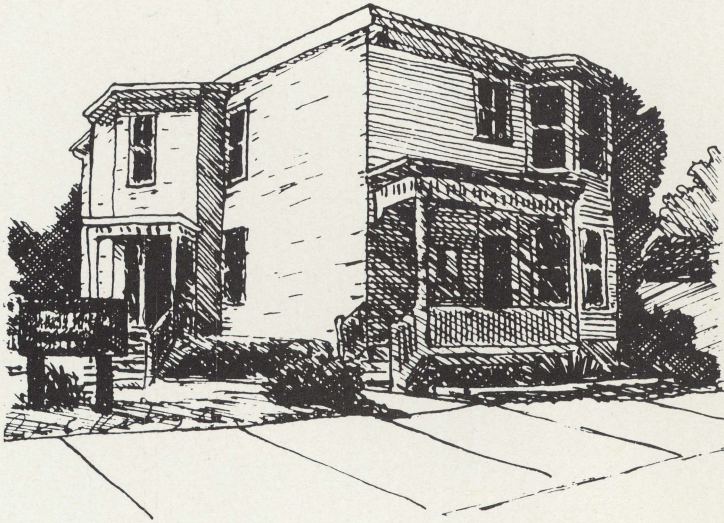


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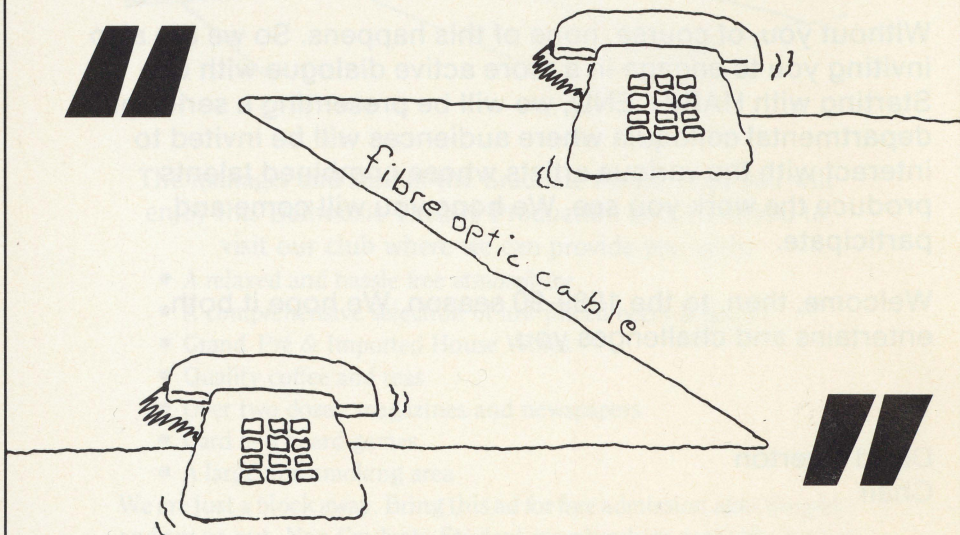
Dalhousie Theatre Productions is now in its seventh year, bringing you a mixture of classical and contemporary plays, hopefully served up in a challenging way. In these times of artistic retrenchment, it is increasingly important that we keep opening new doors for our students and our audience. This year we are presenting material ranging from the contemporary irreverence of CLOUD 9 to the re-examination of classical roles in SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN, with two classics of the modern repertoire in between. We are presenting the excitement of all four streams of the department - Costume Studies, Acting, Technical Scenography and Theatre Studies - working in concert under the guidance of some of Canada's finest directors. And we are presenting an opportunity for you to see plays that go beyond the normal regional repertoire.

Without you, of course, none of this happens. So we are also inviting you to engage in a more active dialogue with us. Starting with HAPPY END, we will be presenting a series of departmental colloquia where audiences will be invited to interact with the various artists whose combined talents produce the work you see. We hope you will come and participate.


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1. Male/Female ratio of returning students in the 2nd. and 3rd. year of the Acting Programme.
1990/91 3rd. years -- 5 females, 3 males
2nd. years -- 7 females, 10 males.
2. Budget.
3. Scenography/Costumes to choose at least two plays that prove a practical challenge for the needs of these students, e.g. period costume plays and technically complex productions.
4. Audience Development to encourage attendance by creating an eclectic season which includes both Comedy and Drama with a minimum of two choices suitable for high school audiences.
5. Content: must meet the requirements for the education of Acting students, introducing them to all forms of Dramatic expression. Modern and experimental work. Topical works.
6. Unfamiliar works: to choose plays that have not been commercially produced in the immediate area within the last 3 years.
7. Touring: in alternate years to choose a play that can be adapted for performance within the public school system. (40-50 minutes)
8. Plays which are included in the existing Dalhousie Curriculum.
9. To produce at least one play which by its nature might not be produced in the region by a commercial theatre.

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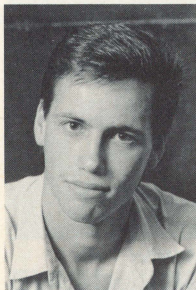
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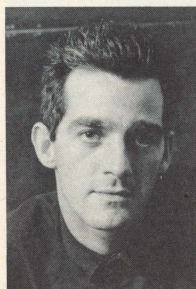
John Beale now tells people he's from Nova Scotia. This will mark his 17th year of being schooled and he's only 21 - doesn't leave time for much else, does it? He did appear in a lab production of *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* as Demetrius, in *DARK OF THE MOON* as Mr. Summey, as a forest ranger in *LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE*, and as Mr. Trapland in *LOVE FOR LOVE*. He was also Looka in the Independent Student Production of *THE BEAR*. John spent the summer with the Ship's Company in Parrsboro, N.S., performing as Louis in *SISTERS*. He will soon be seen in an independently produced film, *ROOM AT THE BACK*. He returns to Dal for his final year.



Carol Cude, a native of Cape Breton Island, is returning for her final year in the Acting Programme. Her past credits for DTP include Mrs. Summey in *DARK OF THE MOON*, Gwendolyn in *LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE*, the Pageboy in *LOVE FOR LOVE* as well as Popova in the Independent Student Production of *THE BEAR*. This summer Carol played the part of Mary in the Chester Theatre Festival production of *VANITIES*. Her future plans include studying for a Masters in directing.



Shawn Isenor returns for his third and final year at Dalhousie. Born and raised outside Halifax, Shawn first got the acting bug in a grade three Christmas play. In his first year at Dal he played Lysander in a lab production of *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*, going on to greater things in his second year when he appeared as Hank Gudger in *DARK OF THE MOON*, Tex in *LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE* and Sir Sampson Legend in *LOVE FOR LOVE*. Shawn hopes this year offers as many new opportunities as he has received in the past.



Christopher MacDonald returns to the Acting Programme for his final year. This summer Chris returned to his native Prince Edward Island where he played the villainous knight in the Confederation Centre's theatre for young audiences production of *MERLIN AND ARTHUR*.



Heather Nurnberg, a native Haligonian, spent this past summer in Newfoundland at the Stephenville Festival, where she played Louise in Tom Gallant's *STEPDANCE*. At Dalhousie her roles have included Hermia in the lab production of *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*, Mrs. Bergen in *DARK OF THE MOON*, Dee Dee in *THIRD & OAK: THE LAUNDROMAT* (an Independent Student Production), and Mrs Frail in *LOVE FOR LOVE*.



Glynis Ranney, a native of Ontario, has enjoyed living in Halifax and Prince Edward Island for the past few years. She performed in Dalhousie Theatre Productions last year, including the roles of Margaret in *DEAR BRUTUS* and Mrs Foresight in *LOVE FOR LOVE*. As well, she has been involved with summer theatre on PEI, playing in Governor's Feast productions and the Charlottetown Festival Children's Theatre. This past summer Glynis was active in three productions at the King's Playhouse in Georgetown, PEI, including the premiere of the musical *HARVEST MOON RISING*.



Michael-Ann Rowe is a native of Moncton and has been on this earth for 26 years. Ever since she was just a little shorter than she is now, Michael-Ann has wanted to dance, sing or act, and maybe all three. Well, here she is in her final year in the Acting Programme and has had a chance to do all three. This year brings her even more of these challenges and she's all excited about them. She has played such roles as a beggar in *THE CHRISTMAS CAROL SCROOGE*, Estella in *WALTZ OF THE TOREADORS*, Hermia in the lab production of *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*, Hattie/Witch in *DARK OF THE MOON*, and Blanche in *LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE*. One of her latest, greatest experiences was working on a Broadway Revue called *NEW FACES* in the Summer Musical Theatre programme at Dalhousie.



Linda Smilestone is a native of Halifax. Her awareness of what theatre should be, of the need for important messages to be conveyed through this medium, and of the need to separate the important from the trivial, took root in Israel where she lived and studied for six years. Linda's stage appearances at Dal include *DEAR BRUTUS* as Mrs. Coade, *LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE* as one of the Young Ladies from Eastchester Finishing School, and *LOVE FOR LOVE* as the Nurse. She participated in Dalhousie's first Summer Musical Theatre programme. She feels indebted to the education received at Dalhousie and hopes for the opportunity to put it to good use. Above all, Linda believes that rules were made to be broken, if they are broken in honesty, good faith and humour. "Tis Age that Nourisheth".

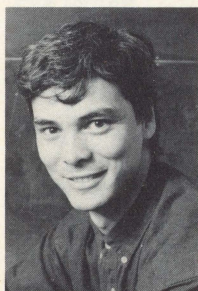


Stephen Szewczok stems from the Isle of Cape Breton. He is very happy to be in his third year and looks forward to a challenging season. In his first year at Dalhousie he was fortunate enough to work on *THE HOSTAGE* as a musician, and in *ROMEO AND JULIET* in the role of Balthasar. He may be remembered as Uncle Smellicue in last season's *DARK OF THE MOON*, Fleetfoot in *LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE* and Jeremy in *LOVE FOR LOVE*. Stephen has worked the past three summers with Festival on the Bay, performing in such shows as *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*, *OLIVER* and *GODSPELL* as well as playing Rick Stedman in *THE NERD*. This past summer with the Festival he performed as Rooster in *ANNIE*, and in a number of successful cabarets.

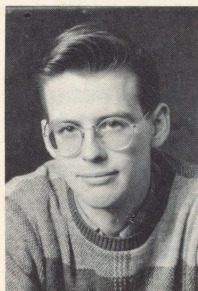


Kiersten Tough is a native of Halifax. She returns to Dal and her final year of the Acting Programme after working in Chester this summer where she appeared as Kathy in the Chester Theatre Festival production of *VANITIES*. Her film work includes *LIFE CLASSES* and CBC TV's *HERO OF THE FAMILY*. At Dal, Kiersten has appeared as Titania in the lab production of *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*, Lady Caroline in *DEAR BRUTUS*, Mabel in the musical *LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE*, and Greeny Gorman in *DARK OF THE MOON*.

Technical Scenography



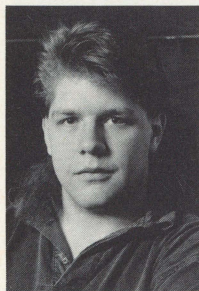
Douglas Russell Betts, originally from Edmonton, has been finding it harder each year to leave Nova Scotia. Doug has returned for his 3rd year of Technical Scenography after spending the summer in Chester as the Technical Director for the Chester Theatre Festival. His DTP technical credits include *ROMEO AND JULIET*, *THE BONDS OF INTEREST*, *DEAR BRUTUS*, *DARK OF THE MOON*, *LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE* and *LOVE FOR LOVE*.



Daniel Crowley returns to Dal for his third year in Technical Scenography after spending the summer at the Lighthouse Festival Theatre in Port Dover, Ontario as a Production Assistant and Apprentice Stage Manager. Daniel stage-managed DTP's *DEAR BRUTUS* and *LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE* last season, and was an ASM on *THE BONDS OF INTEREST* the previous year. He also stage managed last year's Independent Student Production, and was a stage manager at this year's Nova Scotia High School Drama Festival. Rumour has it Daniel is a stage management major. A former student of Russian, Daniel switched to Theatre two years ago to escape the concept of an alphabet having more than 26 letters.



Denise Dolliver, a native of Nova Scotia, returns to Dalhousie for the final year as a Technical Scenography student, majoring in stage management. Her past stage management credits at Dal include THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA, THE HOSTAGE and THE BONDS OF INTEREST. She has also worked as a stage manager for the past three years with the Nova Scotia High School Drama Festival. This year she will stage manage THE DINING ROOM and SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN for Dalhousie Theatre Productions. Denise's future plans are to stage manage for opera, and finally put to good use the eight years of piano lessons her mother paid for.



Ken Wiebe, originally from Toronto, has been involved in technical theatre for the past six years, after deciding that the life of a heavy metal musician wasn't worth the effort. From his humble beginnings as a lighting board operator with the Characters Incorporated Story Theatre troupe, he has scraped his way up to lighting the Independent Student Productions of THE BEAR and THIRD & OAK: THE LAUNDROMAT. Upon graduating this year, Ken hopes to find a job in a theatre close to a ski resort.

Special Topics Directing



Morgan Douglas feels returning to school has been a wonderful experience. She is currently completing her honours year in Theatre, with special topics in directing and musical theatre. She is directing THE WOOLGATHERER as her main project, and assists R.H. Thomson on HAPPY END and Patrick Christopher on SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN. Having worked in the theatre in Calgary, Morgan returned to Nova Scotia in 1984. Last year she worked on several CBC radio dramas, as well as commercial work and some summer stock theatre. This summer she took the Summer Musical Theatre programme with Alan Lund and Howard Cable.



Martha Hancock is currently completing her honours year in Theatre, with a special topic in Directing. This year she is assistant director for two mainstage productions at Dalhousie and is also mounting a workshop production of her own. As a King's student she has been heavily involved with the King's College Theatrical Society where she directed THE KOMAGATA MARU INCIDENT and THE SHADOW BOX. Last year Martha also directed Queen Elizabeth High School students in a production of TONGUES for the Nova Scotia High School Drama Festival.

A Note From The Director

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— Linda Moore

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THE DINING ROOM

by A. R. GURNEY, JR.

Directed by LINDA MOORE
Costumes by ROBERT DOYLE
Lighting by BRUCE MacLENNAN

CAST

in order of appearance

Agent, Grace, Child at Party,
Dora, Meg, Dinner Guest MICHAEL-ANN ROWE
Client, Howard, Ted, Fred,
Jim, Dick, Dinner Guest SHAWN ISENER
Arthur, Michael, Brewster, Grandfather,
Ben, Tony, Standish, Dinner Guest STEPHEN SZEWCZOK
Sally, Child at Party, Beth, Kate,
Bertha, Dinner Guest LINDA SMILESTONE
Annie, Carolyn, Child at Party,
Margery, Claire, Maid CAROL CUDE
Father, Architect, Child at Party, Nick,
Stuart, Chris, Harvey, Host JOHN BEALE
Lizzie, Peggy, Nancy,
Aunt Harriet, Ruth GLYNIS RANNEY
Charlie, Psychiatrist, Billy, Paul,
Gordon, David, Dinner Guest CHRIS MacDONALD
Mother, Aggie, Sandra,
Helen, Emily, Dinner Guest KIERSTEN TOUGH
Ellie, Winkie, Old Lady,
Sarah, Annie HEATHER NURNBERG
Stage Manager DENISE DOLLIVER
Assistant Stage Managers ... JANE HARRINGTON, BILL HARDWICK
Assistant to the Director MARTHA HANCOCK
Assistant Lighting Designer DANIEL CROWLEY

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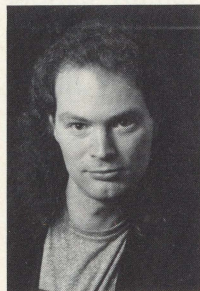
Linda Moore (director) lives in Halifax, and has worked extensively in Canada as a free-lance stage director. From 1984 to 1986 she was the Artistic Associate at the Manitoba Theatre Centre in Winnipeg, and she has also worked as Assistant Director for the Festival Stage at Stratford, Ontario

Neptune audiences will have seen her production of FOXFIRE this season. She has recently returned from the National Theatre School in Montreal where she co-directed the 2nd-year class in KING LEAR. Last year at NTS she directed Shepard's LIE OF THE MIND with the graduates in their final production. Following THE DINING ROOM, Ms. Moore will go to The Grand Theatre in London, Ontario where she will re-mount LA SAGOINE with Joan Orenstein. In March she will direct THE MYSTERY OF THE ROSE BOUQUET at Cunard St. Theatre, an Anna Cameron/Neptune North Co-production.

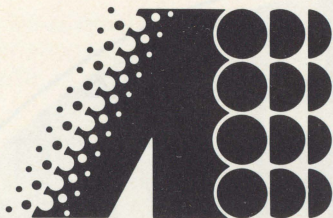
On June 1st., Ms. Moore will take up her position as Neptune Theatre's new Artistic Director.



Robert Doyle, Director of the Costume Studies programme, is one of Canada's outstanding costume designers. Now on permanent staff at Dalhousie University, he prefers to pass on to other generations the skills of the professional theatre costumer and fashion in what in 1974 was Canada's first and only full-time Costume Studies Programme here at Dalhousie University. Mr. Doyle was also responsible for creating the costumes for the restored Fortress of Louisbourg in Cape Breton, and has designed for most of Canada's major theatres, CBC television, and independent film companies.



Bruce MacLennan is the Lighting and Sound Technician for Dalhousie Theatre Department. Prior to working at Dal, he freelanced on various productions throughout the Maritimes. For DTP he has designed lighting for WAITING FOR THE PARADE, BONJOUR, LA, BONJOUR, THE HOSTAGE, DEAR BRUTUS, DARK OF THE MOON, LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE, LOVE FOR LOVE, CLOUD 9 and HAPPY END. Recently Bruce designed lights for the 1989 Neptune Theatre production of B-Movie: The Play.



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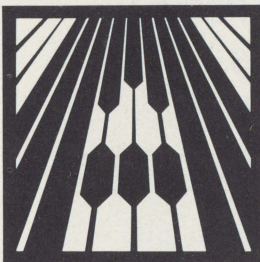
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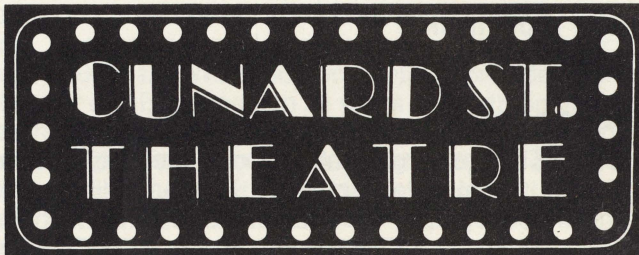
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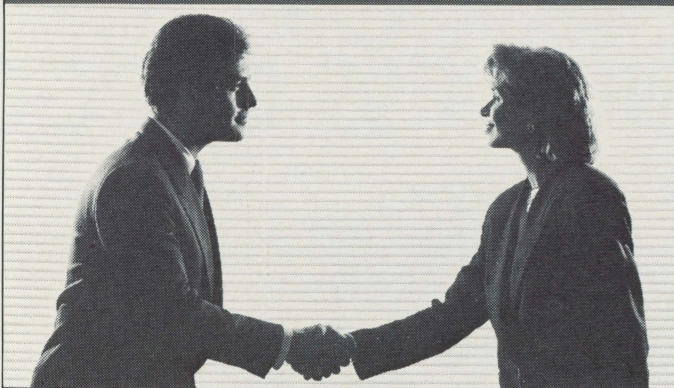
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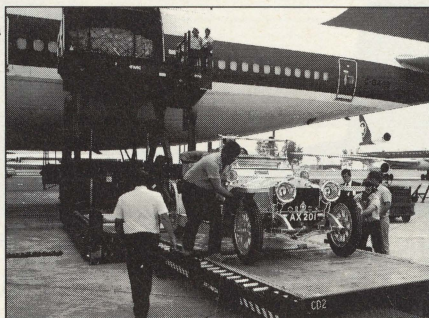
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