

## 1985 SUMMER SEASON PROGRAMME

Nov. 18 Jane Kyrl - Marlowe June Brown



Very best wishes for your 1985 season. I am sorry I could not be with you on this occasion. I look forward to seeing you all again very soon. From June Brown and her agents, Sarah Band Associates. Tel: 01 359 5136

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	IMOGEN MOYNIHAN
MICHAEL STARKWE	DDERRAY JONES
MISS BENNETT	ALEXIA JAGO
	WYN JONES
MRS. WARWICK	JENNIFER OSCARD
HENRIETTA ANGELL	SUSAN TORDOFF
SERGEANT	
CADWALLADER	RICHARD ALWYN
INSPECTOR THOMA	STERRY O'SULLIVAN
JULIAN FARRAR	MICHAEL BOTT

Directed by Imogen Moynihan and Terry O'Sullivan Head of Design Michael Pollard Settings designed by Natalie Villiers Lighting designed by James McKee

The play was first presented by Peter Saunders at the Duchess Theatre on 12th August, 1958 It was directed by Hubert Gregg.

THE ACTION TAKES PLACE IN RICHARD WARWICK'S STUDY IN SOUTH WALES NEAR THE **BRISTOL CHANNEL** 

Time - Agatha Christie Time

ACT 1

SCENE 1: ABOUT 11.30 in NOVEMBER SCENE 2: THE FOLLOWING MORNING ABOUT 11 O'CLOCK

INTERVAL ACT 2 SCENE 1: LATE AFTERNOON THE SAME DAY

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IMOGEN MOYNIHAN WERE POWLES

Imogen Moynihan trained at the Webber Douglas Arts and Educational Ballet School, and began her career as a dancer, appearing at Regents Park with Robert Atkyns. Subsequently she appeared in repertory throughout the country, including York, Scarborough and Dewsbury. She has appeared on many plays on tour, Worm's Eye View, Charley's Aunt and The Hollow being particularly memorable. She worked with Ralph Lyn in Is Your Honeymoon Really Necessary and Rookery Nook. Her film appearances include Death Goes To School, a thriller, in which she starred with Gordon Jackson and Barbara Murray. Latterly, Imogen has worked almost exclusively with Charles Vance, her actor-director husband. Their home is on the Romney Marsh, where Imogen is able to indulge in her particular interest of animals and horticulture.

RAYJONES weet your again offin all

Ray Jones made his first professional appearance at Tunbridge Wells in 1975, and, during the next five years, he was in over fifty plays and musicals in various repertory companies throughout the United Kingdom, including Swansea, Belfast, Windsor, Chelmsford, Chesterfield, Folkestone and the Theatre Clwyd in Mold. During 1980/82 he was a member of the B.B.C. External Radio Services Repertory, and he became a reader for the Royal National Institute for the Blind's talking book service. At the 1984 Edinburgh Fringe Festival he portrayed Dylan Thomas in Cyril Royston's one-man play **Portrait of a Poet**. This was so well received that it was repeated at the New End Theatre in Hampstead, and at several other theatres both at home and abroad, and tours of Europe and the United States are now being arranged. Ray's recent television appearances include Charters and Caldicott (BBC) and Marjorie and Men (Anglia).

#### **ALEXIA JAGO**

Alexia Jago began acting in New York whilst attending Columbia University. She appeared in an off-Broadway production of **Anything Goes** at the Phoenix Theatre, **The Importance of Being Earnest** with the Columbia Players, and **Prelude**, a film made for Cable Television. On returning to England, she appeared as Diana in **French without Tears** at the Westminster Theatre. She then spent two years at the Webber Douglas School of Dramatic Art, where she graduated with honours. Her performances at Webber Douglas included Maggie in **After the Fall**, Tatiana in **Enemies**, Berinthis in **The Relapse**, a Kit Kat girl in **Cabaret**, and Velma in **Chicago**. Earlier this year she understudied the title role in **Educating Rita** at Scarborough and Bournemouth.



#### JENNIFER OSCARD

JENNIFER OSCARD began her professional career in 1967 after having worked at various jobs, finishing up as a secretary in Washington D.C. for the I.M.F. Since turning professional, Jennifer has worked extensively in repertory including Chester, Dundee, Guernsey, Swansea, Plymouth and Folkestone. She has also toured with Evelyn Laye in The Amorous Prawn, with Peggy Mount in The Circle and Richard Todd in The Sound of Murder.

Her T.V. appearances include **Crossroads**, **Strike!**, **Funny Man** with Jimmy Jewell and Alfred Marks and most recently, Barbara Tyson in a pilot for a series for Thames T.V. called **The G.P.**'s. Viewers of Channel 4's quiz **Jeopardy** may have seen Jennifer on that programme in which she reached the final in 1983.

She is married to actor David Sparks whom she met when they were both in weekly repertory at Swansea. They live in Twickenham and are keen birdwatchers. Jennifer is also an enthusiastic gardener and her only regret about working away from home in the summer, is that she can't keep the garden up to scratch!



#### **WYN JONES**

WYN JONES made his first professional appearance at the age of 13 in Goodbye Mr Chips, playing six generations of schoolboys and, while still at school, appeared in several plays for the B.B.C. He studied drama at University and his early repertory experience was at Torquay, Swansea and Westcliff, since when he has appeared in many theatres around the country. His appearances include roles in A Streetcar Named Desire, Hamlet, Habeas Corpus and A Voyage Round My Father and was with The Mousetrap actine St Martin's Theatre in London. He recently played Stafford T Wilkins in the national tour of Alan Ayckbourn's Sisterly Feelings. His most recent television appearance was in the Channel 4 film Owain, Prince of Wales. Wyn was a member of the 1981 and 1984 companies at the Leas Pavillon Theatre when his appearances included Relatively Speaking, Stage Struck, Table Manners, A Taste of Honey and The Man, Last season, he also directed Don't Start Without Me, Out of the Crocodile and California Suite.



#### **TERRY O'SULLIVAN**

TERRY O'SULLIVAN has worked in repertory throughout the British Isles and notably in York, Chestserfield, Chelmsford, Yarmouth, Colwyn Bay, Folkestone, Bath, Kidderminster and Winchester.

His tours have included **Son of Oblomou**, **The Bedsitting Room** with Spike Milligan, **Rebecca** and **Dirty Linen**. Among his many Summer Seasons, he has played at Bournemouth in **Lock up your Daughters** and Ilfracombe in **How the Other Half Loves** and **Time and Time Again**. He spent 18 months at the Arts Theatre, London under the direction of the late Caryl Jenner and in 1981, he spent 4 months in Sweden playing Arnold Needham in **No Sex Please**, **We're British** and Dr. Chasuble in **The Importance of Being Earnest**.

His television work includes the lead in the Award Winning films Madonna and Chad and Death amd Transfiguration, shown recently on Channel 4.



#### MICHAEL BOTT

MICHAEL BOTT was born in the Isle of Man and grew up near Banbury in Oxfordshire. On leaving school, he moved to London where he attended the Rose Bruford College of Speech and Drama, after which he gained his first professional experience in Jack Watling's Summer Theatre at Frinton, making his first appearance playing Arthur in 'Spring and Port Wine.'

Since then, Michael has worked extensively in theatre, having worked at Colchester, East Grinstead, Malvern, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Newcastle, the Piccadilly and Comedy Theatres in London and also in various fringe theatre productions. He has appeared on television in an episode of 'Bergerac', 'London is Drowning', a B. B. C. 'Play for Today', and has made numerous T.V. commercials. His more recent appearances include Gordon in 'Dangerous Corner' at Vienna's English Theatre and last year he found great success playing Mortimer in The Taunton Brewhouse Theatre's production of 'Arsenic and Old Lace'.

Michael is married to actress Sharon Baylis and they live in Balham with their two dogs.

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- 3. Join the *LEAS PAVILION ACTION GROUP* by sending your name, address and telephone number to L.P.A.G., 23 Godwyn Road, Folkestone ('phone 54481).
- 4. Tell as many people as you can to do the same.

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#### **SUSAN TORDOFF**

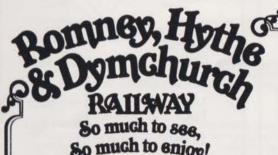
SUSAN TORDOFF is an up and coming young actress, recently graduated from the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School but already an experienced and successful actress. Her appearances while still at Bristol include Portia in The Merchant of Venice, Helena in A Midsummer Nights Dream and Dolly in The Threepenny Opera. She was Cleopatra in BBC Radio's production of Antony and Cleopatra and also appeared in the musical Oliver at the Shanklin Theatre, Isle of Wight. The winner of the William Poel Memorial Prize, Susan was also selected to compete in the Carlton Hobbs Radio Award. Another aspect of Susan's talents - she's also a trained Nursery Nurse!

To reggy all



#### RICHARD ALWYN

Richard Alwyn was born in South Wales in 1961. He was educated in Cardiff and entered the Theatre world in 1983 after obtaining a place at the Montview Theatre School in London. During a very successful three year course, he gave notable performances as Willy Loman in Death of a Salesman, Jimmy Porter in Look Back in Anger, Amos Hart in Chicago and also in the tile roles of Oedipus and Richard



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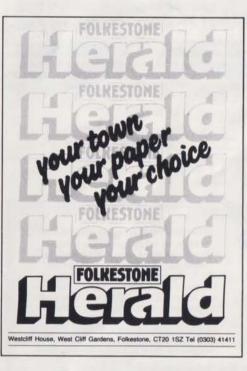
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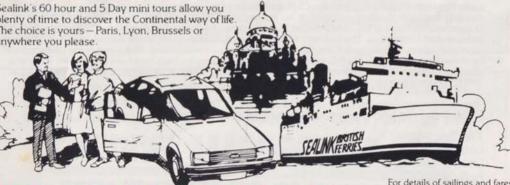
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