

THE QUESTORS THEATRE
EALING.

“MACBETH”

By WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

presented by



on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17th
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th
1938

PROGRAMME - - - THREEPENCE

“MACBETH”

“Vaulting Ambition, which o'erleaps itself—and falls.”

SHAKESPEARE describes this play as a “Tragedy.” Is that description just? To many “Macbeth” is “the noisiest play Shakespeare ever wrote,” and frankly it seldom achieves a level much higher than melodrama.

This must always be the problem of “Macbeth,” and in setting ourselves to overcome it we have at any rate one advantage, namely, an intimate theatre and conditions more nearly akin to Shakespeare's own theatre than the majority of playhouses today. This enables us to pitch the production in a quieter key, and so, we hope, emphasise the play's human values and bring out its tragedy of a human spirit.

That at least has been our aim. To what extent we achieve it the Audience, the Ultimate Arbiter of the Theatre, must decide.

We hope you will come to the discussion on Monday and tell us!

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THE ACTION takes place mainly at Forres, Inverness and Dunsinane in Scotland; one scene only being in England.

The play will be given in two parts, with one interval of fifteen minutes.

COFFEE will be available in the interval; if you will give your order beforehand to a programme-seller, it will be brought to you.

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THERE will be a DISCUSSION on this production on Monday next, the 21st November, at 8.15 p.m., in this theatre. All members of the audience are invited.

If you cannot come, why not send the Secretary a few words of written criticism? We welcome such criticisms, which will be read (anonymously) at the Discussion.

THE PLAYERS

(in order of appearance).

Three Weird Women		{	BARBARA SHARP
			MARY TURNER
			MARY STEELE
Banquo	} Noblemen of Scotland	}	PHILIP ALLEN
Macbeth			LIONEL LOCKE
Ross			CLIFFORD FOREMAN
Angus			KEITH HALL
Duncan (King of Scotland)			FRANK WHEELER
Malcolm	} The King's sons	}	WILLIAM DANN
Donalbain			ERIC SAUNDERS
Macduff	} Noblemen of Scotland	}	T. S. SAUNDERS
Lennox			GEOFFREY SAUNDERS
Lady Macbeth			GWENDOLEN THOMAS
Fleance (Banquo's son)			COLIN GODDEN
A Porter			LAURIE RIVERS
An Old Man			CYRIL THOMAS
Three Murderers		{	DUDLEY CLARK
			FRANK WHEELER
			ERIC SAUNDERS
A Doctor			FRANK COCKBURN
A Gentlewoman			EVELYNE VAUGHAN
Menteith	} Noblemen of Scotland	}	CYRIL THOMAS
Caithness			ERIC ALLEN
Seyton (a Servant)			ERIC SAUNDERS
Siward (an English General)			LAURIE RIVERS
Young Siward (his son)			DUDLEY CLARK

Ladies of the Court: DOROTHY ALLEN, MURIEL CURTIS, MARJORIE MORRISON.

Attendants and Messengers: ERIC ALLEN, FRANK COCKBURN, DUDLEY CLARK, FRANK WHEELER.

THE PLAY PRODUCED BY ALFRED EMMET

Stage Manager GEORGE BENN

Lighting Managers { ROY BENNETT
FRED GREENFIELD
FRED ROBINSON

Wardrobe Mistress MILDRED EMMET

Assistant Wardrobe Mistress WINIFRED GILES

Settings designed by GUNTER HEILBUT

Costumes designed by DAPHNE and DUDLEY CLARK

Wigs by BERT

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“Sweet remembrancer.”

The Discussion	-	-	-	Monday, 21st November.
Surprise Night	-	-	-	Tuesday, 29th November.
The Drama Festival	-	-	-	Fri. & Sat., 16th & 17th Dec.
Christmas Party	-	-	-	Thursday, 29th December.