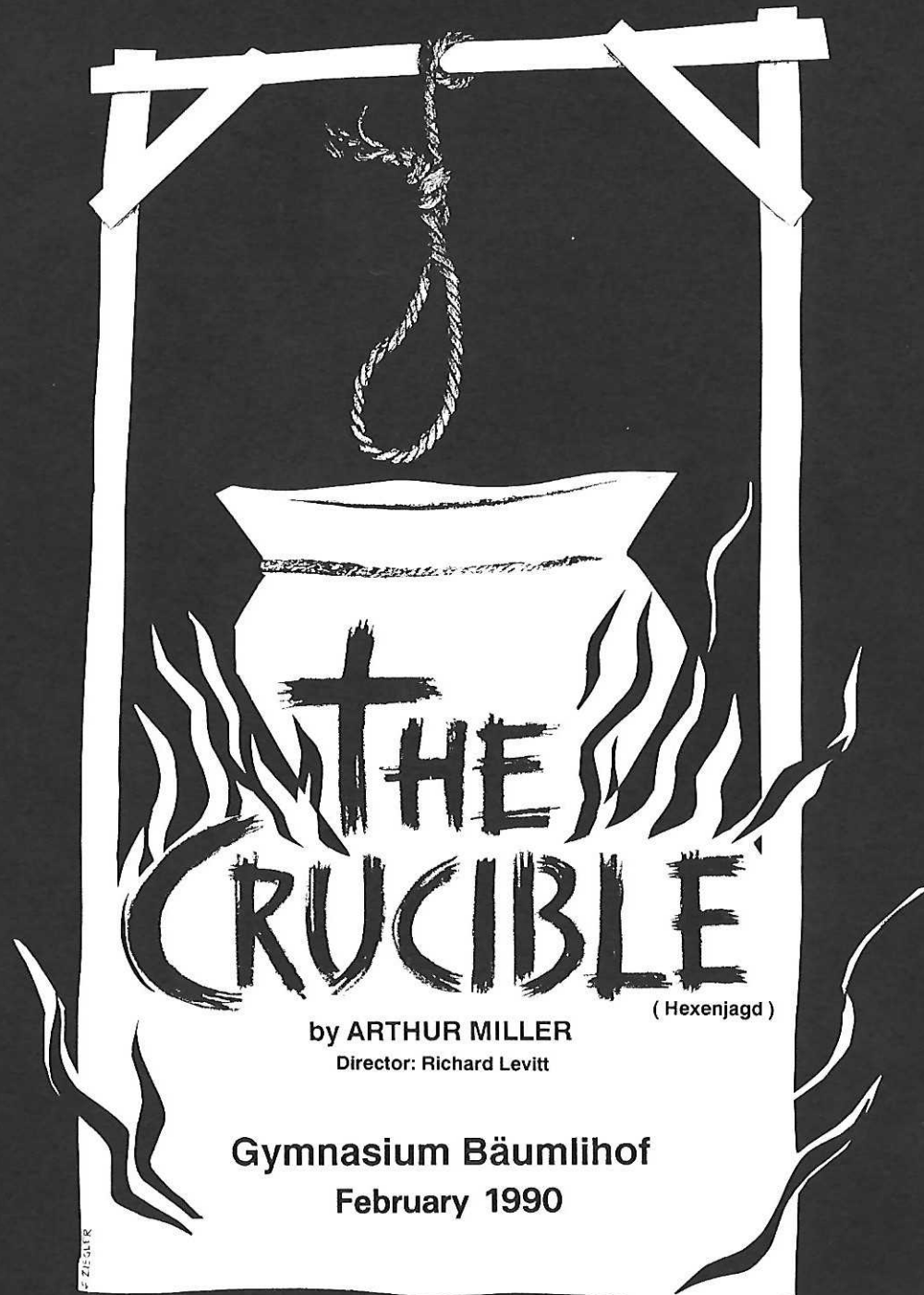
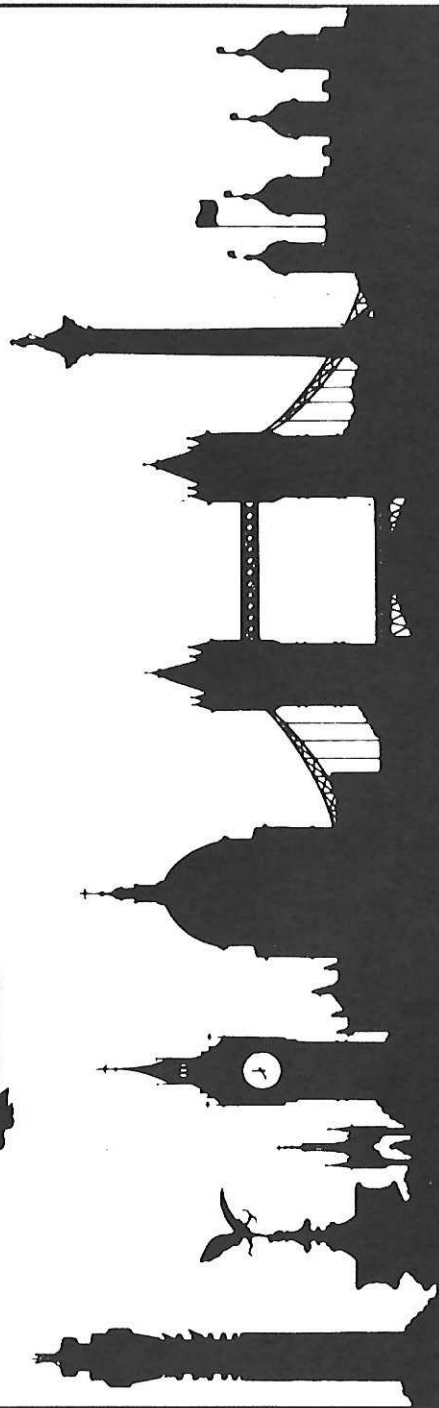


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T H E C R U C I B L E

Cast of characters

Betty Parris	Corinne Widmer
Rev. Samuel Parris	Theo Bucher
Tituba	Joan Kuster
Abigail Williams	Zehra Otus
Susanna Walcott	Anne Stafford
Mrs. Ann Putnam	Sheila McKenzie
Thomas Putnam / Judge Hathorne	Flavio De Rosa
Mercy Lewis	Lis Smith
Mary Warren	Sasha Mazzotti
John Proctor	Graham Simons
Rebecca Nurse	Ruth Meier
Giles Corey	Bob Billington
Rev. John Hale	Norman Koeth
Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor	Diana Zuger
Francis Nurse	Dennis Dell
Ezekiel Cheever	Harold Jefferies
Deputy Governor Danforth	Wolfgang Dreiser
Sarah Good	Sonia Dell



P L O T S Y N O P S I S

In Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692, a witch-hunt is started after a group of adolescent girls has been discovered by Parris, the parish minister, dancing and performing pagan rites with the negro slave, Tituba, in the forest. One of the girls, Abigail, has previously had an affair with a local farmer, John Proctor, and she has asked Tituba for a charm to kill John's wife, Elizabeth.

A court to find witches is set up in Salem, with the girls as chief witnesses. Once the witch-hunt has been set in motion, it is used as an excuse to pay back all the spite, envy, jealousy and guilt of the community, and in the resulting atmosphere of fear, bigotry and religious fervour, many innocent people are condemned to hang as witches.

Abigail has told Proctor that the girls' evidence was a fraud, and he tries to make another of the girls, Mary Warren, who is now his servant, confirm that in court. But Abigail accuses Elizabeth of trying to kill her by making her "familiar spirit" stick a needle in her belly, and Elizabeth is arrested as a witch. The only way that John can expose Abigail is to admit his adultery and denounce her as a whore, but then, when she herself is accused of witchcraft by Abigail and the other girls, Mary Warren accuses Proctor of "witching" her, and he is arrested. Many people "confess" to being in the Devil's service rather than hang, but three of John's friends, Rebecca Nurse, and Giles and Martha Corey, refuse to confess to things they have not done. Elizabeth is given a year's reprieve because she is found to be pregnant. John at first confesses, but then tears up the confession he had signed and finds the strength to die rather than blacken his own name and that of his friends.

Abigail, meanwhile, flees from the town for fear of a rebellion against the court.

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The Semi-Circle is pleased to have so many young people in this production:

Corinne Widmer (Betty Parris)

is a Swiss who spent a greater part of her childhood in England.

Zehra Otus (Abigail Williams)

studies at the Music Academy in Basle

Anne Stafford (Susanna Walcott)

is studying at the Basle University.

Sasha Mazzotti (Mary Warren)

made her debut in "ROUND AND ROUND THE GOOSE-BERRY BUSH" at the 'Vis-à-Vis' last May. She is also a student.

Harold Jefferies (Ezekiel Cheevers)

was born in post-colonial Malaya and grew up in inner London. Studied Biochemistry at the university of Newcastle and has come to Basle to study at the university for his doctorate PhD.

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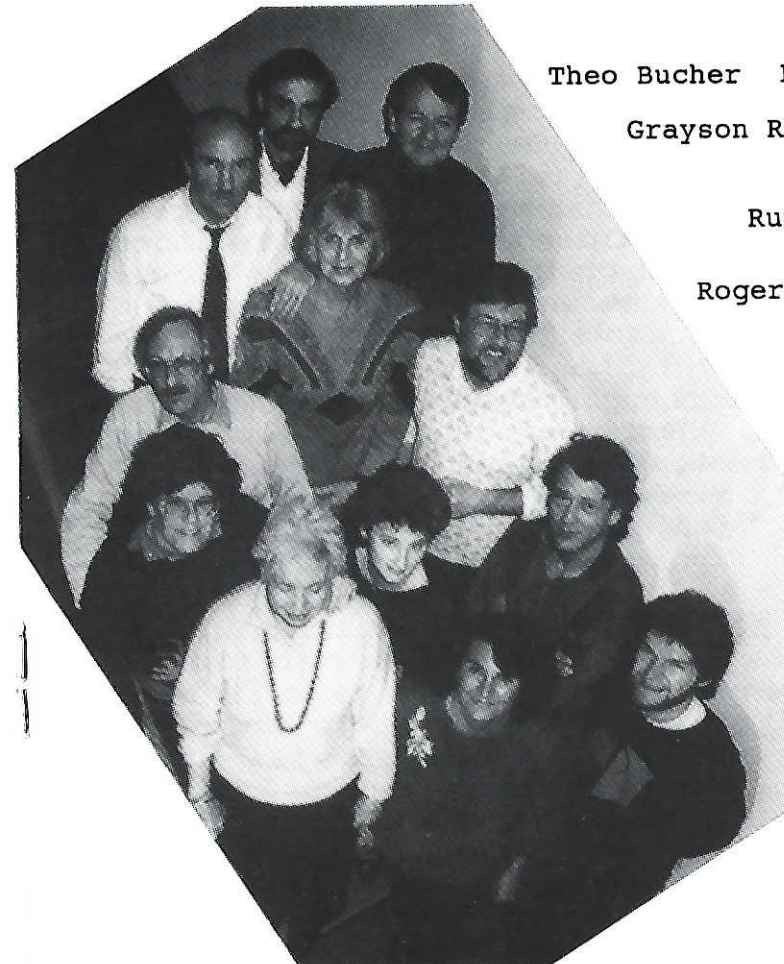
BEHIND THE SCENES

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Production Manager	Grayson Richards
Stage Director/ Lighting	Ken Stedman
Sound	Roger Kleiber Peter Degen
Prompter	Debra George
Properties	Doreen Richter
Wardrobe	Ruth Meier
Wigs / Make-up	Rosanna Niklaus Jenny Aellig
Programme/Publicity	Rudolf Kuster
Poster Design	Cornelia Ziegler
Photographs	Jonathan Taylor
Front of House	Jean-Pierre Zuger, and volunteers

The Semi-Circle would like to thank everybody not mentioned by name whose generous help has made this production possible.

This play is being produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

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