

Bennington College

Presents

Drama Workshop

1. "Lake Scene" . . . Mary Otis
Mrs. Wright: Josephine Parker
Mrs. Gardiner: Helen Brauns
(Off stage voices: Mary Otis, Melvin Rothbaum)
Directed by Mary Otis

2. "Macbeth" . . . Shakespeare
Macbeth: Joseph Schaaf
Lady Macbeth: Joann Straus
Directed by Joann Straus

The scene begins as Macbeth has gone off-stage to murder Duncan.

3. "Uncle Vanya" . . . Anton Chekhov
(two scenes)
Sonya: Polly Kirsten
Yelena: Joy Schuyler
Yebbin: Melvin Rothbaum

The action takes place on Serebyrakov's estate. He is a retired professor in ill health. Yelena is his second wife and Sonya is his daughter by his first wife. The Doctor is a friend of the family and has just left Sonya at the beginning of Scene I.

4. "King Henry the Eighth" . . . Shakespeare
Anne Bullen: Mary Otis
Old lady: Sally Price
Lord Chamberlain: Melvin Rothbaum
Directed by Mary Otis

When this scene takes place King Henry is about to divorce his present wife, Katherine.

5. "Infernal Machine" . . . Jean Cocteau
The Sphinx: Joann Straus
The Child: Carolyn Arnold
The Matron: Josephine Parker
Directed by Rita Friedman

In order to trap the young men of Thebes, the Sphinx assumes the shape of a young girl and as such she does not enjoy killing. In the scene just before this one, she complains to her helper Anubis about her disgust at having to take lives. He reminds her that she must obey the laws of the higher Gods. It is her duty to kill. This conversation is interrupted by the entrance of the Matron and her Child. The action takes place on a road outside the walls of Thebes.

6. "Rocket to the Moon" . . . Clifford Odets
(four scenes)

Dr. Stark: Joseph Schaaf
Belle, his wife: Mary Otis
Cleo, his secretary: Joy Schuyler
Mr. Prince, his father-in-law: Melvin Rothbaum

The action takes place in Dr. Stark's New York office. There is an interval of several weeks between Scenes II and III.

7. "Alice in Wonderland"
(The Mad Hatter's Tea Party) . . . Lewis Carroll

Alice: Helen Brauns
March Hare: Rita Friedman
Mad Hatter: Joan Rorimer
Dormouse: Jay Merriss

Directed by Jay Merriss

Costumes under supervision of Carolyn Robinson
Lights: Joann Straus, Joseph Tetreault
Stage manager: Rita Friedman
Crew: Allyn Johnson, Patricia George, Ethel Winter
Dressers: Carolyn Robinson, Mary Sherwood

The Theatre
Bennington College
Friday Evening, October 28, 1943
at 8:30