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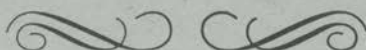
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Members and Friends of the Ann Arbor Civic Theater:

In keeping with our policy of good entertainment by Ann Arbor people, we are presenting the second of our six plays—Summer and Smoke by Tennessee Williams. Tonight's performance is a little more serious than our last play. In it, you may see a picture of your own experience or perhaps that of a friend. It is a change of pace from our first show as we strive to please everybody.

If you are a season ticket holder, you have four more entertaining shows to look forward to. If you are a member, you know of our future plans. If not, why not? It is not too late to join for the fun ahead.

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The Civic Theatre of Ann Arbor is celebrating its twenty-fifth Anniversary by hiring Ann Arbor's most prominent theatre personality to direct its first season of six productions. Mr. Heusel holds an A.B. Degree from Michigan State Normal College and a Masters Degree from the University of Michigan. He has worked professionally in both radio and TV, and the University of Michigan Drama Season. Last summer Mr. Heusel was the Director of The Saline Mill Theatre which is one of the country's most successful professional summer theatres. Mr. Heusel's final production of Michigan's premiere showing of "The Lady's Not For Burning" won critical acclaim in newspapers from Ann Arbor, Detroit, Toledo, and Windsor. It is because of his distinctive success in commercial theatre that the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre has chosen Mr. Heusel to direct them to what is proving to be their biggest year. The expansion of the Civic Theatre program under professional guidance is to give all its interested citizens a chance to participate in an active theatre program on an amateur basis. The Civic Theatre feels that Ann Arbor is very fortunate in having the University of Michigan Drama Season, Concert Series, Lecture Series, and Art Exhibitions in its yearly calendar of professional performers. Out of this, The Ann Arbor Civic Theatre for the first time in its twenty-five years of self-supporting theatre has hired a Director that can give Ann Arbor not only the best in amateur performances, but the very much needed and demanded outlet for the entire community to participate in a project for Ann Arbor people, with Ann Arbor people, and by Ann Arbor people. No contributions are asked—only your time and your love of the theater.

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NOTES ABOUT THE CAST

- ★ TOM WALLACE (John Buchanan, Jr.) is a resident of Detroit, Michigan, where he has played with the Detroit Civic Players and the Will O Way Playhouse. Some of his many roles were in "I Remember Mama, January Thaw, Heaven Can Wait, Goodbye My Fancy, Curious Savage, Royal Family" and others. Besides his acting experience he has filled many of the other technical positions such as director, set designer, etc. In his many travels, Tom has lived in a dozen or more states from New York to Texas, while professionally boxing and playing baseball. Tom has two scholastic degrees, a B.S. from Ohio State and M.S. from Columbia University. Tonight he makes his debut on our stage and we hope to see more of him.

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- ★ RUTH LIVINGSTON (Alma) is well known to Civic Theater audiences for her roles in "All My Sons, The Spider, Holiday, and most recently Ten Little Indians." She has won the "best actress" award on two different occasions. A graduate of the University Department of Speech, she was active in "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" and "Second Threshold." Ruth is a native of Englewood, New Jersey and is presently employed as receptionist at radio station WPAG.
- ★ SARA HOWARD (Rosemary) is not new to Civic Theater audiences. She made first debut in "Laura" in January 1951 and since has been well liked by us all. Her most recent stage appearance was in "Born Yesterday." Sara has also been active in skits and one acts as a member of the A.A. Woman's Club.

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- ★ G. DAVIS SELLARDS (Rev. Winemiller) is one of the oldest continuous active members of Civic Theater. This is Dave's second year as our president. He has appeared in many of our productions some of which are: "All My Sons, My Sister Eileen, Man Who Came to Dinner, Kiss and Tell, Silver Whistle, Happy Time, Mr. Roberts, and most recently in Born Yesterday." Dave's acting, directing, and hard work won him his Oscar in 1950. He has just completed direction of a One Act that played in Flint, Michigan this week.
- ★ MARJORIE AUSTIN (Mrs. Bassett) makes her first appearance with Civic Theater tonight. She is a student at the University of Michigan and has been active with the summer stock theater in Gary, Indiana.

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- ★ JACKIE HALL (Mrs. Winemiller) is a comparatively new member to Civic Theater. She joined us in 1953 and has been active in every phase of the group. Jackie made her debut as Audrey in "Three Men on a Horse," worked back stage for "Home of the Brave" and "Stalag" and was bookholder for "Born Yesterday." While active with the Varsity Players during college days, she sang at local club benefits in New York City. Jackie is currently active as vocalist with Jim Servis and his Orchestra.
- ★ LUCILLE TALAYCO (Rosa) makes her second appearance on our stage tonight. She played the part of "Helen" in Civic Theater's hit of last season, "Born Yesterday." While at the University, Lucille was active with the Inter Arts Union and Student Players and can be remembered for her part as "Liz" in "Philadelphia Story."

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- ★ **HARRIET BENNETT HAMME** (Nellie) makes her first appearance with us this evening. Her background affords much theatrical experience, where as a child she was on radio with the Ford Sunday Evening Hour. Harriet has been active with WXYZ-TV and in professional summer stock at the Will O Way Playhouse. While at the University she has been active with Play Pro and Student Players and can be remembered for roles in "Philadelphia Story" and "Light Up the Sky." She has also been active with the Inter Arts Union and the University Gilbert and Sullivan Society.
- ★ **HOWARD GREEN** (Dr. John Buchanan, Sr.) is new to most of us, however he is an oldtimer on stage. His most recent work was in the heartless role of Lt. Brody in "Detective Story" of last season. He is presently a student at the University where he has been active with Student Players.

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- ★ L. G. BOATNER (Vernon) is a newcomer to Ann Arbor Civic Theater and made his debut in our last production "Stalag 17." He comes to us from Louisiana where he played with the New Orleans Little Theater. While waiting for his appointment to the Michigan Department of Conservation, he makes Ann Arbor his home.

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| 1951 | October..... | <i>LIFE WITH MOTHER</i> |
| 1952 | January..... | <i>THE SPIDER</i> |
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OCTOBER

- 10 Playreading Group
- 12 Board Meeting
- 14 Major Production "Stalag 17"
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- 16 Major Production "Stalag 17"
- 18 Tryouts for "Curious Savage"
- 19 Tryouts for "Curious Savage"
- 20 Tryouts for "Curious Savage"
- 21 General Meeting
- 28 Workshop Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 9 Board Meeting
- 10 One-act Group to Flint, Mich.
- 11 Major Prod. "Summer & Smoke"
- 12 Major Prod. "Summer & Smoke"
- 13 Major Prod. "Summer & Smoke"
- 14 Playreading Group
- 18 General Meeting
- 23 Workshop Meeting

DECEMBER

- 2 Major Production "Curious Savage"
- 3 Major Production "Curious Savage"
- 4 Major Production "Curious Savage"
- 6 Tryouts for "Giocunda Smile"
- 7 Tryouts for "Giocunda Smile"
- 8 Tryouts for "Giocunda Smile"
- 12 Playreading Group
- 14 Board Meeting
- 16 General Meeting
- 23 Workshop Meeting

JANUARY

- 3 Tryouts for "The Chase"
- 4 Tryouts for "The Chase"
- 5 Tryouts for "The Chase"
- 9 Playreading Group
- 11 Board Meeting
- 13 Workshop Meeting
- 20 Major Production "Giocunda Smile"
- 21 Major Production "Giocunda Smile"
- 22 Major Production "Giocunda Smile"
- 24 Tryouts for the sixth play
- 25 Tryouts for the sixth play
- 26 Tryouts for the sixth play
- 27 General Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 8 Board Meeting
- 10 Workshop Meeting
- 13 Playreading Group
- 17 Major Production "The Chase"
- 18 Major Production "The Chase"
- 19 Major Production "The Chase"
- 24 General Meeting

MARCH

- 3 One-Act for W.S.W.C.
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