

"THE AUTUMN GARDEN"

by Lillian Hellman

THE BENNINGTON COLLEGE DRAMA WORKSHOP

8:40 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
College Theatre November 13, 14, 15, 1952

This play was chosen for two main reasons--it is an excellent acting exercise for character relationship, and it is the most recent and most significant work of a representative contemporary American playwright.

The study of "Autumn Garden", the rest of Miss Hellman's work, her own background and growth as a writer, as well as the theatre for which she writes have served us well in gaining some insight into contemporary American culture as reflected in our theatre today.

As an acting exercise, "Autumn Garden" is perhaps one of the most challenging selections which could be made for an undergraduate student. The play actually stands or falls on its character delineation, and these delineations, as you shall see, are of the subtlest. However, because of this very challenge, in studying their roles the students who are performing have been treated to an intensive and absorbing experience of individual growth. We hope that their work will be as rewarding for you as it has been for them.

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The time is September 1949. The place is the Tuckerman house in a summer resort on the Gulf of Mexico, about 100 miles from New Orleans.

Act One

Monday night after dinner

Act Two

Scene 1: The following Sunday morning

Scene 2: That night

Act Three

Early the next morning

# Cast of Characters

Rose Griggs.....Mini Tanenbaum

Mrs. Mary Ellis.....Carolyn Lissner

General Benjamin Griggs.....Tom Wilcox

Edward Crossman.....William Sherman

Carrie Ellis.....Babs Pavell

Frederick Ellis.....Jack Barry

Sophie Tuckerman..Wanda Peck, Drue Romano

Leona.....Lisa Landon

Constance Tuckerman.....Martha Dow

Nicholas Denery.....Al Levitt

Nina Denery.....Casey Keese

Hilda.....Like van der Hoeven

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Directed by.....Robert Alvin

Set Designed by...William Sherman

Stage Manager.....Horma Schiffer

Assistant.....Lisa Landon

Production Manager..Sylvia Saltman

Technical Director.Frances Wolfson

Scenery: Marjorie Fager, Maryanne Forbes

Crew: Barbre Rosen, Pat Fairbanks,  
Diana Mazany, Kathryn Hintz, Marjorie Baer

Lights: Vija Peterson, Sheila Gallagher

Crew: Jennipher Malloy, Judy Greenhill,  
Uli Beigel, Barbara Fritz

Costume: Susan Petrone, Faith Bancroft

Crew: Helen Schopflin, Betty Harris,  
Adelaide Phillips, Jill Tishman

Props: Letty Lang, Libby Delatour

Crew: Alice Lyon, Diane Engelhardt,  
Priscilla Freeman, Susan Gurian, Lynn Hutt

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