
ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

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★ VISIT TO A ★

★ SMALL ★

★ PLANET ★

by
GORE VIDAL

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TWENTY-NINTH SEASON

SECOND PRODUCTION

TED HEUSEL, Director

OCTOBER 23-24-25, 1958

LYDIA MENDELSSOHN THEATRE

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ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

presents

"VISIT TO A SMALL PLANET"

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CAST of CHARACTERS

ROGER SPELDING.....	John Rae
GENERAL TOM POWERS.....	Ted Heusel
REBA SPELDING.....	Mayme Walker
ELLEN SPELDING.....	Caroline Arbogast
CONRAD MAYBERRY.....	Erik Arnesen
KRETON.....	Jack Rouse
AIDE.....	Allan Schreiber
ROSEMARY.....	Cinnamon Crawford
TELEVISION TECHNICIANS.....	Frank Bryant Julian Stienon
SCRIPT GIRL.....	Phyllis Eshelman
DELTON 4.....	Clan Crawford, Jr.

SETTING

The action of the play takes place in the house of Roger Spelding outside Manassas, Virginia. The time is next summer.

SCENES

ACT I.....	Early evening of a summer's day
ACT II Scene 1.....	The next morning
Scene 2.....	That evening
ACT III.....	An hour later

This play is presented through special arrangements with
Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

NOTES ABOUT THE CAST



JOHN RAE . . . local attorney, member of the Board of Supervisors, Ann Arbor Transit Company co-ordinator, and current Civic Theatre President, was last seen in "Teahouse of the August Moon" and "Guys and Dolls."



TED HEUSEL . . . well known actor and director on the Ann Arbor scene for more than ten years, has been active in Play Production, Drama Season, Saline Mill Theatre, Arts Theatre, University Television, and now in fifth season as professional director of Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. Last appeared on stage for us in "Seven Year Itch."



MAYME WALKER . . . a graduate of Alabama University, comes from Milan, Tennessee. She played the comic lead at Hunter Hills Theatre in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, this past summer.

CAROLINE ARBOGAST . . . a two-time winner of "best supporting actress" award at the University of Detroit, appeared in our "Mia Mine" last season.

ERIK ARNESEN . . . a student at University of Michigan, played in "Tea and Sympathy" several years ago.

JACK ROUSE . . . now a U of M pre-med student, hails from Billings, Montana, where he spent four seasons in the Pioneer Playhouse Summer Theatre. He won "best actor" and "best character actor" awards for the State of Montana.

ALLAN SCHREIBER . . . an Ann Arborite and a University of Michigan student played in "Mia Mine" and "Death of a Salesman."

FRANK BRYANT . . . is making his first stage appearance.

JULIAN STIENON . . . also appears for the first time on stage.

PHYLLIS ESHELMAN . . . was last seen in "Death of a Salesman."

CLAN CRAWFORD, JR. . . . attorney, former City Councilman, recent Civic Theatre President, set designer and builder, proudly points to his acting experience: "one line in 'Hatful of Rain,' two lines 'Guys and Dolls,' *twelve* lines 'Visit to a Small Planet'."

PRODUCTION STAFF

PRODUCTION MANAGER.....	Alice Crawford
SET DESIGNER.....	Alice Crawford
LIGHTS.....	Howard and Margaret Fox
PROPS.....	Sandra Ingram, Anne Crosby, Elizabeth Watkins
CREW.....	Alice Crawford, Anne Crosby, Jane Etherington, Sandra Ingram, Donald Sandberg, Allan Schreiber, Julian Stienon, Barbara Sandberg, Elizabeth Watkins, Raeburn Hirsch
MAKE-UP.....	Loine Meinel, Dorothy Barnes
COSTUMES.....	Barbara Sandberg
SOUND.....	Clan Crawford, Jr., Raeburn Hirsch, Julian Stienon
SPECIAL EFFECTS.....	Bob Eshelman
BOOKHOLDER.....	Phyllis Eshelman
USHERS.....	Barbara Logan, Chairman
BOX OFFICE.....	Jerry Scofield, Ticket Agent; Allan Schreiber, Clan Crawford, Jr., Barbara Leake, Dick Heusel
PROGRAMS.....	Marilyn Chadwick

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Next Production

January 8-9-10

"JULIUS CAESAR"

by William Shakespeare

Tryouts Wednesday and Thursday — October 29 and 30
Room C-104, Ann Arbor High School, 8:00 p.m.

For Information, Call NOrmandy 2-4373

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We welcome you to our second show of the 1958-1959 season, "Visit to a Small Planet." We hope that this very modern comedy of high style and low farce will please you. Our next play, Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," will be presented January 8, 9, and 10. You are welcome to try-outs.

The Ann Arbor Civic Theatre promises you that your theatre participation as audience, member, officer, or actor will be rewarding and will enable us to present you with the best in dramatic plays available.

JOHN W. RAE
President

COMING ATTRACTIONS

January 8, 9, 10....."JULIUS CAESAR"
February 12, 13, 14....."KING OF HEARTS"
March 5, 6, 7....."CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF"

If you are interested in tryouts, watch for casting dates
to be announced.

**For Membership Information, contact Mrs. Helga Hover,
Membership Chairman, at NOrmandy 3-3587**

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