



Noel Coward began his life story with the same wit that dominated his work throughout his life. His early years were spent as "one of the worst boy actors ever inflicted on the public." Subsequent years in the theatre prepared him for the opening of his first major play, THE VORTEX, which premiered to a rather puzzled London audience in 1924. "THE VORTEX was an immediate success and established me both as a playwright and as an actor, which was very fortunate, because until then I had not proved myself to be so hot in either capacity."

THE VORTEX was followed by a string of Coward hits in the twenties and thirties: ON WITH THE DANCE, THIS YEAR OF GRACE!, BITTER-SWEET, PRIVATE LIVES, CALVACADE, WORDS AND MUSIC, DESIGN FOR LIVING, CONVERSATION PIECE, OPERETTE, PRESENT LAUGHTER and TONIGHT AT 8:30. "Success," Coward later announced, "took me to her bosom like a maternal boa constrictor." But "the critical laurels that had been so confidently prophesied for me in the twenties never graced my brow, and I was forced throughout the thirties to console myself with the bitter palliative of commercial success which I enjoyed

very much indeed."

World War II interrupted Coward's theatrical endeavors. "I behaved through most of the war with gallantry tinged, I suspect, by a strong urge to show off." With the end of the war, Coward once again returned to the theatre with BLITHE SPIRIT, SIGH NO MORE, PACIFIC 1860, ACE OF CLUBS, QUADRILLE, NUDE WITH VIOLIN, WAITING IN THE WINGS, SAIL AWAY, LOOK AFTER LULU and SUITE IN THREE KEYS. His varied theatrical career has seen Coward as stage and screen actor, composer, lyricist, playwright, director, author, producer and night club performer. "The world has treated me very well — but then I haven't treated it so badly

either."

Coward's plays have often been criticized as lightweight, but he was satisfied when, in the mid-sixties, he told a reporter; "There was the gnawing suspicion that I was nothing but a jester. But it was only a little while ago that to quote Madame Arcati, 'it came upon me in a blinding flash' that I had already written several important plays, important because they had given a vast number of people a great deal of pleasure."

Theatre Three is pleased to be presenting Noel Coward's inimitable brand of wit on our stage for the first time. Perhaps, as Coward once said, "this, dear boy, is the beginning of the Noel Coward Rennaissance."

"I was an ordinary middle class boy. I was not gutter..."



Noel Coward (1899-1973), witty playwright, composer of light music, lyricist extraordinaire, star of stage and screen, wealthy producer, skillful director, inveterate world traveller, short story writer, autobiographer, cabaret entertainer, child actor, personality and wit, friend of celebrities, television performer, poet and professional Englishman.

TWO EVENINGS Of the Songs and Skethches Of Noel Coward

Presented by special arrangement with Brandt and Brandt

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TWO EVENINGS Of the Songs and Sketches

Of NOEL COWARD

SHOW I:

FAMILY ALBUM

a Victorian comedy with music Directed by Larry O'Dwyer

CAST:

Jasper Featherways ... Dick Hooser
Jane Featherways ... Joan Foy
Lavinia Featherways ... Donna Adams
Richàrd Featherways ... Jac Alder
Dr. Edward Valance ... Campbell Read
Emily Valance ... Connie Coit Moon
Capt. Charles Winter ... Steve Riley
Harriet Winter ... Sharon Bunn
Burrows ... Pat Glass

The scene is the drawing room of the Featherways' house in Kent. The time is autumn, 1860.

INTERMISSION

FUMED OAK

an unpleasant comedy in two scenes Directed by Jac Alder

CAST:

Henry Gow Campbell Read
Doris Gow Joan Foy
Elsie Gow Connie Coit Moon
Mrs. Rockett Donna Adams

The scene is the sitting room of the Gows' home in the 30's.

Scene 1 - morning Scene 2 - evening

INTERMISSION

THE MUSICAL REVUE

Donna Adams
Jac Alder
Betty Jo Doolan
Joan Foy
Dick Hooser
Connie Coit Moon
Campbell Read
Steve Riley

SHOW II:

RED PEPPERS

an interlude with music Directed by Jim Prichard

CAST:

Lily Pepper Sharon Bunn
George Pepper Jac Alder
Alf David May
Bert Bentley Woody Pyeatt
Mr. Edwards Roy Peters
Mabel Grace Sadie French
Betty Delavine Elfriede Russell

The scene is the Palace Theatre of Varieties in one of the smaller English provincial towns. A Saturday night in the 30's.

INTERMISSION

WAYS AND MEANS

Directed by Larry O'Dwyer

CAST:

Stella Cartwright	Roy Peters
Lord Chapworth (Chaps) Olive Lloyd-Ransome Princess Elena Krassiloff Nanny Stevens	Sharon Bunn Elfriede Russell Sadie French

The scene is a bedroom in the Lloyd-Ransomes' house, Villa Zephyre, on the Cote d'Azur. The time is the 30's.

Scene 1 - a spring morning, 11:00 a.m. Scene 2 - that night, after the casino

Scene 3 - later that night

INTERMISSION

THE MUSICAL REVUE

Jac Alder Sharon Bunn Camilla Carr Roy Peters Elfriede Russell Jim Prichard DONNA ADAMS is the Assistant to the Theatre Three Directors. As a staff actress, her credits include the wonderful, silent Liz in "The Philanthropist," Witch Daffy Dark in the children's show "Rapunzel and the Witch," Mrs. Pentrano in "And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little," and Supo in "The Irregular Heart of Monsieur Ornifle." She holds a B.A. in Drama from Baylor University.

JAC ALDER is one of Theatre Three's original founders. He has participated as an actor, designer or director in almost every production since 1961. Mr. Alder also authored "The Venetian Twins," first seen at Theatre Three in 1972, and now playing at the Pitlochry Festival Theatre in Scotland. A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Alder is the husband of actress-director Norma Young, the founding director of Theatre Three.

BETTY JO DOOLAN has previously appeared at Theatre Three as a Geminae Twin in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and as Purity in "Anything Goes." Miss Doolan has toured the dinner theatre circuit in such shows as "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off" and "The Roar of the Greasepaint, The Smell of the Crowd." She holds a B.Mus. from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

JOAN FOY last appeared on the Theatre Three stage as Sido in last season's "Colette." Earlier roles here included Domina in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and Mrs. Zero in "The Adding Machine." Elsewhere, Miss Foy has played the Queen in "Once Upon a Mattress," the Mother Abbess in "The Sound of Music," Esther in "Two by Two" and the Widow Carney in "Oliver!" She formerly acted for Washington D. C.'s famed Arena Theatre.

PAT GLASS has a long string of appearances at Theatre Three to his credit: Woodenshoes in "The Front Page," Uncle Titus in "The Devil's Disciple," the President in "Indians," Erronius in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," and the Heavenly Policeman in "Liliom." An inveterate traveller, Mr. Glass has travelled in Russia, Japan, Australia, as well as throughout Europe.

DICK HOOSER, a staff actor for Theatre Three since 1972, was last seen as Father Dubaton in "The Irregular Heart of Monsieur Ornifle." Previous appearances at Theatre Three include roles in "The Philanthropist," "The Rainmaker," "Tartuffe," and "The School for Wives." Roles elsewhere include Romeo in "Romeo and Juliet," Tranio in "Taming of a Shrew," and Tom in "The Glass Menagerie." Mr. Hooser came to Theatre Three from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

CONNIE COIT MOON last appeared on the Theatre Three stage as the delightful Amy in "Company." Other stage credits include "Anything Goes," "Carnival," "Play It Again, Sam," "Two By Two," "Once Upon a Mattress," and "The Threepenny Opera." Miss Moon can also boast appearances with the Dallas Civic Opera. A freelance artist and photographer, Miss Moon has studied voice and opera at the Summer Vocal Institute in Freiburg, Germany.

THE PLAYERS

CAMPBELL READ will be remembered for his Theatre Three roles of Smithers in the recent revival of "The Emperor Jones" and Lord Summerhays in "Misalliance." A native of Scotland, Mr. Read holds degrees from the University of Cambridge (England) and the University of North Carolina. A man with a double career, he is currently an Assistant Professor of Statistics at S.M.U. and Southwestern Medical School.

STEVE RILEY has recently appeared in "The Venetian Twins," "Carnival," "Gridiron Show" (for the Dallas Press Club), "Once Upon a Mattress," "Oklahoma," "1776," and "Company." He has his B.A. in Industrial Management from North Texas State University, with a minor in speech. Mr. Riley also attended McMurray College studying speech and drama. An actor, singer, announcer and model, he has television as well as stage experience.

SHARON BUNN, now director of development at Theatre Three, is one of the busiest actresses on the staff. This season she has played Sarah in "Company," The Countess in "The Irregular Heart of Monsieur Ornifle," and Ceil Adams in "And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little." Other roles include Hermia in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Bonnie in "Anything Goes," and Marge in "Nobody Loves an Albatross."

CAMILLA CARR is one of Dallas' busiest actresses. Besides television and film work, her credits include Linda in "Play It Again, Sam" at Granny's Dinner Playhouse and the kooky April in Theatre Three's "Company." Audiences at Theatre Three have also seen her in "Anything Goes" and "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off." Miss Carr is the wife of actor Hugh Feagin. They have a son, Caley, 3 years old.

SADIE FRENCH has long been a favorite with Dallas audiences. She is a seven year veteran of the Margo Jones Theatre, and has filled numerous roles for Theatre Three. Her most recent characterization was Mrs. Grant in "The Front Page." Other Theatre Three appearances include "Hedda Gabler" and "The Miracle Worker." Miss French has also appeared with the Dallas Summer Musicals.

DAVID MAY is one of Theatre Three's apprentices for the summer. A graduate of Grand Prairie High School, David is currently a sophomore at Eastfield College. Although this is his first appearance at Theatre Three, he has played such roles as Tevye and Lazar Wolfe in two separate productions of "Fiddler on the Roof," and Peterbono in "Thieves' Carnival."

ROY PETERS was last seen on the Theatre Three stage as Harry in "Company." He has also appeared here in "The Adding Machine," "Celebration," "Nobody Loves an Albatross," "The Venetian Twins," and "The Play's the Thing." In addition to acting, Mr. Peters is a talented set designer, having designed the set for the opening show of this season, "The School for Wives."

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(Players continued)

JIM PRICHARD has served Theatre Three as both director and staff actor. This season he has directed "The Contest." Theatre Three's spring children's show, and has appeared in "The Front Page" and "The School for Wives." Mr. Prichard's credits range from Shakespeare, with the Globe Shakespeare Festival, to the avant-garde, as an early member of New York's Theatre of the Ridiculous company.

WOODY PYEATT is Theatre Three's Technical Director, Graduate of Austin College, Mr. Pyeatt is the master of the Theatre Three sets this season and has been the actual designer of many, including the recent "And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little." Mr. Pyeatt is the newlywed groom of Marilyn Fagg, one of Theatre Three's indispensable behind-the-scenes crew members.

ELFRIEDE RUSSELL recently completed her first role on the Theatre Three stage as Nenette in "The Irregular Heart of Monsieur Ornifle." A former speech and drama teacher, Miss Russell holds a B.S. in Speech and Drama from the University of Corpus Christ. She has appeared onstage with the University of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi Little Theatre, the Globe Shakespeare Festival and the Dallas Theater Center.

MARK HARDWICK is the musical director and arranger for "Twice Over Lightly." A native of Houston, he was co-author and musical director of "The Perils of Priscilla Peachblossom," a musical comedy. He is now at work on a children's musical. Mr. Hardwick's musical experience includes "West Side Story," "Oliver!," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Camelot." He will continue studying piano with the artist-in-residence at SMU next year.

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