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THE TROJAN PLAYERS
THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL

Presented By

THE TROJAN PLAYERS

of

Taylor University

Directed by David Kemp

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL (dated 1777) is a "laughing comedy," written to amuse the spectators and at the same time to attack such social abuses as malicious gossip and hypocrisy—particularly hypocrisy that takes the form of aphoristically-stated sentiment. The weapons used to combat these vices are sophisticated amusement and derisive laughter.

This play is a delightful satire, written in revolt against the highly-romantic "weeping comedies," at which the spectators wept copiously at the excessive display of tender sentiment. THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL pokes fun at hypocritical sentimentality (exhibited by Joseph Surface), but extols true sentiment—-the "good heart" concealed beneath the unsentimental exterior (in the person of Charles Surface).

Lady Teazle, at first a promising pupil in the art of destroying reputations, eventually fails the course because of a remnant of the basic decency that she has brought into the beau monde from her wholesome country life.

Although a laughing comedy is a comedy of manners, it is diametrically opposed to the earlier amoral Restoration comedies of manners of Etheredge; for in such plays as THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL very definite moral standards are implied, and the laughter is directed at those who deviate from these standards.

-- Herbert Lee
SETTING

ACT I - Scene I - Lady Sneerwell's House
Scene II - Sir Peter Teazle's House

ACT II - Scene I - Sir Peter's House
Scene II - Lady Sneerwell's House
Scene III - Sir Peter's House

ACT III - Scene I - Sir Peter's House
Scene II - Charles Surface's House
Scene III - Antique Hall

ACT IV - Scene I - Picture-room at Charles' House
Scene II - Parlor at Charles' House
Scene III - Library at Joseph's House

ACT V - Scene I - Library at Joseph's House
Scene II - Sir Peter's House
Scene III - Library at Joseph's House

CAST

Sir Peter Teazle ............ Ellis Larson
Sir Oliver Surface ........... David Kemp
Joseph Surface ............... Thom Hyldahl
Charles Surface ............... Art Turner
Crabtree...................... Bob Jordan
Sir Benjamin Backbite......... John Landon
Careless ...................... Howard Watson
Snake ......................... Ray Merz
Moses ......................... Russell Ruch
CAST (Cont.)

Rowley ......................... Bob Rapson
Servant ......................... George Klohck
Lady Teazle .................... Gail Ensor
Lady Smeerwell ................. Beverly Coburn
Mrs. Candour .................. Nancy Jo Leichty
Maria .......................... Nancy Anderson

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Business Manager .............. Gordon Polsgrove
Costumes ....................... Gladys Haakonsen
................................. Ruth Unkenholtz
House Committee ............... Marlene Wilcox
Lighting ........................ John Cobb
Make Up ........................ Harry Canning
Properties ...................... Dorothy Brunner
Publicity ....................... Pat Crem
Staging ........................ Ted Curtis
................................. Bob Jordan