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Story of the Play

"Unpredictable as a June morning and twice as rare," as one of the critics said, Claudia is married to David, a promising young architect, and they live on a farm outside New York. They have made the place most attractive, and have recently hired a perfect couple with a slight "past." Although Claudia is physically of age, she is mentally still a little girl, with an attachment to her mother which has prevented her full emergence into womanhood. Mrs. Brown is no more happy over this state of affairs than is David, and between the two of them exists a complete understanding of Claudia's problem, and a realization that life will not continue to grant her the consummate happiness and security that she enjoys at the rise of the curtain. In the space of twenty-four hours, Claudia passes three important milestones. First, she tries to rouse jealousy in her husband by practicing her sex appeal on a British author who lives not far down the road. Second, she discovers that she is going to have a child, and hard on the heels of this revelation is her finding out that her mother has a very short time to live. The story of the play deals with Claudia's meeting of life and her acquiescence to the demands that living makes upon her. The final curtain finds her still the same engaging young woman, but in the words of Mrs. Brown she has learned to "hold close with open hands," and in so doing she has achieved a spiritual stature which promises a rich and happy fulfillment of her marriage.



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Claudia was produced at the Booth Theatre, New York City, Wednesday night, February 12, 1941, by John Golden, with Dorothy McGuire as "Claudia." The show had a continuous run at the Booth Theatre until March 7, 1942.

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The Tacoma Little Theatre

Presents

CLAUDIA

(A Comedy Drama)

By

ROSE FRANKEN



Directed By

S/SGT. BEN SMALL

Assisted By

BETTY LELLO

September 29, 30

October 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16



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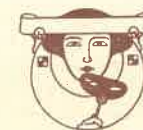
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(In order of appearance)

Mrs. Brown	Doreen Hopper
David Naughton	Lew Tullus
Claudia Naughton	Sammie Wade Fogg
Bertha	Janellan Nick
Fritz	T/Sgt. Joe Goldstein
Jerry Rambald	Tony Lello
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Production Manager	Assisted by Otto Otteson and Peggy Gordon	Diller Fratt
Set Design		S/Sgt. Ben Small
Lighting		Ed Lewis
Properties	Assisted by Jeane Bartinger, Joan Bronnell	Clarann Otteson, Chairman
Publicity		Betty Lello, Helen Weed
Rehearsal Secretary		Pauline Hall
Costumes		Zaza McKay
Construction Crew	Bill Ryan, Jeane Bartinger, Joan Bronnell, James Reynolds	

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Placement	Mrs. Einar Sather
Play Readings	Tony Lello

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday evening, October 31st, at 8:00 o'clock, will be a play reading of "Junior Miss," under the direction of Phil Garland. Don't miss hearing this scintillating comedy of the younger generation.

Did you know that your Little Theatre membership ticket will admit you to the Repertory Theatre, Seattle, at a discount of thirty-three and one-third per cent of the regular admission?

In order to develop a closer intimacy among Little Theatre members, plans are being made for two general meeting concerts to be held on Sunday evening at the Little Theatre this winter. Watch for announcements of these meetings.

Plans for a "real" Workshop under the direction of Uarda Day, are being made. Classes in voice, posture and dancing will probably be offered. Good work!

Helen Weed, executive secretary of the Little Theatre, is an addition to our staff of workers this year. She attended the University of Nebraska; Leland Powers School, Boston; and the Misner School of the Spoken Word, where she was also director and instructor. She has appeared on Lyceum circuits throughout the East and Middle West, and has directed city-wide pageants, animated merchandise parades, etc. She will be in the Little Theatre office throughout the season.

The murals, painted by Malcolm Roberts, on the walls in the lobby were presented to the Little Theatre by Kay Harshberger. Thoughtfulness of the friends of the Little Theatre is very much appreciated.

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