

AC Theatre Announces Program, Opens Season Tonight

Ashland College theatre has announced its full program of plays for the 1977-78 season along with its cast list for its first production, Jean Anouilh's comedy, "Ring Round the Moon," Oct. 6, 7 and 8 at the Hugo Young Theatre.

The Oct. 6 and 7 performances are at 8:15 p.m. The Oct. 8 show is a 2 p.m. matinee.

"Ring Round the Moon" reaped critical acclaim as an outstanding success in England and New York. The romantic satire, subtitled "a charade with music," concerns the schemes of a heartless young man as he tries to save his shy and sensitive twin brother from an unhappy marriage. The comedy stems from the mix-ups that occur at a society ball when a beautiful dancer, masquerading as a young socialite, becomes the center of attention.

Cast in "Ring Round the Moon" are Stuart Duke, a senior from Darien, Conn., as the twins, Hugo and Frederick;

sophomore Amy Stoch of Euclid as the ballet dancer, Isabelle; and senior Kathy Jamison of Lorain as Madame Desmortes.

Others in the cast of students include senior Martha Deardurff of Bellefontaine as Isabelle's mother; sophomore Mary Cunningham of Euclid as Diana Messerschmann, Frederic's betrothed; junior Michael DeVito of Islip Terrace, N.Y., as Romainville, a patron of the arts; freshman Becky Houk of Dover as Capulet, faded companion of Madame Desmortes; sophomore Richard Scherb of Staten Island, N.Y., as Messerschmann, a melancholy millionaire; sophomore Pat Algeo of Millersburg as Lady India;

sophomore Dwier Brown of Wadsworth as Joshua, the butler; and senior Jud Stewart of Butler, Pa., as Patrice Bombelles, the secretary.

Ashland College Theatre will produce four mainstage plays this year, according to theatre director, Murray Hudson.

The second production of the season will be Tennessee Williams' tender drama, "The Glass Menagerie," set to run Nov. 17, 18 and 19. The AC production will star Virginia Jenkins, chairman of the Ashland College speech department and a Mansfield resident, in the role of Amanda Wingfield, the faded daughter of Southern gentility who lives her life vicariously

through her son and crippled daughter, Laura.

The third production of the Ashland College theatre season will be William Gibson's "The Body and the Wheel," a play made from the Gospels. This production, written by the author of "The Miracle Worker" and "A Cry of Players," is the moving illumination of the story of Christ told with dialogue drawn from the Gospels and depicting the flow of events leading up to the Crucifixion and Resurrection. A perfect drama for the Easter season, the play will be produced March 9, 10 and 11.

According to Hudson, a religious drama was chosen this year in recognition of Ashland College's 100th anniversary as a church-related college.

The fourth and final production of the year at Ashland College will be the Broadway musical comedy, "Bye, Bye, Birdie," May 11, 12 and 13.

Tickets for Ashland College's Theatre's production of "Ring Round the Moon," may be reserved by calling the box office at 289-5191. AC students are admitted free with identification cards.

European Tour Open to All

The Ashland College Choir is once again making plans for a European Tour. Every four years the choir packs their suitcases and heads for a three week

continental tour. As in the past, Europe '78 is planning an associates tour. This allows Ashland College students, parents, faculty and friends to join the choir tour.

A 183-seat chartered plane is now under contract from Capital Airlines, and seats are rapidly filling. The tour leaves Ashland May 21 (Graduation Day) from Cleveland via Capital Airlines and lands in Paris the following morning. The next 21 days are spent touring such places as Heidelberg, Vienna, Munich, Venice, Florence and Rome. Finally, on June 12 the choir leaves Rome for the states.

Europe '78 is one of the most affordable European tours offered. The total round trip cost will be very close to \$960. This price includes all transportation costs, plus breakfast and dinner. This is almost \$200 less than most "Package" tours. A \$20 enrollment fee is now being accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Seating will also be available on a limited basis for those only interested in transportation. The round trip airfare cost is \$375. Again though, these seats are offered on a limited basis.

All interested persons are urged to attend a special Europe '78 meeting on Parents' Day, Oct. 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Arts and Humanities building in Room 242. Information is also available at the following numbers: 289-4060, 289-4085, or 289-4005. Enroll now for Europe '78.

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