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# The Man of Mode

By Bir George Etherege



Meany Studio Theatre 23rd Season, 53rd Production October 27th - November 7th, 1999

#### ~ Cast ~

Matt Seidman Mr. Dorimant Neil Dawson Mr. Medley his friend Matt Orduna Old Bellair Young Bellair in love with Emilia Craig Bachmann Ron Simons Sir Fopling Flutter Saffron Henke Lady Townley sister of Old Bellair Dawn Frances **Fmilia** Colleen Raney Mrs. Loveit in love with Dorimant Bellinda in love with Dorimant Kimberly Atkinson Jennifer Cozza Lady Woodvill Christina Hardin Juarez Harriet her daughter Jaime Roberts Pert Waiting Woman to Mrs. Loveit Busy Waiting Woman to Harriet Rachael Mills-McCabe Mark Kuntz A Shoemaker, An Orange Woman, Mr. Smirk, John Trott, Footman Matt Bernhard Two Chairmen / Scott Southard Slovenly Bullies Handy / Slovenly Bully Conor Duffy Jason Flowers, Pages, Footmen, Equipage Matt Scholz, Chris Trice

### ~ Upcoming Season ~

#### MACBETT

BY EUGENE IONESCO
PENTHOUSE THEATRE, NOVEMBER 17- 28

# EARTH & SKY and MURDER IN GREEN MEADOWS

BY DOUGLAS POST PLAYHOUSE THEATRE, DECEMBER 1- 12

#### POLAROID STORIES

BY NAOMI IIZUKA MEANY STUDIO, JANUARY 26- FEBRUARY 6

#### **HECUBA**

BY EURIPIDES
PLAYHOUSE THEATRE, FEBRUARY 16- 27

#### THREE SISTERS

By Anton Chekhov Meany Studio, March 1- 12

#### SPRING AWAKENING

By Frank Wedekind April 26- May 7

#### **MEMORANDUM**

BY VACLAV HAVEL HUTCHINSON HALL, MAY 11- 21

#### KISS ME KATE

MEANY HALL, MAY 12-20

#### THE INSATIATE COUNTESS

By Wm. Marsten
Playhouse Theatre, May 24- June 4

### ~ Production Staff ~

Patrick Peterson ASST. STAGE MANAGER Laura Jean Wickman ASST. LIGHTING DESIGNER Nacho Bravo MASTER ELECTRICIAN Tristan M.T. Dalley, Chris Ervin, **SET CONSTRUCTION CREW** Will Kahle, Ellen King, Kris Shaw, J. Clay Satterfield, Tres Tracy, Jose Ulloa Tristan M.T. Dalley, Elizabeth SCENIC ART Kaiser, Ellen King, J. Clay Satterfield, Amber Spradlin Heidi Ganser, Tina George, Molly COSTUME CONSTRUCTION Graytor, Norah Tullman-**CREW** Kaltenbach, Mandi Wickline, 211 & 291 Students Christy Granquist, Kate Hartman 1ST HAND/ STITCHER Hagar Shirman, MILLINERY Norah Tullman-Kaltenbach Jovce Degenfelder WIG MASTER Julie **COSTUME INTERN** Tristan M.T. Dalley, Andrea Hefner **PROPERTIES ASSISTANTS** Becca Atterberry, Amy Coffee, RUNNING CREW Meghan Doyle, Amy Drucker, Chris Ervin, Colleen Jones, Ryan Jones, Margaretta Lantz, Kate Larned, Bob Nydegger, Alissa Mortenson, Michele Solano, Marie Wicklund, Britta Youngquist

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# The Man of Mode

By Sir George Etherege

Directed by

# David Knight & Wendy McOlure

Set Design

J. Clay Satterfield

Costume Design

Kimberly Gill

Lighting Design

Juliet Chia

Composer &

Scott Hafso

Musical Director

Sound Design

Jebney Lewis

Technical Director

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Alex Danilchik

Stage Manager

Stormy Edwards

Prologue Act One

Scene 1 - Dorimant's Dressing Room

Scene 2 - Lady Townley's House

Scene 3 - Mrs. Loveit's House

Scene 4 - Lady Woodvill's Lodgings

Scene 5 - Lady Townley's House

Act Two

Scene 1 - The Mall

Scene 2 - Lady Townley's House

Scene 3 - Dorimant's Dressing Room

Scene 4 - In front of Mrs. Loveit's

Scene 5 - Mrs Loveit's House

Scene 6 - Lady Townley's House

## ~ Historical background ~

On January 30, 1649 King Charles I of England, having been tried and convicted of high treason, was beheaded in a public exhibition in London. This marked the culmination of a series of bloody events which started in 1642 with the first Civil War, also known as the Puritan Revolution.

There then commenced what later became known as the Interregnum, the period between the end of the reign of Charles I in 1649 and the restoration of the monarchy when Charles II, exiled at the French Court in Paris, was returned to the throne in 1660. For playwrights and actors the years leading up to and including the Interregnum were disastrous. For almost eighteen years all theatres were closed. Plays, dancing and entertainments of all kinds were banished. Only religious music and religious gatherings were permitted. When the monarchy was finally restored there was, in marked reaction to this repression, a feeling of great liberation generally - but most especially among the Royalists in London. The restoration of the court lead to entertainments, parties and extravagances of all kinds. New theatres were established, plays reflecting the lifestyles and intrigues at court were written and produced. And for the first time in its history, women were allowed to appear on the stage in England.

#### Further reading

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#### ~ Directors Notes ~

George Etherege's *The Man of Mode*, or *Sir Fopling Flutter* when it was first produced by the Duke's Company in London in 1676, sixteen years after the restoration of King Charles II, presented an accurate, comic view of what was going on in society at large. It was a great success. The leading character, Dorimant, personifies a view that was eagerly embraced as a welcome philosophy of life by the majority of the young men of the time who were in revolt against the Puritans. Scorning the notion of love and marriage, they rejected the older generations concepts of family, church, and state.

Women had to operate by different rules in order to fulfill their aspirations. They were in the position of having to be married to preserve their reputations and obtain security or freedom even though the men, scorning marriage, were free to love them and leave them. This is the central theme of the play, and Etherege is unflinching in presenting it to us as a true "Comedy of Manners".

When Charles II returned to England from Paris he brought with him a marked preference for the forms and customs of the French Court where manners, dancing, music, and fashion were highly developed to a point far beyond those known in England. The newly established English Court viewed these manners with a combination of admiration and distaste. The personification of the extremes of the French Court and the English attitude towards them, are represented in The Man of Mode by Sir Fopling Flutter -- the butt of many jokes and asides.