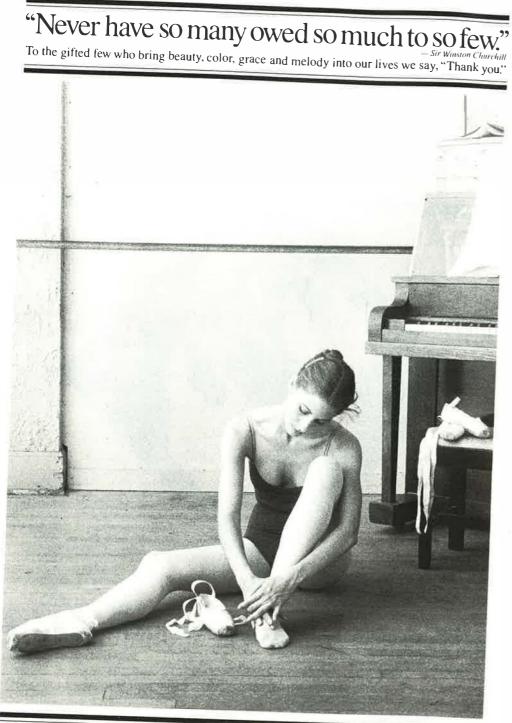


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Simon Gray — with all his wry insights into British middle-class losers — is one of the most absorbing of British contemporary playwrights, and also one who seems to have a special immediacy for American audiences.

-Clive Barnes, New York Post

• His passport reads teacher, but he happens to be one of England's more dependable export items.

He is Simon Gray, a playwright with several best play awards to his credit. What makes his product exportable is the fact that audiences on both sides of the Atlantic laugh at his jokes and recognize his characters.

A sample of Gray's expertise is on view at Theatre Three through July 3: CLOSE OF PLAY.

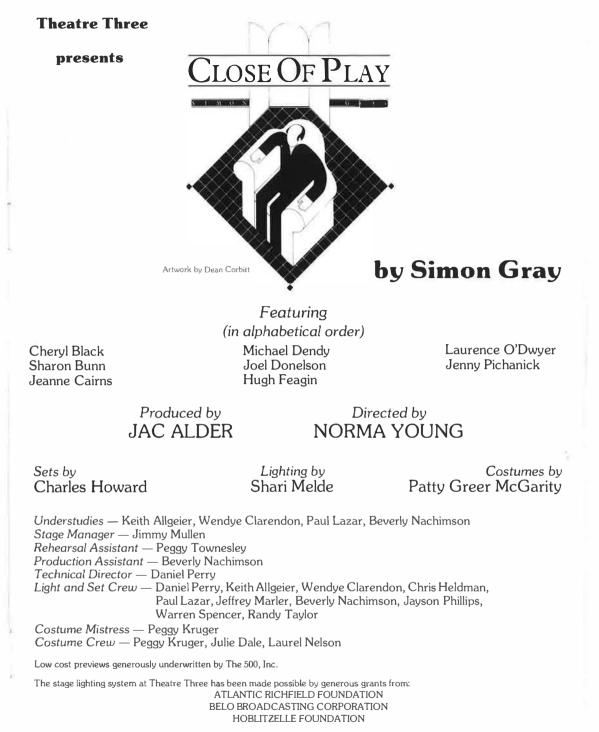
The play, which takes place between Sunday lunch and tea, opens on the family patriarch Jasper Spencer, an esteemed classicist and celebrated literary man, silently sitting in his living room simply waiting for various members of his family to join him.

By teatime, join him they have, and a number of the family skeletons have been dragged out of previously guarded closets. CLOSE OF PLAY, like OTHERWISE ENGAGED and BUTLEY, two of Simon Gray's award-winning earlier hits, centers on a character who finds himself invaded by a procession of visitors. But, more than that, Gray once again demonstrates his superb skill in creating well-constructed dialogue which always exudes wit and humor while revealing the underlying emotion present in his characters.

Nonetheless, Gray denies having any moral message to put across. "Writing a play is like writing a poem or a story," he explained in an interview held after he was awarded the New York Drama Critics' Circle and Drama Desk Awards for OTHER-WISE ENGAGED. "One has a responsibility to one's audience or one's readers, a clear obligation to interest and entertain them."

Gray sees himself as first a teacher, then a playwright. He claims that he began playwrighting to augment his small university salary at Queen Mary College in London, where his specialty is Dickens. He had a large family, he said —a wife, two children, two dogs and five cats.

Norma Young, Theatre Three's Founding Director, directs Gray's newest comedy, which, like its sister production OTHER-WISE ENGAGED, has its premiere on the Theatre Three stage.



This playbill has been provided by a generous grant from TACA, INC.

THE CHARACTERS — THE SPENCERS —

(in order of appearance)

Jasper	Michael Dendy
Daisy	Jeanne Cairns
Jenny	Jenny Pichanick
Matthew	Joel Donelson
Margaret	Sharon Bunn
Benedict.,	Laurence O'Dwyer
Henry	Hugh Feagin
Marianne	Cheryl Black

THE SETTING

The action of the play takes place in the home of Professor Jasper Spencer.

Act I AFTER LUNCH

Act II BEFORE TEA

PROGRAM NOTE

The English game of Cricket may be played over a period of several days. The "close of play" is a term referring to the standard score at the end of one day's play, but is never used for the concluding day's play.

The Playwright

Simon Gray began his writing career shortly after beginning a teaching assignment at a college of London University. He was born in Hampshire, England, in 1936 and educated at Westminster School in London. After attending universities in Canada and France, he took his degrees in English at Cambridge. In spite of his phenomenal success as a playwright, he considers himself a teacher first.

It was as a novelist that Gray won his earliest attention. Three of his books were published before he wrote his first dramatic work — *Colmain, Simple People* and *Little Portia*. When a short story was accepted for television, he undertook its adaptation. This was "The Caramel Crisis" and subsequent TV dramas include SLEEPING DOG, PIG IN A POKE, MAN IN A SIDECAR and THE DEATH OF A TEDDY BEAR, for which he won the Writer's Guild Award.

His first stage work was originally written for television but was rejected because of subject matter. This was WISE CHILD, a play which handled two forms of transvestism, included a strong homosexual theme and used variants of carnality to prove interpersonal relationships. WISE CHILD was a hit of the London stage in 1967 with Alec Guinness as its star.

Two plays followed: DUTCH UNCLE and SPOILED, and, in 1970, he adapted Dostoevski's novel *The Idiot* for Britain's National Theatre. Then, in 1971, BUTLEY opened in London and gained Gray the London Evening Standard Award for Best Play. It was presented in New York in 1972 and established its author's reputation in the U.S.

In 1975, OTHERWISE ENGAGED became a London hit. It was mounted in New York in 1977, where it won several best play awards from critics and audiences on both sides of the Atlantic.

During the process of writing OTHERWISE ENGAGED, Gray also completed a companion piece called DOG DAYS, in which the protagonist was the exact opposite of the remote hero of the former play.

At the same time, Gray also wrote two thematically related plays that received their premieres on British television in 1975 — TWO SUNDAYS and PLAINTIFFS AND DEFENDANTS,

All the while he was turning out plays, he continued teaching in London, claiming that he is a teacher who writes in his spare time.









BACKGROUNDS

The Actors

**CHERYL BLACK (Marianne) can currently be seen as Renee in New Arts Theatre's THE DANGEROUS CLASS, a daytime serial of which Miss Black is also co-creator and head writer. Other local stage appearances include Vera in TEN LITTLE INDIANS, Sadie in RAIN, Ruth in NORMAN CONQUESTS, Mrs. Prentice in WHAT THE BUTLER SAW, Leda in DARK INHERITANCE (at the New Arts Theatre), Mary in Stage West's THE DRUNKARD and Helen in Greenville Avenue Threatre's THE DARNING TREE.

*SHARON BUNN (Margaret) appeared in more than 25 Theatre Three productions during her five years here on our stalf, Her club work includes touring on the Playboy Club Circuit. Miss Bunn has performed with the Los Angeles Actors' Theatre, has done television, radio and films and has recorded voices for the Six Flags Over Texas puppet shows. She has recently been living in Los Angeles and will appear there this summer in LAYING OFF, the new play by Thurman Moss, Miss Bunn's most recent Theatre Three appearances have been Elain Rutledge in THE MAN and Barb in EDEN COURT.

*JEANNE CAIRNS (Daisy) was trained in England and moved to Texas three years ago from New York where she appeared in THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE as Jean, as well as DELICATE BALANCE, AFTER THE FALL, THE IMAGINARY INVALID and MARAT DE SADE. Her busy dinner theatre schedule includes THERE GOES THE BRIDE with Martin Milner and THE PLEASURE OF HIS COMPANY with John Ireland, In addition to two productions at Theatre Three, Miss Cairns has performed in PLAZA SUITE, BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE, BAREFOOT IN THE PARK and NORMAN CONQUESTS. Last month, she appeared as Esther in Dallas Repertory Theatre's TWO BY TWO: Miss Cairns plans to settle in Dallas with her daughter Diane and her 2001b-great dane Marmaduke.

*MICHAEL DENDY (Jasper), actor and director, has appeared many times on Dallas stages and was in residence at the Dallas Theater Center for a period of nearly twelve years. His last appearance at the Theater

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Center was in the summer of 1974 as Einstein in ARSENIC AND OLD LACE He was seen there earlier as Prospero in THE TEMPEST, Sir Toby Belch in TWELFTH NIGHT, Shrewsbury in MARY STUART, Ralph Waldo Emerson in THE NIGHT THOREAU SPENT IN JAIL. Caesar in JULIUS CAESAR, Moebius in THE PHYSICISTS, Dr. Peabody in JOURNEY TO JEFFERSON, de Sade in MARAT/SADE, the Grand Duke and the Monk in THE CAUCASIAN CHALK CIRCLE and the Mirador General in VASCO, among some forty other roles. His directing credits at the Center include THE WORLD OF CARL SANDBURG. SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY, THE TAMING OF THE SHREW, EXIT THE KING. THE EFFECT OF GAMMA RAYS ON MAN-IN THE-MOON MARIGOLDS and THE CRUCIBLE. In addition to teaching in the graduate and academy divisions of the Theater Center, he was a theatre administration staff member, Mr. Dendy has done postgraduate studies at the University of Chicago and at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, He has toured widely and looks forward to further study and work in theatre in Sweden and France-

**JOEL DONELSON (Matthew) currently attends North Garland High School. He has done technical work at Theatre Three in the past, as well as participating in a children's production. His other theatre credits include ELIXIR OF LOVE and YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU; Joel moved to Dallas with his family from Colorado Springs, where he participated in the Colorado Opera Festival. He plans to attend college when he graduates, with a double major in computer science and theatre arts.

*HUGH FEAGIN (Henry) is a treasured member of the Theatre Three family, having appeared for the first time on our stage 17 years ago in *NIGHT OF THE IGUANA*: His roles since then have displayed his talent and craftsmanship on the stage, but probably none more than Quentin, Arthur Miller's self-portrait protagonist in *AFTER THE FALL*. More recently, Mr. Feagin was featured in *THE SEAGULL* and *BEDROOM FARCE*. He appeared in both *FATHER DREAMS* and *SPLENDID REB-ELS*, features of the 1981 and 1982 SECOND STAGE FESTIVALS. In addition to his many local stage credits, he has appeared on Broadway in *PASSAGE TO INDIA*, on numerous dinner theatre stages and in several major feature films, including the leading role in *ZIG ZAG*.

*LAURENCE O'DWYER (Benedict) delighted audiences last season as the engaging Strider in Theatre Three's production of the same title. His directorial credits from that season include BEDROOM FARCE, THE





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MISS FIRECRACKER CONTEST, two children's theatre productions and HOUSE OF FLOWERS Mr. O'Dwyer's numerous Theatre Three acting credits include Simon Gray's award-winning OTHERWISE ENGAGED, PRESENT LAUGHTER, SLEUTH and DRINKS BEFORE DINNER, in addition to a role he played both this season and twenty years ago this season, Sganarelle in THE PHYSICIAN IN SPITE OF HIMSELF During a hiatus from Theatre Three in the mid-'70s, he served as Chairman of the Drama Department at Bennington College in Vermont, Mr. O'Dwyer's specialty is children's theatre and he heads the Grimm Magician Players at Theatre Three.

*JENNY PICHANICK (Jenny), a newcomer to Dallas, was born in South Africa and has a B.A. in English and Drama. She received her professional training at the Drama Studio, London, graduating with the Best Actress Award, Back in Rhodesia, she was named Actress of the Year for her performance in Athol Fugard's HELLO AND GOODBYE. She also worked professionally on South African television, radio and stage. In Houston she appeared with Eva Gabor in BLITHE SPIRIT and played Portia and Titania in the Houston Shakespeare Festival last summer

The Director

NORMA YOUNG very recently completed two of the largest roles in modern American dramatic literature — Mary Tyrone in Eugene O'Neill's A LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT and Emma Goldman in Ernest Joselovitz's SPLENDID REBELS SPLENDID REBELS was presented as part of Theatre Three's 1982 SECOND STAGE FESTIVAL Miss Young has also appeared in several films and television segments this season as well as a double role in Theatre Three's WORKING. Miss Young founded Theatre Three in 1960, along with Jac Alder, Bob Dracup and Esther Ragland. She served as Artistic Director through 1976. Her all-time favorite role, though, is the one she has played in making Dallas a theatrically rich city for the past 20 years,

The Producer

JAC ALDER, along with Norma Young, was one of Theatre Three's original founders and remains the theatre's producer. Trained as an architect (his degree is from Oklahoma University), he designed Theatre Three's unique space. This season he has directed WORKING, adapted and directed THE PHYSICIAN IN SPITE OF HIMSELF and played the Duke of Plaza Toro in the popular production of THE GONDOLIERS. He serves as president for the Dallas Arts Combine and as advisor to DISD for its Joint Arts/Cultural Committee and its Magnet Arts High School Most recently, Mr. Alder created the set design for SPLENDID REBELS.

The Designers

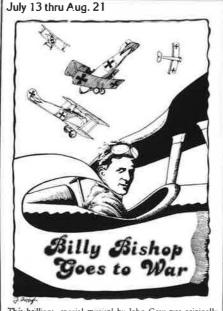
CHARLES HOWARD (Set Designer) has been Associate Director of Theatre Three since 1975. During that time, he has served as primary set designer and has directed numerous productions on our stage. His favorite set designs include CANDIDE, YIP, YIP, HOORAY and SLEUTH, and he lists PRESENTLAUGHTER, A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE and FATHER DREAMS as his most enjoyable directorial assignments. Mr. Howard directed the final production in this season's SECOND STAGE FESTIVAL, SPLENDID REBELS. He is presently earning another graduate degree in Social Work.

PATTY GREER McGARITY (Costume Designer) began her association with Theatre Three in 1965 with STOP THE WORLD, I WANT TO GET OFF and has since designed over 150 productions as the theatre's resident designer A graduate of North Texas State University, Mrs. McGarity has designed everything from children's wear to ball gowns for several

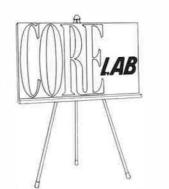
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apparel firms in Dallas, as well as delivering guest lectures at various colleges. Some favorite design credits include CANDIDE, ANYTHING GOES, STRIDER, CHICAGO, THE ROBBER BRIDEGROOM and HOUSE OF FLOWERS Mrs McGarity also creates (antasy designs and costume dolls

SHARI MELDE (Lighting Designer), a native of Dallas, studied art at Trinity University and technical theatre at SMU. Her association with Theatre Three dates back to 1965 when she volunteered to assist in operating the lights for STOP THE WORLD, I WANT TO GET OFF Over the years Miss Melde has become one of the theatre's most valued lighting designers, Recent credits include FATHER DREAMS, THE MISS FIRECRACKER CONTEST, BEDROOM FARCE, A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE, STRIDER and THE PHYSICIAN IN SPITE OF HIM-SELF. Her latest lighting assignments at Theatre Three have been the 1982 SECOND STAGE FESTIVAL and Noel Coward's DESIGN FOR LIVING, Currently, Ms, Melde is continuing her studies at the University of Texas at Dallas

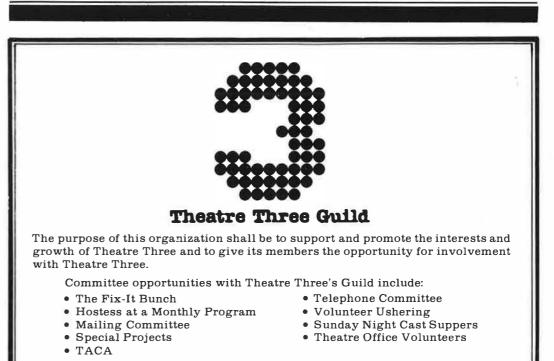


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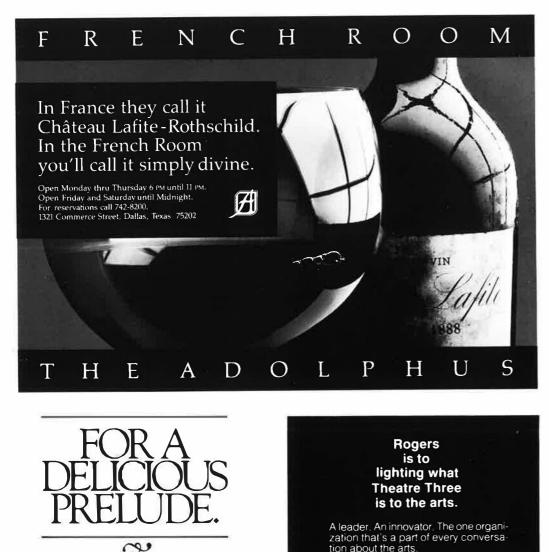
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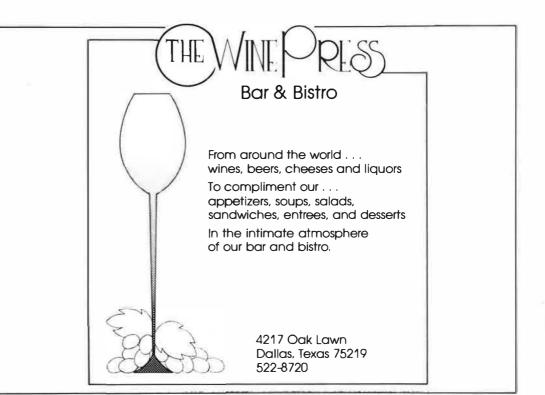
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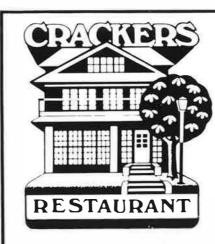
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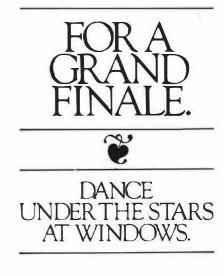
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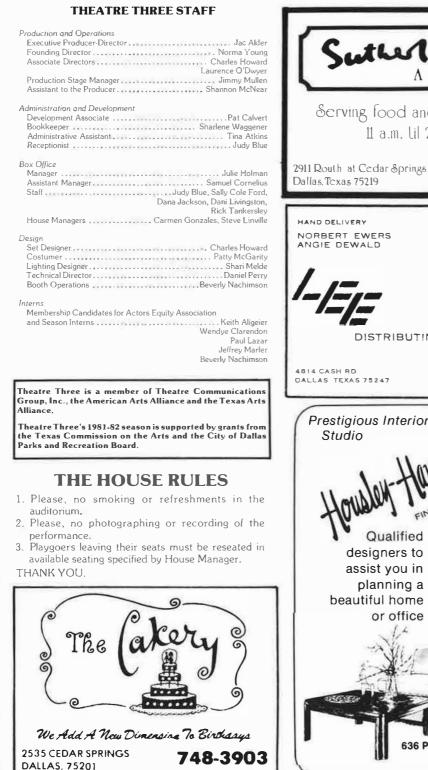
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