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GEORGE DICENZO comes to the Studio Arena Theatre with a solid background in community, university and professional theatre. He is a graduate of the Yale University Graduate School of Drama, where he earned an award for the best production of 1965. Mr. Di Cenzo organized and was Resident Director of the University's first summer theatre. The Theatre in the Rink. He has also been actor and director at various community theatres in and around his native Connecticut, and this past summer he served as Manager for the Williamstown (Mass.) Theatre, helping to achieve the most successful season in its ten-year history.



JIM WAY is well qualified for his new position as Production Co-ordinator. In university theatre he has acted in, designed sets for, and directed a long and impressive list of plays, and he has served as Stage Manager for the Baltimore Repertory Theatre. 1963-64 saw him at Center Stage. Baltimore, as Production Co-ordinator for Light Up The Sky, U.S.A., Shadow of a Gunman and Twelfth Night, among others, and as Director of The Repatriate and Calculated Risk. He comes to Buffalo from the Wayside Theater, Virginia, where he stage managed Mary, Mary, Ten Little Indians, The Vinegar Tree, The Stolen Prince and The Four Poster.



ROBERT MOTLEY'S stage designs are well known to theatre goers in this area. His local credits include an enormous number of sets at Melody Fair as well as the 1961-62 Studio Theatre season. Last spring he designed the four one-act lonesco plays for the Festival of the Arts Today; his amazing breakaway set for Bedlam Galore was featured in LIFE magazine. Having designed for theatres in Houston, Miami, Nassau, Seattle, Santa Monica, New York and the Catskills, where he operated his own summer theatre for one season, Mr. Motley is happy to undertake productions here on his favorite, three-quarter-round, kind of stage.



DUANE ANDERSEN is responsible for the costumes and scenic decor of a dozen Buffalo productions in recent years. Her extraordinary range has been demonstrated in the pageantry of Caligula, the stained glass quality of Becket, the thieves' kitchen of The Threepenny Opera, and the luminous onstage unfurling of Stop the World's set last season at the Studio. In addition she has worked as stage manager. director, controleur of props, actress and musician. Miss Andersen holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Alfred and a Master's from Wisconsin. She is on the faculty at State University College.



DAVID ZIERK's first taste for theatrical lighting came with volunteer work at the Studio Theatre when he was sixteen. He holds a Degree in Drama from the Goodman Theatre of the Art Institute of Chicago. He designed the lighting control equipment for the Studio Arena Theatre, Melody Fair, and many of the new schools in the Buffalo area, as well as for three summer theatres in the Chicago area. Among his many credits are all of Mr. Du Brock's productions and all of the lighting for the Festival of the Arts Today, including that of the kinetic sculpture show and the lonesco plays.



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COLLEEN

DEWHURST a native of Montreal, has appeared in New York's Shakespeare-in-the-Park productions as "Kate," "Lady Macbeth," and "Cleopatra." She has starred in several off-Broadway productions, most notably with George C. Scott in Desire Under the Elms; both Miss Dewhurst and Mr. Scott won OBIE Awards for the best performances by actor and actress off Broadway in this play. Her motion picture credits include The Nun's Story with Audrey Hepburn and Man on a String with Ernest Borgnine. Her television credits number appearances on U.S. Steel Hour, Dr. Kildare, The Virginian, Ben Casey, Eleventh Hour, Play of the Week. special dramas such as Medea, and Arthur Miller's Focus, for which she received an Emmy Award nomination. Finally, her Broadway credits are Caligula, All the Way Home, Great Day in the Morning, and most recently, "Star" of Ballad of the Sad Cafe,

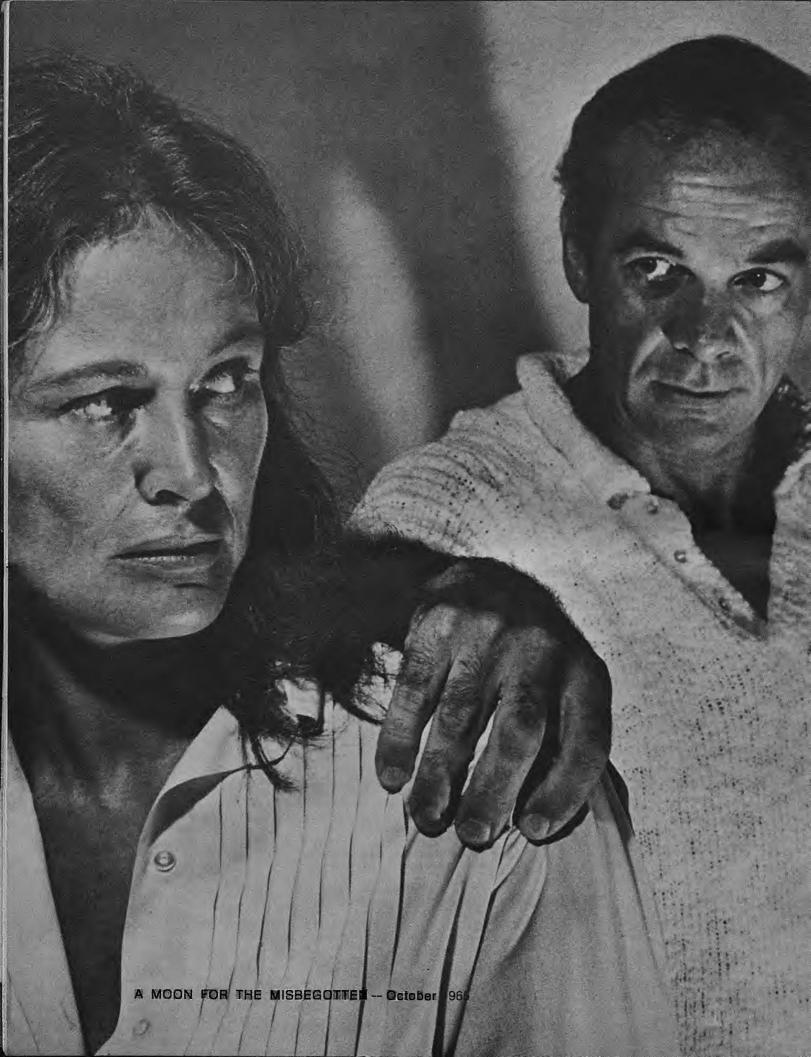
JOSE QUINTERO

first came to prominence directing Tennessee Williams' Summer and Smoke at the Circle-in-the-Square; in this production Mr. Quintero and the theatre world discovered the talents of Garaldine Page. Subsequently he has introduced Jason Robards, Jr., Colleen Dewhurst, George C. Scott and Salome Jens. Mr. Quintero's name has become synonymous with that of Eugene O'Neill: he has directed five of the playwright's works and O'Neill's widow contends that he is one of the very few directors who are capable of directing her late husband's works successfully. The Studio Arena Theatre's first presentation is the American premiere of A Moon for the Misbegotten as staged by Mr. Quintero for the 1963 Spoleto Festival in Italy. While directing this production, Mr. Quintero is concurrently readying Susanna for the Metropolitan Opera presentation at Lincoln Center.









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JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY has earned his myriad directorial credits from Boston to San Juan and from New York to the Midwest. Command Decision, Sleepy Hollow, and Red Roses for Me are three of his Broadway achievements. He has directed a long list of plays for the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., five productions for Boston University, The Firebugs and The Devil's Disciple for Brandeis Forum Theatre, and he has been Resident Director for seven seasons at the University of Michigan and Distinguished Visiting Professor for Theatre Arts at Pennsylvania University. As an actor he is especially remembered for his role of Cassius in CBS-TV's production of Julius Caesar and for an appearance on The Doctors last season.

LOU FRIZZELL's Broadway credits include Great Day in the Morning, Andersonville Trial, Red Roses for Me, and Dnce Upon a Tallor. He appeared with the Lincoln Center Repertory Company during its first season, playing featured roles in O'Neill's Marco Millions and Arthur Miller's After the Fall. Off Broadway he was "Peter Cabot" for nearly a year in the highly successful revival of Desire Under the Elms. This was one of a series of productions for director Jose Quintera. On television he has been seen in major roles in East Side, West Side, Profiles in Courage, Show of the Week and Armstrong Circle Theatre.

JOHN O'LEARY recently completed a role in The Guoup, a soon-to-be-released motion picture. He made his Broadway debut some seasons back in General Seeger. Twelve seasons in stock have taken him from Maine to Texas and include seasons with The Margo Jones Theatre in Dallas, the Houston Playhouse, the Cambridge Drama Festival in Boston, the New York Shakespeare Festival and the Edgewater Theatre in Chicago. He toured last summer with Imogene Coca in A Rainy Day in Newark. He has appeared on television on both coasts.

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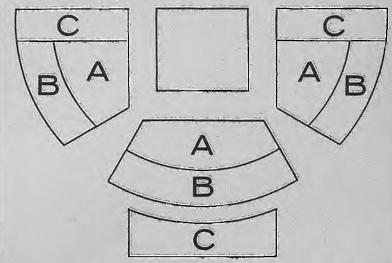
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In time the School outgrew its quarters on Elmwood Avenue and moved to the old Gayety Theatre at Huron and Pearl, remaining there two and a half seasons. During this time the Studio launched the first summer theatre in the Buffalo area, near Orchard Park. Miss Kingdom's interest had turned to directing and for five summers she directed eight plays each season, continuing her regular duties at the Studio Theatre during the winter season.



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permitted expansion of the School's community drama program. Another of Mr. Potter's achievements was the incorporation of the School as a non-profit educational institution under the State Board of Regents.

Miss Kingdon's long association with the Theatre has been one of its marks of distinction. Her official titles of Scene Designer, Artistic Director, and presently Assistant Director manifest the extent of her continuing contributions of technical and practical skills.

The guiding talent of the Studio Theatre was, of course, Miss Keeler. During her thirty-two years as active Director, she produced more than 200 plays, taught countless students the rudiments of acting, good speech and public speaking, and earned the Studio mational recognition as one of the country's five leading Little Theatres. Miss Keeler's distinguished service to the community, her concern for her students and her love of good theatre have won her many awards and citations as well as the deep affection and respect of Buffalo players and theatre goers.

Miss Keeler retired in 1958 and became Director Emeritus. About this time the prospects of community theatre across the country began to change, and the Board of Trustees set out to make the transition to professional theatre. Their first step towards this goal was the appointment of Neal Du Brock as Executive Director, and during his two and a half years with the Theatre its new image began to emerge.







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MICHAEL BENNETT, remembered as Puck in the Studio's A Midsummer Night's Dream, has since been cast by Jerome Robbins in the European company of West Side Story. He has danced on Broadway in Here's Love and with Carol Lawrence in Subways Are for Sleeping, and on many TV spectaculars, notably with Carol Burnett in Orice Upon a Mattress. His choreographic credits include the International Jazz Festival sponsored by President Kennedy, summer stock productions of No Strings and West Side Story, and for television, Hullabaloo, a recent Dean Martin Special. and an upcoming Hollywood Palace.

AMANDA BLAKE moved from Studio Theatre classes to a full schedule of little theatre and radio work in Buffalo and summer stock in New England. Her diction, presence and beauty won her a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer contract without a screen test, and while still in her teens she made her film debut as a school teacher in Stars in My Crown. Although Miss Blake has starred on Schlitz Playhouse, GE Theatre and Four Star Playhouse, television audiences know her best as Gunsmoke's "Miss Kitty," the beautiful and intrepid keeper of the Longbranch saloon.

MICHAEL DOMINICO danced his way from the Studio Theatre into his Broadway debut in New Faces, then via Special Services into Ed Sullivan's all-Army talent program. A frequent guest on national TV shows, he has also appeared off-Broadway and in a long list of summer stock productions. He was featured in A Tribute to George M. Cohan at Radio City Music Hall. On Broadway Mr. Dominico received wide acclaim for his showstopping performance as "Paris" in Golden Apple, but perhaps he is best known for his concert performances of Morton Gould's "Tap Dance Concerto."

REED HADLEY, who also gained his initial acting experience at the Studio Theatre, is remembered locally and nationally for his exceptionally fine speaking voice. He was the original Red Ryder on radio and made nearly two hundred television films as "Gaptain Braddock" of Racket Squad and as the Public Detender. Mr. Hadley's Hollywood credits number A Bell tor Adano, Guadalcanal Diary, Wing and a Prayer, Leave Her to Heaven, Captain from Castile and International Lawyer. He also served as official narrator for the first U.S. hydrogen bomb test.

NANCY MARCHAND is an alumna of Carnegie Tech as well as of the Studio Theatre. Her early professional experience was with several stock companies and the Brattle Theatre in Cambridge. During her two seasons at the Stratford (Conn.) Shakespeare Festival, she appeared with Sir John Gielgud and Margaret Leighton. Her role in Genet's controversial play The Balcony won her much favorable attention. She has been seen on all of television's prestigious dramatic shows and in 1963 she made the film Ladybug, Ladybug for Frank Perry, producer of the prizewinning David and Lisa.















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