

Next Production-October 22nd, for two weeks

DEAR BRUTUS

by J. M. BARRIE

"The fault dear Brutus, is not in our stars But in ourselves, that we are underlings."

What would happen if we were given "a second chance" in life? We should be much the same as we are, however different our circumstances. This is the theme of Barrie's fantastic comedy. It is treated with a bubbling humour—sometimes sentimental, sometimes astringent—with a grasp of character and of dramatic situation which make this, in the opinion of many, Barrie's best play.

A number of people find themselves invited to stay with a strange Mr. Lob. There is Dearth, the artist, drinking away his disillusion, quarrelling with his beautiful sullen wife. There is Purdie, the successful young barrister, romantically inclined, making love to Joanna Trout, unknown, he thinks, to his wife Mabel. There is Lady Caroline Laney, aristocratic and bored; and there is the sunny delightful old couple, Mr. and Mrs. Coade. What have they all in common? Frightened into talking, Matey, the burglar turned butler, can only warn them not to go into the wood. It is Midsummer Eve! Who is Lob? How old is he? Matey cannot say. He can only describe Lob's razors; "There's a little world of them, from patents of the present day, back to implements so horrible you can picture him with them in his hand—scraping his way through the ages."

Of course the characters do go into the wood and there but that is our play.

When "Dear Brutus" was first produced in 1917, Gerald du Maurier played the part of Dearth. In a distinguished revival in 1941, John Gielgud undertook the role. Here it will be played by Douglas Rye, happily recovered from the accident which prevented his being with us from the beginning of the season. Margaret Anderson also joins the company as Mabel Purdie, with Ronald Lewis as Purdie and Barbara Wood as Joanna. The mysterious Lob is played by Haydn Jones, and his servant, Matey, by Douglas Quayle. Andree Melly as the dream child Margaret, Betty Hare and Michael Keir as the Coades and Jill Showell as Lady Caroline make up a strong cast.

There is also a nightingale

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Characters (In order of appearance)

Smilja Darde			BARBARA WOOD
Anni			ANDREE MELLY
The Baron			DOUGLAS QUAYLE
Professor Winke			STEPHEN KAYE
Private Gross		AND RET VAL	RONALD LEWIS
Captain Carvallo			GUY VERNEY
Casper Darde			HAYDN JONES

The Play produced by GUY VERNEY
The Settings designed by PEMBROKE DUTTSON

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Evening

ACT TWO

A little later, the same evening

ACT THREE

The early hours of next morning

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