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TONIGHT'S PLAY

—Tom Gregory—

THE HEIRESS is a dramatization of the famous novel "Washington Square" by Henry James. The adaptors, Ruth and Augustus Goetz, have done a remarkable job. Without drastically changing any of the original ingredients of the novel, they have made a taut and exciting evening out of the material which had heretofore been a very compelling but rather unexciting study in character. It is only natural that the play should still remain primarily a character study of "The Heiress", Catherine Sloper, who is moved by the simplest of emotions, a desire to be loved. She is thwarted in her desires by both her father, who looks upon her as a social incompetent, and her suitor who sees her as a material investment. The fact that she defeats them both is one of Mr. James' and the play's moral judgments on the fashionable world, made even more characteristic by her own final frustration, as if he wanted to make it quite clear that while innocence may indeed prevail over snobbery and greed, one can hardly expect that it will survive unscathed.



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Dr. Austin Sloper	Salem Nourse
Lavinia Penniman	Helen Chapman
Catherine Sloper	Uwarda Day
Mrs. Elizabeth Almond	Marie Egan
Albert Townsend	Francis McCall
Marian Almond	Catherine McDonald
Morris Townsend	King Mitchell
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SCENE 3—The next morning

SCENE 2—An afternoon, two weeks later

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— DOREEN HOPPER —

Arlene Leddy (Maria) has been grand help with props on several productions, but this is her first acting experience. She tried out for the part on a dare, and was she surprised. Is a lady of many hobbies, but her main one is a very lively young daughter.

Salem Nourse (Dr. Austin Sloper) is a seasoned trouper with TLT. Last season gave a notable performance in the role of Clarence Day in "Life With Father". In private life, Salem is a prominent stockbroker, the father of two nice girls, and finally the husband of Peg, who turned out such a shining performance in "Chicken Every Sunday".

Helen Chapman(Levinia) one of Tacoma's most popular thespians. Member of the TLT Board of Directors. Remembered for her outstanding work in "Our Town", "I Remember Mama" and "Arms and the Man".

Uwarda Day (Catherine Sloper) is the gal that can do justice to outstanding roles, and she has had many of them. Played in "Tovarich", Philadelphia Story", "Blythe Spirit" and "Angel Street". Trained at Cornish School and the University of Washington, she attained national standing in the field of modern ballet before Hollis persuaded her to settle down to the business of raising two delightful children.

Marie Egan (Elizabeth Almond) is one of the best character actresses who ever hid in a classroom. We all wish she would turn out for more roles. She made her last appearance in "Village Green", and that's too long ago.

Francis McCall (Arthur Townsend) got his start at good old Lincoln High and then went on to work several seasons with the San Francisco Municipal Theatre. Also toured with the Northern California Players. After a try at Hollywood decided he'd rather go hungry in Tacoma. Has played in "Three Men on a Horse" and "I Remember Mama" for TLT, and is a good man on the lights.

Catherine McDonald (Marian Almond) majored in Drama at the University of Washington and took post-graduate work in creative dramatics for children. Tacoma's Park Board made use of her specialty this summer in bringing pleasure to a great many children. Now TLT is fortunate in claiming some of her time.

King Mitchell (Morris Townsend) made his first appearance at TLT as the smooth-talking Patsy in "Three Men on a Horse". It comes from long experience selling radio time. He commutes to KOMO in Seattle. Hope he continues to live in Tacoma, we can use him.

Ethleen Davis (Mrs. Montgomery) was seen last Spring as the long-suffering maid in "Date With Judy". Ethleen hails from Memphis where she was associated with the Memphis Little Theatre. Studied with Victor Morley in New York and spent some time there as a model and radio actress. It's a pleasure to have her with us.

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