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Act One

- Scene 1: Morning.
- Scene 2: That evening. Before the Ball.
- Scene 3: The Ball.

Act Two

- Scene 1: The Ball. Seconds later.
- Scene 2: After a midnight Supper.
- Scene 3: Dawn.

(There will be a 10 minute Intermission .

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The Cast

Joshua, a butler	Jerry Foster
Hugo, a rich young man	} Bryan
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Diana Messerschmann, a rich young woman	Tracy Thompson
Lady India, a rich, young free spirit	Robyn McKechnie
Patrice Bombelles, her not so rich "secret" lover	Martin Peter Larson
Madame Desmortes, Hugo, Frederick & India's wealthy aunt	Jane Riese
Capulet, her steady companion	Lori Genna
Messerschmann, Diana's father, the richest of them all	Tom Birkeland
Romainville, an unlucky Director of Pig Iron	Keith Fullen
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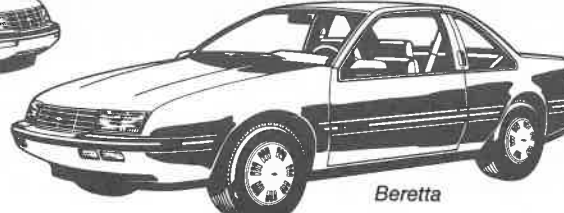
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In 1918 the Tacoma Little Theatre sprang from a devoted group called The Civic Drama League. This cultural organization wanted to promote the theatrical arts in the community and offered lectures, study groups and play readings. As they grew in numbers, the need for a theatre became imperative.

During the 1920's, the Annie Wright Seminary was located at Tacoma Avenue and Division Street. They had a small stage and auditorium they made available to the drama league for the production of plays.

As Tacoma grew, the seminary sold this property and relocated to North Tacoma Avenue, where Annie Wright is today. Of course, this left The Civic Drama League without a theatre. The old Slovenian Hall at the foot of the 30th Street hill was available and the group proceeded to build a stage and auditorium, all volunteer. They were so successful that soon The Civic Drama League outgrew this facility and began searching for a new home. It was during this time they added the name of Tacoma Little Theatre as their production company, eventually to drop the name of The Civic Drama League from public use.

In 1939 and 1940 theatre members held endless benefits, parties and sales in order to purchase our present building at 210 North 'I' Street. The building was an auto repair garage that became the stage and auditorium area. The lobby of today was added about 1950. This garage required extensive remodeling. Improvements consisted of a trussed roof, a revolving stage (building on a Northern Pacific Railroad track), dressing rooms, heating plant, lavatories, and special wiring for productions. Used seats were secured from the University of Washington.

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Meet the Cast...

Jerry Foster (*Joshua*) marks his eighth production at TLT with "Ring". He currently is on the board of directors at Lakewood Players. Jerry looks forward to returning to his home in New York City in the next few years.

Tracy Thompson (*Diana*) was very active at TLT and Lakewood Players before having to work swing shift for the past 3 1/2 years. She was last seen in "She Loves Me" at Lakewood Players. Her past shows at TLT include "Tribute", "Scrooge", "Abie's Irish Rose", and "Wild Goose Chase." She is very, very happy to be acting again.

Robin McKechnie (*Lady India*) was last seen at TLT in "Joe Egg." Some of her favorite roles have been Meg in "Crimes of the Heart," Marjorie in "Extremities" and Gwen in "Fifth of July."

Bryan Zoicher (*Hugo/Frederick*) is a recent transplant to the Northwest from Wisconsin. He has worked at New Dramatists in New York City as the Associate Program Director, where he was involved with the development of 75 new plays. He is very pleased to be cast as Hugo/Frederick in "Ring."

Martin Peter Larson (*Patrice*) just finished playing Sidney in "Absurd Person Singular" at TLT and will be directing "Dames at Sea" when "Ring" closes. Martin has final auditions for the Eugene O'Neill Institute of Theatre in Connecticut. We wish him luck!

Jane Riese (*Mme. Desmortes*) has always wanted to play the roll of Madame Desmortes in "Ring." She has been seen as Sister Mae in TLT's "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof", Fanny Cavendish in "The Royal Family", and as Bea in "Lovers and Other Strangers". She presently teaches at TCC, ". . . Torturing students with my passion for playwrights."

Lori Genna (*Capulet*) Her latest role was as Betty in "The Foreigner" at The Performance Circle in Gig Harbor, where she has been involved in numerous productions, both as an actress and as a musician/pianist and a full-time real estate agent with Harold A. Allen Co.

Tom Birkeland (*Messerschmann*) is a familiar face to Tacoma theatre audiences. Over the past 30 years, Tom has done well over 100 plays in area community theatres, the majority of them at TLT. He recently directed "She Loves Me" at Lakewood Playhouse and last summer played the title role in Performance Circle's production of "Macbeth". His last performance at TLT was in "Sly Fox" last season. Tom is employed by the state of Washington and in his spare time works as a travel agent for CTT International.

Deanna Haworth (*Isabelle*) is currently attending Pacific Lutheran University, and has performed in "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "Child's Play" at Pierce College. She enjoys acting very much, while majoring in Social Science. She plans to stay active in Theatre while at PLU and after that, who knows?

Karen Purcella (*Mother*) has frequently appeared on the TLT stage, most recently in "Habeas Corpus." She is employed at Tacoma General Hospital and she writes short stories between cooking dinner and selling avon.

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