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I NEVER SANG FOR MY FATHER

a moving drama by Robert Anderson



October 24, 25, 26, 1985
October 31, November 1, 2, 1985
Little Theatre

Taylor University



About the Playwright

Robert Anderson was born in New York in 1917. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and in 1939 was graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University. He had completed a Master's degree and begun work toward a PhD when World War II intervened. He had his first work presented on stage as a junior at Harvard and continued to write during his stint in the Navy. His play, "Come Marching Home", won a prize offered by the National Theatre Conference.

After returning home Anderson taught in Boston area schools, served as an assistant in Harvard English department and wrote dramatic criticisms. He moved to New York to teach playwriting courses at the American Theatre Wing and while there wrote numerous radio and television scripts. He was able to get several of his plays produced by amateur groups but it was not until 1953 that he became firmly established as a playwright with his Broadway hit "Tea and Sympathy". His play "All Summer Long" was produced on Broadway the following year and in 1959 "Silent Night, Lonely Night", starring Henry Fonda, was also successful. In 1967, a quartet of short plays entitled "You Know I Can't Hear When the Water's Running" ran for 22 months on Broadway and also toured for a season.

"I Never Sang For My Father" opened in New York in 1968 with a distinguished cast that included Hal Holbrook as Gene Garrison, Alan Webb as Tom and Lillian Gish as Margaret. Anderson's wife, Teresa Wright, played the role of Alice. A successful film version was released in 1970 starring Melvyn Douglas and Gene Hackman as the father/son combination. Anderson received the Southern California Gerontology Center Humanities Award for "I Never Sang For My Father".



DURING INTERMISSION

We invite you to visit the Alumni Art Exhibit featuring the work of Mr. Paul King in the Chronicle-Tribune Art Gallery on the main level.



OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

A Midsummer Night's Dream February 20-22
February 27-March 1



I NEVER SANG FOR MY FATHER

Directed and Designed by Dr. Oliver Hubbard

Cast

(In order of appearance)

Gene Garrison Brian Smith
Porter/Waiter Toby Shope
Tom Garrison George Conant
Margaret Garrison Jenifer Mighell
Mary Ginger Ducker
Nurse (Janet Halsey) Beth Curran
Reverend Pell Jim Wolff
Marvin Robert Hartwell
Dr. Mayberry Kurt Knuth
Mr. Scott Jamey Schmitz
Alice Elaine Beavon

The time is the early 1960's
The places are New York City
and a town in Westchester County

There will be a ten-minute intermission between acts

THIS EVENINGS MUSIC

Embraceable You Gershwin
Softly As I Leave You Calabrese-DeVita
It's Only a Paper Moon Rose-Harburg-Arlen
Fly Me to the Moon Bart Howard
Soon It's Gonna Rain Jones-Schmidt
You've Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You
Morgan-Stock-Cavanaugh
I'll Be Seeing You Kahal-Fain
Taking a Chance on Love LeTouche-Fetter-Duke

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A Communication Arts Department Production



As a courtesy to the actors, please do not use cameras during the performance.

