

**THE FRIENDS
OF THE
FRIENDS**

&

**THE
ANCESTOR**

**by
HENRY JAMES**

adapted by
ALAN CHAMBERS



The Questors Theatre Company

STAGE 2

Henry James's "tales of the quasi-supernatural or gruesome" arose out of a state of depression and morbidity which he encountered in the last decade of the nineteenth century. Their climax was reached in his superb story "The Turn of the Screw". "The Way It Came", which was only later retitled "The Friends of the Friends", foreshadows the more famous story in the ambiguities which surround the motives of the woman who is entrusted with the tale. The audience must make its own decisions about its truth. It is this challenge that gives the play its modern flavour.

"The Ancestor" which is adapted from "The Third Person" is a much more light-hearted story and makes a good contrast to the darker aspects of the earlier tale, showing James's sure touch in comedy situations.

Both plays directed by Alan Chambers

Designed by Beth Crowley

Music by Don Kincaid

There will be an interval of fifteen minutes between the plays.

The Friends of the Friends

Narrator	John Martin
W	Peg Sweeney
M	Geoffrey Todd
X	Dorothy Boyd Taylor

The Ancestor

Narrator	John Martin
Susan	Betty Ogden
Amy	Peg Sweeney
Reverend Patten	Geoffrey Todd

Stage Manager	Adrienne Harris
Deputy Stage Manager	Robert Porteous
Assistant Stage Managers	Lin Todd Ingrid Clayden
Costume	Hilda Collins
Lighting	Richard Broadhurst Colin Fox
Sound	Peter Mansbridge
Properties	Beth Crowley Sally Smith



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SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR

by Luigi Pirandello. Translated by Frederick May.
Members free seats NOT available. Tickets 80p & 50p

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by A.W. Pinero

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