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# King Lear

by William Shakespeare

May 2-June 2, 1985

Director Arne Zaslove

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#### THE CAST

Lear, King of Britain

King of France

Duke of Burgundy

Duke of Cornwall

Duke of Albany

Earl of Kent

Earl of Gloucester

Edgar, Son to Gloucester

Restard Son to Cloudester

Edmund, Bastard Son to Gloucester Old Man, Tenant to Gloucester

Doctor

Fool

Oswald, Steward to Goneril Goneril, Daughter to Lear

Regan, Daughter to Lear

Cordelia, Daughter to Lear

Ensemble: Knights of Lear's train, Captains, Messengers, Soldiers,

Attendants and Chorus

John Aylward\*

Daniel Mayes\*

Michael V. Schauermann\*

David Mong\*

David Stettler\*

Rick Tutor\*

Allen Galli\*

Randy Hoffmeyer\*

Mark Drusch\*

Kevin Lynch

David Mainer

Mark Anders\*

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Eric Hagerman\*
Gretchen Orsland\*

Jo Vetter\*

Joyce Mycka-Stettler\*

Rex E. Allen, Susan Finque, Kevin Lynch, David Mainer, Dylan Marshall, Daniel Mayes\*, Michael V. Schauermann\*, Frank Smith, Eric Sumearll, Robert E. Taeschner, G. Valmont Thomas

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# Notes on King Lear

Shakespeare's magnificent *King Lear* is presented as the first-ever co-production of ACT and The Bathhouse Theatre. It is offered as the opening production of ACT's 21st Mainstage Season and the second production of The Bathhouse Theatre Company's 4th season.

Director Arne Zaslove has staged this production in a style based on Japan's Kabuki theatre. Kabuki (from the Japanese kabu, music and dancing, and ki, spirit) is a form of drama dating from the 17th century, based on popular themes and presented chiefly in formalized pantomime, dance and song.

The main plot of King Lear finds its origins in the folklore of many countries, usually as variations of the Cinderella story. Its oldest extant version in English is in Geoffrey of Monmouth's Historia Regnum Britanniae (1147), although it may be found in various forms and under different names in the Gesta Romanorum, in the Romance of Perceforest, in The Mirror for Magistrates, in Spenser's Faerie Queene (whence the name Cordelia) and in an abridged version of Holinshed's Historie of England. Perhaps the most direct source used by Shakespeare was an older drama, The True Chronicle of King Leir and his Three Daughters, an anonymous play presented c. 1594. Shakespeare's tragedy is generally supposed to have been written in 1605 or 1606, no later, as an entry in the Stationers' Register notes that it was "played before the King's Majesty at Whitehall, St. Stephen's Night" [1606].

The following excerpts from The I Ching or Book of Changes and from The Kabuki Theatre are offered as Mr. Zaslove's introduction to this production.

# The I Ching or Book of Changes Wilhelm/Baynes

"... Within the family a strong authority is needed; this is represented by the parents. If the father is really a father and the son a son, if the elder brother fulfills his position, and the younger fulfills his, if the husband is really a husband and the wife a wife, then the family is in order. When the family is in order, all the social relationships of mankind will be in order.

"Three of the five social relationships are to be found within the family—that between father and son, which is the relation of love, that between husband and wife, which is the relation of chaste conduct, and that between elder and younger brother, which is the relation of correctness. The loving reverence of the son is then carried over to the prince in the form of faithfulness to duty; the affection and correctness of behavior existing between the two brothers are extended to a friend in the form of loyalty, and to a person of superior rank in the form of deference. The family is society in embryo; it is the native soil on which performance of moral duty is made easy through natural affection, so that within a small circle a basis of moral practice is created, and this is later widened to include human relationships in general.

"Heat creates energy: this is signified by the wind stirred up by the fire and issuing forth from it. This represents influence working from within outward. The same thing is needed in the regulation of the family. Here too the influence on others must proceed from one's own person. In order to be capable of producing such an influence, one's words must have power, and this they can have only if they are based on something real, just as flame depends on its fuel. Words have influence only when they are pertinent and clearly related to definite circumstances. General discourses and admonitions have no effect whatsoever. Furthermore, the words must be supported by one's entire conduct, just as the wind is made effective by its duration. Only firm and consistent conduct will make such an impression on others that they can adapt and conform to it. If words and conduct are not in accord and not consistent, they will have no effect.

'The family must form a well-defined unit within which each member knows his place. From the beginning each child must be accustomed to firmly established rules of order, before ever its will is directed to other things. If we begin too late to enforce order, when the will of the child has already been overindulged, the whims and passions, grown stronger with the years, offer resistance and give cause for remorse. If we insist on order from the outset, occasions for remorse may arise-in general social life these are unavoidable—but the remorse always disappears again, and everything rights itself. For there is nothing more easily avoided and more difficult to carry through than 'breaking a child's will'....

"Wind is an effect of fire. Similarly, the effect of order within the family is to create an influence that brings order into the world. It is achieved when the head of the family has substance in his words, just as flame must rely on fuel, and duration in his way of life, just as the wind blows without cease."

#### The Kabuki Theatre Earle Ernst

"Some Japanese scholars have attempted to show parallels between the development of the Elizabethan theatre and that of Kabuki. The Kabuki had its beginnings in the city of Kyoto at the time Shakespeare was writing his first plays. Within a short time boys began to play the roles of women in Kabuki as they did on the Elizabethan stage, and the physical Kabuki theatre showed certain spatial similarities with the Shakespearean. Chikamatsu Monzaemon (1653-1724), probably the greatest playwright of Japan, is almost invariably referred to by the Japanese as the 'Shakespeare of Japan.'

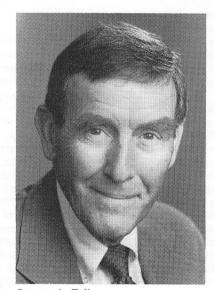
"The rise both of Kabuki and of the Elizabethan drama was concurrent with the rise of an increasingly wealthy and powerful class of commoners. In both countries a new age had begun: in England, the Renaissance; in Japan, a period of peace following centuries of war....

"The terms presentational and representational theatre have been used to describe antithetical forms which the theatre may take. The Kabuki, because of the nature of its means of expression and the quality of its rapport with the audience, can be called presentational. This is an abstract term, not referring to a specific historical theatre, but useful in outlining a general form, such as that which the theatre took in Greek civilization of the fifth century, in the Elizabethan public playhouse, in the contemporary theatre of Meyerhold, or in vaudeville....

"Although the Kabuki is presentational theatre, if one were to read Japanese comments on the theatre without seeing the performances of plays, he would be inclined to think that the theatre was concerned with the literal reproduction of reality on the stage....

"There appeared in the Kabuki a concern with delirium, suffering and pain, with the vulgar, vicious and murderous, with blood, shock, and horror."

# Welcome to ACT's 21st Mainstage Season



Gregory A. Falls

King Lear may seem an anomaly for a theatre dedicated to presenting "the most important plays of our time." In one sense it is, because the play is nearly 400 years old. In a more important sense, though, it is a vehicle for an arresting, contemporary trend in our present-day theatre: It will be Shakespeare's play, but staged in a style reflecting our current, growing artistic interaction with Pacific Rim countries. By choosing to present King Lear in a style based on the Japanese Kabuki theatre, we make it a contemporary American experience. Anyone who has seen the Kurosawa film Throne of Blood knows it is based on Macbeth, and the experience is uniquely contemporary as East merges with West in a film clearly as much about our time as about Elizabethan England.

King Lear is the 133rd Mainstage Season production here at ACT, and our first coproduction with the amazing Bathhouse Theatre. It reflects the special character of our professional theatre in Seattle, where working and sharing have generated a thriving theatre scene that is particularly our own.

While the Bathhouse has been in existence for many years, its Artistic Director Arne Zaslove is really just bringing back to us his particular magic and genius, which he shared with us from 1968 to 1972. Those who remember our productions of Marat/Sade, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, Rhinoceros, and The Original Absurd Musical Revue for Children, among others, will understand and applaud his artistry. We hope you will, too, after this special production of King Lear.

Gregory A. Falls ACT Producing Director

## WHO'S WHO

MARK ANDERS (Fool) has been a member of the Bathhouse Company since appearing in



Twelfth Night. He played Freddy Demuth in Eleanor Marx, Bub Hicks in Leave It To Jane, and a variety of unforgettable characters in Under Milk Wood at the Bathhouse. He has also been seen at the New City Theatre, Centerstage Theatre Arts Conservatory, and the

Inside Theatre at the University of Puget Sound. He writes fiction in his spare time.

JOHN AYLWARD (King Lear) is well known to both Bathhouse and ACT audiences, having



performed numerous productions for each. Bathhouse credits include Mr. Zero in The Adding Machine, the title role of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and most recently, Captain Jack Boyle in Juno and the Paycock. At ACT Mr. Avlward has been seen in When You Comin'

Back, Red Ryder?, Travesties, Marat/Sade, Philadelphia, Here I Come!, and Night and Day, among many others. He is a founding member of The Empty Space Theatre, and his numerous credits there include the title role in the English-language premiere of Franz Xaver Kroetz's Mensch Meier. Mr. Aylward has also performed in many regional theatres throughout the U.S. and Canada, including Off-Broadway, The Seattle Repertory Theatre, the Charles Playhouse in Boston, the Floating Theater, the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. the Centaur Theatre in Montreal, the Old Globe in San Diego, and the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland, where he performed the title role in Richard III. Mr. Aylward has just recently returned from Winnipeg, where he appeared as Harry Brock in the Manitoba Theatre Centre's production of Born Yesterday.

MARK DRUSCH (Edmund) has been a member of the Bathhouse Company since its



inception. His Bathhouse credits include the title role in Macbeth, Lysander in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Mr. Peachum in The Three Penny Opera, Malvolio in Twelfth Night and, most recently, Captain Cat In Under Milk Wood. A collaborator on the original The Big

Broadcast with the Floating Theater Company, Mr. Drusch has participated in the development of other Company-created works at the Bathhouse including All Aboard!, The Sunday Funnies, and The Sportshow. Mr. Drusch hails from Minneapolis/St. Paul, where he worked in numerous theatres, playing such roles as Treplyev in The Seagull and Dudley in Time of Your Life. In Seattle he has worked with The Empty Space and ACT, for whom he appeared in The Persian Princess during the World Festival of Theatre for Young Audiences at the Louisiana World Exposition.

ALLEN GALLI (Earl of Gloucester) joined the Bathhouse Company in 1981 with its pro-



duction of The Colleen Bawn. Since then he has appeared in every Bathhouse mainstage production including Twelfth Night as Sir Toby Belch, The Three Penny Opera as Tiger Brown, and Juno and the Paycock as Joxer. A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, Mr.

Galli holds an M.A. in Directing from Baylor University. He has taught acting and theatre history at junior colleges in Waco and Dallas, Texas, and appeared with the Dallas Shakespeare Festival as Bardolph in Henry IV, Part 1 and as Peter Quince in A Midsummer Night's Dream. Mr. Galli has also performed with Seattle Children's Theatre.

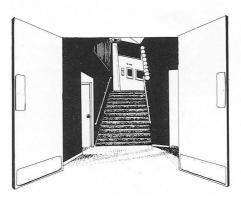
ERIC HAGERMAN (Oswald) has been a Bathhouse Company member since appearing



in Macbeth two seasons ago. He was born in Chehalis and educated in Oregon, and has been in Seattle since 1976. Mr. Hagerman has worked at many local theatres, including ACT, where he was an understudy for Crimes of the Heart, Seattle Children's Theatre, Tacoma

Actors Guild, C.T.C., and the Skid Road Theatre. He appeared at the Bathhouse last season as Johnny in Juno and the Paycock and has also been seen in Eleanor Marx, Leave It To Jane, Twelfth Night, and Under Milk Wood.

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### WHO'S WHO

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RANDY HOFFMEYER (Edgar) has been with the Bathhouse Theatre Company since



its founding in 1981 and collaborated on the original *The Big Broadcast* with the Floating Theater company. His numerous roles at the Bathhouse include the title role in e. e. cummings' *him* and Demetrius in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Mr. Hoffmeyer has a B.F.A.

in Theatre from Baylor University and has performed in theatres throughout Texas and Louisiana. In Seattle he has been seen at Seattle Children's Theatre and C.T.C. Mr. Hoffmeyer's southern sojourn includes one year as a VISTA volunteer in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

**DANIEL MAYES** (King of France) recently appeared as Bill Humphries in Tacoma Actors



Guild's 84 Charing Cross Road. At Intiman last year he played Anito the Jinx in Myth Weavers, The Moon in Blood Wedding, and Albert Prosser in Hobson's Choice. This summer for Intiman he will play Valentine in You Never Can Tell and Lovborg in Hedda Gabler.

He spent three years at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, where he played Tybalt in *Romeo and Juliet*, Nick Beckett in *What the Butler Saw* (for which he received the Hollywood Dramalogue Critics Award), Antipholus of Ephesus in *Comedy of Errors*, Billy in *Wings*, Montjoy in *Henry V*, Hector Malone in *Man and Superman*, and many others. He is married to English actress Helen Machin-Smith and has a five-year-old son.

**DAVID MONG** (Duke of Cornwall) makes his debut with the Bathhouse Company after his



recent appearance as Renfield in Tacoma Actors Guild's production of *Dracula*. Other TAG roles include Robert in *Standing On My Knees* and Jerry in *Betrayal*. Among his numerous Seattle theatre credits Mr. Mong lists the roles of Konstantin in *The Seagull*, Will Mossop in

Hobson's Choice, and Frank Harcourt in The Country Wife, all at Intiman, and Tom in The Group's production of Creeps.

JOYCE MYCKA-STETTLER (Cordelia) appeared in the title role of the Bathhouse



Theatre Company's opening production, *The Colleen Bawn*, and has been with the resident Company ever since. Her Bathhouse appearances last season include the title role in *Eleanor Marx* and Olivia in *Twelfth Night*. She was a member of the Hedgerow Theatre

Company for three years, where she played leading roles in *Hedda Gabler* and *Lysistrata* and Lady Macduff to Richard Basehart's *Macbeth*. Ms. Mycka-Stettler trained at Carnegie-Mellon University.

**GRETCHEN ORSLAND** (Goneril) has been a Bathhouse resident Company member since



1981 and was in the cast of the original *The Big Broadcast*. Her many roles at the Bathhouse include Viola in *Twelfth Night*, Lady Macbeth in *Macbeth*, and Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. An MFA graduate of Southern Methodist University, Ms. Orsland is a free-lance

drama teacher and has taught extensively throughout the Seattle area, with credits at Seattle Children's Theatre and the University of Washington. She was a member of the acting company at Seattle Children's Theatre and has also appeared with the Floating Theater Company.

MICHAEL V. SCHAUERMANN (Duke of Burgundy) makes his debut with the



Bathhouse Theatre Company although he has appeared at ACT, most recently as Spikehead in Not Just Kidstuff. Recently he performed in the Group Theatre's production of Voices of Christmas and at the Tacoma Actors Guild he has been seen as Lt. Cable in South

Pacific and Nocella in Filumena. His Seattle credits also include work at The Seattle Repertory Theatre, Empty Space Theatre, Pioneer Square Theater, and Seattle Children's Theatre; but local audiences will probably recognize him more readily from his TV. commercials, where he can be seen as an Oberto Sausage and a Rainier Beer "Ear-head."

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**DAVID STETTLER** (Duke of Albany) has served in several capacities for the Bathhouse,



including stage manager and technical director. He was seen in the world premiere of Eleanor Marx, as Jerry in last season's Juno and the Paycock and, most recently, in Under Milk Wood. He has acted and directed at many of the Chicago Off-Loop theatres, including the St.

Nicholas, of which he was co-founder. Mr. Stettler has also been a member of the San Quentin Drama Workshop.

RICK TUTOR (Earl of Kent) is the founding Artistic Director of the Tacoma Actors



Guild. Although this marks his first opportunity to work with the Bathhouse Company, he has appeared many times at ACT, most recently in *Amadeus*. Last summer he appeared as Father Farley in TAG's production of *Mass Appeal*. He can be seen in the forth-

coming film Trouble In Mind.

**JO VETTER** (*Regan*) joined the Bathhouse Company in its second season to appear as



Mrs. Peachum in *The Three Penny Opera*, and has since been seen in numerous roles including Juno Boyle in *Juno and the Paycock*. She has appeared in theatres throughout the Midwest including the Iowa Repertory, Timberlake Playhouse, and the Carousel Dinner

Theatre. In Seattle Ms. Vetter has also appeared in *Frankenstein* at the Skid Road Theatre and *Measure for Measure* and *Blithe Spirit* at the Conservatory Theatre Company.

ARNE ZASLOVE (Director) Mr. Zaslove has directing and teaching credits at major theatres



and universities throughout Canada and the U.S. He was Artistic Director of the National Theatre School of Canada, co-founded the Professional Actor Training Program at the University of Washington, and last summer directed A Midsummer Night's Dream for the

premiere season of the Repertory Theatre at Hartwood Acres for his alma mater, Carnegie-

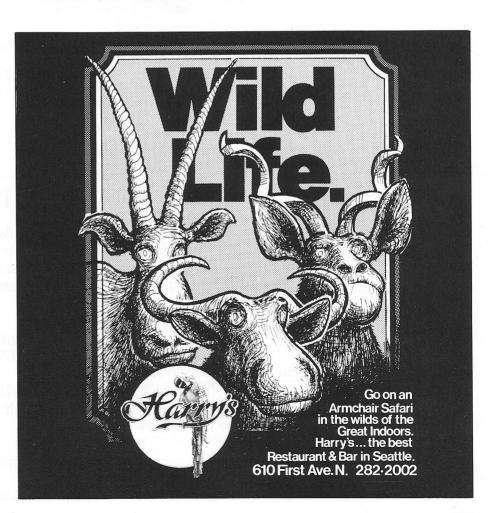
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Mellon. He directed the American premiere of Tankred Dorst's Ice Age in New York. Regional directing credits include Baltimore's Center Stage and the Stratford (Ontario) Shakespeare Festival. He was Associate Artistic Director for the 2nd Stage of The Seattle Repertory Theatre, and directed at A Contemporary Theatre (where he created and directed The Original Absurd Musical Revue for Children for The Young ACT Company), the Seattle Opera, and the University of Washington. In his role as Artistic Director and founder of the Bathhouse Resident Company, Mr. Zaslove has directed many Bathhouse productions in recent years including Twelfth Night and Eleanor Marx. Concurrent with his duties at the Bathhouse, Mr. Zaslove is an Associate Professor of Theatre at the University of British Columbia.

**CRAIG HUISENGA** (Assistant Director) has been a Company member at the Bathhouse



since appearing in A Midsummer Night's Dream three years ago. Since then he has been Assistant Director for Under Milk Wood and Juno and the Paycock, among others, directed the Bathhouse production of Leave It To Jane, and appeared in The Big Broadcast, which

toured last season to the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. A graduate of Pacific Lutheran University, Mr. Huisenga has performed at Tacoma Actors Guild, Skid Road Theatre, and the Santa Cruz Bear Republic Theatre, as well as having directed several productions at the Chinook Theatre at Fort Lewis. He is the

Associate Artistic Director of the Bathhouse Theatre as well.

ROBERT DAVIDSON (Musical Director) has collaborated on numerous projects with



Arne Zaslove, including directing and arranging music for Marat/Sade at ACT and Benito Cereno at The Rep's 2nd Stage. Bathhouse credits include musical director for Macbeth, Twelfth Night, A Holiday Big Broadcast, The Three Penny Opera, Peer Gynt, and the world premiere

of *Eleanor Marx*. A teacher and performer of dance, Mr. Davidson is on the faculty of the University of Washington. He was a student at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, where he studied the music and dance forms of East Africa.

SHELLEY HENZE SCHERMER (Set Designer) has been associated with ACT since



1971, designing properties, masks, costumes, and scenery for numerous productions for ACT's Mainstage and The Young ACT Company. Among her many Young ACT Company design credits are Beauty and the Beast, The Odyssey, A Wrinkle in Time, The Persian

Princess, and the original production of A Christmas Carol. Shelley designed ACT's 1984 mainstage presentations of Amadeus and Fool for Love. She also designed Twelfth Night and Eleanor Marx for the Bathhouse Theatre, The Big Broadcast at Cincinnati's Playhouse in the Park, and The Snow Queen at Seattle Children's Theatre.

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JULIE JAMES (Costume Designer) is the resident costume designer for the Bathhouse,



where her credits include Twelfth Night, him, Eleanor Marx, and the various Big Broadcasts, including the touring production which ran last November at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. While shop foreman at ACT Ms. James designed costumes for Custer, Bur-

ied Child, and A Wrinkle In Time, among others. With an M.F.A. in costume design from Stanford University, Ms. James has also designed for The Empty Space, Pioneer Square Theater, Cornish Institute, The Women's Theatre, and Tacoma Actors Guild, and has coordinated costumes for The Rep's Other Season.

**PHIL SCHERMER** (Lighting Designer) is ACT's Producing Manager and has been with



years, during which he designed lighting for a great many productions, including Amadeus, Cloud 9, The Greeks, Loose Ends, Custer, Catholics, Wings, Fanshen, The Club, The Water Engine, A Christmas Carol, The Shadow Box, and many

more. At The Empty Space he designed lighting for American Buffalo, A Prayer For My Daughter, Heat, and Dusa, Fish, Stas and Vi. He also has designed lighting for The Seattle Repertory Theatre and its Second Stage and sets for ACT, the Second Stage, and The Empty Space. Recently he designed the set for the Bathhouse's Under Milk Wood.

MICHAEL WISE (Stage Manager) is in his second season with the Bathhouse. He has



also stage managed for the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, Pioneer Square Theater, Seattle Children's Theatre, New City Theatre, and the Southern California Conservatory. Mr. Wise's directing credits include The Birthday Party and She Stoops to Conquer

for the Ensemble Theatre Project and Veronica's Room for the Brass Ring, as well as Sexual Perversity in Chicago and The Duck Variations. Mr. Wise looks forward to the publication of his first romance novel.

Copies of A Contemporary Theatre's 1984 Annual Report are available now in the Administrative Offices. MARY-CLAIRE BURKE (Producer, Bathhouse Theatre) has directed the rapid growth



of the Bathhouse since the resident Company was founded in 1980. She was also producer for the Floating Theater Company, for which she researched and shaped the original *The Big Broadcast*. Other Company-developed pieces to her credit include *The Sportshow*, in-

itially toured by The Seattle Rep, and *The Original Absurd Musical Revue for Children*, developed for ACT's Young ACT Touring Program and recently revived to rave reviews at Honolulu Theatre for Youth. For the Bathhouse she has co-authored *Sunday Funnies* and *All Aboard!* as well as various versions of *The Big Broadcast*.

SUSAN TRAPNELL MORITZ (ACT Administrative Manager) came to ACT in 1982



from Dance Theatre Seattle, where she was general manager for two years and, prior to that, educational director. Her work experience ranges from a stint in Paris as a UNESCO bilingual aide to writing and editing positions in the Washington, D.C., area. She worked with

the National Urban League and also taught English to youngsters in Algeria. Ms. Moritz holds a B.A. in French from the University of North Carolina and has completed her M.A. coursework in dance education at George Washington University. Susan also attended the University of Lyon in France.

**GREGORY A. FALLS** (ACT Producing Director) is the founder of ACT and The Young



ACT Company. He wrote and directed Beauty and the Beast, our Young ACT Resident Season opener. He has created five original children's theatre revues and three Christmas shows, plus a scripted version of The Odyssey with playwright Kurt Beattie which was

the third play of the first Young ACT Company Resident Season. His other original scripts include *The Persian Princess, Aladdin and the Magic Lamp, The Forgotten Door, A Wrinkle in Time, The Pushcart War,* and *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves.* Mr. Falls also created ACT's version of *A Christmas Carol* in 1976. For ten years he was the Executive Director of the University of Washington School of Drama. He is past president of the National Theatre Conference and the Washington Association of Theatre Artists, a founding board member of the United Arts Council of Puget Sound, and founder of the Champlain Shakespeare Festival.

The names of the respondents to Artsline's January editorial survey were entered in a random drawing. The prize winners were as follows:

#### First Prize

A season ticket to the arts organization of the winner's choice and four dinners for two at Umberto's.

#### Ruth Lasnik

A former schoolteacher, Ms. Lasnik is also a self-described "theater buff" who already holds season tickets to ACT, Intiman, and The Rep. She chose as part of her prize a season ticket to Pacific Northwest Ballet. "I've never won anything before in my life," she said. "Not only did you make my day, you made my year."

#### **Second Prize**

A pair of tickets to the theater of the winner's choice and dinner for two at La Galleria.

#### Mildred Rosenbaum

Ms. Rosenbaum chose two tickets to the Empty Space Theatre's upcoming production of *Beyond Therapy*.

#### **Third Prize**

Dinner for two at Saleh al Lago.

Marcia J. Sill

#### Fourth Prize

A pair of tickets to the theater of the winner's choice.

#### Jill Kurti

Ms. Kurti chose a pair of tickets to the ACT/Bathhouse production of *King Lear*.

## To Our Readers:

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We welcome your suggestions and letters.



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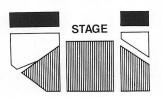
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King Lear True West Maydays Other Places May 12th June 23rd July 28th September 1st October 6th

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Join us, and speak your mind!

ACT is a Constituent of the Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for the nonprofit professional theatre, and a member of the League of Resident Theatres, the American Arts Alliance and the Washington State Arts Alliance.

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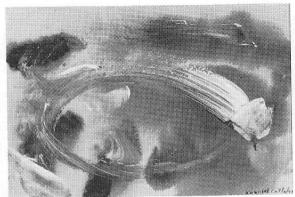


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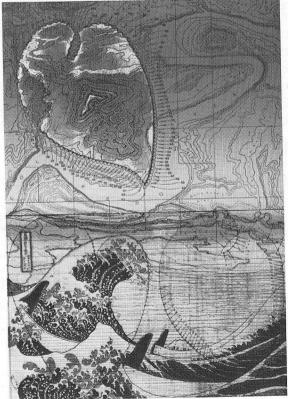
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Gesture by Kenneth Callahan, oil on paper, (1984 Northwest Collection, King County Arts Commission).



Locus and Sea Squares No. 86 by Bill Ritchie, etching/woodcut, (1983 Northwest Collection, King County Arts Commission).

In 1985, ACT once again is donating space in its upper lobby to display the works of Northwest artists. ACT feels this gives our audience a chance to view new works and enhances their theatre experience. It is also an opportunity for ACT to be of ongoing service to the greater arts community.

During the run of King Lear, ACT is pleased to present a special selection of acquisitions by the King County Arts Commission. Pieces on exhibit represent the Portable Art Program, the 1983 and 1984 Northwest Collections, the Gallery of Contemporary Art, and drawings for the new King County Correctional Facility.

The development of King County's Portable Art Program began in 1982, following "The Great Blank Wall Study," a survey of public spaces within County agencies which demonstrated the desirability of having artwork in their areas. Because the response was so strong and positive, the Northwest Collection was introduced.

Annually, a knowledgeable jury of artists and arts professionals recommend the purchase of art by outstanding Northwest artists who should be included in the County's collection but currently are not. Approximately fifteen works in various media are purchased each year. These become part of the Portable Collection and are then rotated among County facilities. In addition to the Northwest Collection, works from the Hope Foote estate and works created through the CETA Program of 1975 are part of the Portable Collection, too.

The Gallery of Contemporary Art is an exhibit program which takes place in County facilities in downtown Seattle and provides exposure of works by regional artists who are not affiliated with local galleries. A couple of these pieces are included in this special ACT display.

Martha Schwartz, winning artist for the north entrance plaza of the new King County Correctional Facility in Seattle, has combined architecture and landscaping in her art, as can be seen in the drawings on display here.

ACT wishes to thank the King County Arts Commission and its staff for their assistance in preparing this exhibit. For additional information on the programs and activities of the King County Arts Commission, call 344-7580.

For additional information on ACT's Art in the Lobby program, please call 285-3220.