University Musical Society



Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest

Tuesday Evening, November 16, 1993 at 8:00 Wednesday Afternoon, November 17, 1993 at 1:00 Wednesday Evening, November 17, 1993 at 7:00

> Power Center for the Performing Arts Ann Arbor, Michigan

The Cast (in order of appearance)

Algernon Moncrieff	LORNE KENNEDY
Lane, a manservant	
John Worthing J.P.	COLM FEORE
Lady Bracknell	
Hon. Gwendolen Fairfax	
Miss Prism, a governess	BARBARA BRYNE
Cecily Cardew	
Merriman, a butler	
Rev. Canon Chasuble D.D	
Footmen	
	FRANK ZOTTER

UNDERSTUDIES MARC RUEL (John Worthing J.P.), BRIAN TREE (Rev. Canon Chasuble D.D.), FRANK ZOTTER (Algernon, Lane, Merriman)

A special thanks to David William, Artistic Director, Stratford Festival and Debra Hanson, Head of Design, Stratford Festival, for their Philips Educational Presentations.

Immediately following all performances of the Importance of Being Earnest, audience members are invited to join cast members for an informal chat in the Power Center.

(Please note that due to technical considerations, Wednesday night's post-performance chat will be held in the Power Center Green Room.)

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Lighting Designed by	JOHN MUNRO
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Assistant Lighting DesignerLINDA BABINS

Directed byDAVID WILLIAM

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The Importance of Being Earnest

by Oscar Wilde

Jack Worthing has been leading a double life, posing as Ernest in town so that he can attribute his escapades to a fictitious brother. His friend Algernon discovers the deception at the same time he discovers that Jack has been hiding a pretty young ward, Cecily, on his country estate.

Jack wants to marry Algernon's cousin, the lovely Gwendolen Fairfax. Gwendolen arrives at Algernon's flat, accompanied by her mother, the formidable Lady Bracknell. Jack's proposal is accepted by Gwendolen, who reveals that she has had a lifelong passion for the name Ernest, which she believes is Jack's true name. Lady Bracknell rebuffs him, however, when she learns that Jack is adopted, having been found as an infant in a handbag at Victoria Station. Gwendolen is forced to leave but not before she secretly notes Jack's country address.

Algernon arrives at the country estate and introduces himself as the wicked brother Ernest. He meets and falls in love with Cecily, who confesses that she has worshipped him from afar since first learning that Jack had a brother named Ernest, as she has always wanted to marry someone of that name. His proposal follows instantly and is eagerly accepted.

Jack arrives dressed in deepest mourning and, meeting Cecily in the garden, announces his brother's demise, only to hear from her that Ernest, far from being dead, is in good health and waiting inside the house.

Gwendolen arrives and is entertained by Cecily. Exchanging pleasantries, the girls are dismayed to find that they are both engaged to Ernest Worthing. Confronted by their respective fiancées, Jack and Algernon are forced to explain and are forgiven, providing they both agree to be rechristened Ernest. The ceremony is arranged for the same day but before it can take place, Lady Bracknell arrives. After learning of Cecily's potential wealth she agrees to permit her marriage to Algernon, but still rejects Jack as a possible husband for Gwendolen.

All ends happily, however, when Cecily's governess, Miss Prism, arriving to witness the baptism, is recognized by Lady Bracknell as a former employee of her own family. It is learned the baby absent-mindedly mislaid at Victoria Station is none other than the son of Lady Bracknell's sister. Not only does Jack have impeccable family credentials, his real name is Ernest.

Oscar Wilde

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde was born into a distinguished Dublin family in 1854. Following a brilliant academic career at Trinity College, Dublin, and Magdalen College, Oxford, he settled in London and became a major spokesman for the Aesthetic—art for art's sake—Movement. Satirized mercilessly by Punch and by Gilbert and Sullivan in Patience, he rapidly became an international celebrity, announcing to amazed U.S. Customs officers in New York in 1882 that "I have nothing to declare but my genius."

In 1884 he married Constance Lloyd, beautiful daughter of a prominent Irish barrister; their two children, Cyril and Vyvyan, were born in 1885 and 1886. To support his family Wilde turned to journalism, first as reviewer for the Pall Mall Gazette and later as editor of The Woman's World. During these years he produced a wide variety of prose works, from fairy tales such as The Happy Prince to "decadent" novels such as The Picture of Dorian Gray. His first successful play, Lady Windermere's Fan was put on stage in 1892, beginning a brief but dazzling theatrical career which culminated with The Importance of Being Earnest, in 1895.



That same year, after a futile attempt to sue the Marquis of Queensberry for libel, Wilde was brought into court on charges of being homosexual – a criminal offence. The first jury failed to reach a verdict but in a second trial he was found guilty and sentenced to two years hard labour in Reading Gaol. He lived just three and a half years after his release from prison and this time was spent on the continent, mainly in France. He died in a Paris hotel on November 30, 1900, of cerebral meningitis.

THE COMPANY

BARBARA BRYNE

Seventh season: Starveling in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Miss Prism in The Importance of Being Earnest; Chorus Leader in Bacchae and performs in the Words and Music Concert Infinite Variety. STRAT-FORD: 1992: Juno in The Tempest, The Nurse in Romeo and Juliet and Kath in Entertaining Mr. Sloane; 1991: Rose in Les Belles Soeurs, Bonnie in Homeward Bound and Katherine Stockmann in An Enemy of the People; 1990: First Witch in Macbeth, Kathleen in Home and Lily in Ah, Wilderness!; 1968: Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream and Mme. Pernelle in Tartuffe; 1967: Duchess of York in Richard III; 1966: Maria in Twelfth Night. Recipient of the 1990 Derek F. Mitchell Artistic Director's Award, given annually to an individual chosen by the Artistic Director as having made an outstanding contribution during the course of the Festival season. THE-ATRE: Canadian stage credits include Smereldina in The Servant of Two Masters (Royal Alexandra Theatre); Mrs. Biederman in The Firebugs (The Canadian Players); and Ginnie Gogan in The Plough and the Stars (Manitoba Theatre Centre). On Broadway Ms. Bryne created the roles of George's Mother and Blair Daniels in Sunday in the Park with George and Jack's Mother in Into the Woods and appeared in the television versions and on the RCA recordings of these shows. She also played Clara in Hayfever at the Music Box Theatre. She spent 10 seasons with the Guthrie Theatre, where she played such roles as Amanda Wingfield in The Glass Menagerie, Dolly Levi in The Matchmaker, Paulina in The Winter's Tale, and Queen Elizabeth I in Mary Stuart, for which she won a Kudos Award. Received a 1981 Drama Desk Award nomination for her performance as Kath in Entertaining Mr. Sloane, in New York. She repeated the role in 1987 at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles, where she won a Drama Loge Award. FILM/TELEVISION: The movies Amadeus and The Bostonians; The Best of the West (ABC); Svengali, Maid in America and Mystery at Fire Island (CBC); and Love Sydney series (NBC).

RICHARD CURNOCK

18th season: Tiresias in Bacchae and Chasuble in The Importance of Being Earnest. STRATFORD: Includes 1990: Svetlovidov in Swan Song; 1989: Sir Tunbelly Clumsey in The Relapse and Quince in A Midsummer Night's Dream; 1988: Bob in Irma La Douce, Colonel Pickering in My Fair Lady and Lafew in All's Well That Ends Well; 1987: Crabtree in The School for Scandal, Chaplain in Mother Courage and Herr Schultz in Cabaret; 1986: Polonius in Hamlet; 1982: Pistol in The Merry Wives of Windsor, 1981: Banks in Wild Oats; 1980: Medvyedenko in The Seagull and Dogberry in Much Ado About Nothing; 1979: Lane in The Importance of Being Earnest; 1978: Cleomines in The Winter's Tale; 1977: Snout in A Midsummer Night's Dream; 1976: Kulygin in Three Sisters; 1975: Sir Eglamour in The Two Gentlemen of Verona; Diafoirus in The Imaginary Invalid; 1973: Pandarus/Escanes in Pericles; 1971: Vatelin in There's One in Every Marriage; 1970: Roland in The Friends. THEATRE: Made his stage debut as a boy actor in the 1934 London Palladium production of Peter Pan. Further credits include appearances in

the premiere of Under Milk Wood (Albery Theatre, England); Sweet and Low revues (Ambassadors Theatre, England); and Roberto Le Diam/Bob in Irma La Douce (Lyric Theatre, England). He has also appeared extensively in regional theatres throughout Canada and the United States, and several times both on and off-Broadway. Nominated for a Dora Mayor Moore Award for his role in Quartermaine's Terms (Theatre Plus) and for a Joseph Jefferson Award. FILM/TELEVISION: Passion of the Patriots, The Tempest (CBC); and Paradise.

MARION DAY

Second season: Cecily Cardew in The Importance of Being Earnest and Chorus Member in Bacchae. STRATFORD: 1992: Moth in Love's Labour's Lost and appeared in The Tempest and Romeo and Juliet. Recipient of a 1992 Tyrone Guthrie Award. THE-ATRE: Includes Little Red in Little Red Riding Hood (Limelight Dinner Theatre); Beauty in Beauty and the Beast, Her Highness in Puss and Boots and Briar Rose in The Sleeping Beauty (Theatre 5, Kingston); and Lena in A Good Baby (Caravan Farm Theatre). National Theatre School credits include Minette in The Cat, Nina Galant in Fil à la patte, Betty/Edward in Cloud 9, Le Beau/Amiens in As You Like It and Beatrice Joanna in The Changeling. FILM/TELEVI-SION: Equal Opportunity (NFB). TRAINING: Graduate of the National Theatre School.

COLM FEORE

12th season: Oberon in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Dionysus in Bacchae, John Worthing in The Importance of Being Earnest and performs in the Words and Music Concert My Shakespeare. An Associate Director of the Stratford Festival. STRATFORD: Includes 1992: Mercutio in Romeo and Juliet, Berowne in Love's Labour's Lost and Angelo in Measure for Measure; 1991: the title role in Hamlet, Benedick in Much Ado About Nothing and Horace in The School for Wives; 1990: Frank Ford in The Merry Wives of Windsor, Valentine in Love for Love, Hippolytus in Phaedra and Cassius in Julius Caesar; 1988: the title role in Richard III, Petruchio in The Taming of the Shrew and Athos in The Three Musketeers; 1987: Iago in Othello, Joseph Surface in The School for Scandal and Yasha in The Cherry Orchard; 1986: Iachimo in Cymbeline and Leontes in The Winter's Tale; 1985: Orsino in Twelfth Night and Charles Marlow in She Stoops to Conquer; 1984: Romeo in Romeo and Juliet. THEATRE: Valmont in Les Liaisons Dangereuses (Theatre Calgary); Edmund Tyrone in Long Day's Journey into Night (Citadel Theatre); and James Tyrone in A Moon for the Misbegotten (Grand Theatre). FILM/TELEVISION: Beautiful Dreamers (Cinexus); Bethune, The Making of a Hero (Film Line); Iron Eagle II (Alliance Films); Friday the 13th and War of the Worlds (Triumph Entertainment); Diamonds (CBS/ CTV); and A Nest of Singing Birds, Skate, Adrienne Clarkson's Artemisia (CBC); Beyond Reality and Francois Girard's Thirty-Two Short Films About Glenn Gould (Rhombus).

PAT GALLOWAY

25th season: Lady Bracknell in The Importance of Being Earnest. STRATFORD: Includes 1992: Liesl in World of Wonders, Lucienne in Bonjour, là, Bonjour and per-formed in Words and Music 3: The Female of the Species; 1991: Melissa in Love Letters and



Barbara Bryne



Colm Feore







Marion Day





Lorne Kennedy

Des-Neiges in Les Belles Soeurs; 1990: Marjorie in Home, Sarah in Memoir and The Citizen's Wife in The Knight of the Burning Pestle (which she also co-directed): 1989: Margery Eyre in The Shoemakers' Holiday; 1987: Ranyevskaya in The Cherry Orchard; 1982: Queen Elizabeth in Mary Stuart: 1980: Tamora in Titus Andronicus; 1976 & 1975: Gwendolen in The Importance of Being Earnest; 1975: Joan in Saint Joan; 1974: Rosaline in Love's Labour's Lost: 1972: Lorenzo de Medicci in Lorenzaccio; 1971: Lady Macbeth in Macbeth and the title role in The Duchess of Malfi. Toured to Denmark, Holland, Poland and Russia in 1973 (Kate in The Taming of the Shrew, Goneril in King Lear); and in 1974 to Australia (Toinette in The Imaginary Invalid). THEATRE: Spent several seasons with the Manitoba Theatre Centre and Shaw Festival and has played in numerous Canadian and American the-

LORNE KENNEDY

11th season: Algernon Moncrieff in The Importance of Being Earnest, Chatillon in King John and Diomedes in Antony and Cleopatra. STRATFORD: Acting credits include 1992: Tybalt in Romeo and Juliet; Provost in Measure for Measure and Sebastian in The Tempest; 1991: Don John in Much Ado About Nothing, Dr. Livesey in Treasure Island and Poet in Timon of Athens: 1989: Hammon in The Shoemakers' Holiday, 1988: Aramis in The Three Musketeers, Fourth Tempter/ Fourth Knight in Murder in the Cathedral: 1987: Dr. Rank in Nora; 1986: Horatio in Hamlet; 1980: Dauphin in Henry V, Sebastian in Twelfth Night; Directing credits include 1989: The Proposal; 1990: Forever Yours, Marie-Lou. THEATRE: Acting credits include Brother Martin in St. Joan (National Actors Theatre, Lyceum Theatre, New York); Max Brod in Kafka's Dick, The Historical Event in How I Got That Story (The Citadel Theatre); the title role in Nicholas Nickleby, Ferdinand in The Duchess of Malfi, Marchbanks in Candida, Touchstone in As You Like It, Malcolm in Macbeth; Max in Bent; John Merrick in The Elephant Man; Banjo in The Man Who Came to Dinner (Manitoba Theatre Centre); the title role in Dracula and Oscar in Doc (Neptune Theatre); Joseph Surface in The School for Scandal and Curley in Of Mice and Men (Vancouver Playhouse); Clive/Cathy in Cloud 9 (Bayview Playhouse, Toronto).

Directing credits include Scaramouche (Mount Royal College, Calgary); Alice in Wonderland and Shine Boy (Neptune Theatre); and Cloud 9 (Manitoba Theatre Centre).

WILLIAM NEEDLES

34th season: Pop in Gypsy and Merriman in The Importance of Being Earnest. STRAT-FORD: Includes 1992: Alonso in The Tempest and Sir Nathaniel in Love's Labour's Lost; 1991: Heavenly Friend in Carousel, Stimson in Our Town and Morten Kill in An Enemy of the People; 1990: Justice Shallow in The Merry Wives of Windsor, David McComber in Ah, Wilderness!; 1989: Ferapont in Three Sisters, Dr. Baugh in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, and the Chorus in Henry V; 1988: The Pedant in The Taming of the Shrew, Louis XIII in The Three Musketeers and Sir Robert Brackenbury/Keeper in Richard III; 1987: Pandarus in Troilus and Cressida, Firs in The Cherry Orchard and the Old Colonel in Mother Courage. Has performed in every play of Shake-speare's cannon except The Two Gentlemen of Verona. Toured Denmark, Holland, Poland and Russia with King Lear and The Taming of the Shrew in 1972. Toured Australia with The Imaginary Invalid in 1974. THEATRE: British debut at Edinburgh, with Christopher Plummer in Henry V in 1956. Debuted in London in The Glass Cage (Piccadilly Theatre, in 1957). Has performed in major theatres across Canada and the United States between Stratford engagements. Credits include leading roles in Next Time I'll Sing to You, Moby Dick and Hadrian VII (on Broadway); Box Mao Box (Studio Arena, Buffalo); Bulley, Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme and Equus (University of California, Irvine Campus); The Merchant of Venice and played Leonato in Much Ado About Nothing (South Coast Repertory Co., Costa Mesa, California). Appointed Artist in Residence with the Drama Department of the University of California, 1974.

LUCY PEACOCK

Ninth season: Titania in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Gwendolen Fairfax in The Importance of Being Earnest, Chorus Member in Bacchae and performs in the Words and Music Concert The Beat Goes On. STRAT-FORD: 1992: Princess of France in Love's Labour's Lost, Yelena in Uncle Vanya and performed in Words and Music 1: Family Experience; 1990: Rosalind in As You Like It, Aricia in Phaedra and Lady Macduff in Macbeth; 1989: Masha in Three Sisters, Lavinia in Titus Andronicus, Luciana in The Comedy of Errors and Titania in A Midsummer Night's Dream; 1988: Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady, Lady Anne in Richard III and Helena in All's Well That Ends Well; 1987: the title role in Nora, Olga Knipper in Intimate Admiration and Cassandra in Troilus and Cressida; 1986: Singing Gentlewoman in Henry VIII; Ophelia in Hamlet and Ophelia in Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead; 1985: Gaoler's Daughter in The Two Noble Kinsmen, Mrs. Sullen in The Beaux Stratagem and Second Messenger in Antigone; 1984: Lucetta in The Two Gentlemen of Verona. THE-ATRE: Mina in Dracula (Young People's Theatre). Theatre credits throughout Canada include appearances at Centaur Theatre Company, Globe Theatre (Regina), Phoenix Theatre (Edmonton) and Toronto Free Theatre. FILM/TELEVISION: Street Legal. The Road to Avonlea and Material World (CBC). TRAINING: Graduate of the National Theatre School.

MARC RUEL

Second season: First Guard in Antony and Cleopatra, Lysander in A Midsummer Night's Dream and Footman in The Importance of Being Earnest. STRATFORD: 1992: Serge in Bonjour, là, Bonjour, Busker in World of Wonders and appeared in Love's Labour's Lost. THEATRE: C.D. in Stark and Estragon in Waiting for Godot (Generic Theatre Inc.); The Duke in Man of La Mancha and Jeffrey in Godspell (Association of Producing Artists, Quebec/Théâtre Lac Brome); Des in Thin Ice and The Monster in Night Light (Geordie Productions Inc.); Stephen in Line (Line Productions), for which he received the Most Promising Young Performer Award, 1988 Quebec Drama Festival. Concordia University credits include Herr Gabor in Spring Awakening, Le Vieux Monsieur in Les Chaises, Peter in The Zoo Story, The Policeman in Blood on a Cat's Neck and Balthasar in Much Ado About Nothing. FILM/TELEVISION: Map of the Human Heart (Working Title Films); SnakeEaters III (Cineplex Productions); Pagan the Ungodly (Shalites Inc.); Starting from Scratch (Molstar); The Classic (Telescinema Taurus); and Sacred Land (Lande Film). TRAINING: B.F.A. from Concordia University. DEC in Music, CEGEP St. Laurent.

BRIAN TREE

Seventh season: Euphronius in Antony and Cleopatra, Peter Quince in A Midsummer Night's Dream and Lane in The Importance of Being Earnest. STRATFORD:1992: Telegin in Uncle Vanya and Elbow in Measure for Measure; 1991: Verges in Much Ado About Nothing, Israel Hands in Treasure Island and Painter in Timon of Athens; 1990: Seyton/Third Murderer in Macbeth, Trapland in Love for Love, Cecil Stocker in One Tiger to a Hill and Nym in Henry V; 1989: Tubal in The Merchant of Venice and Hodge in The Shoemakers' Holiday; 1988: Gremio in The Taming of the Shrew. Coquenard in The Three Musketeers and Lord Mayor in Richard III; 1987: Agamemnon in Troilus and Cressida and a Sergeant in Mother Courage. THE-ATRE: Includes Jim in Passion (The Grand Theatre and The Bastion Theatre); Derek Meadle in Quartermaine's Terms and Bob Cratchit in A Christmas Carol (Theatre Calgary); Bri in A Day in the Death of Joe Egg (Citadel Theatre). Spent three consecutive seasons with the National Arts Centre, where his roles included Nick Bottom in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Lord Hastings in Richard III, Lieutenant Trotter in Journey's End, Charles Condomine in Blithe Spirit and Dad in Trafford Tanzi (National Arts Centre/Toronto Free Theatre). TRAINING: Trained in England under Joan Littlewood. Started his career as a stunt driver for British television before working for repertory theatres in England.

FRANK ZOTTER

Stratford debut: Eros in Antony and Cleopatra, Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream and appears in The Importance of Being Earnest. THEATRE: Bobby in the world premiere of George F. Walker's Tough! (Green Thumb Theatre); The Beast in Beauty and the Beast (Young People's Theatre); Paul/Getutio in Power Play (Mulroney Prod.); Allan in Flesh and Blood (Theatre Direct); Seymour in Dead Serious (Arts Club/Western Canada Theatre Company); Cleante in The Miser (Vancouver Playhouse); Kane in Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love



William Needles



Lucy Peacock



Frank Zotter



Marc Ruel

(Touchstone Theatre/Arts Club); Fred in A Christmas Carol (Theatre Calgary); Lupu in Baal (The Banff Festival); Byron in Bloody Poetry, Amold in The Cat (Western National tour); Betty/Edward in Cloud 9, Touchstone in As You Like It, De floreas in The Changeling and Myshkin in The Idiot (National Theatre School); Pugachev in The Suicide (York University Theatre); and Gary in No Earthy Business (Kawartha Summer Theatre). Played Mike in Peacekeeper (CBC-Radio's Sunday Matinee Series). TRAIN-ING: National Theatre School, York University and Banff Advanced Actor's Workshop.

DIRECTOR

DAVID WILLIAM

16th season: Fourth season as Artistic Director of the Stratford Festival. Director of Bacchae and The Importance of Being Earnest. Devised and directed the Words and Music Concert My Shakespeare. STRATFORD: 1992: Directed The Tempest and Entertaining Mr. Sloane. Played Serebryakov in Uncle Vanya and performed in Words and Music 5: Satire; 1991: Directed Love Letters, Treasure Island and Hamlet; 1990: Love for Love, Macheth (co-directed) and As You Like It (also played Jaques); 1989: The Shoemakers' Holiday: 1988: Murder in the Cathedral; 1987: Troilus and Cressida; 1986: The Winter's Tale, 1985: She Stoops to Conquer and Antigone; 1984: Separate Tables; 1977: Romeo and Juliet; 1973: Othello; 1972: King Lear, 1971: Volpone, 1967: Albert Herring and The Merry Wives of Windsor, 1966: Twelfth Night. THEATRE: International career spans 25 years, both acting and directing. Productions in Britain at the National Theatre, London's West End, Mermaid Theatre, and the Chichester and Edinburgh festivals. Founder and first Artistic Director of the Ludlow Festival. Has been Artistic Director of the Glasgow Citizens' Theatre, the Nottingham Playhouse, the New Shakespeare Company in London and the National Theatre of Israel. U.S. credits include New York, Washington, D.C. (Arena Stage and Kreeger Theater), San Francisco (A.C.T.) and Stratford, Connecticut. Opera credits include Director of the world premieres of Thérèse (Royal Opera House, Covent Garden); The Lighthouse (Edinburgh Festival); as well as Iphigénie en Tauride and The Fairy Queen (Lisbon); La Traviata (Scottish Opera); Il Re Pastore (Camden Festival); and Albert Herring (Aldeburgh Festival). Has taught extensively in the U.S., Canada and Britain. In the Army he achieved 27 marks out of a possible 30 for "rough-riding" a motor bicycle.

DESIGNERS

MOLLY HARRIS CAMPBELL

13th season: Costume Designer of The Importance of Being Earnest. STRATFORD: 1992: Costume Designer of World of Wonders; 1981: The Visit; 1975: Designer of The Importance of Being Earnest; The Two Gentlemen of Verona. Trained in the Wardrobe Department for nine seasons. THEATRE: Theatre Calgary credits include Costume Designer of Arms and the Man, Irma La Douce, Private Lives, The Alchemist and Black Comedy and White Lies. Costume Designer of Made In America (Mark Taper Forum, Los Angeles); and Costume Co-ordinator of The Playboy of the Western World (Vivian Beaumont Theater, New York). Assistant to Desmond Heeley for Cyrano and to Alan Barlow for There's One In Every Marriage (Broadway). FILM/TELEVISION: Women's Costume Supervisor of L.A. Law 1992/1993 (NBC); Assistant Costume Designer of Passenger 57 (Warner); Costume Designer of Lambchop's Play Along Show (PBS); Love and Bullets (Lorimar); Amen (NBC series); Dear John (Paramount); Mr. President (Fox); and Have You Tried Talking to Patty (CBS). Costume Supervisor of Night Court, Scarecrow & Mrs. King (Warner); and Remington Steele (MTM). Has been nominated for Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Emmy Award on six occasions and was recipient of an Emmy for Outstanding Achievement in Costuming for a Special for The Babe Ruth Story (NBC), September 1992. TRAINING: Graduate of Waterloo Lutheran University.

GARY THOMAS THORNE

Fifth season: Set Designer of The Importance of Being Earnest STRATFORD: 1992: Designer of Entertaining Mr. Sloane, 1991: Twelfth Night (Sets), An Enemy of the People (Costumes) and Knight of the Burning Pestle (Sets); 1990: Designer of Knight of the Burning Pestle and Assistant Designer of Love For Love; 1989: Three Sisters and The Shoemakers' Holiday. THEATRE: London exhibitions include the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition and The Mall Gallery (Trafalgar Square). British theatre credits include design of six premiere productions with Pop Up Children's Theatre Co.; The Twist (Unicorn Theatre); and West Side Story, The Importance of Being Earnest, The Railway Children, Peter Pan, Murder in the Cathedral and Intimate Exchange (Mercury Theatre). Designer of The Seagull and The Threepenny Opera (University of Newfoundland); Zastrozzi and Reckless (Costumes) as well as Designer of four productions at the Playrites Festival in 1992 (Costumes) and 1993 (Sets). (Alberta Theatre Projects). TRAINING: Studied at the Alberta College of Art prior to study in Sydney, Australia, London, England and Florence, Italy. Has completed the Byam Shaw Diploma of Fine Art, London Diploma of Art and Design and the Margaret Harris (Motley) Theatre Design Course, all in England.

LIGHTING DESIGNER

JOHN MUNRO

Sixth season: Lighting Designer of Bacchae and The Importance of Being Earnest. STRAT-FORD: 1992: Entertaining Mr. Sloane, 1991: Treasure Island: 1990: One Tiger to a Hill; 1989: Three Sisters and Henry V; 1987: The Cherry Orchard and Intimate Admiration. THEATRE: Has been responsible for the design and execution of hundreds of touring musical presentations at the National Arts Centre since 1969. Extensive design credits at the NAC include Henry V, The Oresteia of Aeschylus, Duet for One; The Tempest, Waiting for the Parade, The Floating World, Blood Relations, The Wood Demon, Beatrice and Benedick, Julius Caesar, A Gift to Last, Map of the World and M. Butterfly. Further credits include Fire, The Dreamland, Singer and To Grandmother's House We Go (Canadian Stage Company); Hank Williams - The Show He Never Gave (Canada/U.S./Euro-pean tour); A Walk in the Woods (The Citadel Theatre/NAC/The Grand Theatre); and The Stone Angel (Neptune Theatre). Designed lighting for the 1987, 1990 and 1992 Canada Dance Festivals and numerous new works for Ottawa Ballet. Opera credits at the NAC include The Marriage of Figaro, Don Giovanni, Carmen, Madama Butterfly, Cosi fan tutte, The Magic Flute and La Bohème. Member of the Associ-ated Designers of Canada and IATSE. ty College in Edmonton.

STAGE MANAGEMENT

HILARY GRAHAM

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The Story Behind the Stratford Festival Residency in Ann Arbor

by Ken Fischer, UMS Executive Director

It's the spring of 1991. University Musical Society Development Director Catherine Arcure and I are having lunch with Canadian Consul General Anne Charles and members of her staff in Detroit. Whenever a Canadian artist or ensemble appears under the auspices of the Musical Society, Ms. Charles supports the performance by inviting special guests and hosting social events. She loves the performing arts and is proud to introduce local leaders in business, politics, education, and the media to outstanding Canadian artists. Anne Charles has boundless energy and enthusiasm and is a joy with which to work.

On this bright spring day, we're looking over offerings for the the upcoming 1991/92 season and beginning to make preliminary plans for the November visit by the Canadian Brass. Anne recounts recent conversations she has had with the people at the Stratford Festival in Ontario centering on their interest in developing new audiences and in developing new relationships with presenters. Anne says, "I think you two ought to talk with the folks at Stratford." And before we know it - in typical Anne Charles fashion — we adjourn to Anne's office where she places a call to Stratford...and, as they say, the rest is history.

Conversations began with our colleagues at Stratford. We spoke by phone and learned about their commitment to developing new audiences for their work. We learned that 15% of Stratford's audience comes from the state of Michigan and that they'd like to see that figure grow. We discussed their past week-long residency at Dartmouth College and the educational activities that supplemented the performances. Stratford learned about the Musical Society's interest in exploring new genres of presentations beyond music and dance. They discovered that while there is good resident theater in Ann Arbor, there is very little touring theater. We told them of our new educational initiatives including the Michigan MozartFest, Philips Educational

Presentations, and our opera and dance programs for young people. They also learned of our desire to be working more closely with area schools and with University academic units in collaborative projects that would benefit students and faculty.

Stratford Artistic Director David William and Producer Colleen Blake visited Ann Arbor in the fall of 1991 to become familiar with the theaters, to meet with community and University representatives, and to meet with leaders of the UMS Board of Directors and staff to discuss next steps. There was much excitement about the prospect of the residency and the planning continued. It was determined that the productions would be mounted in the Power Center.

During the 1991/92 season, the UMS was developing a long-range plan. Among its many objectives, the plan called for the Society to explore new art forms, to reach out to new audiences, and to find new ways to work collaboratively with the University and community. The Stratford Residency would fit these objectives perfectly. But there was one other critical factor: all of the above must be accomplished in a fiscally responsible manner. To make it's last objective very clear, the plan required "upfront" funding for any new artistic ventures. The belief was that if the new venture held enough promise for

success, then the Society should be capable of finding sufficient outside support for it. We were willing to take risks with new ventures, but we were not in a position to sustain heavy losses if the venture failed. Board and staff agreed that before we could announce the Stratford residency, we would need to raise \$150,000.

Fund-raising efforts began in earnest in the summer of 1992. We began conversations with a major corporation which had expressed interest in the Stratford Residency as an exclusive underwriter. The corporation would not be able to commit, however, until after January 1993.

In July of 1992, six members of the UMS staff visited Stratford to learn as much about theater presentation as possible. recognizing that theater was a new art form for us to present. Arts Midwest, an interstate consortium that supports the arts in the midwest, provided an "arts exploration" grant that enabled us to see performances, observe the technical crew at work, visit the production shops, and meet with key Stratford staff. We had known of Stratford's reputation for producing the highest quality of theater, and our site visit helped us understand how they do it - through talent, hard work, teamwork, and a commitment to excellence in everything they do. They are also creative, positive.

and fun-lov-ing people.

I returned in September of 1992 to negotiate the final terms with producer Colleen Blake. I will always remember three special features of this negotiation, because it speaks volumes about our wonderful colleagues

from Canada. First of all, we held our discussion not in Colleen's office, but at Bentley's, a favorite gathering place for cast and crew (and audience, too) to unwind after performances. (A warm and friendly place, reminiscent of the Pretzel Bell in the late 60s.)

Second, Colleen put on the negotiating table the expectation that UMS would organize a sufficient number of educational activities to engage Stratford cast and crew an additional five hours per week, per person, during the residency. "By the way, Ken, we're offering this service at no extra cost. It's part of our investment in audience development." I was totally disarmed. More often than not, I have had to beg touring artists to create extra time for educational activities. But with Stratford, they were offering their extra time as a gift to the University and community and letting us know in no uncertain terms that they

expected us to deliver on our end. What a refreshing new approach — to have artists express as deep a commitment to high-quality education as to high-quality performance.

The third feature was how we documented "the deal." It was all done on the back of a Bentley's napkin. We determined what the two shows would be, when they'd be performed, and agreed to a fee, noting everything on the napkin. Then we signed it. With all the attention that the Bo Schembechler/Tom Monaghan napkin deal had gotten in the press, Colleen and I agreed to photograph the napkin just in case we needed to check the details later.

In the fall of 1992, UMS hosted our

Stratford colleagues over the Michigan-/Illinois football weekend. The weekend began Friday afternoon with a meeting to introduce the Stratford team to key faculty from the English department, Residential College.



University Musical Society Executive Director Ken Fischer and Stratford Producer Colleen Blake with "the deal."

Theater Department, School of Music, Humanities Institute, and other campus units. Our Stratford friends urged the faculty to begin thinking about how cast and crew members could assist with classes, workshops, seminars, and other activities during the residency. The next day, the technical people from Stratford, with clipboards firmly in hand, thoroughly examined the stage of the Power Center to see what changes would be required to enable our space to accommodate the Stratford sets. We did find time to catch a few tailgate parties and to see the game, too.

It is now mid-February of 1993, and we are eager to hear from our prospective sponsor. The 1993/94 season brochure must go to press at the latest by mid-March to be available for mailing to patrons in early April. But before we can announce the Stratford Residency as part of the upcoming season, the UMS Board must approve a

business plan for the residency that includes \$150,000 in underwriting. We have a four-week window.

The prospective sponsor calls. But instead of a "yes," we learn that the company has had a particularly difficult quarter and does not feel it can participate in the Stratford Residency as the exclusive sponsor.

What happened in the next four weeks was truly remarkable and demonstrated just how extraordinary this community is. We began to talk with local corporations. foundations, and individuals about the Stratford Residency project and our need to raise \$150,000 in 28 days. We found them excited to learn that the Stratford Festival an organization that everyone knew by reputation to be one of the finest theater companies in the world — would be coming to Ann Arbor. What particularly impressed them, however, was the offer of each member of the Stratford company to give an additional five hours during the week to educational activities in the university and community. Checks and pledges began to come in. Every gift that came in during this time was a critically important gift, but one stand out because of the level of commitment and the hundreds of people the gift represents.

The Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation is a thirty-year-old philanthropic institution that makes grants to non-profit organizations in the community and whose Board is made up of leading citizens in the Ann Arbor area. Over the years, hundreds of individuals, families, local businesses, and other organizations from the community have made gifts to the Foundation and have entrusted it to invest and utilize the income for the betterment of the community. The Foundation's Board and staff learned of our project on one day and - realizing that we were under enormous time constraints invited us to submit a proposal by noon of the next day so that they could consider it immediately and not wait until the next grant period which was several months away. In less than a week, the Foundation put our proposal through its rigorous evaluation process and notified us that we would receive a grant of \$25,000 which up to that time — was the largest grant the Foundation had ever awarded. That the AAACF grant came so early in our intensive fund-raising effort and at such a significant level encouraged other organizations and individuals to make gifts to us.

A week before the deadline we had raised in cash and pledges only about half of what we needed. We then invited special friends to consider becoming guarantors. meaning individuals who, if we were not successful in raising all of the funds by November's curtain time, would together contribute what would be required to reach \$150,000. Twelve guarantors made such a commitment. When the deadline arrived, we had, in hand, cash, pledges, and guarantor commitments totaling \$150,000. The Board approved the business plan at the March meeting, and the Stratford Festival project became part of our season announcement in early April. (A list of all contributors to the Stratford Residency is included in this program book.)

Visits back and forth continued throughout the spring and summer of 1993. The two productions Stratford chose to bring to Ann Arbor received excellent reviews during Stratford's season. Ticket sales for the Ann Arbor performances are strong enough that we have added another performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream on Saturday afternoon, November 20, in spite of the competing Ohio State game. We sold 400 student-priced tickets to that performance in the first 24 hours.

As of this writing, the educational component of the Stratford Residency has become a virtual mini-semester. More than 35 artists from the Stratford company are sharing their time and expertise with students from the University of Michigan as well as with pupils in the Ann Arbor Schools. University students will participate in discussions on all aspects of theater production from acting to text interpretation, from stage design to actual production methods. In addition, Ann Arbor public and private schools will be visited by Stratford Festival artists who will present several programs including the Festival's famous "Stratford in a Trunk" presentation for younger children. The enthusiasm and generosity of the Stratford participants is only equalled by the joyous anticipation of the students as they await the arrival of Stratford on Ann Arbor.

Thank you for coming to this performance. By your wonderful support of this project, we hope to be able to make the Stratford Residency an annual occurrence. And please thank the underwriters whose support at a critical time assured that the project could be realized.

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Saturday, January 15, 8 p.m.

Rackham Auditorium

Shostakovich String Quartet Cycle Borodin String Quartet* Tuesday, January 25, 8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium Wednesday – Friday, January 26–28, 8 p.m., U-M Museum of Art Saturday, January 29, 8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium Made possible by a gift from Edward Surovell Co-/Realtors

Moscow Virtuosi Vladimir Spivakov, conductor Thursday, February 3, 8 P.M. Rackham Auditorium

Hungarian State Folk Ensemble Friday, February, 11, 8 p.m. Power Center

Pilar Rioja and Company' Saturday, February 12, 8 p.m. Power Center

James Galway, flutist* Christopher O'Riley, pianist Sunday, February 13, 4 p.m. Hill Auditorium

Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra* Tuesday, February 15, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium New York City Opera National Company' Puccini's Medama Butterfly Tuesday, March 1, 7 P.M. Thursday-Friday, March 3–4, 8 P.M. Saturday, March 5, 2 P.M. Power Center Made possible by a gift from Joe O'Neal and O'Neal Construction

Chicago Symphony Orchestra* Kenneth Jean, conductor Philip Sabransky, pianist Tuesday, March 8, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium Made possible by a gift from Jacobson's

Urban Bush Women*
Friday, March 11, 8 p.m.
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Kronos String Quartet with Hermeto Pascoal et Grupo Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m. Power Center

Moscow Philharmonic Vassily Sinaisky, conductor Gil Shaham, violinist Friday, March 18, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium

U-M School of Music Faculty Artists Concert Sunday, March 20, 4 P.M. Rackham Auditorium Guitar Summit'
Pepe Romero, Leo Kottke,
Joe Pass, Paco Peña
Monday, March 21, 8 p.m.
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Murray Perahia, pianist Wednesday, March 23, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium

Emerson String Quartet* Friday, March 25, 8 P.M. Rackham Auditorium

Joshua Bell, violinist Tuesday, April 5, 8 р.м. Rackham Auditorium

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Neeme Järvi, conductor University Choral Union Thomas Sheets, music director Sunday, April 17, 4 p.m. Hill Auditorium

Beaux Arts Trio Monday, April 18, 8 p.m. Rackham Auditorium

Dresden Staatskapelle* Giuseppe Sinopoli, conductor Thursday, April 21, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium

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