

Fortieth Season of

The Millsaps Players

THE VISIT

From "Der Besuch Der Alten Dame"

by Friedrich Duerrenmatt
adapted by Maurice Valency

Directed by
LANCE GOSS

presented in
the Millsaps Christian Center Auditorium
Nov. 6 - 9, 1963
8:15 p.m.

THE VISIT received its American Premiere on the May 5, 1958, at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, New York City. The cast was headed by Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, under the direction of Peter Brook. It is presently being filmed with Ingrid Bergman portraying Claire. THE VISIT is presented tonight by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. THE VISIT is set in a small, shabby village located somewhere in Central Europe during contemporary times (we are never told the country, but it resembles Switzerland in a number ways). The entire action of the play occurs within a period of several days - just a speck of eternity but the longest days in the life of Anton Schill.

THE PLAYERS

Claire Zachanassian	MARGARET OEHLBECK*
Bobby	GARY FOX
Pedro	REX STALLINGS*
Max	PAUL CALVERT
Mike	STEVE CANNON
First Blind Man	STANLEY TAYLOR
Second Blind Man	DICKIE ROBERTS
Anton Schill	MAYNARD HACKER
Frau Schill	KAY McDUFFIE
The Son	JIMMY HILL
The Daughter	JEANNE ROSTAING
The Burgomaster	JACK ROBERTS
The Paster	KENNER DAY
The Teacher	WILLIAM KEMP*
The Doctor	GEORGE MORRISON
The Policeman	ALLAN TYNES
The Painter	BILL TANNER
First Man	DAVID ELY
Second Man	FORD WILLIAMS
Third Man	JOSEPH ROBERTS
First Woman	JANIE BURT
Second Woman	BRUCIA PEARCE
Frau Burgomaster	PAULINE WATKINS*
The Grandchildren	JANICE ALDERSON, PATTY ALDERSON
The Station Master	FREDDY DAVIS
The Conductor	HUTCHINS COLE
The Reporter	LONNIE WASSON
The Photographer	JANIE BURT
The Cameraman	STANLEY TAYLOR
The Truck Driver	LONNIE WASSON
The Athlete	JOHN MILLER
Townspeople	FAYE TATUM, BETTY BARRON, TOMMY CROSS, NEAL BLADES, CATHY RUEBSAMEN, DAVID POINTER, DAVID JOHNSON and WINKY HEIDELBERG.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager	PETE KUKA
Lighting Technician	KEITH ALFORD*
Property Mistress	JENNIFER STOCKER*
Sound Technician	GLENN JAMES*
Costume Mistress	PAULINE WATKINS*
Makeup Director	LYNDA KIDD
Publicity Chairman	JUDY HARRIGILL

SOUND Ronnie Dodson, Elwood Thornton

PROPERTIES .. Jean Smith, Chris Hershfelt, Laraine Abraham, Woody Hendrick, Carol Warnock, Sandra Beaton, Laura Trent, Stacel Barney, Tricia Wilson.

SCENERY Freida Majors, Susan Finch, Barbara Walters, Lillian Thornell, Kit Davis, Kay Hudsspeith, Boyd Kynard, Jacquelyn Stahlman, Mary Ivy, Polly Commer, Kitty Perry, Julie Berbette, John Aldridge.

LIGHTING Tom Cupit

COSTUMES Midge Bates, Karen Everitt, Patricia Walker, Britty Merritt, Lynne Robertson, Carolyn Coker.

MAKEUP Estelle Neel, Dottie Renshaw, Beth Boswell, Cealia Price, Susan McLemore, Janice Ray, Diane Barba, Pat Galloway, Diane Allen, Susan Tanney, Sandra Black, Gale Burke, Connie Milanias, Celane McCown, Pat McIntosh, Peggy Lowery.

PUBLICITY Donna Brasher, Janice Williams, Marilyn Dickson, Virginia Alford, Joy Williamson, Marion Taylor, Andy Felder, Margaret Allen.

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ABOUT THE CAST

Remembered for her Best Actress of the Year performance as Mrs. Venable in SUDDENLY, LAST SUMMER, **MARGARET OEHLBECK** also created memorable moments in THE SEA GULL and THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT. Tonight she is Claire.

Making his Players' debut is **MAYNARD HACKER**, a junior Lambda Chi from Biloxi. Active in high school dramatics and a member of Pi Kappa Delta, national forensic honorary, tonight is Anton.

JACK ROBERTS, a senior from Vicksburg, majoring in Spanish, member of the 1962 MSU Summer Stock company, appeared in MADWOMAN and THE THREEPENNY OPERA at Millsaps, is the Burgomaster.

WILLIAM KEMP, a DeQuincy, Louisiana, senior, majoring in English, appeared in numerous Players assignments since his freshman year including JULIUS CAESAR, CAMINO REAL, MADWOMAN, THE SEA GULL and THREEPENNY, is The Teacher.

A junior English major from Jackson, **GARY FOX** has appeared previously in DESTROY RIDES AGAIN. A member of Pi Kappa Alpha, tonight he is Bobby.

ALLAN TYNES, a freshman from Clarksdale, majoring in physics, active in high school drama, is this evening's Policeman.

GEORGE MORRISON, a sophomore Lambda Chi Alpha from Atlanta, majoring in psychology, appeared last year with The Players in MADWOMAN, THREEPENNY and as the young doctor in SUDDENLY, LAST SUMMER, is The Doctor.

KENNER DAY, a sophomore Lambda Chi Alpha from Rolling Fork, majoring in economics, makes his Players' debut as The Pastor.

A Pi Kappa Alpha pledge from Parchman, **DAVID ELY**, most active in high school dramatic productions, debuts this evening as First Man.

FORD WILLIAMS, a freshman from Hazelhurst with extensive high school dramatic experience, is tonight's Second Man.

JOSEPH ROBERTS, a junior English major from Vicksburg, debuts as Third Man.

The Two Grandchildren are **JANICE** and **PATTY ALDERSON** who are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alderson.

A Players veteran, **REX STALLINGS** is a junior Pi Kappa Alpha from Jackson whose Millsaps credits include MADWOMAN and SUDDENLY, LAST SUMMER. Tonight he is Pedro.

BILL TANNER, a freshman from Vicksburg, has extensive radio experience, tonight he is the Painter.

DICKIE ROBERTS, a junior from Mobile who appeared in THREEPENNY, is Second Blind Man.

STANLEY TAYLOR, a senior Kappa Sigma from Natchez, makes his Players debut as First Blind Man.

JEANNE ROSTAING, a freshman Kappa Delta from Memphis, has impressive credits with the Memphis Little Theatre, debuts locally as The Daughter.

JIMMY HILL, a freshman Kappa Sigma from Tupelo, is The Son.

HUTCHINS COLE, a Lambda Chi from Birmingham, majoring in business administration, is The Conductor.

PAULINE WATKINS, a senior history major from Jackson, active worker in The Players for four years, costume chairman for two years, is Frau Burgomaster.

MAKING THEIR PLAYERS' DEBUT

FREDDY DAVIS, a freshman Kappa Alpha from Gulfport, is The Station Master

JANIE BURT, a freshman from Drew, is First Woman

BRUCIA PEARCE, a freshman Phi Mu from Memphis is Second Woman,

KAY McDUFFIE, a freshman BSO from Nettleton, is Frau Schill,

LONNIE WASSON, a freshman from Ackerman, is The Reporter,

JOHN MILLER, a freshman from Kosciusko, is The Athlete,

STEVE CANNON, a junior from Mt. Vernon, Alabama, is Mike,

PAUL CALVERT, a freshman Pike from Jackson, is Max.

IN THE FAMILY

Tonight, The Millsaps Players take pleasure in welcoming two "second generation" actors, freshman David Ely and John Miller. Ely's brother, Walter Ely, will be remembered for many Players' performances including the title role in CYRANO DE BERGERAC. Miller's brother, Max Miller, will be remembered for leading roles in two fine productions: TIGER AT THE GATES and SUMMER AND SMOKE.