

FOURTH ANNUAL DRAMA FESTIVAL

ON

Saturday, March 7th, 1936,

AT

THE QUESTORS' THEATRE,
MATTOCK HALL,
MATTOCK LANE, EALING.

PROGRAMME

Price 3d.

PLAYS IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION.

BACK TO METHUSALEH"

(ACT I.)

By GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

Characters:

EVE WINIFRED GILES
ADAM DUDLEY CLARK
THE SERPENT MARY BENNETT

Scene: The Garden of Eden. Produced by ALEC BENNETT.

1 (max. 40)....2 (max. 30)....3 (max. 20)....4 (max. 10)....

"THE STROLLING CLERK FROM PARADISE"

By HANS SACHS.

English Version by Philip Wayne.

Characters:

THE YEOMAN'S WIFE EVELYN SKELTON
THE STROLLING CLERK FRANK COCKBURN
THE YEOMAN T. S. SAUNDERS

Scene: Outside a Farm-house—A Country Place— The Farm-house.

Time: A.D. 1550.

Produced by FRANK COCKBURN.

This play is, of course, presented purely on its intrinsic merit, but it may be not uninteresting to notice that the author has acquired lasting fame from Wagner's "Der Meistersinger" rather than from his own literary and other exploits. As a writer, Sachs did, however, achieve a considerable reputation in his own day, and he had a voluminous output of plays to his credit, of these only his comedies have had sufficient strength to survive the age in which they were written.

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1 (max. 40)....2 (max. 30)....3 (max. 20)....4 (max. 10)....

"THE QUAKER'S 'CELLO"

By CLIFFORD BAX.

Characters:

JOSIAH SMALLPIECE FRANCIS WILLIAMS REBECCA, his wife JUDY BUNBURY MARY MEDDEN, a neighbour LILLIE ELLIOTT

Scene: The Back Parlour of Josiah Smallpiece's shop.

An autumn evening in 1830.

Produced by LILLIE ELLIOTT.

1 (max. 40)....2 (max. 30)....3 (max. 20)....4 (max. 10)....

" THE WITCH "

By FERENC MOLNAR.

Translated by Sanford T. Greenburger.

Characters:

THE MAID BARBARA SHARP
THE LADY MARJORIE LEES
THE ACTRESS BETTY GRAY

Scene: In the Actress's Apartments. Produced by BETTY GRAY.

1 (max. 40)....2 (max. 30)....3 (max. 20)....4 (max. 10)....

THE JUNIOR QUESTORS, TEAM in

"KING JOHN"

Act IV., Scene I.

By WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

Characters:

> Scene: A Room in Northampton Castle. Produced by DESMOND INGRAMS.

1 (max. 40)....2 (max. 30)....3 (max. 20)....4 (max. 10)....

" LIMA BEANS"

By ALFRED KREYMBOURG.

Characters:

THE WIFE MILDRED EMMET
THE HUSBAND PHILIP ALLEN
THE HUCKSTER ALFRED EMMET

Scene: A Living Room.

Produced by ALFRED EMMET.

1 (max. 40)....2 (max. 30)....3 (max. 20)....4 (max. 10)....

"THE MASK"

By H. M. HARWOOD and E. TENNYSON JESSE.

Characters:

VASHTI GLASSON BETTY MERCY
JAMES GLASSON ARTHUR PETERS
WILLIE STRICK LAURIE RIVERS

Scene: James Glasson's Cottage. Produced by ARTHUR PETERS.

1 (max. 40)....2 (max. 30)....3 (max. 20)....4 (max. 10)....

ADJUDICATION BY

JOHN BOURNE Esq.,

AFTER WHICH THE TROPHY WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNING TEAM BY

BEN WEBSTER Esq.,

General Stage Manager	DUDLEY CLARK
Lighting Manager	ROY BENNETT
Box Office Manager	BETTY MERCY

There will be short intervals between each play. In order to save confusion, please give your Coffee Order to one of the Programme Sellers beforehand, and it will be brought to you.

Cushions may be hired at a charge of 1d. each.

May 8th and 9th is the date of our next production,
"TWELFTH NIGHT,"
Our Second Shakespearean Comedy.

Produced by Alfred E. J. Emmet.

THE QUESTORS' DRAMA FESTIVAL.

OME idea of the rules by which this Festival is governed may be helpful to members of the audience, both to follow Mr. Bourne's adjudication, and if they wish to do so, to mark up the competitors for themselves.

Each entry must consist of a one-act play or extract from a longer play, and must not exceed twenty minutes in performance. Each "team" must consist of two or three playing members, with or without a further member as producer, and the members of each team must between them be responsible for all details of production, stage management, design, etc. A member may not play in more than one entry, but is permitted to produce a second entry in addition to playing in one.

Adjudication will be conducted on the following system of marks:—

(1) ACTING. (Maximum 40).

This includes characterisation, audibility of speech, variation of tone, emphasis, gesture and movement.

(2) PRODUCTION. (Maximum 30).

This includes the interpretation of the spirit and meaning of the play; a proper balance between the players; general pace and variation in tempo; positions and movements; making of points and sense of climax.

(3) PRESENTATION. (Maximum 20).

This includes setting, properties, lighting, costume and make-up. Settings have to be kept simple, to enable such a large number of plays to be got through in one evening, but marks will mostly be given for the way in which simple touches are added or used to help the atmosphere, interpretation or spirit of the play.

(4) CHOICE OF PLAY. (Maximum 10).

Marks will be given for the dramatic merit of the play, its suitability to the cast, and the originality of choice.

MARK THE PLAYS YOURSELF AND SEE WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH _____ THE ADJUDICATOR! _____