

Actor shows 7 faces

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lance with Horowitz with whom he has worked frequently since. He later worked with Keston again in Woody Allen's movie, "Love and Death," which led to other Allen films including "Crimes and Misdemeanors" and "A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy." In "Music Box" starring Jessica Lange, Frieder plays a death camp survivor testifying at the trial of John Demjanjuk, a Cleveland autoworker accused of being Ivan the Terrible of Treblinka. In a part he considers one of his best.

FRIEDER USES his eventful life and professional experience to create the characters he plays. In "A Rosen by Any Other Name," With whimsical wisdom and the license of age, he portrays the old actor, who introduces the members of the Rosen family including the cat, Toronto.

He sets the time and place for the dramatic action — In Sault Saint Marie on the Canadian side, back in 1943 when news of the persecutions in Poland had begun to leak out of Europe. The play abounds with humor, some as corny as a Borscht-belt

comedian's, yet "A Rosen by Any Other Name" ultimately takes seriously his mission to affirm and celebrate Jewish identity.

He says of the play, "It shows the conflicts, warmth and love of family. It's good for kids — amusing, has a lot of humor — maybe also some truth."

Frieder originated his seven roles when the play debuted off-Broadway four and a half years ago as the middle piece in a two-family trilogy of plays by Israel Horowitz. Frieder played multiple characters in all three plays — "Today, I Am a Fountain Pen," "A Rosen by Any Other Name" and "The Chopin Playoffs," and he so marked the characters with his German-accented, gently wry delivery that Horowitz unequivocally recommended him to JET Artist Director Evelyn Orbach.

She says, "From the very first contact, Horowitz said, 'You must use Sol Frieder.' We hemmed and hawed because we weren't planning to bring anyone in from New York, but when I met Sol, it was a match. I knew we needed him."

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