

ANN ARBOR

 *Civic theatre*

**OUR
TOWN**

Thirty-first Season—Fifth Production

Clarence Stephenson, Director

MARCH 29, 30, 31, APRIL 1, 1961

Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre

ANN ARBOR

MICHIGAN

OUR TOWN

by Thornton Wilder
directed by Clarence Stephenson

CAST OF CHARACTERS

STAGE MANAGER	Singer Buchanan
DR. GIBBS	William Taylor
JOE CROWELL	Scott Eshelman
HOWIE NEWSOME	George Spelvin
MRS. GIBBS	Christie Heinrich
MRS. WEBB	Dolores Stead
GEORGE GIBBS	James Flood
REBECCA GIBBS	Marilyn Goldberg
WALLY WEBB	Richard Borso
EMILY WEBB	Royce Rosenberg
PROFESSOR WILLARD	Rick Benjamin
EDITOR WEBB	John Rae
WOMAN IN THE BALCONY	Phyllis Eshelman
MAN IN THE AUDITORIUM	Clarence Stephenson
LADY IN THE BOX	Marcia Brownson
SIMON STIMSON	Albert Katz
MRS. SOAMES	Bette Ellis
CONSTABLE WARREN	Murray Barasch
SI CROWELL	Scott Eshelman
SAM CRAIG	Clarence Stephenson
JOE STODDARD	Ted Heusel
FIRST DEAD WOMAN	Marcia Brownson
MR. CARTER	Rick Benjamin
SECOND DEAD WOMAN	Mary Ann Stevenson
CHOIR	Marcia Brownson, Rick Benjamin Revella Woodson, Mary Ann Stevenson
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGERS	Stanley Woodson, Richard Bartels

ACT I

Intermission

ACT II

Intermission

ACT III

Produced by special arrangements with Samuel French, Inc.

NOTES ABOUT THE DIRECTOR AND CAST

CLARENCE STEPHENSON . . . directed "Wonderful Town" for Civic Theatre last spring, and played the Dauphin in "Joan of Lorraine" this season.

SINGER BUCHANAN . . . a teaching fellow at the University on leave from Tuskegee Institute, also appeared in "Joan of Lorraine" as Jimmy Masters, the Director.

BILL TAYLOR . . . directed "Bell, Book, and Candle" and "Nude with Violin" for Civic Theatre. He is a two-time winner of our awards for Best Supporting Actor.

SCOTT ESHELMAN . . . son of President Phyllis Eshelman, has appeared in Civic Theatre productions of "Teahouse of the August Moon" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

CHRISTIE HEINRICH . . . an English major at the University, has played Aunt Ellen in "Oklahoma!" and Lola in "Damn Yankees." This is her first Civic Theatre show.

DOLORES STEAD . . . is making her first Civic Theatre appearance since "Country Girl."

JAMES FLOOD . . . is appearing on the Civic Theatre stage for the first time and in "Our Town" for the second time. He played Simon Stimson at Ann Arbor High School, and appeared in many other shows there.

MARILYN GOLDBERG . . . an English major at the University, is making her first appearance with Civic Theatre.

DICK BORSO . . . appeared last season in the Civic Theatre production of "Wonderful Town."

ROYCE ROSENBERG . . . is new to Civic Theatre, but not to "Our Town." She played Mrs. Webb in a production at Interlochen, where she also had roles in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and several Gilbert and Sullivan shows.

RICK BENJAMIN . . . a student in the University Speech Department, will be seen next month in their production of "The Visit." This is his first Civic Theatre play.

JOHN RAE . . . a Board Member and Past President of Civic Theatre, was last seen in "Joan of Lorraine."

ALBERT KATZ . . . comes to us from Tecumseh, where he has directed 25 plays and played over 20 major roles with the Tecumseh Civic Theatre. This is his first play for Ann Arbor Civic Theatre.

BETTE ELLIS . . . has worked with Actors Studio and acted in Off-Broadway productions in New York. She has two Best Supporting Actress awards from Civic Theatre.

MURRAY BARASCH . . . has appeared in several Civic Theatre productions.

TED HEUSEL . . . a Civic Theatre director since 1950, is co-producer of the Ann Arbor Drama Season.

MARCIA BROWNSON . . . a junior at St. Thomas High School, has acted in Junior Theatre productions, "The Emperor's New Clothes," "Sing for a Prince," and "Toad of Toad Hall."

REVELLA WOODSON . . . was seen in the Civic Theatre production of "Nude with Violin."

DICK BARTEL . . . has been active in Civic Theatre production work.

STANLEY WOODSON . . . appeared in "Joan of Lorraine" this season.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Production Manager Helga Hover
Assistants to the Director Irene Sydnor, Diane Hirsch
Stage Manager Yvonne Perrault
Lights Clan Crawford, Charles Richman, John Ford,
R. Canyon
Sound Yvonne Perrault
Costumes Carol Schiller, Mabel Jones, Marie Wild,
Mary Ann Stevenson, Bette Pierce, Bettye Seeman
Make-up Dorothy Barnes, Revella Woodson,
Barbara Sandberg, Sandra Ingram
Props Helga Hover
Crew Jerry Hover, Helga Hover, Vicky Hover,
Jerry Scofield, Julian Stienon

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