Grand Theatre

WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Evenings at 7.45
Matinee: Wednesday at 2.30
Saturday at 5.00 and 8.30

Otstar Productions Ltd present

DOTTY OTLEY

BELINDA BLAIR • GARRY LEJEUNE





by ROBIN HOUSEMONGER

with

SELSDON MOWBRAY
BROOKE ASHTON
FREDERICK FELLOWES

Directed by LLOYD DALLAS

Designed by GINA BOXHALL Lighting by ROD WRAY Costumes by PATSY HEMMING



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Cast in order of appearance

Mrs. Clackett
Roger Tramplemain
Vicki
Philip Brent
Flavia Brent
Burglar
Sheikh

DOTTY OTLEY
GARRY LEJEUNE
BROOKE ASHTON
FREDERICK FELLOWES
BELINDA BLAIR
SELSDON MOWBRAY
FREDERICK FELLOWES

The action takes places in the living-room of the Brents' country home, on a Wednesday afternoon

for OTSTAR PRODUCTIONS LTD

Company & Stage Manager TIM ALLGOOD
Assistant Stage Manager POPPY NORTON-TAYLOR

Production credits

Sardines by Old Salt Sardines. Antique silverware and cardboard boxes by Mrs. J. G. H. Norton-Taylor. Stethoscope and hospital trolley by Severn Surgical Supplies. Straitjacket by Kurnfy Restraints Ltd. Coffins by G. Ashforth and Sons.

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Behind the Dressing Room Doors



DOTTY OTLEY (Mrs. Clackett) makes a welcome return to the stage to create the role of Mrs. Clackett after playing Mrs. Hackett, America's most famous lollipop lady ('Ooh, I can't 'ardly 'old me lolly up!') in over 320 episodes of TV's On The Zebras. Her many stage appearances include her critically acclaimed portrayal of Fru Såckett, the comic char in Strindberg's Scenes from the Charnelhouse. Her first appearance ever? In a school production of Henry IV

Part I - as the old bag-lady, Mrs. Duckett.



BELINDA BLAIR (Flavia Brent) has been on the stage since the age of four, when she made her debut in Sinbad the Sailor at the old Croydon Hippodrome as one of Miss Tanner's Ten Tapping Tots. She subsequently danced her way round America, Southern Africa, and the Far East in shows like Zippedy-Doodal and Here Comes les Girlst More recently she has been seen in such cornedy hits as Don't Mr. Duddlel, Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed?,

and Twice Two Is Sex. She is married to scriptwriter Terry Wough, who has contributed lead-in material to most of TV's cnat shows. They have two sons and three retrievers.



GARRY LEJEUNE (Roger Tramplemain) while still at drama school won the coveted Laetitia Daintyman Medal for Violence. His television work includes Policel, Crime Squad, Swat, Forensic, and The Nick, but is probably best known as 'Cornetto', the ice-cream salesman who stirs the hearts of all the lollipop ladies in On The Zebra.



SELSDON MOWBRAY (Burglar) first 'trod the boards' at the age of 12 - playing Lucius in a touring production on *Julius Caesar*, with his father, the great Chelmsford Mowbray, in the lead. Since then he has served in various local reps, and claims to have appeared with every company to have toured Shakespeare in the past half-century, working his way up through the Mustardseeds and the various Boys and Sons of, to the Balthazars, Benvolios, and

Le Beaus; then the Slenders, Lennoxes, Poloniuses, and

Aguecheeks. His most recent film appearance was as Outraged Pensioner in Green Willies.



BROOKE ASHTON (Vicki) is probably best known as the girl wearing nothing but 'good, honest, natural froth' in the Hauptbahnhofbrau lager commercial. Her television appearances range from Girl at Infants' School in *On The Zebras* to Girl in Massage Parlour in *On Pro-bation*. Cinemagoers saw her in *The Girl in Room 14*, where she played the Girl in Room 312.



FREDERICK FELLOWES (Philip Brent) has appeared in many popular television series, including Calling Casualty, Cardiac Arrestl, Out-Patients, and In-Patients. On stage he was most recently seen in the controversial all-male version of The Trojan Women. He is happily married, and lives near Poughkeepsie, where his wife breeds pedigree dogs. 'If she ever leaves me,' he says, 'it will probably be for an Irish wolfhound!'



ROBIN HOUSEMONGER (Author) was born in Worcester Park, Surrey, into a family 'unremarkable in every way except for an aunt with red hair who used to sing all the high twiddly bits from *The Merry Widow* over the tea-table.' He claims to have been the world's most unsuccessful gents nosiery wholesaler, and began writing 'to fill the long hours between one hosiery order and the next.' He turned this experience into his very first

play, Socks Before Marriage, which ran in the West End for nine years. Two of his subsequent plays, Briefs Encounter and Hanky Panky, broke box office records in Perth, Western Australia. Nothing On is his seventeenth play.



LLOYD DALLAS (Director) 'read English at Cambridge, and stage-craft at the local benefits office' He has directed plays both off-Broadway and in many parts of Britain, winning the South of Scotland Critics' Circle Special Award, and going on to a highly successful season for the National Theatre of Sri Lanka. In recent years he has probably become best known for his brilliant series of 'Shakespeare in Summer' productions in Central

Park, New York.