

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE

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# THE DARWIN THEORY

A NEW MUSICAL PLAY WITH TUNES, LYRICS, AND BOOK BY TOMMY MILLER presented in its premiere production, June 1 through 4, 1949 by the Associated Students as production 241 of the Twentieth Season of the Department of Drama.

> Tunes, Lyrics, and Book by TOMMY MILLER\* Stage Direction by JAMES WINSLOW\* Musical Direction by JERRALD GOLDSMITH

Choreography by GITTA PERL (Pantomime) AL GILBERT (You'll Never Go to Heaven, In Love with a Monkey, Arrest That Man!) NESDON BOOTH\*(Comic Ballet) Pianists

JERRALD GOLDSMITH PAUL BACHMAN

Color Renditions of Set Designs by LOIS BROWN

Faculty Supervisors

Staging — H. Kenn Carmichael Costumes — May Rose Borum and Alice Parichan Set Designs and Technical Direction — Barry McGee Special Choreography — Gitta Perl

## PRODUCTION STAFF

| Stage ManagersBuff Barker<br>AssistantBuff Barker                          | Assi       |
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| Chief Carpenter  | Chief Ca   |
| Assistants   | Assi       |
| ElectricianJoseph Fenwick  | Electricia |
| AssistantsLois Brown, Mikey Rubenstein, Lan Seldon, Richard Feldman        | Assi       |
| Property Manager   | Property   |
| AssistantsPat Nordella, Gloria Reed, Leonora George                        | Assi       |
| Sound ReenforcementRichard Kenney  | Sound B    |
| Grips Melvin Warner, Stanley Stein, Norman Vroom, Richard Schact, Jo Evans | Grins      |
| CurtainBudd Moss   | Curtain    |
| Flyman   | Eluman     |
| Costume SupervisorBetty Keeney*  | Castan     |
| Costume Supervisor   | Costume    |
| Wardrobe Mistresses Peggy McCasland, Lee Egishian                          | Wardrob    |
| AssistantsJoyce Powell, Marilyn Johnson                                    | Assi       |
| Rehearsal SecretaryJeanne Morgan   | Rehearsa   |

#### HOUSE STAFF

| House Manager     | • • • • • • • • | .Betty K | eeney*  |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|
| AssistantsNettie  | Paisin,         | Shelah   | Shutan  |
| Theater Custodian | <mark></mark> . | Janic    | e Stoik |

#### PRODUCTION CREDITS

Costumes from Western Costume Company Special Costumes from Drama Department, Whittier College Properties from Cinema Props Rehearsal Pianos and Rooms courtesy Music Department, L.A.C.C.

## SEASON OF 1948-49 IN RETROSPECT

The twentieth season of the Department of Drama included twelve major productions, ranging in kind from religious verse drama to modern sentimental comedy, and in content from an early American legend to the disintegration of a 20th-century Chinese family:

October—The Hasty Heart by John Patrick November—The Bluebird by Maurice Maeterlinck December—The Lonesome Train by Earl Robinson and Millard Lampell Our Town by Thornton Wilder Murder in the Cathedral by T. S. Eliot February—The Scarecrow by Percy MacKaye March—All My Sons by Arthur Miller Years Ago by Ruth Gordon April—Deep are the Roots by D'Usseau and Gow Peking Man by Tsao-Yu (C. P. Wan) May—A Star to Follow by Mark Rodgers June—The Darwin Theory by Tommy Miller

Cooperation with the Department of Music in the production of THE LONESOME TRAIN was extended to the staging and mounting of Opera Workshop presentations throughout the year, with advanced students in Drama playing occasional speaking roles. The Department of Women's Physical Education also contributed to the Robinson-Lampell work. The Drama Department's BLUEBIRD was adapted specifically for presentation in several elementary schools of the city. The Eliot verse drama, MURDER IN THE CATHE-DRAL, was given performances in the sanctuary of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, with original organ accompaniment by the prominent composer and organist, Clarence Mader. The season was highlighted with the Western World premiere of the Chinese drama, PEKING MAN, and the first performances of two plays written by advanced students in Playwriting, A STAR TO FOLLOW, and the current DARWIN THEORY.

Three "theaters" have been operating during the year, supplemented by off-campus productions of THE BLUEBIRD and MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL, in spite of the fact that no workshop was available. Sets were built on the stages and out of doors, with dress rehearsals climaxing a long series of minor miracles of production. The Little Theater and Auditorium facilities were supplemented by the newly established Bungalow Stage, a tiny intimate "theater" with a seating capacity of fifty. Plays presented there were YEARS AGO, DEEP ARE THE ROOTS, and A STAR TO FOLLOW.

Cooperation between Los Angeles City College and Los Angeles State College has permitted the development of a four-year program in Drama, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. This month three Drama majors will be graduated at the State College commencement ceremonies; thirty-three Drama majors are currently enrolled in State College, the number being about equally divided between those who plan to teach and those who hope to find their places in the commercial and community theaters of the country.

The close of the season will be celebrated officially at the Annual Drama Awards Banquet, to be held June 8 at Park Manor.

| Elinore Lusk                   | Jeannine Johns*              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Preacher Paulson               |                              |
| Lucy Herman                    |                              |
| George Rapcock                 | Fred Faraone*                |
| Addie Mae Lusk                 |                              |
| Mr. Lane                       |                              |
| John Jefferson Lusk            |                              |
| Mrs. Lane                      | Carol Williams               |
| Henry Lane                     |                              |
| Man from the Crowd             |                              |
| Woman from the Crowd           |                              |
| Tom Henderson                  |                              |
| Connie Smith                   | Georgene Bradshaw            |
| Mrs. Harvey Johnson            |                              |
| Principal Darryl Anderson      | Jerry Masterson*             |
| John T. Scopes                 |                              |
| Sir Tucker                     |                              |
| Toy Dog                        |                              |
| Janitor Lady                   | Cara Mitchell                |
| Irving Robinson                | Nesdon Booth*                |
| Mr. Lee                        |                              |
| Mr. Lewellyn                   | Jerry Campbell               |
| Mr. Riley                      | Bill Ott*                    |
| Mr. Jenkins                    | Jack Harpman                 |
| Harry Morgan                   | Penrod Dennis                |
| Mr. Ĥenderson                  | Charles Laraway              |
| Photographer                   | Jim Hayes*                   |
| Joey Jenkins                   | Brian Mack                   |
| Newsman                        | Dick Gibson                  |
| Sally                          | Ardith Snodgrass             |
| Depot Attendant                | Bill Kirschner               |
| FundamentalistsVelma Berg      | , Shirley Boulware, Beverly  |
| Heilig,* Roberta Hoy, Ruth Mar | gulies, Cara Mitchell, Nancy |
| Norvell,* Carol Williams, Fran | nces Williams, Charles Ala-  |
| torre, Jerry Campbell, Penro   | od Dennis, Bill Kirschner,   |
| Charles Laraway, Jerry Masters | son, Lanny Means, Bill Ott,* |
| Jack Shapiro*                  |                              |
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High School Kids.....Billie Billman, Laverne Duncan, Mary Lou Harrington, Joan Mulik; Penrod Dennis, Pat Gilbert, Frank Granville, Wadsworth Taylor

\* Los Angeles State College

## ACT I

Scene 1 A graveyard on a hill just outside Dayton, Tennessee. Midafternoon, late in May.

Scene 2 The schoolyard of the Rhea County High School. The next day at noon. Scene 3 Robinson's Drugstore. A few minutes later.

#### ACT II

- Scene 1 The yard in front of the Rhea County Courthouse. Midafteroon, early in July
- Scene 2 The same. Early evening of the next day.
- Scene 3 The Fundamentalist Meeting Grounds on a hill outside of town. Two weeks later, late afternoon.
- Scene 4 A street in Dayton. A few minutes later.

## MUSICAL NUMBERS

# ACT I

| We're Going to a Funeral Elinore and Ensemble                                |
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| The Fear of the LordLusk and Ensemble  |
| You'll Never Go to HeavenTom and High School Kids                            |
| The Age of Rocks or the Rock of Ages?Mrs. Harvey Johnson                     |
| The Happiest Day of My LifeLusk, Sir Tucker, Janitor,                        |
| Lady and Ensemble<br>They Called It MusicScopes, Addie Mae, High School Kids |
| Let's Believe in Adam and EveElinoreElinore RepriseElinore and Rapcock       |
| Arrest That Man!   |
| It Feels So Good to Do RightRapcock and Ensemble                             |

### ACT II

| Evilution!Lusk and Ensemble  |
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| In Love with a MonkeyConnie, Sir Tucker, High School Kids<br>RepriseAddie Mae and Scopes     |
| A Wise Man SaidRapcock   |
| The Happiest Day of My Life ( <i>Reprise</i> )Robinson and<br>Members of Chamber of Commerce |
| Sally of the Salvation ArmySir Tucker, Sally, Connie, Scopes                                 |
| Them MenConnie and Tom   |
| They Called It Music (Reprise)Addie Mae, Scopes, High<br>School Kids                         |
| I Think I've Come to Kingdom ComeRapcock and Elinore   |
| PantomimeEnsemble  |
| The Fear of the Lord (Reprise) Lusk and Ensemble   |
| Finale Ensemble  |
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Funeral Overture and Pantomime: Original compositions for this production by Jerrald Goldsmith.

Arrangements by Jerrald Goldsmith: WE'RE GOING TO A FUNERAL YOU'LL NEVER GO TO HEAVEN THE AGE OF ROCKS OR THE ROCK OF AGES? LET'S BELIVE IN ADAM AND EVE IT FEELS SO GOOD TO DO RIGHT

Arrangements by Sidney Caplin: THE FEAR OF THE LORD THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE ARREST THAT MAN! THEM MEN

Arrangements by Elliot Greenberg: IN LOVE WITH A MONKEY A WISE MAN SAID SALLY OF THE SALVATION ARMY I THINK I'VE COME TO KINGDOM COME

Arrangement by Bob Mitchell: THEY CALLED IT MUSIC

Arrangement by Charles H. Kopley: EVILUTION!

# DEPARTMENT OF DRAMA

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