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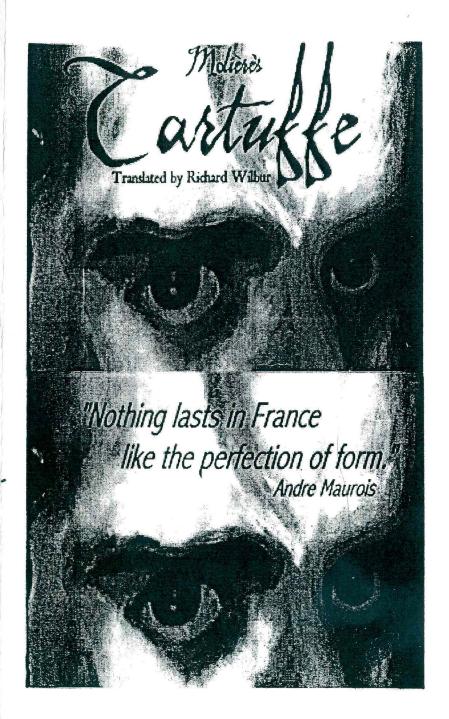
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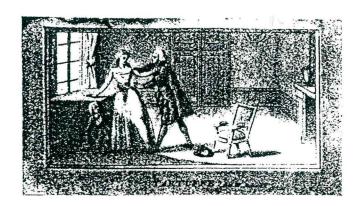
And to all whom in our great fatigue we have forgotten, we thank you too!



"There's a vast difference, so it seems to me, Between true piety and hypocrisy: How do you fail to see it, may I ask? Is not a face quite different from a mask? ~Act I, Scene V



."Here is a comedy that has excited a good deal of discussion that has been under attack for a long time; and the persons who are mocked by it have made it plain that they are more powerful in France than all whom my plays have satirized up to this time. Noblemen, ladies of fashion, cuckolds, and doctors all kindly consented to their presentation, which they themselves seemed to enjoy along with everyone else; but hypocrites do not understand the banter: they became angry at once, and found it strange that I was bold enough to represent their actions and to care to describe the profession shared by so many good men. This is a crime for which they cannot forgive me, and they have taken up arms against my comedy in a terrible rage...



"If the function of comedy is to correct men's vices, I do not see why any should be exempt. Such a condition in our society would be much more dangerous than the thing itself; and we have seen that the theatre is admirably suited to provide correction. The most forceful lines of a serious moral statement are usually less powerful than those of satire; and nothing will reform most men better than the depiction of their faults. It is a vigorous blow to vices to expose them to public laughter. Criticism is taken lightly, but men will not tolerate a satire. They are quite willing to be mean, but they never like to be ridiculed."

~Preface to Molière's Tartuffe

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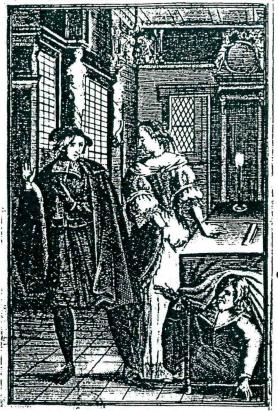
DIRECTOR JEAN RANDICH SET TRUI MALTEN COSTUMES NATASHA HEINES LIGHTS HEATHER HUTTON SOUND TOM FARRELL **CHOREOGRAPHY** PEGGY FLORIN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/DRAMATURG MELIS BILGIN ANDREW CANCELLIERI TECHNICAL DIRECTOR STAGE MANAGER TARO JOHNSON PORTRAIT OF TARTUFFE SUMMER BRENNAN

CAST

Mme. Pernelle, Orgon's mother	Donna Stephansky
Orgon, Elmire's husband	Garth Silberstein
Elmire, Orgon's wife	Aadya Bedi
Damis, Organ's son, Elmire's stepson	Tavo Carbone
Mariane, Orgon's daughter, Elmire's	stepdaughter Ann Vieira
Valère, in love with Mariane	Adam Sussman
Cleante, Orgon's brother-in-law	Kevin Casey
Tartuffe, a hypocrite	Rick Little
Laurent, Tartuffe's servant	Sarah Gancher
Dorine, Mariane's lady's-maid	Sasha Cucciniello
M. Loyal, a bailiff	K.J. Swanson
A Police Officer	Jasmine Hamedi
Flipote, Mme. Pernelle's maid	Gabrielle Weiler
Prince's Page	Dana Florin-Weiss

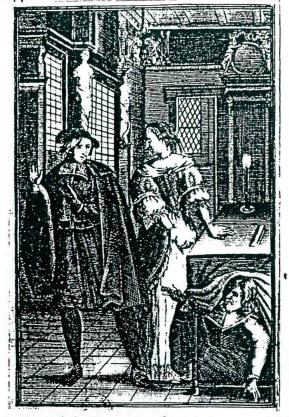
The scene throughout: Orgon's house in Paris

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