## **ST MICHAEL'S PLAYERS PRESENT**



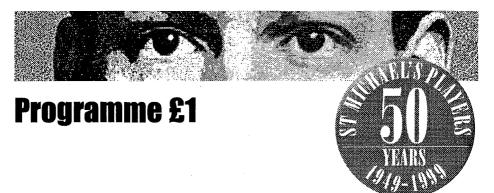
# **The Real Inspector Hound**



### A ONE ACT PLAY BY TOM STOPPARD



### at ST MICHAEL'S CENTRE ELMWOOD ROAD - CHISWICK - W4



#### 50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR PROGRAMME



| Monday, 5 July         | AGM and Members' Meeting  |
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| Saturday, 10 July      | 50th Anniversary Review   |
| August                 | Summer Barbecue<br>Casting for <b>"The Odd Couple"</b>                |
| Friday, 3 September    | and every Friday/Monday - rehearsals<br>for <b>''The Odd Couple''</b> |
| Wed Set 27.20 October  | "The Odd Couple"  |
| Wed-Sat, 27-30 October | "The Odd Couple"  |
| November               | Rehearsed Reading   |
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#### **Membership Application Form**

Please complete and return to: Ruth Reid, Membership Secretary, 76 Wavendon Avenue, Chiswick, London, W4 4NS I would like to join St Michael's Players and enclose a cheque for £15 (payable to St Michael's Players) for my 1999 annual subscription. Under 18's are welcomed as free members.

#### Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Telephone:

Alternatively, you can ring Ruth on 0181 994 5296 and ask for membership details.

#### A LOT MORE BUMS ON SEATS

The first production in our 50th year was a great success contributing vastly to our bank balance and involving several new members. Phil Lye is to be congratulated on a most imaginative production which enabled a wide range of talents to perform to the best of their ability. In fact, with a cast of eighteen and another dozen people providing off-stage assistance, "Bums on Seats " was a genuine ensemble production.

#### "THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND"

Only really close readers of The Players newsletters and programmes will have spotted that "The Real Inspector Hound " has been postponed to its current dates. As this is our 50th Anniversary Year, we decided to mount at least one extra production based on the assumption that we would recruit new members. Following an ad in The Stage, we were able to cast "The real Inspector Hound " with five of the eight protagonists being new members. However, as rehearsals progressed, Fran Fox, Director, became increasingly worried that the production would not be up to standard. So, one month ago we bid two of the new members farewell, postponed the performance dates and re-cast three of the eight parts. This still leaves three new members in this production whom we warmly welcome.

The Real Inspector Hound, although only one act long is an ambitious play to do with its quick fire dialogue from the pen of the master - Tom Stoppard. We hope that he and you will not be displeased with our efforts.

The play revolves around Moon and Birdboot, two theatre critics, who arrive to watch a performance of a new detective play, a parody of the conventional stage thriller. However, the private lives of the critics become inter-twined with those of the play's characters with a surprising and hysterical outcome to reveal who actually proves to be The Real Inspector Hound.

The Play was first presented at the Criterion Theatre, London on June 17th, 1968 with the following cast of characters:

MOON BIRDBOOT MRS DRUDGE SIMON FELICITY CYNTHIA MAGNUS INSPECTOR HOUND RICHARD BRIERS RONNIE BARKER JOSEPHINE TEWSON ROBIN ELLIS PATRICIA SHAKESBY CAROLINE BLAKISTON ANTHONY WEBB HUGH WALTERS

The action of the play passes on the stage of a theatre, set for the performance of a play, and part of the auditorium. The time is the present.



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#### THE CAST

ANDY MOSELEY Moon Theatre Critic

Birdboot

**Theatre Critic** 

MERVYN JUPE

Mrs Drudge

Housekeeper

SARAH SALHOLM

Simon Gascoyne Handsome Stranger

PHILIP LYE

Felicity

Sweet Young Thing

KATHY DAVEY

Cynthia

Lady Muldoon

JANE ATKINSON

Lord Muldoon's brother MIKE ROBINSON Magnus

Inspector Hound Policeman

**GEORGE ATKINSON** 

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## **ector Hound** Y Tom Stoppard

### THE COMPANY

| Director                   | FRAN FOX                      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Producer                   | MICHAEL ROBINSON              |
| Stage Manager              | LARA DEACON                   |
| Lighting                   | FRANCES PRICE<br>CHRIS HULATT |
| Set Construction           | PHIL LYE & OTHERS             |
| Props                      | LARA DEACON                   |
| Costumes                   | THE PLAYERS                   |
| Make-up                    | THE PLAYERS                   |
| Prompt                     | JUDITH EVANS                  |
| Poster and Brochure Design | ROGER PRING                   |
| Programme Production       | ATKINSON ASSOCIATES           |
| Business Manager           | MICHAEL ROBINSON              |
| Front of House             | BEATRICE PACKARD              |

#### PRODUCTIONS FROM 1949 TO 1999

To celebrate fifty fabulous years, it seems appropriate that we should show our audience and supporters a complete list of the productions that we have performed since the first one in the Spring of 1949, although a founder member says they actually began with an entertainment at Christmas 1948, commissioned and directed by the Vicar of the time, Revd Samuel Manning!

|      | Spring                            | Autumn                      |
|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1949 | Painted Sparrows                  | The Blue Goose              |
| 1950 | Acacia Avenue                     | A Play for Ronnie           |
| 1951 | The Ghost Train                   | Lovely to Look at           |
| 1952 | The Happiest days of<br>Your Life | Crystal Clear               |
| 1953 | Laburnum Grove                    | Count Your Blessings        |
| 1954 | The Holly and the lvy             | Red Letter Day              |
| 1955 | Fools Rush In                     | The Paragon                 |
| 1956 | The Light of Heart                | Blithe Spirit               |
| 1957 | Night Must Fall                   | Family Affairs              |
| 1958 | A Question of Fact                |                             |
| 1959 | The Reluctant Debutante           | Wild Goose Chase            |
| 1960 | The Heiress                       | Sailor Beware               |
|      | Revue: April Showers              |                             |
| 1961 | Anastasia                         | See How They Run            |
| 1962 | The Shop at Sly Corner            | My Three Angels             |
| 1963 | Waters of the Moon                | Dry Rot                     |
| 1964 | The Gazebo                        | And This was Odd            |
| 1965 | A Shred of Evidence               | Breath of Spring            |
| 1966 | Farewell Farewell Eugene          | Your Obedient Servant       |
| 1967 | Dr Jo                             | Fools Paradise              |
| 1968 | A Letter from the General         | The Amorous Goldfish        |
| 1969 | The Breadwinner                   | The Reluctant Peer          |
| 1970 | All for Mary                      | George and Margaret         |
| 1971 | Brief Suspicion                   | A Likely Tale               |
| 1972 | Gaslight                          | The Bride and the Batchelor |

|   | Spring  | Autumn                         |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|
| 1973  | Book of the Month                             | She Passed through<br>Lorraine |  |
| 1974  | The Brides of March                           | Maria Marten                   |  |
| 1975  | The Corn is Green                             | Suddenly at Home               |  |
| 1976  | The Waltz of the<br>Toreadors                 | Pools Paradise                 |  |
| 1977  | Ladies in Retirement                          | Semi-Detached                  |  |
| 1978  | The Day after the Fair                        | Bonaventure                    |  |
| 1979  | Lady Audley's Secrets                         | Something to Hide              |  |
| 1980  | Goodnight Mrs Puffin                          | An Inspector Calls             |  |
| 1981  | A Resounding Tinkle/<br>Black Comedy          | Dandy Dick                     |  |
| 1982  | Fallen Angels                                 | The Chalk Garden               |  |
| 1983  | A Murder is Announced                         | Every Other Evening            |  |
| 1984  | The Browning Version/<br>Hands Across the Sea | The Man Who Came to<br>Dinner  |  |
| 1985  | Table Manners                                 | Whose Life is it Anyway?       |  |
| 1986  | Habeas Corpus                                 | Separate Tables                |  |
| 1987  | See How they Run                              | Living Together                |  |
| 1988  | Night Watch                                   | The Magistrate                 |  |
| 1989  | On Monday Next                                | Quartermaine's Terms           |  |
| 1990  | Man of Destiny/Face<br>the Music              | Alphabetical Order             |  |
| 1991  | Mixed Doubles                                 | Present Laughter               |  |
| 1992  |   | Rough Crossing                 |  |
| 1993  | Round and Round the<br>Garden                 | Deep Blue Sea                  |  |
| 1994  | Steel Magnolias                               | Love Affair                    |  |
| Summer  |   |                                |  |
| 1995  | Still Life Before Dawn                        | Pack of Lies                   |  |
| 1996  | Harlequinade                                  |                                |  |
| 1996 Easter to Spring 1997 no performances while<br>St Michael's Centre was under construction! |   |                                |  |
| 1997  | Move Over Mrs Markham                         | The Potting Shed               |  |
| 1998  | Hay Fever                                     | Frankenstein                   |  |
| 1999  | Bums on Seats                                 |                                |  |

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