

THE MASKERS GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE:-

- financial assistance from the Southern Arts Association.
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The presentation of this evening's programme will secure a 10% reduction on all food in the Schooner Inn, adjacent to this theatre.

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Don't forget your MASKERS THEATRE CLUB membership.

the hostage

by
brendan
behan

DESIGNED AND DIRECTED
BY
JOHN
CARRINGTON

THE CAST

PAT, the caretaker of a lodging-house- BRIAN WHITAKER
MEG DILLON, his consort - ANNE ARCHER
MONSEWER, the owner of the house - DEREK SEALY
RIO RITA, a homosexual navvy - BRIAN STANSBRIDGE
TICH, his boyfriend - STEVE LANGE
MR. MULLEADY, a decaying Civil Servant- DAVID PIKE
MISS GILCHRIST, a social worker - JULIE BAKER
COLLETTE, a whore - MARY ELLIOTT
ROPEEN, an old whore - SHEILA CLARK
LESLIE WILLIAMS, a British soldier - PETER WHITE
TERESA, the skivvy, a country girl - CAROL CLARK
I.R.A. OFFICER, a fanatical patriot - MERVYN PRIOR
VOLUNTEER, Feargus O'Connor, a
ticket-collector - ALAN WATSON
RUSSIAN SAILOR - DAVID JUPP
WIN, the pianist - EDWINA LAIRD
OCCUPANTS, whores etc. - MERRY LAWTHOR
- PAUL ELLIOTT
- JENNI WATSON

THE PLAY

The play, which is in three acts, takes place in an old house in Dublin. The house, like most of its occupants, has seen better times.

There will be TWO intervals, of approximately FIFTEEN minutes each, when refreshments will be available in The Bassett Hotel, adjacent to this theatre.

THE AUTHOR

At the time of the play's first performance, at the Theatre Royal, Stratford in 1958, Kenneth Tynan, of the OBSERVER, wrote:-

"It seems to be Ireland's function, every twenty years or so, to provide a playwright who will kick English drama from the past into the present. Mr. Behan may well fill the place vacated by Sean O'Casey."

For The MASKERS

Wardrobe - CHRISTINE BAKER
Sound - GEOFF GRANDY
Lighting - ROGER LOCKETT
Set Construction - ALAN BAKER
Production Assistant - JENNI WATSON
Stage Manager - JOY WINGFIELD
Dance Arrangement - JENNY COX

Musical Effects

The Maskers wish to thank:-
JOHN MARKHAM - Bagpipes

25th Southampton Boy's Brigade (Maybush)
- Drums and bugles

Properties - Kate Summerton
Georgina Williams

Business Management - GRAHAM BUCHANAN

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The next production at this Theatre will be:-
"FULL FATHOM FIVE"

an anthology of the sea in
dance, drama and music....

from Wednesday 13th to Saturday 16th October.

Book your seats in the interval or by telephoning
Southampton 23572 or 551273.