

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

presents

"The Merchant of Venice"

by William Shakespeare

DIRECTED BY TED HEUSEL

Cast of Characters

DUKE OF VENICE.....	Stuart Gould, Jr.
PRINCE OF MOROCCO, Suitor to Portia.....	Paul Day
PRINCE OF ARRAGON, Suitor to Portia.....	George Choyke
ANTONIO.....	Russell MacDonald
BASSANIO.....	Russell Aiuto
SOLANIO, friend to Antonio & Bassanio.....	Chas. Chadwick
SALERIO, friend to Antonio & Bassanio.....	John Rae
GRATIANO, friend to Antonio & Bassanio.....	Tom Leith
LORENZO.....	Doug Chapman
SHYLOCK.....	Leslie Whitaker
TUBAL.....	Bob Cottingham
LAUNCELOT GOBBO.....	Al Phillips
OLD GOBBO.....	A. B. Crandell
LEONARDO, servant.....	Phylliss Eshelman
BALTHASAR, servant.....	Phylliss Eshelman
STEPHANO, servant.....	Anne Wehrer
PORTIA.....	Ruth Livingston
NERISSA.....	Helga Hover
JESSICA.....	Mary Ann Stevenson

Setting:

Partly in Venice and Partly at Portia's Estate.

PRODUCTION CREW

PRODUCTION MANAGER.....	Gene Duke
SET DESIGNER.....	Alice Crawford
STAGE MANAGER.....	Anne Wehrer
LIGHTS.....	Clan Crawford
PROPERTIES.....	Carol Coxie, Barbara Leake
CREW.....	Fritz Bell, Gene Duke, Peter Crawford, Bonnie Willt
MAKE-UP.....	Loine Meinel, Dave Sallards, Karen Friemund, Barbara Fiedrich, Dominic Dascola, Katharin Henke
COSTUMES.....	Marcella Dygert, Barbara Leake, Nancy Aiuto Susie Vidrih

We of Civic Theatre would like to congratulate our president, Clan Crawford, Jr., on his recent nomination as Republican candidate for the City Council from the Second Ward. Good Luck, Clan!

NOTES ABOUT THE CAST

DR. STUART M. GOULD, JR., playing the role of the Duke of Venice, was formerly active with the Fort Leavenworth Dramatics Club in 1952 and was also active with the University of Michigan Student Operas. Stuart, a local psychiatrist, was last seen on our stage in the musical "RX."

PAUL DAY, who hails from Fresno Beach, Calif., has been active in the recent Civic Theatre productions of "Tea and Sympathy" and most recent for his outstanding role of Bo Decker in our comedy success, "Bus Stop."

GEORGE CHOYKE & RUSSELL MacDONALD, making their debut on our stage this evening. RUSSELL AIUTO, one of our most active members, opened the season as Lt. Maryk in "Caine Mutiny Court-Martial" and makes his fourth appearance of the season as he portrays Bassanio this evening.

CHARLES E. CHADWICK, JOHN RAE & TOM LITTLE have all appeared in previous productions of "Night of January 16." DOUG CHAPMAN was last seen in our season's opener of "Caine Mutiny Court-Martial."

LESLIE WHITAKER, exchange teacher from England, changed places with William Taylor of Ann Arbor High School during this current school year. Leslie is a dramatics teacher and we hope you enjoy his portrait of Shylock.

BOB COTTINGHAM and AL PHILLIPS have been in recent Civic Theatre productions. Al last appeared in "The Seven Year Itch" and Bob was seen in "Caine Mutiny."

A. B. CRANDELL, one of our regular character actors, has one of the longest list of credits of anyone in the group. Al has been appearing on stage for over 30 years and has never missed a season since 1947 when he starred in "My Sister Eileen." Abbie held the backstage cribbage championship for years.

RUTH LIVINGSTON, a repeated Oscar Award winner, comes thru again this evening to make her third appearance of the season. Previously she was seen in "Seven Year Itch" and "Gigi." Nerissa is played by HELGA HOVER who has played Shakespearean roles in Germany while she was with a professional repertoire theatre, both acting and dancing. Helga first appeared with Civic Theatre in 1950 when she came to U. S. Recently she has been seen in "Night of January 16," "I am a Camera," and "RX." Her dancing is one of our finest backstage entertainments, afforded by her ballet training in Germany.

MARY ANN STEVENSON is making a second appearance with Civic Theatre this evening. She will be remembered for her amusing role as the waitress in "Bus Stop."

PHYLISS ESHELMAN & ANNE WEHRER have played our footlights before.

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