

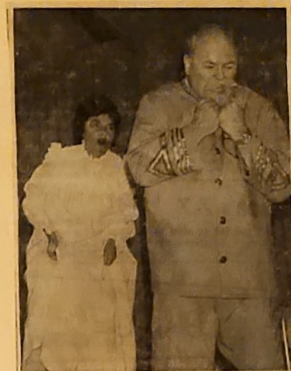
THE WALTZ OF THE TOREADORS

DIRECTOR RON MASLIN
November 19, 20 & 21, 1970

Jean Anouilh's play *The Waltz of the Toreadors* will be presented by the Kanata Theatre Group on Nov. 19, 20 and 21 at 8:30 p.m. in Stephen Leacock Public School. It will be directed by Ron Maslin, and the leading role of the General will be played by Laurence Thornton.



Set construction
Stephen Leacock School



KANATA LEAD ROLES

Jean Anouilh's *The Waltz of the Toreadors* will be produced Thursday, Nov. 19, at 8:30 p.m. in the first of three performances next week in Stephen Leacock Public School, Kanata. In the production directed for Kanata Theatre Group by Ron Maslin, Mary Mauger and Laurence Thornton are in lead roles.



Barrie Kirk Paula Cameron Carol Strong
"Gaston" "Estelle" "Sidonia"



Laurence Thornton
"General St. Pe"
Mary Mauger
"Madame St. Pe"



Bob Knight John Moore
"Dr. Bonfant" "Father Ambrose"



Laurence Thornton
"General St. Pe"



KANATA THEATRE PRESENTS

The Waltz of the Toreadors
by Jean Anouilh

November 19-20-21 8:30 P.M.
Stephen Leacock Public School



Kanata Theatre

Bittersweet comedy opens

By Betty Swinnings
Kananis, Kananis and drama critic

Can an aging French general cast off his complaining, chronically ill wife and recapture his youth and happiness with a younger, more beautiful woman?

The Kanata Theatre Group explored the question Thursday with zest and good humor before a full house at the opening performance of Jean Anouilh's play *The Waltz of the Toreadors*.

Comedy though it may be, *The Waltz of the Toreadors* has a seriousness of quality about it. It is sad to see the aging Lotherio get his come-uppance.

Much of the credit for the success of the production goes to Laurence Thornton, the lecherous and at times pathetic Gen. St. Pe, who can't seem to grow old gracefully. He fights age every inch of the way.

Mr. Thornton presents the general's good points and faults with warmth and understanding and makes him a completely believable human being.

When the general defends himself to Dr. Bonfant (Bob Knight), saying, "I can't make people suffer," one feels sympathy for the old rascal. However, we know that he has hurt many people.

Venom flows

Supporting him is Mary Mauger as the sly, querulous Mme. St. Pe, a vindictive, spiteful woman who relishes the opportunity to wound her husband's pride and deflate his ego. Miss Mauger manages to inject just the right amount of venom and feeling into her words.

The third member of the triangle, Mlle. De Ste. Euverte, is given a lively, properly-romantic performance by Margaret Anthony.

And it is interesting to watch the transformation of the gauche, mild-mannered Gaston (Barrie Kirk) into a possessive, demanding suitor.

Director Ron Maslin has chosen his cast with care and has kept the production moving at a good smooth pace.

An attractive turn of the century set by Mr. Maslin and Val MacIntosh enhances the production.

The Waltz of the Toreadors continues tonight and tomorrow at Stephen Leacock Public School.



Bob Knight
"Dr. Bonfant"

Laurence Thornton
"General St. Pe"

Theatre Group first production a success

Judging by the performance the first night of their first production of the season, "The Waltz of the Toreadors", the Kanata Theatre Group has matured and has a promising future. The moralistic comedy is demanding especially in the character of the excitable middle-aged General St. Pe portrayed very capably by Laurence Thornton. Marg Mauger as the General's invalid, nagging wife pervaded every scene despite being off stage most of the time. A newcomer to the stage, Bob Knight displayed, as the calm Dr. Bonfant, a natural ability that will likely see him return in more demanding roles.

The staging and timing under Director Ron Maslin were good as was the detailed set. A rather pleasant addition was the excellent music between scenes. Now if we only had some comfortable chairs...

"Mlle de Ste. Euverte"
"Estelle"
"Sidonia"



Mary Mauger
"Mme. St. Pe"

Laurence Thornton
"General St. Pe"





Gwen Knight
"Mme. Dupont Fredaine"

Laurence Thornton
"General St. Pe"

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