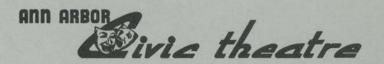


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While through necessity, we have had to use the same people in different shows, we believe that our thinking is right in offering these opportunities to the Ann Arbor public. The only thing that keeps you from working with us is the fact that we do not know that you want to work. This may be accomplished by seeing either Ted Heusel or myself.

It is our belief that "Private Lives" will be an enjoyable show, as we have a very able cast, headed by our director, Mr. Ted Heusel.

We are able to announce that our sixth show will be the "Moon Is Blue." This will be another of Ann Arbor Civic Theater's "firsts," as it will be the first time this show has been done by a community theater in this area.

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Mr. Heusel holds an AB degree and an MA degree which he received in 1951 from the University of Michigan where he appeared in many productions, and portraying many lead roles ranging from Napoleon to Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Heusel has worked in radio for the past four years and recently completed a series of historical programs for the Ford Foundation, which is now being broadcast over the Voice of America. For the past thirteen weeks he has appeared on a television series every Sunday for the University of Michigan Tele-Course over WWJ-TV.

Mr. Heusel's professional drama experiences range from "Come Back Little Sheba" with Joan Blondell to "The Crucible" with E. G. Marshall. Last summer, Mr. Heusel was the Director of the Saline Mill Theatre, one of the most successful summer theaters in the country. Tonight, Mr. Heusel makes his appearance as an actor in Noel Coward's "Private Lives."

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★ HARRIET BENNETT HAMME (Sybil) makes her second appearance with us this evening. Her background affords much theatrical experience, where as a child she was on radio with the Ford Sunday Evening Hour. Harriet has been active with WXYZ-TV and in professional summer stock at the Will O Way Playhouse. While at the University she has been active with Play Pro and Student Players and can be remembered for roles in "Philadelphia Story" and "Light Up the Sky." She has also been active with the Inter Arts Union and the University Gilbert and Sullivan Society. Her latest portrayal was in the part of Nellie in "Summer and Smoke."

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\* RUTH LIVINGSTON (Amanda Prynne) is well known to Civic Theater audiences for her roles in "All My Sons, The Spider, Holiday," and recently "Ten Little Indians." She has won the "best actress" award on two different occasions. A graduate of the University Department of Speech, she was active in "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" and "Second Threshold." Ruth is a native of Englewood, New Jersey and is presently employed as receptionist at radio station WPAG. Her recent appearance as Alma Winemiller in "Summer and Smoke" will long be remembered.

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\* ANTHONY PASQUARIELLO (Victor) is Professor of Spanish and Italian at the University, where he has directed the annual Spanish plays since 1944. At Brooklyn College, New York, he appeared in speech department plays and participated in a one-year dramatic series on WNYC. Tony's Portrayal of Philip Lombard in "Ten Little Indians" was his most recent appearance. Besides being on the Board of Directors, he is our Vice President.

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