

Spring 1996

St MICHAEL's PLAYERS

present

HARLEQUINADE

by

Terence Rattigan

50p

HARLEQUINADE

Terence Rattigan's one act play covers the hour or so before curtain up for The Arthur Gosport Players' production of Romeo and Juliet. During this brief period, Arthur Gosport and his wife, Miss Edna Selby, struggle with the task of playing two teenage lovers when they are both well into their 50's

The Arthur Gosport Players comprise the two stars with their entourage of cast offs from the professional acting world. Yet, the Gosports represent that dying breed of professional Player Managers who devoted their whole life to "educating the masses" to the exclusion of everything else.

Harlequinade was first performed at the Phoenix Theatre, London on 8th September 1948. Eric Portmen and Mary Ellis starred as Arthur Gosport and Edna Selby; Marie Lohr played Dame Maud Gosport and Hector Rose played the part of Stage Manager Jack Wakefield.

THE CAST
(in order of appearance)

Arthur Gosport	Peter Woods
Edna Selby	Jane Atkinson
Johnny	William Rowbotham
Dame Maud	Peggy York
Jack Wakefield	Peter Henson
George Chudleigh	Michael Robinson
1 st Halberdier	George Atkinson
2 nd Halberdier	Nicholas Fincham
Fred Ingram	Gordon Jackson
Miss Fishlock	Sue Darrieulat
Muriel Palmer	Fran Fox
Tom Palmer	Chris Hulatt
Mr Burton	Mervyn Jupe
Joyce Langland	Tulin Keenan
Policeman	Michael Robinson

The action takes place on the stage of a Theatre
in a Midlands Town.

THE COMPANY

Director	Tom Owen
Production and Stage Management	Vivien Taylor & Beatrice Packard
Lighting	Chris Hulatt & Leyton Angell
Costumes	Mavis Smith
Set design and construction	Dave Lye Patricia Howcroft Ronald Howcroft
Make-up	Jemima Lloyd
Business Manager	Linda Woods
Prompt	William Rowbotham
Publicity	Michael Robinson
Printing	Chris Hulatt

St Michael's Players
Recent Productions

1986	Spring Autumn	Habeus Corpus Separate Tables
1987	Spring Autumn	See How They Run Living Together
1988	Spring Autumn	Night Watch The Magistrate
1989	Spring Autumn	On Monday Next Quartermaine's Terms
1990	Spring Autumn	Man of Destiny / Face the Music Alphabetical Order
1991	Spring Autumn	Mixed Doubles Present Laughter
1992	Autumn	Rough Crossing
1993	Spring Autumn	Round and Round the Garden The Deep Blue Sea
1994	Spring Autumn	Steel Magnolias Love Affair
1995	Spring Summer Autumn	Still Life Before Dawn Pack of Lies

"Pack of Lies" won best set award and Adam Richardson was nominated for Best Supporting Actor.

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Harlequinade is the last production in the beloved but dilapidated Church Hall which will be pulled down next Monday. We are, currently, not in a position to name the next play or its date until a completion date for the re-building is in sight.

In place of the current hall will stand a new building offering improved facilities not just for S^t Michael's Players but for all the other groups and members of the public who use it. As you can imagine this will be an expensive business and re-equipping the stage a heavy burden for S^t Michaels Players. We have had to raise the cost to you of this evening to boost our profits which are going towards the cost of re-equipping the stage.

We are always on the lookout for new talent - fresh or experienced, on stage, back-stage or front of house to join our varied activities which include evenings of informal and varied entertainment ranging from reviews to barbeques and barn dances. If you'd like to join us, no audition necessary, annual membership £15, please ring our secretary Sue Darrieulat on 0181-994 2557

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to support the group as a regular member of the audience, join us as an Associate Member: you will acquire priority booking opportunities and receive our Newsletter. Please write enclosing a cheque made payable to S^t Michaels Players for £5 to Jane Atkinson, Treasurer - S^t Michael's Players, 77 Sutton Court Rd, Chiswick W4 3EQ.

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