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January 31st - March 18th, 1984

Jonathan
HENRY BECKMAN

Sophie
ANN CASSON

Directed by **MAURICE PODBREY**

Set & Costumes designed by **MICHAEL JOY**

Lighting by **ALEXANDER GAZALE**

Stage Manager **CINDY SMITH**

Setting: A backyard garden in Montreal West

Act 1

Scene 1: A mid afternoon in July

Scene 2: A short while later

Act 2

Scene 1: Late evening. The same day.

Scene 2: Just before daylight the next morning

There will be one intermission

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ALUN HIBBERT (playwright): was born in Wales and raised in Winnipeg, north-eastern British Columbia and Vancouver Island. After several years spent in the Canadian Armed Forces, on salmon trollers and in trucking company grease pits, he attended Concordia and McGill Universities (Russian Studies). His first play "October's Soldiers", produced by Theatre Passe Muraille and Edmonton's Theatre Network, was a finalist for the 1979 Clifford E. Lee Award for Best New Canadian Play and a nominee for the 1980 Dora Mavor Moore Award for Outstanding New Play. His second play, **PLAYING THE FOOL**, commissioned by Centaur, has also received productions in Victoria, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay and will be produced this spring in Calgary by Alberta Theatre Projects. **A MAJORITY OF TWO** was commissioned by Centaur. Mr. Hibbert lives in Pointe Claire with his wife and two daughters.

HENRY BECKMAN (Jonathan): was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and began his career in show business writing and producing Canadian Army Shows in the 40's. Now living in Los Angeles, his work has taken him across the United States and Canada in all areas of entertainment from the stage to television to film. Most of his theatre experience has been in New York, on and off Broadway, and as a producer/performer/director of his own theatres in Cooperstown, New York; Atlantic City; and later California. In 1978 he was the Artistic Director for L.A.'s Callboard Theatre's twenty-fifth anniversary production of "Death of a Salesman". Film credits include "Why Rock the Boat?" and "Death Hunt". He has twice been awarded the "Genie" for Best Actor in a Supporting Role as well as in 1977 the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal for Contributions to Canadian Culture. His current work includes writing, directing and producing the talk shows "Veteran's Forum" and "Bull Session" and the drama/comedy show "Hits That Just Missed" for cable television in Los Angeles. His book, "How To 'Sell' Your Film Project" was published by Pinnacle Books a few years ago. This is Mr. Beckman's first appearance at Centaur.

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ANN CASSON (Sophie): was last seen at Centaur in the highly acclaimed role of Emily Stilson in the Northern Light Theatre's national tour of WINGS. She made her first stage appearance at the age of six as Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol" at the Old Vic Theatre in London. In the same year she played Astyanax in "The Trojan Women" with her mother Dame Sybil Thorndike. After playing children's parts on stage and in films, she graduated to adult roles while under contract to British International Pictures, working with Alfred Hitchcock and Anthony Asquith. While working in repertory in London's West End and with the Old Vic Company she played Shaw's "Saint Joan" at the Bristol Old Vic and toured the production in England, Belgium, France and Germany. She came to Canada in 1954 and appeared at the Stratford Shakespearean Festival and in the Music Festival and toured with Canadian Players. More recently, she has appeared with the Shaw Festival in "Man and Superman", "The Millionaires" and in Ben Traver's "Thark" which visited Montreal. In Edmonton, she played Mrs. Higgins in "Pygmalion" at the Citadel, and in "Back to Beulah" and "A Winter's Tale" for Northern Light Theatre. She appeared as Mrs. Solness in "The Master Builders" with John Neville at Halifax's Neptune Theatre and in "On Golden Pond" in Hamilton and last year played in "The Gin Game" at Bastion Theatre in Victoria. Last summer she appeared at the Blyth Festival in "Nobody's Child".

MAURICE PODBREY (Director): is founding Artistic Director of Centaur. Originally from South Africa, he trained for the theatre in England, where he launched an extensive career as actor and director in London's West End and the provincial theatres. He began directing in Dundee, Scotland and became Artistic Director of the Chester Playhouse. Mr. Podbrey came to Canada in 1967 to become Assistant Director of the English section of the National Theatre School. Since Centaur's inception in 1969, he has been seen in a variety of productions including THE BIRTHDAY PARTY, THE ODD COUPLE, THE BLOOD KNOT, UNCLE VANYA, the world première of A LESSON FROM ALOES which also played in Toronto at TWP and most recently in DUET FOR ONE, last season. Centaur audiences will

remember **SIZWE BANSI IS DEAD, BACK TO BEULAH, CREEPS, WEEDS, ASHES, NIGHT AND DAY, LADY FROM THE SEA, SWEET LIKE SUGA** and most recently **K2** as some of his numerous directing credits. Mr. Podbrey was Chairman of the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres (PACT) for four years and is on the Board of Directors of Place des Arts. He will direct **THE SEAGULL** later this season.

MICHAEL JOY (Set & Costume Designer): is Assistant Head of the Design section of the National Theatre School and an executive of the Associated Designers of Canada. He has worked for many theatres across Canada, as well as in film and television. Examples of his work are currently on exhibition in Japan. He has designed **RIDDLE OF THE WORLD, THE MAIN, TRANSLATIONS** and most recently, Alun Hibbert's **PLAYING THE FOOL** for Centaur.

ALEXANDER GAZALE (Lighting Designer): is Centaur's Technical Director and Resident Lighting Designer. He was Head Technician for five seasons since joining Centaur in 1978. Mr. Gazale has designed lights for various companies in Montreal, and his most recent designs for Centaur were Alun Hibbert's **PLAYING THE FOOL, EMPRESS EUGENIE, DUET FOR ONE, MOVING** and **K2**.

CINDY SMITH (Stage Manager): is in her second season at Centaur having worked on **TRANSLATIONS, QUIET IN THE LAND** and **PLAYING THE FOOL** as Assistant Stage Manager last season in Centaur 2 and as Stage Manager for this season's **K2**. She recently spent her fourth season as Stage Manager for the Kawartha Summer Theatre. She will be working on **NOT ABOUT HEROES** later this season.

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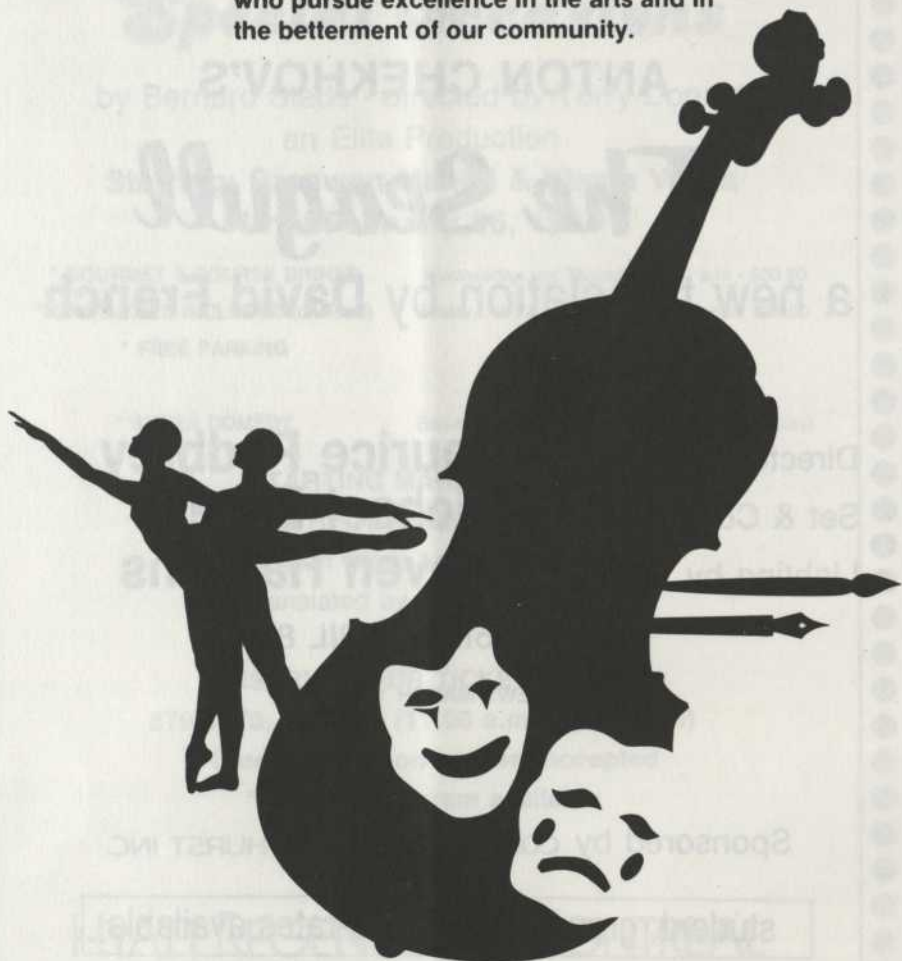
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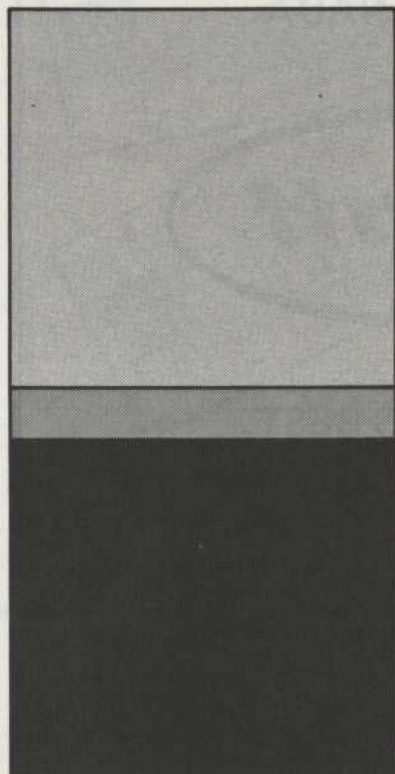
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