

A Presentation of
The Millsaps Arts and Lecture Series

THE MILLSAPS PLAYERS

presents

“TIGER AT THE GATES”

by JEAN GIRAUDOUX
Translated by Christopher Fry

Directed by LANCE GOSS

Technical Direction by
JOHN SULLIVAN

WEDNESDAY- SATURDAY, MARCH 12-15, 1969
AT 8:15 O’CLOCK

CHRISTIAN CENTER AUDITORIUM
Millsaps College

CAST OF CHARACTERS

ANDROMACHE, Wife to Hector.....	Claudia Carithers
CASSANDRA, Princess of Troy.....	Claire Crofford
A LAUNDRESS.....	Brenda Brown
HECTOR, Prince of Troy.....	Eddie Thompson*
PARIS, Prince of Troy.....	Ray Wolter*
FIRST OLD MAN.....	Foster Collins
SECOND OLD MAN.....	Warren Hamby
PRIAM, King of Troy.....	Ted Lamar
DEMOKOS, A Poet and Leader of the Senate.....	Bruce Partin*
HECUBA, Queen of Troy.....	Margaret Tohill*
POLYXENE, Princess of Troy.....	Cindy Young
THE MATHEMETICIAN.....	Clif Dowell*
HELEN.....	Scott Young
MINOS, A Trojan Captain.....	Bob Griffing
TROILUS, Prince of Troy.....	Bill Hudson
ABNEOS, A Senator.....	Tom Dupree
BUSIRIS, An International Lawyer.....	William Young*
AJAX, A Greek Captain.....	Robbie Smith
ULYSSES.....	Ramon McGehee
A TOPMAN, Officer on Paris’ Ship.....	Ed Baucom

OLIPIDES, Sailor on Paris' Ship.....Art Dyess
A GREEK SOLDIER.....Willie Wallace
TROJAN SOLDIERS.....Jeverly Cook, Eugene Countiss,
Lynn Shurley, Bob Spring, Chuck Culpepper, Michael Nicovich
LADIES-IN-WAITING.....Debbie Collins, Georgia Ann Thatcher,
Gwen Thompson

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT ONE

Troy. Ramparts of the Palace. Morning.

INTERMISSION: FIFTEEN MINUITS

ACT TWO

A palace enclosure. Later.

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TIGER AT THE GATES produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

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*Member of Alpha Psi Omega, National Honorary Dramatics Fraternity.

PRODUCTION STAFF FOR "TIGER AT THE GATES"

Stage Manager:

BARRY PLUNKETT

House Manager:

RICHARD FARRELL

Assistant to the Director:

WILLIAM YOUNG*

Hair Styles by DOUGLAS

Costumes by EAVES OF NEW YORK

PROPERTIES.....William Young*

Eddie Thompson*, Bill Hudson

MAKEUP.....Margaret Atkinson*

Angelyn Sloan, Phyllis Alford, Sara Jordan*, Peggy Longest, Susan Hassell,

Nancy Riddle, Ann Latham, Donna Matthews

SOUND.....William Young*

LIGHTING.....James McGahey*

PUBLICITY.....Robbie Lloyd*
William Young*, Leslie Morrison, Eddie Thompson*, Sara Jordan*

COSTUMES.....Mary McCartney, Ann Latham
Sara Jordan*, Scott Young, Donna Matthews

SCENERY.....Bruce Partin*, Stanley Graham*, Eddie Thompson,
Ann Latham, Donna Matthews, Margaret Tohill*, William Young*, Sara Jordan*,
Margaret Atkinson*, Robbie Lloys*, Claudine Wortham, Helen Stanley*, Sara
Jackson, Phyllis Alford, Randy Brock, James McGahey*, Clif Dowell*, Bill Hudson

PROGRAM COVER DESIGN.....Jimmy Jordan

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ABOUT THE PLAY

TIGER AT THE GATES by Giraudoux in the translation of Christopher Fry, opened at the Plymouth Theatre in New York on October 3, 1955, to unanimous critical acclaim. Sir Michael Redgrave recreated his earlier London success in the role of Hector. Diane Cilento played Helen, Leueen McGrath was Cassandra, Leo Ciceri was Paris, and Walter Fitzgerald played Ulysses. The play received the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award as the best foreign play of the 1955-56 season.

TIGER AT THE GATES is by no means a new play. Louis Jouvet, the great French actor-producer, starred in the original production in Paris in 1935. It was then called THE TROJAN WAR WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.

The play has been classified as a comedy, as a drama and even as a tragedy, but we prefer to think of it as a comedy- we might better call it an "intellectual comedy." It is filled with biting humor and bitter ironies. Hector strives valiantly for peace throughout, and in a brilliant scene near the end, he and Ulysses decide that Helen will return to Greece and there will be no war. THEATRE ARTS said this was "one of the few scenes in theatrical history which deal with the fate of the world and are up to their pretensions." Then the curtain actually starts down; the play is apparently over. Giraudoux, we think, has just rewritten history, for, indeed, the Trojan War will not take place. But suddenly the action starts again, the curtain goes back up, and in the one final moment, the Trojan War erupts in one of the most sar-

donic endings ever written for any play.

Giraudoux, “the most impressive playwright of modern France,” died in 1945. Broadway has seen several of his plays produced: AMPHITRYON 38, THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT, THE ENCHANTED, ONDINE, and TIGER AT THE GATES, The Millsaps Players first produced TIGER AT THE GATES in 1957 and have staged his THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT on two occasions, The Players have also produced his one-act play, THE VIRTUOUS ISLAND.

Christopher Fry, who translated TIGER AT THE GATES, is one of England’s most important playwrights, the author of A PHOENIX TOO FREQUENT, THE DARK IS LIGHT ENOUGH, VENUS OBSERVED, and the extremely popular THE LADY’S NOT BURNING.

ABOUT THE PLAYERS

EDDIE THOMPSON- a senior chemistry and theatre major from Wesson, on the Dean’s List of Honor Student’s, member of the Millsaps Band, at the Jackson Little Theatre appeared as Jake in PAINT YOUR WAGON, was a supernumerary with the American Ballet Theatre in GISELLE, with The Players in DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, SOUTH PACIFIC, THE BROWNING VERSION, THE OLD LADY SHOWS HER MEDALS, as Sir Frances Verney in THE YOUNG ELIZABETH, Bill Starbuck in THE RAINMAKER, as Miles Gloriosus in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM, as Richard the Lionhearted in THE LION IN WINTER, won the 1968 Millsaps Players Acting Award for Val Xavier in ORPHEUS DESCENDING, plays Hector, Prince of Troy.

SCOTT YOUNG- a junior voice major from Paducah, Kentucky, at Murrah High School played the Mother Abess in THE SOUND OF MUSIC, at Belhaven in the title role in HEDDA GABLER, at the Little Theatre of Jackson as Margaret More in A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS, at New Stage as Stella Kowalski in A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE, makes her first appearance with The Players as Helen of Troy.

RAY WOLTER- a junior political science major from Grenada, member of Kappa Alpha, a supernumerary with the American Ballet Theatre in GISELLE, appeared with The Players as Haimon in ANTIGONE, as John, the Witch Boy, in DARK OF THE MOON, as Eben Cabot in DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, as King Philip of France in THE LION IN WINTER, plays Paris, Prince of Troy.

CLAUDIA CARITHERS- a freshman French major from Meridian, member of Chi Omega, on the Dean’s List of Honor Students, member of the Millsaps Singers and Troubadours, on the BOBASHELA staff, in high school won acting awards for her roles in L’L ABNER and BRIGADOON, makes her first appearance with The Millsaps Players as Andromache, wife to Hector.

CLAIRE CROFFORD- a freshman from Jackson, member of Chi Omega, member of the

BOBASHELA staff, at Callaway High School appeared in CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN, with The Players as Princess Alais of France in THE LION IN WINTER, plays Cassandra, Princess of Troy.

RAMON McGEHEE- a sophomore biology major from McComb, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, appeared with The Millsaps Players in THE AMERICAN DREAM and ORPHEUS DESCENDING, won the 1968 Millsaps Players Freshman Award, plays Ulysses.

BRUCE PARTIN- a sophomore theatre major from Meridian, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, on the Dean's List of Honor Students, at the Jackson Little Theatre was Assistant Stage Manager for PAINT YOUR WAGON and Stage Manager for WAIT UNTIL DARK, with The Players in ORPHEUS DESCENDING, DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, SOUTH PACIFIC, LIGHT UP THE SKY, as Robert Dudley in THE YOUNG ELIZABETH, Sheriff Thomas in THE RAINMAKER, as one of the Proteans in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM, plays Demokos.

MARGARET TOHILL- a senior speech and theatre major from Vicksburg, on the Dean's List of Honor Students, played Mamie, Quenn of the Bowery, in the Vicksburg GOLD IN THE HILLS, with The Players in DARK OF THE MOON, THE AMERICAN DREAM, LIGHT UP THE SKY, as Eurydice in ANTIGONE, Katherine Parr in THE YOUNG ELIZABETH, Abbie Putnam in DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, won the 1968 Millsaps Players Cameo Award for her role as the woman in ORPHEUS DESCENDING, plays Hecuba, Queen of Troy.

ROBBIE SMITH- a senior history major from Jackson, member of the Millsaps Football Team, appeared previously with The Players in SOUTH PACIFIC, plays Ajax.

TED LAMAR- a senior history major from Pensacola, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, member of the Millsaps Debate Team, at Pensacola Junior College appeared in GIRL CRAZY, with The Players in LIGHT UP THE SKY, plays Priam, King of Troy.

CLIF DOWELL- a senior theatre major from Gulfport, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, member of the Millsaps Singers and the Troubadours, at the Jackson Little Theatre as the Common Man in A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS and as Mike Mooney in PAINT YOUR WAGON, president of Alpha Psi Omega and The Millsaps Players, appeared with The Players as Mr. Bumble in OLIVER!, as William Cecil in THE YOUNG ELIZABETH, Noah Curry in THE RAINMAKER, the Sentry in ANTIGONE, Crocker-Harris in THE BROWNING VERSION, Simeon Cabot in DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, as Pseudolus in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM, plays the Mathematician.

ED BAUCOM- a junior history major from Jackson, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, with

The Millsaps Players in LIGHT UP THE SKY, plays the Topman.

ART DYESS- a junior speech and theatre major from Chicago, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, member of the PURPLE AND WHITE staff, one of the Majors' cheerleaders, with The Players as one of the Proteans in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM, plays Olpides.

WILLIAM YOUNG- a junior theatre major from Jackson, member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, photographer for the PURPLE AND WHITE and BOBASHELA, member of the Millsaps Singers, member of the Golf Team, at Provine High School in CALAMITY JANE and THE PAJAMA GAME, at the Little Theatre in A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS, THE FIFTH SEASON, PAINT YOUR WAGON, with The Players in OLIVER!, THE YOUNG ELIZABETH, DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, SOUTH PACIFIC, as Senex in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM, plays Busiris.

BILL HUDSON- a junior theatre major from Miami, Oklahoma, member of the Millsaps Singers and the Troubadours, played Steve in PAINT YOUR WAGON at the Jackson Little Theatre, with The Players in SOUTH PACIFIC, 27 WAGONS FULL OF COTTON, as Jimmy Curry in THE RAINMAKER, as Hero in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM, plays Troilus, Prince of Troy.

TOM DUPREE- a sophomore political science major from Jackson, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, makes his first appearance with The Players as Abneus.

BOB GRIFFING- a freshman from Jackson, on the Millsaps Debate Team, with The Players in LIGHT UP THE SKY, plays Minos, the Trojan Captain.

FOSTER COLLINS- a junior English major from Jackson, member of Kappa Alpha, member of the Millsaps Singers and the Millsaps Band, makes his first appearance with The Players as the First Old Man.

WARREN HAMBY- a sophomore sociology major from Jackson, makes his first appearance with The Millsaps Players as the Second Old Man.

BRENDA BROWN- a freshman elementary education major from Jackson, member of Kappa Delta, at Murrah High School in YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU, appears for the first time with The Players as the Laundress.

AS TROJAN AND GREEK SOLDIERS

JEVERLY COOK- a sophomore German and theatre major from Jackson, member of Kappa Alpha, on the Dean's List of Honor Students, president of Deutsche Verein, with The Millsaps Players as Jabe Torrance in ORPHEUS DESCENDING,

Jake in 27 WAGONS FULL OF COTTON and as Marcus Lycus in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM.

EUGENE COUNTISS- a senior business administration major from New Orleans, member of Kappa Alpha, member of Gamma Gamma, with The Players as Francis Nurse in THE CRUCIBLE and as Ensign Pulver in MISTER ROBERTS.

WILLIE WALLACE- a senior astronomy major from Baltimore, on the Dean's List of Honor Students, member of the Psychology Club, member of the football and track teams, one of the Majors' cheerleaders, with The Players previously in LUTHER.

CHUCK CULPEPPER- a freshman history major from Meridian, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, on the Dean's List of Honor Students, member of Circle K, member of the PURPLE AND WHITE staff.

LYNN SHURLEY- a junior mathematics major from Meridian, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, member of the Concert Choir, the Troubadours, the Student Senate, member of Omicron Delta Kappa, in high school appeared in THE PAJAMA GAME and L'L ABNER.

BOB SPRING- a sophomore business administration major from Smithdale, member of the Millsaps football team and the M Club.

MICHAEL NICOVICH- a freshman chemistry major from Hattiesburg.

AS LADIES-IN -WAITING

DEBBIE COLLINS- a freshman from Jackson, member of Kappa Delta, on the Dean's List of Honor Students, member of the Millsaps Singers, active in high school dramatics and with The Players in SOUTH PACIFIC.

GWEN THOMPSON- a freshman pre-law student from Jackson, active in dramatics at Murrah High School.

GEORGIA ANNE THATCHER- a sophomore speech and theatre major from Gulfport, member of Kappa Delta, co-chairman of the WSGA Rules Committee, chairman of the High School Day Committee, member of archery team, active in high school dramatics.

AND A GUEST OF THE MILLSAPS PLAYERS

CINDY YOUNG- eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young, a sixth grader at French School. Member of the children's choir at Trinity Methodist Church, has studied ballet, tap, and baton twirling, a cheerleader at French, has appeared in numerous school plays.