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A Contemporary Theatre

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presents

Quartermaine's Terms

Simon Gray

October 31 - November 24, 1985

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Jeff Steitzer Shelley Henze Schermer Anne Thaxter Watson A. W. Nelson David Hunter Koch James Verdery

The Cast,

in order of appearance:

St. John Quartermaine
Anita Manchip
Mark Sackling
Eddie Loomis
Derek Meadle
Henry Windscape
Melanie Garth

Clayton Corzatte
Joyce Harris
David Mong
Jack Sydow
Richard Farrell
Rick Tutor
Dianne Benjamin Hill

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Scene 2: Some weeks later; Friday afternoon, a few minutes before 5

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Scene 2: Some months later; a Friday evening

Scene 3: 18 months later, around Christmas; evening

Understudies never substitute for listed players unless a specific announcement for the appearance is made at the time of the performance. Please check the Houseboard for any changes. Understudies for this production are as follows:

Bill Crossett - Eddie Loomis; Scott Kaiser - Mark Sackling, Derek Meadle; Gwynne Rhynedance - Anita Manchip, Melanie Garth; David Mong - St. John Quartermaine; Roald Berton Wulff - Henry Windscape.

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About Simon Gray and Quartermaine's Terms

The world premiere of *Quartermaine's Terms* was directed by Harold Pinter and opened at the Queen's Theatre, London, on July 30, 1981. Its American premiere was at the Long Wharf Theatre's Stage II, a production which was moved intact to the off-Broadway Playhouse 91 for a successful run that began February 24, 1983.

According to *Variety*, Simon Gray turned down an offer by the Nederlander organization for a Broadway production of *Quartermaine's Terms* because he felt it was too "delicate" and "didn't belong in that

atmosphere."

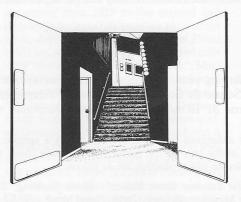
Though Gray has denied the element of autobiography in his plays, his background places him in many of the situations encountered by his characters in *Quartermaine's Terms*. Born in 1936 on Hayling Island in Hampshire, England, Gray was evacuated to Montreal, Canada, during World War II. After receiving his B.A. from Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, he spent a year teaching English at a college in France, then entered Cambridge University for his Master's degree in English Literature, which he received in 1961. He now lectures at Queen Mary College in London.

Simon Gray's award-winning play Otherwise Engaged was presented in ACT's 1979 Mainstage Season. Among his other plays are Wise Child (1967), Dutch Uncle (1969), an adaptation of The Idiot for the National Theatre (1970), Spoiled (1971), Butley (1971), Dog Days (1976), Molly (1977), The Rear Column (1978), Close of Play (1979), Stage Struck (1979), and a version of Moliere's Tartuffe for the Kennedy

Center (1982).

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CLAYTON CORZATTE (St. John Quartermaine) has appeared with most of Amer-



ica's leading resident theatre companies, including The Guthrie Theater, Arena Stage, Actors Theatre of Louisville, and The Cleveland Play House. He was for eight years a leading member of the APA-Phoenix Repertory Company in New York, during

which time he won an Obie Award for his performance as Constantine Treplyev in *The Seagull* and was nominated for a Tony for his portrayal of Charles Surface in *The School for Scandal*. Clayton has directed and acted for all of Seattle's Equity theatres. This season he has appeared at ACT as the Dispatcher in *Victoria Station* and Hornby in *A Kind of Alaska*, two parts of Harold Pinter's *Other Places*, and as Stanley Berent in *End of the World (with Symposium to Follow)*. He and Susan Ludlow created and perform *Antic Diversions*, intimate theatre entertainments, and both serve on the faculty of The Cornish Institute.

RICHARD FARRELL (Derek Meadle) has appeared in several productions here at ACT,



among them Maydays this season, plus Amadeus, Da, Fanshen, Whose Life Is It Anyway?, Fridays, The Greeks and A Christmas Carol. He also toured for two years with The Young ACT Company. Working extensively in the Seattle area, Richard

has performed with The Seattle Repertory Theatre, Intiman Theatre Company, The Empty Space, and Tacoma Actors Guild. He toured with the Montana Repertory Theatre, too, performed for two seasons on the stages of The Oregon Shakespearean Festival, and appeared in the Arizona Theatre Company's *The Taming of the Shrew.* Richard is a graduate of the University of Washington Professional Actor Training Program and has served as an artist-in-residence at Seattle area colleges.

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JOYCE HARRIS (Anita Manchip) makes her ACT debut with this production. She has



most recently appeared at Tacoma Actors Guild as Mina in Dracula, Belinda in Season's Greetings, Anne in Stage Struck, and Fiona in How the Other Half Loves. Joyce was an Equity guest artist for two years with The Oregon Shakespearean Fes-

tival, where she was seen in several roles including Desdemona in *Othello* and Adriana in *The Comedy of Errors*. She has also appeared as Kate in *The Taming of the Shrew* for the Utah Shakespearean Festival and as Meg in the West Coast premiere of *Crimes of the Heart* at California Actors Theatre. Joyce is a graduate of the actor training program of the American Conservatory Theatre (A.C.T.) and has studied with Uta Hagen at HB Studio in New York City.

DIANNE BENJAMIN HILL (Melanie Garth) is also making her first appearance at



ACT. She began her professional career in the Hilberry program at Wayne State University in Detroit, playing such roles as Margery Pinchwife in The Country Wife, Hermia in A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Hypatia in Misalliance. In recent

years she has been active in the Twin Cities area, including two seasons with Actors Theatre of St. Paul, where she appeared as Masha in *Three Sisters*, Fiona in *How the Other Half Loves*, the Mother in *Ring Round the Moon*, and ZeZe in *Have You Anything to Declare?*. At the Chanhassen Theatres she performed on all four stages, playing Elvira in *Blithe Spirit*, Mrs. Molloy in *Hello*, *Dolly!*, and Meg in *Crimes of the Heart*. Her most recent, and favorite, appearance was as Maud/Lin in the Cricket Theatre's production of *Cloud 9*.

DAVID MONG (Mark Sackling) was just seen here as Pete and Trent's Legman in



End of the World (with Symposium to Follow) and in our season-opening King Lear, which also marked his debut with the Bathhouse Theatre Company. David is a former member of The Young ACT Company, having appeared in The Pushcart War and twice in

A Christmas Carol. He also appeared in our

mainstage production of *Getting Out* and understudied for *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* David's recent work has included the role of Renfield in *Dracula* at Tacoma Actors Guild, where he also played Robert in *Standing On My Knees* and Jerry in *Betrayal.* Among his numerous Seattle theatre credits he 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 presentation of *Creeps.*

JACK SYDOW (Eddie Loomis) was last seen in Seattle in the title role in Paphnutius



at the Showboat Theatre. Other local appearances include Uncle Willie in Bent at Empty Space Theatre, Pozzo in Waiting For Godot at the Penthouse Theatre, and Dr. Drosselmeyer in Nutcracker Northwest at the Opera House. For ACT he directed Three

Early One-Acts by Chekhov and Oh, Coward! Since 1970 he has been a professor at the University of Washington School of Drama, where he supervises the Graduate Directing Program. Among the score of productions he has directed for the U.W., some of the most notable are The Good Person of Szechwan, Dinner at Eight, The Matchmaker, The Threepenny Opera, and Arms and the Man. Before coming to the Northwest, he had a long and successful career as a freelance director/actor/writer based in New York City. He received an Obie Award as co-adaptor of The Brothers Karamazov at the Gate Theatre and he was a Tony Award nominee for his direction of the Music Theatre of Lincoln Center revival of Annie Get Your Gun.

RICK TUTOR (Henry Windscape) was seen earlier this season as Kent in our ACT/



Bathhouse Theatre coproduction of *King Lear*. He also appeared here in the world premiere of *Catholics*, as well as in *Da*, *The Dining Room*, and *Amadeus*. Rick is Founder/Artistic Director of the Tacoma Actors Guild, where he has directed and acted

extensively. In the 1984/85 season at TAG, he directed *The Rainmaker, Stage Struck*, and *Splittin' Hairs*. This past July, he also directed the world premiere of Ben Prager's *Things in Life* for TAG in Port Townsend.

JEFF STEITZER (*Director*) was last year named one of ACT's first Resident Directors.



This year he directed End of the World (with Symposium to Follow), co-directed our U.S. premiere of Maydays, and directed The Odyssey for The Young ACT Company's inaugural resident season. Jeff has staged more than 40 productions in Seattle, among them ACT's

Mainstage presentations of Amadeus and Cloud 9; The Day They Came From Way Out There, Knuckle, Gossip, Filthy Rich, The Paranormal Review, and the Illuminatus! trilogy for The Empty Space; Guys and Dolls for the Palace Theatre; Bay City Blues and Father's Day at the Bathhouse Theatre; and Pinocchio and The Best Christmas Pageant Ever for Seattle Children's Theatre. In 1981 he was an NEA Directing Fellow at The Guthrie and he recently completed a stint as an NEA Artistic Associate to the Actors Theatre of St. Paul, where he staged We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay! and where his productions of Tartuffe and How the Other Half Loves won Twin Cities Drama Critics' KUDOS for Best Direction. Jeff also has directed for the Montana Rep, for Chicago's Wisdom Bridge Theatre, and elsewhere around the country.

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 (continued on page 20)

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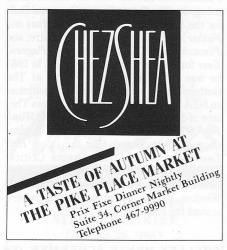
ACT again presents its series of free, post-play discussions for the Mainstage Season. These informal sessions are open to everyone interested in the theatre. We encourage you to bring your friends and join in. Since this season's Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m., one-half hour earlier than in the past, the discussions following will begin at approximately 4 p.m. Join us on November 10th and speak your mind on Quartermaine's Terms.



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Amadeus and Fool for Love, and this year's season opener, King Lear. She also designed Wild Oats, 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.

ANNE THAXTER WATSON (Costume Designer) returned to her native Seattle



from designing productions across the country, as well as teaching at California State University. Earlier this year she designed the costumes for The Young ACT Company's premiere resident season production, *Beauty and the Beast.* Locally she has

designed Leave It To Jane at Bathhouse Theatre, Stage Struck for Tacoma Actors Guild, Boesman and Lena at The Empty Space, and Staring Back for The Group, among others. Anne holds her MFA in scenic and costume design from Carnegie-Mellon University. Notable among her other design credits are a recent production of Merry Wives of Windsor at the Utah Shakespearean Festival, plus work at Hartford Stage Company, WPA Theatre, the Juilliard School, Stage West, the California Repertory Theatre, and the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

A. W. NELSON (Lighting Designer) has worked for a variety of Seattle-area profes-



sional performing arts organizations in many capacities over the past ten years. Among these are The 5th Avenue, The Seattle Repertory Theatre, Pacific Northwest Ballet, the Seattle Opera, and here at ACT. He holds an M. A. in technical direction and lighting

design from the University of Washington and is a journeyman in Local 15 of I.A.T.S.E. His past lighting design credits at ACT

This production is jointly supported, in part, by a grant from the Washington State Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. ACT also wishes to acknowledge support from the King County and Seattle Arts Commissions; from PONCHO (Patrons of Northwest Civic, Cultural and Charitable Organizations); and from the Corporate Council for the Arts (CCA).

include *The Sea Horse; Oh, Coward!; We, Three; Boccacio;* and the world premiere of *Thirteen,* among others. He is currently on the staff at ACT as Lead Carpenter.

DAVID HUNTER KOCH (Sound Designer) is the Music & Sound Coordinator



for ACT, as well as a performer and designer. He composed scores and created sound designs for our Mainstage productions of Other Places, End of the World (with Symposium to Follow), The Greeks, Cloud 9, Top Girls, and Thirteen, and also composed the

music for Seattle Children's Theatre's presentations of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. As resident composer for The Young ACT Company since 1981, David's credits include The Odyssey, Step on a Crack, The Pushcart War, Aladdin and the Magic Lamp, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, and The Persian Princess. As an actor and singer. David was seen recently in Doctors & Diseases and A Little Bit O'Lehrer, the first of ACT's 1985 Songworks Monday Series, and directed the Songworks presentation of a new musical by Scott Warrender called The Lights of Arnold. David also has performed at The Seattle Rep, The 5th Avenue, The Group, New City Theatre, Skid Road Theatre, and The Bathhouse Theatre.

JAMES VERDERY (Production Stage Manager) has worked as stage manager for



over 12 years with Intiman, The Seattle Rep, The Oregon Shake-spearean Festival, ACT, and elsewhere. He also spent two seasons as production stage manager for the Spoleto Festival U.S.A. in Charleston, South Carolina. As a designer, Jim created the sound

of our American premiere of *Maydays* this season and *Fool for Love* last season. His lighting design credits include ACT's 1984 American premiere of *The Communication Cord*, plus work with Pioneer Square Theater, The Group, Intiman, Tacoma Actors Guild, and Seattle Children's Theatre.

SUSAN TRAPNELL MORITZ (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 Nation-

al 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.

PHIL SCHERMER (Producing Manager) has been with ACT for about 18 years, during



which he designed lighting for a great many productions, including King Lear, 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.

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



ACT Company. He directed Pinter's Other Places this season and wrote and directed The Young ACT Company's production of Beauty and the Beast earlier in the year. He has created five original children's theatre revues and three Christmas shows, plus a scripted

version of The Odyssey with playwright Kurt Beattie, the third play of The Young ACT Company's inaugural season this year. His other original scripts include The Persian Princess, Aladdin and the Magic Lamp, The Forgotten Door, The Pushcart War, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, and A Wrinkle In Time, which will be mounted anew for The Young ACT Company's 1986 Resident Season. Mr. Falls also created ACT's version of A Christmas Carol in 1976. For ten years he was 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.

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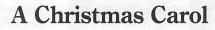
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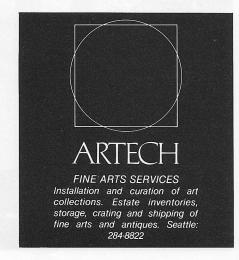
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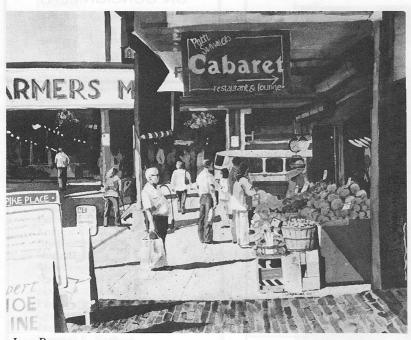
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