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#### Message from The SLT Board

On behalf of the members of the Sarnia Little Theatre and all of Sarnia/ Lambton, we welcome you to our new home, in downtown Sarnia. We are very excited about hosting Festival '97, not only because of the newly restored Imperial Oil Centre for the Performing Arts, but also to help us celebrate our 70th anniversary.

This is the time for starting new friendships and renewing old ones, as the spirit of

community theatre grows stronger every year.

We would like to thank the Festival co-chairs and their hard working team, the Samia and area community for their dedication and support, and you, our audience, as our survival depends on your support of the arts.

We encourage you to patronize the Samia/ Lambton businesses who have generously been behind Festival '97 and the Capitol Restoration Project.

Break a leg to all the participants and enjoy!!

The Board of Directors Samia Little Theatre



#### Message from W.O.D.L. President

On behalf of the Western Ontario Drama League, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Festival '97. We applaud Samia Little Theatre for the vision and commitment that is so evident here at the Imperial Oil Centre for the Performing Arts and in the organization of this festival. SLT is indeed fortunate to find itself in a community which recognizes the value of live theatre and so visibly displays its appreciation of the group's first seventy years of contribution. I encourage you to show your support (financial or otherwise) of the local economy during your stay in Samia.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dozens and dozens of individuals directly involved with Festival '97 and its success. In addition, my gratitude goes to the more than one thousand volunteers who worked on the twenty-two productions which were part of the preliminary process. Western Ontario is lucky to have the wealth of talent and dedication of community theatre that allows this festival's five finalists to offer only a teasingly tantalizing taste. I hope they leave you wanting just one more thing - to see your own name in the next community theatre programme you read.

Congratulations to Sarnia Little Theatre, especially to all those involved in making the Imperial Oil Centre for the Performing Arts the marvelous facility it is today, and to the Festival '97 Committee for making this and event to match the venue.

Bravol

Rick Verrette

President - W.O.D.L.



#### Message from the Mayor of Sarnia

On behalf of the citizens of Sarnia I extend a warm welcome to the performers and quests of the Western Ontario Drama League Festival.

Samia is honoured to be hosting this year's Festival, particularly in the newly restored Imperial Oil Centre for the Performing Arts and on the Sarnia Little Theatre's 70th Anniversary.

The City of Samia is very proud to have been a major partner in bringing the Imperial Theatre Project to fruition. We look forward to the many outstanding productions by the Samia Little Theatre in the years ahead.

To those visiting Sarnia for the first time, I know you will find our citizens delighted to host you and we hope you will visit us again in the near future.

Best wishes to the members of the Samia Little Theatre on your 70th Anniversary and good luck to the actors, actresses and all those working behind the scenes making this year's Festival a success.

Yours sincerely

Mike Bradley Who Boal

Mayor of Samia

#### Message from the Festival co-Chairs

Both of us have worked on many Festivals in the past, but it has only been recently that we can apprecieate the challenges of chairing a Festival. It goes without saying that considerable planning over a period of some months goes into hosting a Festival, but the rewards are well worth the effort.

As co-Chairs, we could not have accomplished our goals for the Festival without the support and dedication on the Festival committee members. Thank you one and all for being there.

Welcome to W.O.D.L. Festival '97 and our congratulations to the five Festival productions - "Break a Leg".

Enjoy

Megan Hobbs

Shirley O'Neill

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#### Preliminary Adjudicator

Ken Albanese

Ken has over twenty five years experience as an actor and director. He has adjudicated major festivals throughout Ontario and is a member of Theatre Ontario's professional talent bank. Ken is an experienced educator for both adults and young people and has taught courses and workshops in acting and directing. He is currently the General Manager of Theatre Orangeville now going into its fourth professional season and recently directed a production of *Death and The Maiden* at the University of Guelph. Ken has had a long career in community theatre and has twice won the Western Ontario Drama League

Festival with productions he has directed.



#### Festival Adjudicator

Richard Howard

Richard is the creator, founder and artistic director of Pull-Chain Theatre, Sault Ste. Marie's most active and prolific theatre company. Mr. Howard has directed, adjudicated and taught acting and directing on three continents, as well as over 50 communities in Ontario alone. He has acted in films, radio, television and theatre including the Stratford Shakespearean Festival and on Broadway.

Richard is an active member of the Theatre Ontario Talent Bank and is an actor and director in both the Canadian and American Actors' Equity Association.

Plays he's directed have garnered over 200 awards, including the Bessborough Trophy for Outstanding

Achievement in Classical Theatre, and a special citation for his cultural contribution to the City of Toronto.

Mr. Howard has directed such highly acclaimed productions as Evita, Jesus Christ Superstar, Zorba, Sweeney Todd, Shirley Valentine, The Dining Room, Oklahomal, Daughters, Into the Woods, Waiting for the Parade, The Fantastics, The Diviners, Cabaret, The Cherry Orchard, Marvin's Room, Oedipus Rex, Our Country's Good, Darkside, Streetcar Named Desire, The Glass Menagerie, The Innocents, Inherit the Wind, Tom Jones, etc.

Under Mr. Howard's direction, Pull-Chain Theatre has produced 35 plays in 5 years. This July, for the eighth consecutive year, he will conduct the Actor's Centre, a week long acting course held in Sault Ste. Marie, which he brings participants from around the province and from Michigan, Wisconsin and Montreal.

Richard is married to the international Oscar and Tony award winning actress, Lila Kedrova.

The committee for the Western Ontario Drama League Festival would like to extend it's sincere thanks to the following businesses, groups and individuals for their support. As we got closer to printing this program, many more of these supporters are coming in, unfortunately some may have been missed at printing time. We do apologize to you and thank you for your tremendous support.

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#### Cast

Jack Tisdale Ruth Tisdale Richard Hyde-Finch Cilla Fraser Michael Craig Clayton Fry Libby Husniak Tom Delaney Stage Hand

George Wood Jr. Jane Janes Kenn Poore Caitlin Murphy Frank Casey Paul Richardson Julie Ryan Jim Poore **Bob Cooke** 

There will be one twenty minute intermission

#### **Production Staff**

Director Assistant Director Producer Stage Manager Assistant Stage Managers Set Design Set Construction DIRECTED BY

RICHARD POORE

Richard Poore Henri Davis Drew Caldwell Jimmy Plunkett Ron Pask, Sue Roberts Kenn Poore, Edie Poore Bill Allingham, Dave Dunk, Kenn Poore,

Brian Roberts, Holly Littlefeild, Richard Poore, Sue Roberts, Bob Cooke Edie Poore, Jane Silliker-MacIlquham Set Decor Don Poore, Jim Poore, Don Gillatly Assisted by Deanna McConnel, Carol O'Grady, Ann

**Props** Make-up

Rachel LeNeve, Madeline Taylor

Rehearsal Coordinator Sound Design Sound Operation Wardrobe Assisted by

Henri Davis Richard Poore Georgina Ford

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Lighting Design and Operation Follow spot Operator **Bookholders** Quick Change Artists

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#### Cast

Marta Lesley Quesnelle

Margaret

Anna McDonnell

Janet

Karen McSpadden

Jennifer Paquette

Catherine

Kate Innes

The Setting

The play takes place in Calgary during 1939 - 1945

NOTE: Cigarette smoking occurs during two scenes of the play.

There will be one twenty minute intermission

#### The Production Crew

Director

**Producers** 

Stage Manager

Set Design

Set Construction Costumes

Hair

Lighting Design Lighting Assistant

Lighting Operation

**Props** 

Sound Design Voice

Sound Operation Festival Crew

Bonnie L. Coulter

Nancy Hawkins and Georgina Rae

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Bonnie L. Coulter Mark Finlay

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#### Cast

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The Setting ACT 1

by Norm Foster

Scene 1

The present

Scene 2

Two weeks later

Directed by: Juscene & heeler Three weeks later

Produced by: Don Antoch

Scene 1

The next morning

Scene 2

Later that evening

There will be one twenty minute intermission

#### The Production Crew

Director

Julie Wheeler-Bryant

Producer

Don Antosh Margot Curry

Stage Manager

Assistant Stage Managers Set Design Barb Clark, Pat Dunn Bob Ledingham

Master Carpenter Set Construction Crew Glynn Bennett

Rob Brown, Andrew Cooper, Steven Holmes, Paul Fraser, Wes Timmerman

Set Decor

Sandy Gascho-Frank, Lis Pieper

Set Painters

Joan Berry, Helen Shaw, Larry Moore, Sandy Gascho - Frank, Bruce Bricknell

Lighting Design

Bob Ledingham Bob Ledingham, Chuck Peeren, Larry

Lighting Crew

Moore.

Lighting Operators

Peter Merry, Tony Barton

Sound Design

Monika Lassner

Sound Operators

Monika Lassner, Alma Bennett

**Props** 

Lis Pieper, Wendy Spicer Barb Lee, Karen Frauley

Costumes Stage Hands

Helen Shaw, Lisa Branton Karen Frauley

Dresser

Florence Borovoy Monika Lassner

Make-up Poster Design

#### Cast

Edith Jude Winterbottom
Charles Jonathon Harrison
Mrs. Bradman Kay Mattear
Christine Butcher
Jeanetta Harding
Dr. Bradman Damon Arber
Elvira Barbara Teilinger

The action of the play passes in the living room of Charles Condomine's house in Kent.

Act 1 Before dinner, on a summer evening Scene 1 Scene 2 After dinner Scene 1 The next morning Later the following afternoon Scene 2 Scene 3 Early evening. A few days later Act 3 Scene 1 After dinner. A few days later Several hours later Scene 2

There will be two twenty minute intermissions

#### **Production Personnel**

Director Joan Howell Assistant Director Christina Howell-McLellan Producer Patricia Harmer Stage Managers Christina Howell-McLellan, Roger Howell Assistant Stage Managers Michael Butcher, George Winterbottom Set Design Roger Howell Set Decor Anne Morison, Barbara Grosch Costume Design Svlvia Lisi Lighting Design Roy Schreiber, Michael Butcher Sound Design Rob Hall Stephen Smith **Props** Patricia Harmer Assisted by Wig and Hair Design Marvel Beauty Schools, Stephanie Smith, Maria Phillips Donna Brown Make - up Assisted by Rosalind Fisher, Dianne Standring Script Assistant Set Construction George Winterbottom, Gord Wilson, Owen Jones, Michael Butcher, Roger Howell, Marcus Carr **Set Painting** Anne Morison Assisted by Lee-Ann MacKenzie Play Polisher Ned Vukovic

Jerry Van Dyke

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Christopher Albert Harry Bolton Kerry Benson Annette Streich

Sheriff Traveller Traveller Traveller Traveller

Amy Peters Rebecca Naylor Sharon Jones

#### The Setting

ACT 9

A Houston Apartment
The Trip

ACT 2

A Country Place

There will be two twenty minute intermissions

#### Crew

Director
Assistant Director/Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Managers
Production Observer
Set Design
Master Carpenter
Set Construction
Set Decoration Coordinator
Set Decoration Crew

M. Lucille (Sam) Grant Helen Springate

Sue Stewart, Dale Spicer

Tim Lewis
Cheryl Jennings
Lloyd Morden

Harry Bolton, Roberto Bacchin, Dale Spicer,

Glen Walton Cheryl Jennings

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Vandahl

Dale Spicer, Roberto Baccin, Christopher

Albert

Jake Levesque, M. Lucille (Sam) Grant

Jake Levesqu Jessica Kelly

Chris Keelan Pauline Braithwaite

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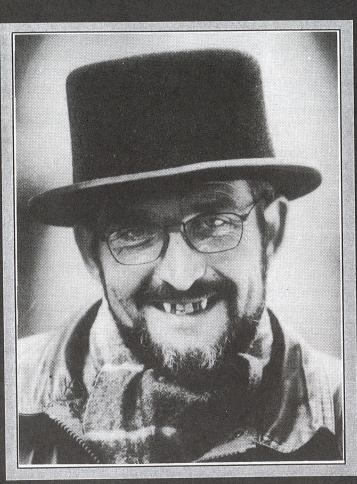
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Winner:

#### THE CALDER AWARD

Outstanding performance by an actress in a supporting role. The gift of Woodstock Little Theatre. Winner:

#### THE PLAYERS GUILD AWARD

Outstanding performance by an actor in a supporting role. The gift of Players Guild of Hamilton. Winner:

#### THE RUBEN CARDINELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Best coordinated production.
The gift of Guelph Little Theatre.
Winner:

#### THE DOLLY NUNAN AWARD

Most promising new actor or actress. The gift of Guelph Little Theatre. Winner:

#### THE LEDINGHAM AWARD

Best visually coordinated production The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ledingham. Winner:

#### THE HAROLD P. SELLERS MEMORIAL AWARD

Outstanding technical achievement. The gift of Burlington Little Theatre. Winner:

#### THE CKCO-TV AWARD

Outstanding direction.
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Outstanding performance by an actress in a major role. The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bonanno. Winner:

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Outstanding ensemble work. The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mathewson. Winner:

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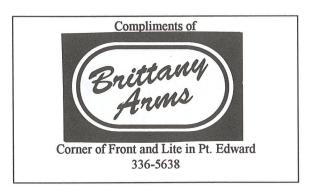


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June 20 to 21	Gloria Bondy Dance Studios - Dance Recital - 337-1225
June 28	Seaway Sounds Sweet Adelines - "Parade of Songs"
July 3 to 5	SUMR Players - "Murder at the Howard Johnsons" - 344-SHOW
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#### W.O.D.L. Festival Awards 1997

#### Pre-Festival Awards

#### THE AUDREY VALE MEMORIAL AWARD

Outstanding performance by an actress in a major role.

The gift of Galt Little Theatre.

Winner: Jennea Smith as Ivy in This Year Next Year - Ingersall Theatre of Performing Arts

#### THE WYMAN KERR MEMORIAL AWARD

Outstanding performance by and actor in a major role.

The gift of Sarnia Little Theatre.

Winner: Bud Jolley as Orval Currie in The Perils of Persephone - Owen Sound Little Theatre

#### THE REPUSKI AWARD

Outstanding performance by an actor in a supporting role.

The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Repuski.

Winner: Matt Evans as Francis Hinkley in The Perils of Persephone - Owen Sound Little Theatre

#### THE LONDON COMMUNITY PLAYERS AWARD

Outstanding performance by an actress in a supporting role.

The gift of London Community Players.

Winner: Nara Farrell as Janet in Doctor in the House - The Aldershot Players

#### THE HADLEY AWARD

Outstanding performance by a juvenile.

The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hadley.

Winner: Suzanne Yakabuskie as Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz - Royal City Musical Productions

#### THE MOLLY YEARHAM AWARD

Best visually coordinated costumes of a non-rental nature.

The gift of Dundas Little Theatre.

Winners: Anna Reid, Geneva Heaman, Johanna McLeod, Joan Threndyle, Marlies Babson for

A Christmas Carol - Kincardine Theatre Guild

#### THE TURNER AWARD

Outstanding direction.

The gift of Glen Turner.

Winner: Audrey Cheadle of The Perils of Persephone - Owen Sound Little Theatre

#### THE THEATRE KENT AWARD

Most promising new actor or actress.

The gift of Theatre Kent

Winner: Jennifer Hewstone in The Dining Room - Theatre Kent

#### THE FRED TOWNSEND MEMORIAL AWARD

Outstanding ensemble work.

The gift of Inez Hayes.

Winner: The cast of The Dining Room - Theatre Kent

#### THE ED CUMMING MEMORIAL AWARD

Outstanding lighting design and execution.

The gift of Lloyd Lindsay Corporation

Winner: Chris Keelan, Pauline Braithwaite - The Trip to Bountiful - London Community Players

#### SPECIAL ADJUDICATORS AWARD

Special awards of merit as selected by the Preliminary Adjudicator The gift of Owen Sound Little Theatre and John Snowdon. Winners:

FOR OUTSTANDING SET DESIGN AND DECOR Dani Podetz for *This Year Next Year* - Burlington Little Theatre

FOR OUTSTANDING CHARACTER WORK IN A SMALL ROLE Rosemarie Barnes and Audrey Pellett as Mrs. Dilber and the Charwoman in A Christmas Carol - Kincardine Theatre Guild

FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A SUPPORTING GROUP Homeless people and commuters from *The Middle of Grand Central Station* - Young Theatre Players

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We are dedicated amateurs who produce quality theatre in our local community. For that reason, we are always looking for new people who wish to get involved.

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#### Samia Little Theatre

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February 25, 1997

Megan Hobbs Festival Co-Chair Sarnia Little Theatre P.O. Box 43 Sarnia, ON N7T 7H8

Dear Megan:

On behalf of NOVA, I would like to extend our congratulations to the Sarnia Little Theatre and offer a warm welcome to the members of the Western Ontario Drama League Festival '97.

We hope you enjoy our "new" community theatre. NOVA's investment in the restoration of this theatre is an investment toward economic renewal and cultural development for the Sarnia-Lambton community. Festivals such as this further enhance the quality of life in our community and encourage continued support of the arts.

We invite all theatre guests to enjoy "The NOVA Room" for the after glows and private adjudications.

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