Theatre Sheridan Presents

CHEKHOV SHORT PLAYS

The Proposal
The Bear
The Man in a Case
The Festivities

Four short farces written by, or adapted from the works of, Anton Chekhov
February 13 – 23, 2002

Directed by
Greg Peterson

Set Design
Julia Tribe

Costume Design
David Juby

Sound Design
Nick Vuckovic

Lighting Design
Bill Penner

The Bear, The Proposal and The Festivities, translated by Paul Schmidt, are produced by special arrangement with the Dramatists' Play Service, Inc.

The Man in a Case, written by Wendy Wasserstein from a short story by Anton Chekhov, is produced by special arrangement with Broadway Play Publishing, Inc.

Costume sketch by David Juby
CAST

Patrick Cook
Carly Robinson

Jonathan Decker
Jon Snyder

Jackée Guillou
Sheena Turcotte

Jean-François Poulin
Leah Wahl

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The characters in Chekhov's plays are haunted by demons from their pasts that determine their behavioural patterns in life. It was Chekhov's firm belief that if people could shed themselves of these demons, they could achieve true happiness and find fulfilment in life.

I hope you enjoy these four short plays as much as we have enjoyed preparing and performing them. Each one is a delightfully wry and genuinely insightful look at the human condition, past and present.

SPECIAL THANKS

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Jeanette Bussanich
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Daniel Levinson
ACT 1

THE PROPOSAL

Setting: The living room of Stephan Chubukov's farmhouse – 1888.

Stephan Chubukov, a landowner
Natalia Stepanovna, his daughter
Ivan Vassilievich Lomov, their neighbour

THE BEAR

Setting: The sitting room in Yelena Popova's estate – 1888.

Yelena Ivanovna Popova, a widow
Luka, an elderly servant
Grigory Stepanovich Smiroff, a landowner
Dasha, the cook
Pelega, the maid
The housekeeper
The gardener
The coachman

ACT 2

THE MAN IN A CASE

Setting: The small garden attached to Byelinkov's house in the village of Mironitski. – 1898.

Byelinkov, a teacher of Greek and Latin
Varenka Kovalenka, his fiancée

THE FESTIVITIES

Setting: The manager's office of a savings and loan branch – 1891.

Andrey Andreyevich Shipuchin, manager of the bank
Tatyana Alexeyevna, his wife
Kuzma Nikolayevich Heerin, the office bookkeeper
Nastasya Fyodorovna Merchutkina, a lady in a ratty overcoat
A bank teller
First member of the delegation
Second member of the delegation
Third member of the delegation

There will be a 15 minute intermission between acts one and two
Stage Manager .......................................................... Désirée E. Turcotte  
Assistant Stage Manager .................................................. Auste Vaiciunas  

TECHNICAL CREW

Assistant to the Technical Director .............................................. Brandon Kull  
Production Assistant ............................................................... Brett Davidson  
Lighting Board Operator ............................................................. Melanie Thivierge  
Production Audio/Operator ......................................................... Dan Perez  
Stage Crew ........................................................................... Simon Cockman  
Head of Carpentry ................................................................. Gill Johnson  
Carpentry Crew .................................................................... Matt Horne, Ryan Mitchell, Kristina Borg, Jeffrey Chappell, Michael Muncie  
Head of Wardrobe .................................................................... Patti Neice  
Wardrobe Crew ....................................................................... Jennifer Belliveau, Lexie Adamczak, Lindsey Bates, Jonathan Cummings, Laura Gross  
Dresser .................................................................................. Lexie Adamczak  
Props Crew Chief ..................................................................... Todd Hoselton  
Assistant Head of Props ............................................................. Nicole Poirier  
Properties Crew ....................................................................... Eric Ball, Ian Gruszczynski, Chloe Sanders  
Head of Paint ............................................................................ Karen Beames  
Paint Crew ............................................................................. Paul Emerson, Simon Cockman, Sarah Wakon  
Head of Electrics ....................................................................... Sean Lucey  
Electrics Crew ......................................................................... Lindsay Sapinsky, Melanie Thivierge, Tiernan McCann, Steven McCoy  

TECHNICAL STAFF

Head of Props ........................................................................... Lisa B-Ryder  
Props Builder ........................................................................... Kris Kischer  
Wardrobe Cutter ...................................................................... Barbara Rowe  
Stitcher .................................................................................... Angela VanderVeen  

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Leading Roles $100 - $249 ....................................................... Christina and David James  
Supporting Roles $50 - 99 ....................................................... Judi and Steve Schudlo, Alison Vallance and Adam Smith  
Ensemble Roles $25 - 49 ......................................................... Patricia Wood