

The Gift of the Retiring President of W.O.D.L., to the Winning Group.
Presented by - Mr. James Costley

The Winner - S.T.M.P.

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