1966-1967

SEASON

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THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE

BY GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

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THEATRE THREE

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mrs. Annie DudgeonJESSIE LEE FULTON
Essie
Christopher DudgeonKIMBERLY WEBB
Rev. Anthony Anderson
Judith AndersonJOYCE NICHOLSON
Uncle Titus Dudgeon
Titus' WifeCHARLIE VERA GLASS
Uncle William Dudgeon
William's Wife
Lawyer Hawkins
Richard Dudgeon
The SergeantJAKE JONES
Two SoldiersBILL SALAMON, PHILLIP CUNY
Major SwindonJOHN MacLEHAN
General Burgoyne
Hessian OfficersJIM STEICHEN, ROBERT GALLAMORE
Two SoldiersLARRY WHITCHER, JOHN CACCIATORE
Chaplain Brudenell
ExecutionerJIM STEICHEN

SETTING OF THE PLAY

The town of Websterbridge, New Hampshire, in the year 1777.

Act One: The general dwelling room of Mrs. Dudgeon's farm house. It is that most wretched hour

between a black night and a bleak morning.

Act Two: The Anderson home. Late that afternoon.

---INTERMISSION---

Act Three: The jail and, later, the town Council Chamber. Then, the town square. The time is the next morning.

Notes from the director.....

When GBS is the playwright involved, the only reasonable remarks that can be made on the play are those he wrote himself. In the case of The Devil's Disciple, thus:

"The year 1777 is the one in which the passions roused by the breaking-off of the American colonics from England, more by their own weight than their own will, boiled up to the shooting point, the shooting being idealized to the English mind as suppression of rebellion and maintenance of British dominion, and to the American as defence of liberty, resistance to tyranny, and self-sacrifice on the altar of the Rights of Man. Into the merits of these idealizations it is not here necessary to inquire: suffice it to say, without prejudice, that they have convinced both Americans and English that the most high minded course for them to pursue is to kill as many of one another as possible, and that military operations to that end are in full swing, morally supported by confident requests from the clergy of both sides for the blessing of God on their arms."

It is Shaw's unique genius (and challange) to be funny and at the same time fearlessly critical to incite intellectual courage. Indeed, in the course of being entertained by wit and cliff-hanging melodrama, playgoers get a generous dose thought provoking ideas. To stage such a play requires the utmost attention to the fine philosophy expounded by one of the most exciting playwrights of all time.

The excellent and hard working company for this show includes actors that Theatre Three playgoers applauded in our first season. T. Y. Hill, Jr. returns to the arena stage after a four year absence. When he played Vladimir in our 1961 production of <u>Waiting for Godot</u> his compatriot Estragon was David Nichols, who has also returned to Dallas after several years away.

Joyce Nicholson, Shaw's heroine Judith Anderson, is another old friend who has been too long away. Miss Nicholson was the title player in 1961's Sabrina Fair.

Hugh Feagin come upon the scene somewhat later, but has proved his versatility many times over in Theatre Three productions of Zoo Story, Night of the Iguana, In White America, and Thurber Carnival. We are all looking forward to his Macbeth, scheduled for later this season.

Jessie Lee Fulton appeared for us in Mrs. McThing in 1961 and in last season's opener, Write Me a Murder. John MacLenah's previous appearances for Theatre Three were both last season in Dark of the Moon and a highly acclaimed portrayal as Tom in The Glass Menagerie.

Two young veterans of Theatre Three's stage are Cathy McClenny and Kimberly Webb. Jake Jones and Ralph Huddleston last worked together in The Solid Gold Cadillac and serve as able technicians when off stage.

All in all it's been one of my most enjoyed directing chores...working with old friends and the many new ones on a play by a rare rascal who will continue to have his say about the world as long as audiences enjoy a good argument as well as a good laugh!

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director, NORMA YOUNG - Sets and Lighting Design, JAC ALDER - Sound and Music Design - DAVID NICHOLS, JOHN MacLEHAN - Production Assistant, SHARON WOODS - Stage Manager, LAURENZ DAVIS - Costume Supervisor, PATTY GREER of Trio - Wig Dresser, GEORGE LANE - Properties Chief, SHARON WOODS - Sound Technicians, JOHN MacLEHAN, JOHN CACCIATORE, RONALD CROWE - Lighting Technician, JIM STEICHEN - Costume Crew, ELIZABETH ADKISSON, MARGIE FIRST, CATHY HOLLON, JUDY MCKEE, DIANE RASKIN, SHARON WOODS, DORIS JEAN WHATLEY, FRAN LINDLEY - Set and Properties Crew, ADELE ACREY, RONALD CROWE, ROBERT GALLAMORE, RALPH E. HUDDLESTON, JUDY MCKEE, GEORGE LANE, DAVID NICHOLS, JIM STEICHEN - Lighting Assistant, JANET SPENCER - Technical Advisor, BOB COWAN - House Manager, ED PEEL - Publicity Assistants, JANET SPENCER, TESSA CAMPDERA, MAREE HAYDEN, MEG SHOOK, ELAYNE SHULTS, MEG HOLLINGSWORTH, BARBARA LIVELY, LOIS MURPH, BETTY MCASHAN, BENNYE GATTEYS BISHOP (all members of Inner Circle's Daytime Volunteers Committee)

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We are happy to announce presentation, beginning November 24, of "A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM" featuring LAURENCE O'DWYER and directed by JAC ALDER.

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