

'Love' Labour's Lost' Production for All the Senses

"Love's Labour's Lost" is a production for the senses, all five of them, as presented by the third Oregon Shakespearean Festival association.

There is color and beauty for the eye, music for the ear, the fragrance of summer in southern Oregon in the air. And, while one cannot literally touch and taste, there is great stimulus for the imagination even in these two.

This play, acknowledged as one of Shakespeare's earliest, is not one of his best. For this reason the entertainment offered in its opening night is the more worthy of praise. There was a time in the early history of the festival when

Some sources say that the story for this comedy was derived from French history. That in about 1586 Catherine de' Medici, accompanied by a bevy of ladies, visited the court of Henry of Navarre, and attempted to settle the disputes between that prince and her son, Henry III. The charms of the ladies in her "retinue" were expected to aid in the accomplishment of her diplomatic purposes.

Certainly The Princess of France, played by Shirley Patton; Rosaline (Elizabeth Huddle), Maria (Cecil Keach) and Katharine (Virginia Flick) would qualify for any assignment in the field of charm.

Beautifully costumed, from masks to the floor length sweep of their gowns, they gave the production beauty which could have satisfied most audiences without the humour, of which there was a welcome abundance often approaching the robust style, which characterizes Shakespeare's mature dramas.

Robert Benson as Holofernes, a schoolmaster, scored again. Not as overpowering in his Love's Labour's costume as he was as Falstaff, but equally well received.

Berowne, played by Stacy Keach, gave authenticity to contentions that in Berowne Shakespeare was building the foundation for characters, which dominated later plays.

The main point of the play seems to be a burlesque of current fads and affectations of the period. The wit-combats of the lords and ladies, the affected diction of the sonneting courtiers, the bombast of Armado (Earl Boen), the latinized English, and the quips of Moth (William Gamble) all testify to the linguistic feats that invaded nearly all levels of English society in the Elizabethan period.

'Romeo and Juliet' Moving Experience; Performance Noted

Sometimes it happens that. Sometimes a supporting actor will burst forth with such an unexpectedly dazzling performance that he virtually eclipses everyone else on the stage.

That, at least, is what happened at the Ashland Shakespearean festival Thursday night in Robert Loper's production of "Romeo and Juliet."

Stacy Keach did it with an electric performance as Mercutio, the high-voltage friend of Romeo, whose violent death at the hands of Tybalt precipitates the sequence of events toward their tragic climax.

Keach was only on stage four or five times, and Mercutio is killed before the play is even half over.

But, no matter. That was all he needed to show last night's audience a truly memorable performance.

Hard To Single Out

It is difficult to single out one trait or quality that Keach had which made him so outstanding, for, indeed, every movement he made, every line he spoke, was done with such vitality, poise and skill that one could wish no more.

His clashes of wit with Benvolio and Romeo were as sharp and cutting as was his sword-clashing encounter with Tybalt.

He made it clear that but for Romeo's well intentioned but clumsy intervention, he could have eaten Tybalt for breakfast.

Death speeches in the hands of amateurs are frequently tedious at best, but such was Keach's power that when he punned wryly on his own imminent death, it did not detract from the scene in the slightest.

"Ask for me tomorrow," he muttered, through pain-clenched teeth, "and you shall find me a grave man."

His cry, "A plague on both your houses," was the protest of a man who has wasted his precious life in a pointless and stupid cause.

Was a Severe Loss

Mercutio's death was a severe loss to the Montagues, but Keach's final exit was an even greater loss to the audience.

Marian Hailey's Juliet was a departure from the accustomed fragile sweetness one usually sees. And it was a welcome change.

Miss Hailey brought a freshness and vitality to the role that was vastly appealing. She made the urgency of her sudden love for Romeo seem credible, and the way in which she brushed aside the objections to the love that her mind raised was a delight to see.

She was particularly effective at the time when a lesser actress might have stumbled. Her real ability began to show when the nurse brought her the news that Romeo had been banished for slaying Tybalt.

One could see her mind fight against accepting the news, at last succumb to it in despair, and then, in a flash of strength, suddenly work it out so that her cousin's death seemed a blessing.

"My husband lives," she exulted, "that Tybalt would have slain."

Less Happy One

Richard Sterne's performance as Romeo was a less happy one, we are sorry to report.

It was as though he understood the role and knew what he should be doing, but was simply not quite able to come up with it.

His pitch and volume were too frequently at the same level, giving a dull sameness to whatever he said, and his stage movements lacked the confident agility that his blocking demanded.

Two other roles demand comment. Robert Benson as Montague and Elizabeth Huddle as the nurse were excellent. They added strength to the production where strength had to be.

Something must be said about Loper's direction. On the whole, it is a most satisfactory production. Through his imaginative guidance, some of the scenes portrayed were haunting and unforgettable.

Well Delivered Prologue

During the Prologue, well delivered by John Getgood, the entire cast files silently onto the stage and stares with vacant eyes, as though recalled from the dead, at the audience, while the outline of the impending tragedy is ominously intoned.

Juliet's burial scene, in which she is borne in a coffin to her crypt by flickering torchlight, was a particularly chilling sight.

We commend "Romeo and Juliet" to your attention. It is a moving experience, and Keach's performance alone is well worth the price of admission.—G.H.B.

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Actor Jeered At Demonstration

Torrance, Calif. (UPI)—A crowd of spectators jeered actor Marlon Brando Saturday as he joined pickets protesting alleged racial discrimination practices at an all-white housing tract.

One man thrust a sign saying, "Marlon Brando is a nigger-loving creep," in front of the actor as he marched with 125 civil rights pickets. The spectators laughed and apparently enjoyed the act.

The man stepped in line behind Brando and shouted insults before leaving the marchers. Brando ignored the taunts and continued marching.

Brando was joined by another celebrity, actor Pernell Roberts of television's "Bonanza" series, who also participated in the picketing.

Three members of the American Nazi Party, a racist organization, passed out leaflets among the sightseers encouraging segregation.

Thirty-three of the pickets were arrested by police on charges of trespassing when they refused to obey orders to leave a model home and the tract sales office.

Two of the 33 persons arrested were identified as Episcopalians—Father Herbert Yates and Father Morris Samuel.

Klamath Falls Man Dies in House Fire

Klamath Falls (UPI)—A man was killed in a mattress fire in a vacant house here early Saturday.

Police identified the victim as Billy Joe Masters, about 35, of Oklahoma City.

Firemen said Masters had apparently been drinking and had fallen asleep with a cigarette in his hand. A preliminary report lists the cause of death as suffocation.

Firemen said there were no flames, but the interior of the room in which he was found was very hot and filled with smoke.

Weather FORECASTS

Medford and vicinity: Fair and a little clearer today and Monday with afternoon breezes. High today 82, low tonight 52. High Monday 80.

Western Oregon: Night and morning low clouds otherwise fair through Monday. Cooler in the interior. High today 75-85 except 90 in extreme southern interior 65 along the coast. Low tonight 48-55.

Northern California: Fair today and Monday except fog on coast. Cooler in northern area.

LOCAL DATA

TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 75, above normal 2.

Record high this date 105 in 1960.

Record low this date 45 in 1959.

PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight, none.

Total this month 15 in., .06 in. below normal.

Total since Sept. 1 26.73 in., 7.13 in. above normal.

MOISTURE: Lowest yesterday 17%, highest this a.m. 89%.

CITY High 4:00 24- Yester. a.m. hr. Low

Brookings	63	46
Klamath Falls	84	54
Medford	82	52
Portland	83	58
Seattle	78	54
Spokane	80	54
Yakima	92	59
Eureka	57	50
Red Bluff	103	68
Sacramento	97	63
San Francisco	82	56
Los Angeles	82	64
Phoenix	105	61
Denver	85	53
Chicago	86	72
Miami Beach	89	77
New York	98	75
Washington, D.C.	96	72

Sunset today 8:36 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:00 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 12:56 a.m.
The Moon is in Apogee tonight.

Full Moon Aug. 5

VISIBLE PLANETS

Mars, low in west	10:25 p.m.
Saturn, rises	9:45 p.m.
Jupiter, low in east	12:25 a.m.

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Local and Personal

Grass Fire - About one-fourth of an acre of grass burned on property belonging to Marshall Scribner at 2154 East McAndrews rd. Friday, Medford firemen reported. The fire, of undetermined cause, broke out shortly after 3:30 p.m.

Bushes Burn - Blackberry bushes along Water st. in Ashland caught fire Saturday about 11:25 a.m., according to the Ashland fire department. Cause of the fire was not determined. A strip about 100 feet long burned, coming close to several fuel tanks in the area. The situation was not serious, however, firemen said.

Half Acre Burns - The State Forestry department was called out to control a small grass fire on the Butte Falls highway Saturday at 11:10 a.m. About half an acre, located three miles east of Highway 62, burned. Cause of the fire was said to be a fallen power line.

Reports Theft - Frank Artie Blair, Cave Junction, reported the theft of a transmission from his 1960 model car Friday night. He placed the value of the transmission at \$250 in the report to Medford police.

Driver Cited - Robert William Voight, Etna, Calif., was cited for failure to yield the right of way in the collision of his auto with one operated by Lysle Copeland Hardy, Medford, Saturday at Peach and Palm sts. No one was injured.

Machine Robbed - Proprietors of a self-service laundry at 918 King st. reported to city police that someone entered the soft drink vending machine and took \$4 or \$5 between 4 p.m. Friday and 2:48 a.m. Saturday.

Monday Meeting - The Rev. Harry G. Downey, missionary to Africa for 17 years, will speak Monday, July 29, at a meeting of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. The meeting will be at North's Chuck Wagon, 1016 North Riverside ave., with serving from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Monday Roundtable - Hal Hardin, Eugene, of Partak, will speak Monday at the noon Roundtable of the Medford Chamber of Commerce at North's Chuck Wagon. Hardin is district manager of the firm which is a counseling service for small businesses and is establishing a local office.

Bicyclist Hit - Ronald Eugene Hart, 7, of 135 Cloverlane, was struck by a car Friday afternoon while riding his bicycle at the intersection of Highway 238 and Clover lane. Louie Vance McGilbry, of Kennebec, Wash., driver of the car, told Jackson county sheriff's deputies the child pulled into the path of the auto after he started to pass. The boy was treated for bruises, but was not hospitalized, deputies said.

Fleet Reserves Meet - Crater Lake branch, 186 Fleet Reserve association, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium. Following the business meeting a film will be shown by the Medford Navy recruiters and refreshments will be served. Date of the branch picnic is Aug. 11. It will be held in TouVelle State park.

Toastmasters To Meet - Medford Toastmasters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 29, in the Grotto with Jack Thomsen as toastmaster for the evening. Speakers scheduled are Larry McConnell, John Nelson and Jack Harding.

Rocks Thrown - Frank Philip Wienecke, 96 Glen Wood dr., Medford, reported to the Jackson county sheriff's office that juveniles were throwing rocks at his home. Officers investigating said they found that one window had been broken, but the juveniles had fled when they arrived at the scene near the Rollarena Friday night.

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Bus leaves Medford hotel and Jackson House in Medford at 7:30 p.m.

Home Economics Contest Slated

The home economics contest week of 4-H clubs begins Monday and 220 girls will be displaying skills for five days, according to Joan Beasley, Jackson county 4-H agent.

All displays and events in observance of the week will be held at the fairgrounds in the Extension Auditorium and cafeteria building.

The schedule opens with senior bread baking at 8 a.m. Other demonstrations included in the first day's program are intermediate luncheon, breakfast, learning to be a good homemaker, grooming of rooms, advanced home improvement and phase 1 in clothing.

The display of skills will be carried on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The public is invited to attend any or all events, Miss Beasley said.

Births

McDONALD - Mr. and Mrs. Delbert P. 4913 Table Rock rd., Medford, July 25, 1963, a girl, 8 pounds, at Crater Osteopathic hospital.

Obituaries

GEORGE HIGGINBOTHAM

Funeral services for George H. Higginbotham, 74, of route 3, box 233 1/2, Medford, who died Friday, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Chapel in the Trees mortuary in Siskiyou Memorial park.

The Rev. D. E. Millard of the New Age church of Eagle Point will officiate. Interment will follow in Siskiyou Memorial park.

Mr. Higginbotham was born March 24, 1889, in Medford. On May 9, 1907, in Jacksonville, he was married to Dolly Taylor, who survives.

Mr. Higginbotham had been employed as lumber grader for the Medford Corporation for many years prior to his retirement. He had been a lifetime resident of Oregon, and of this community.

Survivors, besides his widow, include one son, John Higginbotham, Medford; three grandchildren, John, James and Orland Higginbotham, Medford; three great grandchildren, Max, Julie and Robert Higginbotham, Medford; a nephew and a niece. One son, Orland Higginbotham, preceded him in death in 1939.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Siskiyou Funeral Service directors of Chapel in the Trees mortuary.

Leo R. King

Hornbrook - Leo Ralph King, 73, died Friday in the Siskiyou general hospital in Yreka. He had been a patient there for one month, and had been ill for several months.

He was born April 23, 1890, in Kansas. He moved west as a young man and worked for telephone companies in Idaho, Oregon and California. Later he worked many years for the Klamath National forest, from which he retired 12 years ago. He moved to Hornbrook upon his retirement.

He is survived by his widow, Zuma, and one stepdaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Bouras, Portland.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Henley-Hornbrook cemetery.

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Ashlander Draws Term in Prison

Jack R. Allen, 31, Ashland, found guilty of burglary not in a dwelling by a Jackson county circuit jury Friday morning, was sentenced to 10 years in the Oregon penitentiary by Circuit Judge James W. Crawford.

Allen was sentenced early Friday afternoon and will be removed to the Oregon Penitentiary as soon as arrangements can be made, the Jackson county sheriff's office stated Saturday.

Melvin Edwin Snodgrass, 25, brought to Medford on a criminal subpoena from Baker to testify at the trial, will be returned to Baker. He is now lodged in Jackson county jail.

The Allen burglary charge was in connection with entry of the Jeddelloh Brothers Sweed Mills, Inc., at Gold Hill last March.

The trial opened in circuit court No. 2 Thursday with Judge Crawford presiding.

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