



Presents

Woman in Mind

(December Bee)

By Alan Ayckbourn

Wednesday 28th November
to Saturday 1st December 2018



Cast

Susan	Tracy James
Gerald	Graham Vaughan
Bill	Ted Ridgway Watt
Andy	Ryan Coetsee
Muriel	Ellis Cooper
Rick	Sam Richardson
Tony	Paul Jobling
Lucy	Erin Austin

Sir Alan Ayckbourn, CBE FRSA (born 12 April 1939) is a prolific British playwright and director. He has written and produced more than seventy full-length plays in Scarborough and London and was, between 1972 and 2009, the artistic director of the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough, where all but four of his plays have received their first performance. More than 40 have subsequently been produced in the West End, at the Royal National Theatre or by the Royal Shakespeare Company since his first hit *Relatively Speaking* opened at the Duke of York's Theatre in 1969

Woman in Mind is a play about a housewife, Susan, who is married to a boring cleric named Gerald. After getting knocked out by stepping on the end of a garden rake, Susan experiences hilarious hallucinations in which her oppressive and boring everyday life is replaced by a fantasy in which she is an ideal wife and mother with an ideal family. While her real family treats her with condescension and apathy, her fantasy family dresses in lovely clothes, always drinks champagne, lives in a stately home and tells her that she is wonderful. Eventually, the fantasy family becomes nightmarish and Susan begins to realize that she is going mad.

For Barton Drama Group

Director	Gill Reed
Stage Manager	Neil Dunlop
Prompt	Helen Newstead
Props	Katie Le Marquand & Cast
Set Design	Mike Vaughan
Set Construction	Members of the group
Set Painting	Linda Sansom, Tracy James & Gill Reed
Box Office	Norma Eaton
Wardrobe	Members of the Cast
Front of House Managers	Meta and Hugh Greenfield
Lighting & Sound	Geoff Nicholls
Poster / Programme Design	Graham Vaughan
Photography	Robert Vaughan

The play takes place in Susan's tiny back garden.

There will be a 20 minute interval between Act I and Act II.

Acknowledgements:

Our thanks to Mead Construction for the use of their transport, for moving the sets and staging to the hall.

Our next production will take place on Wednesday March 27th to Saturday 30th 2019, it will be "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas. Under Milk Wood is twenty four hours in the life of a small seaside town. It was first broadcast by the B.B.C. on 25th January 1954 and was then presented as a stage production in 1956. The film of the play opened the Venice Film Festival in 1971 starring Richard Burton (who was in the original 1954 broadcast,) Elizabeth Taylor and Peter O'Toole. Dylan Thomas liked small towns by the sea and he lived for many years in the welsh town of Laugharne, so he invented his own small town of Llareggub. Come and hear the dreams of the sleeping town and enjoy this gentle, lyrical play, I know I shall enjoy directing it. Judith Bowen.

Past Productions

- 1981 - I'll Get My Man - Christmas in the Market Place
1982 - Out of The Red - And a Nightingale Sang - An Inspector Calls
1983 - The Taxpayer's Waltz - Rich Man, Poor Man
1984 - Cat's Cradle - And This Was Odd
1985 - The Cross and the Plough - Lord Arthur Savile's Crime
1986 - After Midnight, Before Dawn / Bang You're Dead - Pool's Paradise
1987 - Strictly for the Birds - Ghosts and Ghouls
1988 - Shut Your Eyes and Think of England - The Good Doctor
1989 - Meet Mrs Beeton - Pack of Lies
1990 - The Day After The Fair - Trap for a Lonely Man
1991 - When We Are Married - Beyond a Joke
1992 - Death and The Maiden - Clerical Errors
1993 - Don't Blame it on The Boots / Easy Stages - The Happiest Days of Your Life
1994 - Ladies In Retirement - Gosforth's Fete / Black Comedy
1995 - The Great Barton Music Hall - Separate Tables - Sweeney Todd
1996 - The House on the Cliff - Brush with a Body
1997 - The 2nd Great Barton Music Hall - People Like Us / 303 / In by the Half - Harvest
1998 - Breath of Spring - Absurd Person Singular
1999 - Dick Whittington & His Amazing Cat - Mister Lear
2000 - Abigail's Party - My Three Angels
2001 - Home from Home - Oliver
2002 - Blithe Spirit - Two of a Kind: The Coffee Lace / Harlequinade
2003 - The Distaff Side: From 5 to 5:30 / Funeral Dance - Key for Two
2004 - Table Manners - 'Ark 'Ark the Ark
2005 - Cider With Rosie
2006 - Waiting in the Wings - Relatively Speaking
2007 - Shop For Charity - Humble Boy
2008 - There Goes The Bride - Waters of the Moon
2009 - How the Other Half Loves - Steel Magnolias
2010 - Natural Causes - Plaza Suite
2011 - Something to Hide - 84 Charing Cross Road
2012 - Over My Dead Body
2013 - Take Away the Lady - Biting The Bullet
2014 - Soapsud Island - Curtain Up!
2015 - Memory of Water - Dancing at Lughnasa
2016 - The Odd Couple - Albert Make Us Laugh
2017 - Don't Dress For Dinner - 3 Sisters
2018 - The Lady Killers

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