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THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

A trivial comedy for serious people by



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WILDE

Producer: Peter G. Broberg

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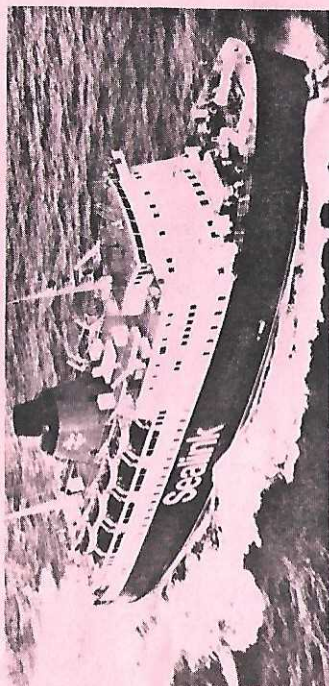
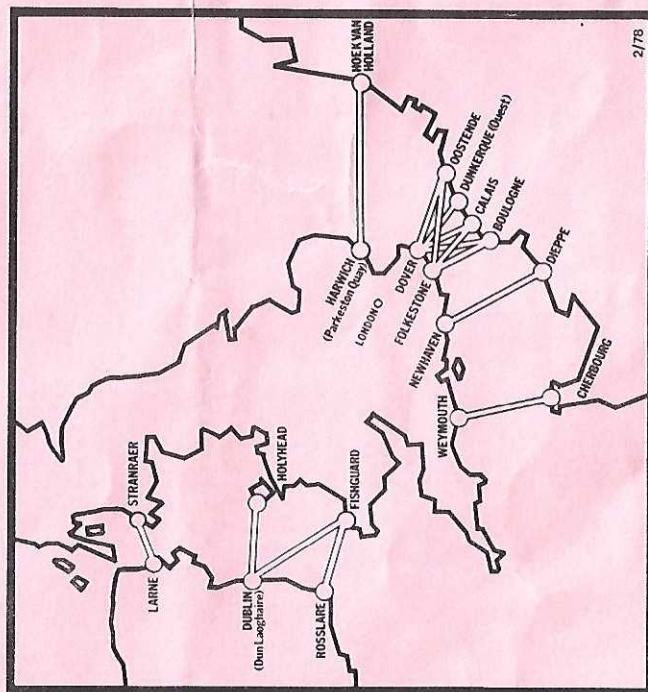
Wednesday, February 17th at 8 p.m. (20.00 Uhr)
Thursday, February 18th at 8 p.m. (20.00 Uhr)
Friday, February 19th at 8 p.m. (20.00 Uhr)

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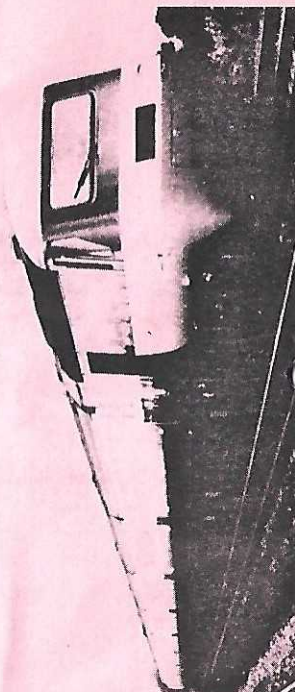
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WHAT TONIGHT'S PLAY IS ALL ABOUT

How is a young man to make his way in Society when he is of lowly birth, or even (as in John Worthing's case seems likely) of no birth at all? This problem faces John when he wishes to marry Gwendolen, daughter of the formidable Lady Bracknell.

Meanwhile John's friend Algernon, with the assistance of the ailing Bunbury (who is not quite what Algernon makes him out to be), bluffs his way into the heart of Cecily, John's ward.

But John and Algernon, having for subtle reasons of their own temporarily assumed the Christian name of Ernest, discover that it possesses such romantic power that there is no alternative but to ask the Rector to christen them both at once. Although events make the ceremony unnecessary, the Rector is left with more than enough to do by the time the play - through the revelations of a frustrated authoress and an errant handbag - reaches its all-round happy end. Lady Bracknell as usual has the last word - but not quite.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST was played for the first time at the St James's Theatre, London, on Thursday, February 14, 1895.

PREVIOUS SEMICIRCLE PRODUCTIONS

May 1975	Wilde: LORD ARTHUR SAVILE'S CRIME (reading)
December 1976	Shaw: HEARTBREAK HOUSE (reading)
May 1977	JUBILEE REVUE (jointly)
January 1978	Melville: DEAR CHARLES
September 1978	OLD TIME MUSIC HALL (jointly)
January 1980	Coward: HAY FEVER
October 1980	A SEASIDE SHOW (jointly)

THE STAGE

PRODUCTION MANAGER	Ron Hill
STAGE MANAGER	Peter Nixon
ASSISTANTS	Peter Degen and Grayson Richards
PROMPTER	Joan Kuster
COSTUMES	Margot Sehringer
WIGS AND MAKEUP	Rüdi and Vreni Ortlieb Caroline Taylor
PROPERTIES	Shirley Burgy and Pauline Haffter
FRONT OF HOUSE	Ron Hill
PROGRAMME	Bob Billington
PUBLICITY	Janet Grant and Tony Obrist

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THE CAST

JOHN WORTHING, J.P. (of the Manor House, Woolton, Hertfordshire)	Graham Simons
ALGERNON MONCRIEFF (his friend)	Tony James
REV. CANON CHASUBLE, D.D. (Rector of Woolton)	Tony Obrist
MERRIMAN (Butler to Mr. Worthing)	Bryan Taylor
LANE (Mr Moncrieff's man-servant)	Bryan Taylor
LADY BRACKNELL	Muriel Taylor
HON. GWENDOLEN FAIRFAX (her daughter)	Diana Zuger
CECILY CARDEW (John Worthing's ward)	Janet Grant
MISS PRISM	Barbara Clark

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I

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ACT II

The garden at the Manor House, Woolton

ACT III

The morning-room at the Manor House, Woolton

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