

Amusements

APA's 'Private Lives' Is A Championship Match

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Almost everything written by Noel Coward is a verbal tennis match and the APA revival of the Coward classic "Private Lives" is a game played by champs.

That's because the stars are constantly on top of the timing and style so necessary to a successful staging of Coward.

The stars on the Ann Arbor stage are Tammy Grimes and Brian Bedford with good support coming from Suzanne Grossmann and David Glover.

"PRIVATE LIVES" opened



SOME DUO — Brian Bedford and Tammy Grimes star in the APA production of Noel Coward's "Private Lives" currently running in Ann Arbor.

in Ann Arbor under the auspices of the University of Michigan's Professional Theatre Program. The play is being staged in the State and England in honor of Noel Coward's 70th birthday.

The play is what used to be known as an English drawing room comedy. No scene is actually in a drawing room but that is immaterial because the phrase denotes a style rather than a place.

The plot swirls around a couple—who were once married and after five years of divorce live with each other again. Both the ex-wife (Tammy Grimes) and ex-husband (Brian Bedford) are on honeymoon with new mates, but that doesn't stop the course of true love.

What follows is a verbal tennis match between two persons who are very much in love, but who know each other so well.

It's a fun play, Coward's words are not dated—that's because the playwright relies on the people and situation and not outside events for his dramatic impact—and the costuming reminds one again about the style in fashions.

Miss Grimes seems to be tailor-made for Noel Coward comedies, and it is not surprising that her first Broadway role came when the author himself hired her. This belief is merely re-enforced by her work on the Ann Arbor stage.

She has met her match, however, in Brian Bedford, an actor who knows just the right pace and touch for the Coward-drawn jet setter of the twenties.

The production is a grand finale to the APA season in Ann Arbor and deserves to play to capacity houses. Walk, don't run, in keeping with the Coward style, for your ticket.



CAROUSEL — Rehearsals are underway for the Schoolcraft College Masque Players' production of "Carousel" opening Nov. 5 for a four-performance run in the Liberal Arts Auditorium. Tim Mills has been cast as Bill, while Nancy Strucel will appear as Julie.

(Observer photo)

Plymouth Theatre Guild Meets

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will meet at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20, in the Plymouth High School annex auditorium.

A one-act play, "And So It All Began," will be presented by a cast made up of members of the Livingston County Players.

The production is a grand finale to the Plymouth Theatre Guild's season in Ann Arbor and deserves to play to capacity houses. Walk, don't run, in keeping with the Coward style, for your ticket.

These classes are open to the general public.

Members of the guild are in rehearsal for the group's first major production of the season, "The Impossible Years," Nov. 7 and 8 in the Plymouth High School auditorium.



from the balcony

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Ballet Announces

Auditions For Troupe

The Suburban Concert Ballet, which is based in Farmington, will hold auditions for new members from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19.

Auditions will be conducted in the Ballet Studio at 3135 13 Mile Road, Farmington.

Three categories are open for auditions: apprentice, ingenu and performing. Those interested should call Mrs. Fred Lichtman at 476-3435 or Mrs. Eldon Collier at 626-6798 about the scheduling of each category.

GINNA PARSONS APPEARS ON WILL-O-WAY STAGE

GINNA PARSONS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Parsons of 2345 Ridgewood Drive, Farmington, appears in the Will-O-Way Theatre production of "The Apple Tree."

The musical opens Oct. 21 at the Bloomfield Hills Theatre.

GINNA, who says that she has been performing since "before I can remember," plays a supporting role in the musical. She is in rehearsal for the leading female role in Neil Simon's "Star Spangled Girl" which opens in late October.

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Sunday: Evening "The Boys in the Band," or "The Time of Your Life"

Sunday: Matinee "Oh, Calcutta," or "Rondelet"

Preference for the above options will be accorded on the basis of the first reservations made.

Included in the charge fees for airport transportation, gratuities and other extras.

Reservations are limited and will be honored on a first come-first served basis, according to Robert Falk, assistant professor-drama and theatre.

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Checks should be made payable to Oakland Community College and may be mailed to Community Services Division, 2180 Spicely Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48301.

For specific information, call Community Services Division at 642-6211.

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DANNY NEWARD

YFU Organizes Wind Ensemble

Youth For Understanding (YFU) is organizing a wind ensemble to tour South America for seven weeks during the summer of 1970.

Auditions for the group will be conducted in the YFU International Headquarters in Ann Arbor during the month of November.

Like the YFU Choralale new group will tour every summer. The 1970 tour will include visits to Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay and Chile.

Mrs. Rachel Andersen, executive director of YFU, said that the purpose of the wind ensemble will be to interpret America to people of other countries through music and an experience in family living. It is designed to develop good will and friendship between countries.

Apply Now For 1970 YFUChorale

The Youth For Understanding Chorale for 1970 is now accepting applications for membership. During the summer of 1970 the chorale will tour several South American countries, including Ecuador and Brazil, for approximately seven weeks.

Robert Pratt, director of music at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, will direct the chorale.

Eligible students are seniors and a few juniors who are not only recommended for their musical ability, but who are also qualified to be exchange students and therefore representative of American teenagers.

Final selections for the chorale will be announced during the first week of November and practices begin Nov. 15 and continue every Saturday until the tour. Cost of the program is \$900 per student.

Students who wish to apply should contact their high school music department or the YFU headquarters at 1015 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor.

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