TRUST NEWS

NOEL COWARD AT THE THEATRE ROYAL

Noel Coward's celebrated comedy PRE-SENT LAUGHTER will be mounted by the Sydney Theatre Company and presented by the MLC Theatre Royal Company at the Theatre Royal in June. It will be directed by Richard Wherrett. Negotiations with some of Australia's finest actors are nearing completion and details of the star studded cast will be announced shortly.

PRESENT LAUGHTÉR is one of Noel Coward's classic comedies of the thirties spiced with his delicious wit. The costumes and set promise to be an outstanding feature of the production being presented in the style of that era.

The central character Garry Essendine is an actor, thoroughly spoilt and completely engrossed in his various intrigues — with his estranged wife, his best friend's wife, a budding 21 year old starlet, a very peculiar young man, a devoted secretary, his housekeeper and man servant.

PRESENT LAUGHTER was written in 1942 18 years after his first play THE VORTEX precipitated him to fame. Besides his well known comedies such as PRIVATE LIVES and HAY FEVER he wrote operattas and musical plays. His prodigious output included over 50 plays and musicals; autobiographies: poems; short stories and a novel.



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TRAFFORD TANZI AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

The Mermaid Theatre, London's comedy hit TRAFFORD TANZI is to be presented at the Seymour Centre, York Theatre in June by Wilton Morley and Peter Davis, the entrepreneurial duo who were responsible for presenting the highly successful seasons of STEAMING. TRAFFORD TANZI like STEAMING is a most unusual play. Set in a wrestling ring it describes Trafford Tanzi's struggle to assert herself against the people in her life who have always sought to put her down. The New York Times described it as "A feminist play to end all feminist plays". Author Claire Luckham says:

"The stage is a wrestingly ring and the story in it is full of blood, sweat and 'laffs'. In 8 rounds we see Trafford Tanzi growing from battered baby to Queen of the wrestling ring and finally grunting and grappling her heart out to stay wrestling, stay working and stay sane in the fight of her life — against her husband. Never mind the Marriage Guidance Council, this one will be decided by 2 falls, 2 submissions or a knock out".

The production will be directed by Rodney Fisher who received the Sydney Critics

Award in 1982 for his outstanding contribution to Sydney theatre. He has described TRAFFORD TANZI as "twenty years of television sport meets the theatre". Designer is Brian Thompson. The central role of Tanzi has not yet been cast but other cast members include Val Lehmann, Michael Smith, Terry Serio and John Hannan.

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THE AUSTRALIAN OPERA — SINGLE TICKET PURCHASES

Arrangements have been made with The Australian Opera to offer Members a concession on the purchase of single performance tickets to certain operas.

Full details of the productions and dates available are included on the booking coupon. See also Member Activities for details of inclusive dinner and theatre offer for TRAVI-ATA on July 1.

Noel Coward was knighted in 1970 and died in 1973

We are delighted to be able to offer Members and their friends tickets to see PRESENT LAUGHTER at Trust Member previews on June 7 and 8 at a \$7.40 discount. Members may purchase up to ten tickets each at \$8.50 per ticket. At other performances a \$2.50 concession applies.



Richard Beynon's classic story of an Italian immigrant family, THE SHIFTING HEART, is to be remounted by Phillip Street Theatre in July. The winner of the Sydney Journalists' Club playwrighting competition, it was first mounted by the Elizabethan Theatre Trust at the Elizabethan Theatre, Newtown in 1957—two years after SUMMER OF THE SEVENTEENTH DOLL took Australia and then

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TELEPHONE BOOKINGS

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CHALWIN CASTLE CONCERT

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As this year's Series has sold extremely well, there are now very few seats available for individual performances, and any enquiries for seats should be directed to Miss P. Luby on 357 1200.

QUEENSLAND BALLET NEWCASTLE SEASON

As part of a Queensland and New South Wales tour the Queensland Ballet will play at Newcastle's Civic Theatre from Wednesday May 18 to Saturday May 21. The company will present the Australian premier of Offenbach's LE PAPILLON, the strange and startling story of a beautiful girl who is turned into a butterfly and consumed by the mesmerising flames of love. Choreography is by Harold Collins. The second work in the programme was developed by Jacqui Carroll specially for the company. Called PERSE-PHONE it is set in the Underworld where the fascinating Legend of the Seasons in unfolded. Bookings on 2 1977. Don't forget to ask for your Trust Member concession.

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Spike Milligan's FAREWELL TO AUSTRALIA comes to the Canberra Theatre for five performances from Tuesday May 17 to Saturday May 21. With guest star songwriter Gerard Kenny ("New York, New York",) the show has more music, poetry and comedy than the show he brought here in 1980. Bookings can be made at the Canberra Theatre and agencies.

THEATRE ACT

The next season by Theatre ACT takes place at the ANU Arts Centre from June 25. It will be David Williamson's latest play THE PERFECTIONIST. Mounted by the Sydney Theatre Company last year it was so successful that the production transferred to the Theatre Royal for a season. The play centres around an academic and his wife and the conflicts that arise when children prevent both partners pursuing their careers. Director is George Whaley.

MUSIC HALL AT REP

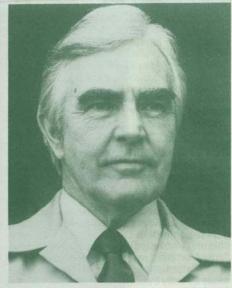
The theme of Canberra Rep's 1983 season is the English theatre. Noel Coward's perennial comedy BLITHE SPIRIT concludes on May 7 and it is followed by the company's traditional mid year Music Hall. The production opens on June 1 and continues through until July 9.

AWARD WINNING PLAY AT MARIAN STREET

MORNING'S AT SEVEN by Paul Osborn which won the Tony award for Best Play in 1981 is that rarest of plays — one which offers central roles to our senior actors. Written in 1939 the play has undergone a great revival since its Broadway season and has been taken up by repertory companies throughout America.

The play is set in 1922 in middle America and looks at the lives of two families who live side by side. It is a play about suburbia, American style, in the 20's and was described by Time magazine as a "human comedy that is warm, antic, wise and utterly endearing".

John Krummel, Marian Street's artistic director, will direct the production, with



James Condon.

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IN BRIEF

Following the tremendous response to the master workshops conducted by New York director Yevgeny Lanskoy in Sydney last year, the PETER SUMMERTON FOUN-DATION has invited this distinguished Russian-born director back to Australia for another series of his popular workshops aimed at theatre professionals.

The Foundation is calling for applications for the five week workshops which will be held in Sydney from June 6 and July 8. Enquiries on 321 5689. Cost of the workshops is \$100

The NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMA-TIC ART's third year students will present three plays in repertoire at the Parade Theatre from May 11 to 22. They are KENNEDY'S CHILDREN by Robert Patrick, BURIED CHILD by Sam Shepherd and TRAITORS by Australian writer Stephen Sewell which was received with such acclaim when it was premiered at Nimrod. Bookings on 663 3815. AETT Concession \$2.00.

Four graduates of the Ensemble Drama School with experience in both television and stage work have joined forces to present John Herbert's remarkable play FORTUNE AND MENS EYES at St Johns Hall, 263 Oxford Street, Paddington from May 20th. Written in 1967 the play is about an a that time untouched subject — the repression of the prison system. Centred around four teenage boys in a penitentiary it looks at sexual politics, the role playing that the prison environment engenders and the prison itself evolving into a malevolent creature slowly swallowing up its victims. Bookings through Mitchells Bass. Ask for AETT concession.

The NSW THEATRE OF THE DEAF is delighted with the response of its new infants programme announced in the last edition of Trust News. Bookings are very heavy and 2nd term is almost booked out. More good news is that the Sydney City Council has given the company a grant. Booking enquiries on 357 1200

After a quiet period whilst Leila Blake was on tour in THE FIRST NIGHT OF PYGMALION. STUDIO SYDNEY opens for business again at the Wayside Theatre, Hughes Street, Kings Cross with THE LEGEND OF DAISY BATES in early June. Written by Allan Curtis the play is a critical appraisal of the life of Daisy Bates seen through the eyes of two present-day Aborigines. Leila Blake plays Daisy with David Callcott and Graham Corry is director. Bookings on 771 3331

SPECIAL MAILINGS

From time to time, the Trust arranges for special promotions to be sent to Members by mail. The promotions include a variety of offers ranging from luxury goods to special attractions and will be carefully selected for quality and appeal to Members.

We appreciate, however, that some Members may not wish to receive communications which do not emanate directly from the Trust and may wish to be excluded from these mailings. We would be grateful therefore if these Members would let us know as soon as possible. We will then see that your name is removed from any such mailing list. Please write to the Membership Department and quote your membership number.

**indicates concession which may be applied to each of two tickets

ANZAC AUDITORIUM (264 7988)

26 College Street Tales from Hans Christian Anderson

May 9 to 20
**\$1 00 (adult tickets only

BONDI PAVILION THEATRE (30 7211) Queen Elizabeth Drive, Bondi Beach Entr'acte Theatre: World's Apart

ELIZABETHAN SYDNEY CHAMBER GROUP (357 1200)

Chalwin Castle, Shellcove Road, Cremorne

**(For Trust Members and friends only)

ENSEMBLE THEATRE (929 8877)

78 McDougall Street, Milson's Point Veronica's Room by Ira Levin

Continuing **\$2.00 (May 16, 17 and 19)

GENESIAN THEATRE (909 2928)

470 Kent Street, Sydney
Androcles and the Lion by George Bernard Shaw Twelve Angry Men by Clifford Rose

Commences June 4 **\$1.00

GRIFFIN THEATRE COMPANY (33 3817)

Stables Theatre, 10 Nimrod Street, Kings Cross A Spring Song by Ray Mathew Until May 22
A Night in the Arms of Raelene by Clem Gorman

Commences May 31

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE (264 7988)

107 Quay Street, Sydney
West Side Story by Leonard Berstein/ Stephen
Commences May 19 Sondheim Sondheim *\$2.00 Until June 4 \$7.00 (May 16 only)

MARIAN STREET THEATRE (498 3166)

Marian Street, Killara 84 Charing Cross Road by James Roose-Evans Until May 21 Mornings at Seven by Paul Osborne Commences May 28 \$6.00 (May 29 and 31)

MARIONETTE THEATRE (20588)

Recording Hall, Sydney Opera House Aesop's Fables by Richard Bradshaw

NEW THEATRE (519 3403) 542 King Street, Newtown Mackerel by Israel Horovitz Until May 28 Waiting for Rupert Murdoch by John Upton Commences June 11

N.I.D.A. (663 3815)
Parade Theatre, Anzac Parade, Kensington
Kennedy's Children by Robert Patrick,
Buried Child by Sam Shepherd and Traitors by Stephen Sewell in repertoire May 11-22 **\$2.00

NIMROD THEATRE (699 5003)

500 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills Uncle Vanya by Anton Chekhov Until May 8 Until May 8
Top Girls by Caryl Churchill
Commences May 18
**\$1.00 (Monday to Thursday)
**\$5.90 (May 14 and 15)

PHILLIP STREET THEATRE (232 8570)

169 Phillip Street, Sydney Mother Goose May 7 to May 21 **\$1.00

Q THEATRE (047 215735)

True West by Sam Shepard June 1 to 18

ROCKS PLAYERS (569 0223)

Cnr Marion and Renwick Streets, Leichhardt The Taming of The Shrew by William Shakespeare May 13 to 29 **\$1.00

SEYMOUR CENTRE (692 0555)

Cnr Cleveland Street and City Road, Chippendale York Theatre: Wonderful World of Mr Men May 9 to 20 **\$1.00

Trafford Tanzi by Claire Luckham Commences June 22
**\$1.00 (Mon to Thurs & early evg)

\$4.00 (June 23 & 27) Downstairs: The Pack of Women by Robyn Archer Commences May 17 **\$1.00 (Mon to Thurs & early evg)

STUDIO SYDNEY (771 3331)

Wayside Theatre, Hughes Street, Potts Point The Legend of Daisy Bates by Allan Curtis Commences early June

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE (20588)

London Symphony Orchestra May 9 and 10 **\$7.50 Martin Haselbock Recital

SYDNEY THEATRE COMPANY (358 4399)

Drama Theatre, Sydney Opera House Gossip from the Forest by Thomas Keneally May 5 to June 11 "\$1 00 (Mon-Thurs and Sat mat) \$2.00 (May 10, 11, 12)

THEATRE ROYAL (231 6111) Duet for One by Tom Kempinski Until May 29 \$5.00 (May 4 only) Present Laughter By Noel Coward. Commences June 4 \$7.40 (June 7 & 8).

A Concession available ONLY by purchase of concessional vouchers from the AETT in person or on the enclosed coupon and available ONLY for screenings specified below. Members may purchase as many vouchers as they wish.

N.B. Concession is NOT available by presenting membership card at cinema box office.

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HOYTS PLAZA BONDI (389 5877) *\$1.00 (except Saturday evenings)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Trust's Annual General Meeting takes place this year on Monday May 30th from 6 to 8 pm in Studio 3 of the A.E.T.T.'s King Cross offices (2nd floor, 153 Dowling Street). All members of the Trust have voting rights and are urged to attend the meeting. The actual business is usually brief but this will be followed by a recital by members of the Sydney Elizabethan Orchestra and light refreshments. For catering purposes would you please ring the membership office on 357 1200 if you are able to attend. All members are very welcome to bring a quest.