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Our Town

by Thornton Wilder

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Director - Laurence Thornton

Our youth group is fortunate indeed to have as their Director a man with such a broad base of experience as Laurence Thornton. His interest in theatre has been keen since childhood, having acted often as a youth in Montreal, and having appeared in Shakespeare plays in West Hill High. He studied at the Montreal Repertory Theatre School, and appeared with MRT, Brae Manor Summer Theatre and various other Montreal groups.

At Queen's University he worked with the Drama Guild, Faculty Players and Queen's Summer Theatre. Appearing with International Players he created the role of "Chilly Jim" in Fortune My Foe, directed by the author Robertson Davies. He did some radio work in Montreal before he was forced to interrupt his theatre involvement due to business commitments which involved considerable travelling.

His present position as Director of Personnel with the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs has allowed Laurence to become involved again, through the Kanata Theatre Group. Prior to this production he has directed Voice of the People, Ladykillers and Present Laughter for the Group, and appeared as "General St. Pe" in The Waltz of the Toreadors in the current season.

OUR TOWN

by

Thornton Wilder

Directed by

Laurence Thornton

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Special Musical Effects by

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Director - Irwin Horsey

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THE SCENE

The entire play takes
place in Grover's Corners,
New Hampshire, from 1901
to 1913.

THE CAST

STAGE MANAGER..Ron Maslin
DR. GIBBS.....Paul McMullen
JOE CROMWELL...Peter Bryant
HOWIE NEWSOME..Maurice Manger
MRS. GIBBS.....Mary Scally
MRS. WEBB.....Jennifer Boire
GEORGE GIBBS...Connell Steers
REBECCA GIBBS..Sara Steers
WALLY WEBB.....Peter Williams
EMILY WEBB.....Diane Nicholls
PROF. WILLARD..Craig Moore
MR. WEBB.....Scott MacDougall
WOMAN IN
THE BALCONY...Andrea Boyd
MAN IN THE
AUDITORIUM....Wayne Nicholls
LADY IN THE
BOX.....Sue Boire
SIMON STIMSON..Doug Anderson
MRS. SOAMES....Jennifer Thornton
CONST. WARREN..Ron Boehm
SI CROMWELL....Roger Bryant
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SAM CRAIG.....Wayne Nicholls
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KANATA THEATRE GROUP

In this, our second full season, the Group decided that we would offer a range of experience to both our members and our audience. "Our Town" provides an opportunity for our younger members to get the feel of a stage and an audience and to work under the experienced direction of Laurence Thornton.

"Our Town" provides our audience with a classic of the American stage - a "way out" play in its origins. It is not a simple piece of entertainment; it asks the audience to work and participate with the players to produce a theatrical effect.

The work of our young members has been most encouraging in a venture of community theatre. The continued support of our audiences is gratifying - without you we have no purpose. I hope you will find tonight a rewarding one and give Kanata's young people the reward of your appreciation - something which only you can give and one thing in which we cannot offer them advice.

Ron Maslin, President

COMING ATTRACTION

The next production, in May, will be : -

"THE CRUCIBLE"

by Arthur Miller

directed by Ron Maslin

For most of the cast "Our Town" provides essentially the first opportunity to appear on stage. Some have, indeed, worked in school productions, but unfortunately space requirements preclude the detailing of these.

Connell Steers previously was seen in "Everlasting Flowers" and had a lead role in "Cinderella". Also appearing in "Cinderella" were Jennifer Thornton, Maurice Mauger, Peter Bryant and Diane Nicholls. Diane also appeared in "Rehearsal".

Performing with our Kanata youth tonight as the Stage Manager is Ron Maslin, who scarcely requires introduction to Kanata audiences. The availability of Ron's talents has been a prime factor in the steadily increasing stature of the Kanata Theatre Group. His experience, gained both in England and in Canada, extends to all aspects of theatre. Ron appeared in the lead roles in "Voice of the People" and "Present Laughter" and he directed our last major production, "The Waltz of the Toreadors". He will also direct our spring production of "THE CRUCIBLE".

PRODUCTION STAFF

PRODUCER.....Dewi Williams
STAGE MANAGER.....Tony Bryant
PROPERTIES.....Joyce McEown
 Gwen Knight
 Rosemary Hollands
CONSTRUCTION.....Peter Jefferson
WARDROBE.....Ann Rombeek
 Mary Mauger
 Emmy Callow
MAKE-UP.....Pat Moore
 Gayle Pilling
 Paula Cameron
LIGHTING.....Harm Rombeek
 Neville Lewis
 Barry Eckhart
SOUND.....Peter Jefferson
TICKET SALES.....Rosemary Scott
PUBLICITY.....Helen Hunter
PROGRAMME.....Bob Knight
FRONT OF HOUSE...John Callow
PROMPTER.....Cathy Mellen
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that you have enjoyed this
evening's performance of
"Our Town".

We also hope that we will
see you back for the spring
production of "THE CRUCIBLE",
and that you will bring your
friends.

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