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Sunday 25th November, 1990 @ 7.45pm

"THE PLAY'S THE THING"

by Ferenc Molnar
Adapted by P.G. Wodehouse

Turai	-----	Roger Lewis
Manskey	-----	John Turner
Adam	-----	Robert Gordon Clark
Ilona	-----	Fiona Nicholson
Almady	-----	Robin Ingram
Dwornitschek	-----	Sue West
Mell	-----	Mairi Wilson
Lackey	-----	Eddie Duff

Directed by Kelvin West
Stage Management Diana Nesbitt and Corrine Tite

The Play:-

Written in 1926 and adapted from the original, "The Play's the Thing" first opened at Henry Miller's Theatre in New York and ran for 326 performances.

On 4th December 1928 it opened at St James's Theatre, London with an illustrious cast which included Gerald Du Maurier and Ursula Jeans. It received very bad notices and closed quickly. It was however revived in New York in 1948 and ran for a further 240 performances!

The play has subsequently attained the status of a 'standard' comedy with performances being regularly by repertory companies on both sides of the Atlantic.

Rumour has it that a new adaptation by Tom Stoppard is heading for the West End even as you read this.

I am grateful to the assembled cast for agreeing to perform this rehearsed reading tonight.

Kelvin West.