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MONDAY 10 MAY AND ALL WEEK

**FITZGERALD and McCARTHY PRODUCTIONS**

present

# The Odd Couple

by Neil Simon

Characters in order of appearance

SPEED	ALAN HALLEY
MURRAY	DENZIL ELLIS
ROY	MARTIN PROCTOR
VINNIE	ALEC BREGONZI
OSCAR MADISON	JOHN HUGHES
FELIX UNGAR	DAVID WEBB
GWENDOLYN PIGEON	SHERIDAN GRANT
CECILY PIGEON	JENNIFER CLAIRE

Directed by ROY PATRICK

Designed by PAUL GIBSON

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Synopsis of Scenes :

ACT I A hot summer night

**Interval**

ACT II Scene 1 Two weeks later. About 11 pm

Scene 2 A few days later. About 8 pm

**Interval**

ACT III The next evening. About 7.30 pm

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**FOR FITZGERALD AND McCARTHY PRODUCTIONS**

Stage Manager	MARTIN PROCTOR
Production Assistant	CHRISTINE BRADWELL
Secretary	RACHEL HANEY

#### **SHERIDAN GRANT**

Began her career at the age of 11 doing Christmas Television from Manchester. She attended L.A.M.D.A. and went straight into Pantomime in Bradford. This was followed by Repertory in Liverpool, Bournemouth, Bromley. She last appeared in Hull with Barry Sinclair in the 'Tulip Tree'. Television appearances include 'Armchair Theatre', 'Dixon of Dock Green', 'Mike and Bernie Winters Shows' and 'Z Cars'.

#### **DAVID WEBB**

Began his acting career with York Repertory Co. in 1954 after studying at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art on a scholarship. More repertory followed at Scarborough, Bromley, Richmond and Worthing and then he toured in two musicals, Emille Littler's 'Love from Judy' and A. P. Herbert's musical 'The Water Gipsies'.

After a successful audition with the B.B.C. he was sent for by Michael Barry, then Head of Drama there, and began his television career. Subsequently he has appeared in literally hundreds of programmes for all the major companies including regular series like 'The Avengers', 'Maigret', 'Z Cars', 'Dixon of Dock Green', 'The Plane-makers', 'Emergency Ward 10', 'Compact' and he last year played ex-jailbird Keith Lucas in Granada T.V.'s 'Coronation Street'. Amongst many plays have been A.T.V.'s 'Tigers of Subtopia', John Hopkins 'A Game is a Game' (B.B.C. T.V.), 'Waters of the Moon' (B.B.C.) (with Dames Sybil Thorndike and Edith Evans), 'The Ragged Trousered Philanthropist' (B.B.C.), 'Hallelujah Handshake', and he recently co-starred with Ronald Frazer in the London Weekend Television 'Conceptions of Murder', 'What Do They Know of England'.

His films include 'Tunes of Glory', 'Witchfinder General', 'Diamonds for Breakfast', 'Battle of Britain' and in Richard Burton's latest film 'Villain'.

David was educated at Luton Grammar School and served two years in military service in the Royal Army Educational Corps as a sergeant instructor. His chief hobby is painting and quite a number of his pictures have been exhibited including 3 works at last year's Theatrical Art Exhibition at Palladium House.

#### **ALEC BREGONZI**

After various Repertory Seasons played in 'Camino Real' directed by Peter Hall at the Phoenix Theatre. Other West End appearances include 'Virtue in Danger' directed by Wendy Toye, 'OK for Sound' at the Mermaid and on tour. Two Pantomimes and several appearances in 'Late Joys' (Victorian Music Hall) at the Players Theatre. T.V. includes many situation-comedy series such as 'Hancock's Half Hour', 'Its a Square World', 'Eric Sykes', 'Frankie Howerd', also in a comedy with Ronnie Barker yet to be shown. Films include 'Georgy Girl', 'Cool at Carol'. First appeared in Hull with Tony Hancock as part of a long tour.

#### **JENNIFER CLAIRE**

First appeared on the stage at the age of five in pantomime, retired for the next twelve years to follow the usual process of growing up. Began her career at the Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh, and then went to the Gateway for the 65 Edinburgh Festival. Has played in Repertory throughout the country and appeared on T.V. in 'Emergency Ward 10', 'No Hiding Place' and had her own poetry and prose programme on Tyne Tees T.V. Well known to Rotherham audiences for performances in 'Private Lives', 'The Flip Side' and most recently 'The Happy Apple'.

#### **JOHN HUGHES**

Has been in the Theatre for 12 years. Has worked at most of the leading Repertory Companies. He was for a time straightman to the late Vic Oliver. He has worked in London at the Mermaid Theatre and the Royal Court. Last year he was in Bermuda directing for two months. His recent films include the film of 'Dad's Army' and television 'The Expert', 'Z Cars' and most recently in the successful 'Elizabeth R' series. He has just completed a tour of 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' in the Oxford Playhouse Co.

#### **DENZIL ELLIS**

West End appearances include 'Witness for the Prosecution' at the Winter Gardens, The Old Vic in 1954, 'Romanov and Juliet' at the Piccadilly, '6 Characters in Search of an Author' at the Mayfair, '10 Little Niggers' at St. Martins, 'The Gimmick' at Criterion. Television appearances include Reg. Hoppood in 'Weavers Green', two series of 'The Marriage Lines' as Dennis Waslast. Season at Morecambe and Blackpool in the 'Desert Song'. He was born in Mexborough.

**ALAN HALLEY**

Last appeared in Rotherham last month in 'The Happy Apple'. He has worked in most of the leading Repertory Companies in the country, and television appearances include 'Softly Softly', 'Z Cars' and 'Dixon of Dock Green' and 'Play of the Month'.

**MARTIN PROCTOR**

Left Drama School last year. Played 'Macduff' in 'Macbeth' at the Mickery Theatre in Amsterdam. Since then played at Plymouth, Darlington, Paignton. Was last seen in Rotherham in 'Rattle of a Simple Man' and has just finished working at Worthing in 'Henry Fifth'.

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The management reserve the right to make alterations to the programme where unavoidable.

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The Rotherham County Borough Council acknowledges financial assistance from the Arts Council of Great Britain towards the costs of maintaining this theatre.



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