THE THEATRE V VORKS

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THE THEATREWORKS

FESTIVAL '75

A season of comedy, classics and music.

- Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris, the acclaimed musical revue, New Varsity Theatre/Cabaret.

 June 19, 20, 21 25, 26, 27, 28 July 2, 3, 4, 5
- The Hostage, Brendan Brehan's rollicking music-filled Irish comedy, Palo Alto Community Theatre.

 July 10, 11, 12 17, 18, 19
- Story Theatre, the Broadway clown-musical, Palo Alto Community Theatre:
 July 24, 25, 26, 31 August 1, 2
- Don Juan, a musical version of Moliere's classic comedy, Palo Alto Community Theatre.

 August 7, 8, 9 14, 15, 16
- Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare's star cross'd love story, Fire Circle Theatre.

 August 20, 21, 22, 23 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

the hostage

THE HOSTAGE

by

Brendan Behan

Direction by Alan Mokler

Musical Direction by Gary Levinson
Set Designed by Bruce McLeod

Costumes Designed by Melissa Malloring
Lighting Designed by Bruce McLeod

Choreography by Laura Petersen

Music by Brendan Behan Additional music by Gary Levinson

CAST

| PAT Tim Enos | OFFICER Kelly DePonte |
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| MEG | VOLUNTEER |
| MONSEWERJohn Ingram | COLLETTE |
| LESLIE | BOBO Laura Petersen |
| TERESA | ROPEEN |
| MISS GILCHRIST Cristine Rose | MOUSE Liz Nelson |
| MULLEADY | O'SHAUNESSY |
| PRINCESS GRACE | PIGSEYE |
| RIO RITA Dave Gonzales | CLAIR Elizabeth Dale |

MUSICIANS

Piano – Gary Levinson Violin – Jon Berger

The Play Takes Place in Dublin, 1960

There will be two intermissions

Performed under special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

| ACTI | |
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| Laughing Boy | Pat, Mo |
| ACT II | |
| The Captains and the Kings | |
| ACT III | |
| When Socrates in Ancient Greece | |
| PRODUCTIO | ON STAFF |
| Assistants to the Director — ELIZABETH DALE, LAU Exec. Tech. Director — JOHN R. FISHER Master Carpenter — LARZ ANDERSON Stage Manager — ANDREA JANETOS Properties — LIZ GOOLDRUP, Assisted by JILL THIEL Sound — WILSON GRAHAM Light Operators — DONNA BREED, TOM DEAN | |
| Technical Assts. — BARBARA JACOBY — BRIAN KELLY — ANN KALLENBACH — LELAND COLEMAN — CRAIG WILLIAMS House Manager — JO SWEET Box Office — DIANA ROLLNICK, MILLI JEWELL, LA | - HARRY STOCKWELL - DON MONKEN - BILL ROBERTS - ANDY PARKER - SALLY KALLENBACH AURA GOLDSTEIN |

A NOTE ON IRISH HISTORY

In Easter Week of 1916 a sprinkling of Irish leaders marched to the Dublin General Post Office (the G.P.O.) to announce that Ireland ought to be independent from Great Britain. Their listeners were a people who had suffered centuries of British rule, years that had included hundreds of wars and little support from the mother country, but years which had left the Irish complacent and reluctant to take the final step toward open rebellion.

The British government blundered, however, by choosing to execute these leaders (among them Padhraic Pearce), thus sparking the formation of the militant Sinn Fein organization ("Ourselves Alone"). Led by DeValera, Michael Collins (known as the Laughing Boy) and others, the Sinn Fein became the focal point of the growing rebellion until most of its leaders were also captured. Collins escaped, however, and in 1919 organized the Irish Republican Army (the I.R.A.) and began two years of difficult guerrilla warfare. It was a dirty war, each side engaging in murder and destruction, and often involving innocent people. Though the British came to be more and more hated, the rebels could not gain sufficient support to take over the country. In 1921, therefore, a compromise treaty was signed by Collins and the British government, declaring the South of Ireland a free state, but leaving the northern six counties under direct British rule.

Unhappy with this treaty, a minority of the rebels soon began a civil war designed to liberate Northern Ireland. By 1923 this war was virtually over, although the I.R.A. has continued through the years to press for Irish rule in the North, often using the same tactics that were successful in 1919.

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THE THEATREWORKS - A FESTIVAL FOR THE FUTURE

In August, 1970, an original musical called *Popcorn* electrified the Peninsula with its infectious energy and exuberant demand that theater be alive and exciting. Within months a second original production, *Intrusions*, won national acclaim from the American Community Theater Association and established a new company called Youth Workshop as an innovator of joyous and unique theatre.

Since then The Workshop, sponsored by The City of Palo Alto, has built a reputation with critics and audiences alike for imaginative, music-filled productions performed indoors and out throughout the area. We discovered that theater can happen anywhere — in restaurants and parks, libraries or even parking lots. Our repertoire grew to include contemporary plays and musicals along with unusual versions of theater classics by masters such as Shakespeare, Rostand and Moliere. And landmark productions such as Cabaret in Palo Alto's Old Police and Fire Station and the original 1930's musical The Country Wife at the Palo Alto Community Theatre added more and more theatergoers to the list of Workshop friends.

Now, after five acclaimed years, The Workshop is presenting its new summer season as The TheatreWorks-Festival '75. More than a change in name, The TheatreWorks is a new concept, an independent company with a goal — an ongoing Peninsula festival of summer entertainment at its best. We believe our festival of innovative theater can find a permanent home on the Peninsula and continue to build a strong regional reputation. Already many of our talented performers, designers and directors are returning every summer from all parts of the country. We hope you will return too, and join us for The TheatreWorks-Festival '75.

THEATREWORKS STAFF

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