

Theater

Saturday, July 21, 2018 1:48 AM

Adam Adamov- Russian

The Parody

- Characters sit under a handless clock and ask the time

The Confession

Ping Pong

Aeschylus- 525-455 BC

The Persians

- Battle of Salamis and the hubris of Xerxes
- Atossa, his mother
 - First ever dream sequence in European theater
- Messenger describes the Battle of Salamis in detail and lists the general who died
- Father Darius warns him
 - "Where the plain grows lush and green,/Where Asopus' stream plumps rich Boeotia's soil,/The mother of disasters awaits them there,/Reward for insolence, for scorning God."
- Part of lost trilogy that contained Phineus and Glaucus
- Prometheus the Fire-kindler was a satyr play that followed

Seven Against Thebes

- Namesake men who tried to sack Thebes
- Part of lost trilogy with Laius Oedipus and satyr play Sphinx

The Suppliants

The Oresteia Trilogy

Agamemnon

The Libation Bearers

The Eumenides

Proteus

- Satyr play that followed the oresteia

Prometheia Trilogy

Prometheus Bound

- Hephaestus, Oceanus, and Oceanid chorus expresses sympathy
- Prometheus refuses to tell Hermes who will bear a son greater than Zeus
- Only one that survives today
- Might have been written by son
- Sequel written by Percy Shelley

Prometheus Unbound

Prometheus the Fire-Bringer

Edward Albee- American

The Zoo Story

- Peter and Jerry meet on a bench in Central Park
- Peter
 - Daughters each have a parakeet

- Ends up stabbing Jerry
- Jerry
 - Pulls knife on Peter
 - "Could I have planned all this? No, but I think it did."
 - Tells Peter he will have to wear a prosthesis like Freud if he continues to smoke
 - "That's the way the cookie crumbles"
 - Has no pictures to put in his frames
 - Owns pornographic playing cards

The Sandbox

- Young Man performs calisthenics on the beach
- Mommy and Daddy bring Grandma to the beach
- She is dying and is buried in sand, when the Young Man reveals he is the angel of death and tells her "I am come for you"

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

- Saw the title scribbled on bar mirror in soap
- Martha and George get Nick and Honey as guests
- Martha and George abuse each other
- Marth tells how she sucker punched George in front of her father
- George attempts to shoot Martha in retaliation, but an umbrella pops out
- Talks about schoolmate who accidentally kills both parents
 - Orders "bergin and water"
- George suggests game called "Get the Guests" and "Hump the Hostess"
- Makes fun of Honey and her "hysterical pregnancy" by telling her about the tale of "the Mousie"
- Argues with Martha over whether the moon is up or down
- Answers door with snapdragons
 - "Flores para los muertos"
- Their child who died while swerving to avoid a porcupine is just made up by them
- Three Acts
 - Fun and Games
 - Walpurgisnacht
 - The Exorcism

A Delicate Balance

- Agnes and Tobias
- Live with Claier, Agnes's witty and alcoholic little sister
- Host best friends Edna and Harry, who are claim they are frightened by some imaginable evil
- Their daughter Julia comes home from her fourth divorce, but tension rises because Edna and Harry are staying in her room
- Agnes says "There is a balance to be maintained, and I must be the fulcrum"

The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?

- Martin admits he is in love with a goat named Sylvia, but his wife thinks it is a joke
- He reveals to Ross during an interview about his Pritzker prize that he loves Sylvia, and Ross tells Stevie
- The business card that Stevie found earlier in Martin's pocket was for a bestiality

support group

- Son Billy breaks down, but kisses Martin and forgives him
- Ends with Stevie killing Sylvia

Three Tall Women

- A, B, and C, are all representations of a woman in three different times in her life

Fernando Arrabal- Spanish 1932

The Architect and the Emperor of Assyria

Amiri Baraka- American 1934-2014

"Somebody Blew Up America?"

- "Who told 400 Israeli workers at the Twin Towers / To stay home that day"

Dutchman

- White Lula tries to seduce black Clay on the NYC subway
 - Feeds him apple she was eating
 - Tells him to "do the nasty, rub bellies"
 - Calls him "Uncle Thomas Woolly-Head"
- Eventually stabs him twice in the heart

"Preface to a Twenty-Volume Suicide Note"

"In Memory of Radio"

The Slave

A Black Mass

Slave Ship

Poet Laureate of New Jersey 2002-2003

Samuel Beckett- Irish 1906-1989

Waiting for Godot

- Vladimir and Estragon
- Wait by a leafless tree for Godot
- Pozzo and his slave Lucky talk to them
- A boy comes and informs them that Godot will be arriving tomorrow
- Want to hang themselves, but have no rope
- They decide to leave, but stay there as the curtain falls
- "There is nothing to be done"

Endgame

- Hamm, in chair and unable to stand
- Clov, Hamm's servant who is unable to sit
 - Says he does not know the combination to the cupboards
 - Kills flea with insecticide
 - Accuses Hamm of not helping Mother Pegg who needed oil lamp
- Nagg and Nell, Hamm's legless parents who live in trash cans
 - Alarm clock placed on them near the end

Krapp's Last Tape

- Krapp's 69th birthday, and he watches videos of his old self
- Sees his 39 year old self
 - Childlike pleasure in pronouncing the word "spool"
 - Gets news of his mother's death, but 69 year old Krapp is more interested in his use of the word "viduiity" than his reaction to the news

- Throws a rubber ball to a dog, and although he wishes he saved it as a memento, claims he will always remember how it felt
- Bowel trouble from too many bananas

Happy Days

- Winnie is buried to her waist in a mound of dirt
- She prattles to her husband Willie, who barely responds, often reciting newspaper headlines that remind him of her
- Mr and Mrs Shower (or Cooker) pass and ask her what she is doing stuck
- She holds up a parasol to protect her from sun, but it bursts into flames
- Opens a music box that plays "I love you so" from The Merry Widow
- In the second act, the mound moves up to her neck

Trilogy

Molloy

Malone Dies

The Unnamable

"Dante...Bruno. Vico... Joyce"

Aphra Behn- English 1640-1689

Oroonoko (The Royal Slave)

- Prince Oroonoko is the son of an African King
- Kidnapped and sold into slavery
- Ends up killing his wife Imoinda, after they discuss that it is for the best
- Nicknamed "Caesar" by Trefry
- Cuts his own throat, and asks for a pipe to smoke before being dismembered

One of the first English women writers to make a living off writing

Employed as a spy by Charles 2 in Antwerp

Wrote under nickname Astrea

Augustine Boal- Brazilian 1931-2009

Theater of the Oppressed

Bertolt Brecht- German 1898-1956

Threepenny Opera

- "Mack the Knife"
- "Pirate Jenny"
- Macheath (Mack the Knife) marries Polly Peachum
- Polly and Lucy Brown sing "Jealousy Duet" after Macheath is jailed

Saint Joan and the Stockyard

- Joan Dark becomes a member of the Black Straw Hats in 20th century Chicago
- Battle with Pierpont Mauler, the owner of a meat-packing plant

The Visions of Simone Machard

Mother Courage and Her Children

- Anna Fierling (Mother Courage)
- Children Eilif, Katrin, and Swiss Cheese
- Swiss Cheese is shot by soldiers, and Mother Courage does not acknowledge it for fear of being shot
- Sings "Song of Great Capitulation"
- Eilif is murdered for killing a peasant for livestock
- Katrin plays a drum to warn peasants of attack and she is shot

- During thirty years' war

The Caucasian Chalk Circle

The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahogany

The Good Person of Szechwan

Argued against Aristotelian ideas in his "epic theater"

Anton Chekhov- Russian

The Seagull

- Boris Trigorin, a novelist
- Nina
 - Trigorin's lover
 - Gives him a medallion that says "If you want my life, come and take it"
- Irina Arkadina
- Konstantin Treplev
 - Shoots himself and a seagull
- First night fail
- Mos
- Young girl like the seagull

Uncle Vanya

Three Sisters

- Olga, a spinster who becomes headmistress of high school
 - Oldest Prozorov siblings
- Masha is married to Feodor Kulygin
 - Cheats on him with Lieutenant Vershinin
- Irina's name-day
 - Tuzenbach and Solyony both declare love for Irina
 - She marries Tuzenbach, but then tells him she can't love him, comparing her heart to a piano with a missing key
- Andrei, the only boy, asks to marry Natash
 - They have a boy Bobik
 - Natasha cuckholds him with Protopopov
- Ends "If we only knew, if we only knew"
- Adapted by Ai Nagai

The Cherry Orchard

Lady with the Dog

- Affair between Dmitri Gurov and Anna Sergeyevna Diderits in Yalta

The Bet

The Steppe

Chekhov's Gun

William Congreve- British 1670-1729

Love for Love

- Sir Sampson Legend makes his son Valentine sign a contract that forfeits his inheritance to his younger brother Ben, due to his own reckless spending
- Ben is engaged to Miss Prue, the daughter of Foresight

The Way of the World

- Mirabell and Millamant

The Mourning Bride

- "Music has charms to soothe a savage breast"

- “Nor hell a fury, like a woman scorned”

Noël Coward- English 1899-1973

Hay Fever

Private Lives

Design for Living

Present Laughter

Blithe Spirits

- Charles Condomine
- Invites eccentric medium Madame Arcati to his house to gather material for book
- During her séance, she brings back his temperamental wife Elvira, who attempts to ruin his marriage with wife Ruth
- Housemaid Edith helps summon the ghost
- Ends with Charles tiptoeing out as the curtain falls

Known for wit and flamboyance

Ariel Dorfman- Argentine-Chilean-American

Death and the Maiden

- Paulina Salas is raped by Roberto Miranda to Schubert's String Quartet No 14
- Marries Gerardo Escobar, who gets a flat tire
- Stage directions call for a gigantic mirror to descend

Reader

- Don Alfonso bans manuscript about himself

Euripides- Greek 480-406 BC

Medea

- She kills Glauce and Creon (king of Corinth) with poisoned robes
- Murders Jason's kids
- Escapes on dragon-drawn chariot to Athens
- Begins with conversation between nurse and tutor
- Medea seeks advice from Aegeus, King of Athens

Hippolytus

The Trojan Women

Bacchae

Dario Fo- Italian 1926-2016

Accidental Death of an Anarchist

Can't Pay? Won't Pay!

Mistero Buffo

Maria Irene Fornes- Cuban-American 1930-2018

Fefu and Her Friends

Sarita

Inspired by Susan Sontag

Athol Fugard- South African

"Master Harold"... and the Boys

- Hally and servants Sam and Willie

The Blood Knot

- Brothers Morris, who is more white, and Zachariah
- Zacharia has a white pen pal from South Africa, but Morris meets her instead, although she does not end up coming
- Zacharia treats Morris in disdain because he is used to acting white
- "Dear God, please bring back Minnie"

Gilbert and Sullivan- English 1836-1911 1842-1900

HMS Pinafore

The Pirates of Penzance

The Mikado

Thespis

Trial by Jury

- "breach of promise of marriage"
- "What An Afternoon"

Gilbert (libretto) and Sullivan (music)

Jean Genet- French

The Balcony

The Maids

- Claire and Solange pretend to kill Madame

The Screens

The Thief's Journal

Our Lady of the Flowers

- Divine, a drag queen who tells the story
 - Done to help him masturbate
 - Called "Epic of Masturbation" by Sartre

Lorraine Hansberry- African-American 1930-1965

A Raisin in the Sun

- Walter and Beneatha's father just died
- Mama is waiting for \$10,000 insurance check
 - Decides to live in an all white neighborhood
- George Murchison
 - Beneatha's wealthy and educated boyfriend

Vaclav Havel- Czech 1936-2011

Last Pres of Czechoslovakia

The Garden Party

The Memorandum

Henrik Ibsen- Norwegian

Brand

Peer Gynt

- Norwegian fairy tale
- Peer Gynt
 - Recounts failed reindeer hunt known as "the Buckride"
- Ingrid, his love

An Enemy of the People

- Dr. Thomas Stockmann
 - Medical officer of spa, discovers bacteria in the water
 - Brother of the mayor, Peter, who tried to discourage him from publishing it and showing corruption
 - Truthful ideas are condemned due to
 - "colossal stupidity of the authorities"
 - Small-mindedness of "the compact majority" who should "be exterminated"
 - House is attacked by the town
- Hovstad, editor of the newspaper that publishes the findings
- Aslaksen, the printer
- Billing, a sub-editor
- Morten Kiil, Dr. Stockmann's father-in-law
 - His tannery are leaking toxins into the water

Emperor and Galilean

A Doll's House

- Nora Helmer leaves her husband Torvald Helmer
 - She illegally takes out loan in her father's name
 - Pretends to be bad at the tarantella and asks for help to keep Torvald from opening his mailbox
 - Contemplates suicide
 - Torvald lashes out on her, but then forgives her when he realizes Krogstad no longer is blackmailing them
- Mr Rank and Mrs Kristine Linde come to visit
 - Mr Rank confesses his love for Nora and reveals his tuberculosis
- Krogstad, an employee at Torvald's bank
 - Called "morally diseased" by Mr Rank
 - Torvald says he is "poisoning his own children with lies and dissimulation"
 - Forges a signature
 - Blackmails Nora
- Ibsen forced to write alternate ending for German premiere, where she stays with children
 - Called it a "barbaric outrage"

Hedda Gabler

- Married to George Tesman
 - Studies handcraft of Brabant during Middle Ages
- His rival Eilert Lovborg, a former lover of Hedda, is married to Thea Elvsted
 - Hedda wants a "triangular relationship" with them
- Lovborg's new book threatens George opportunity for professorship
- Eilert accompanies George and Judge Brack to a party, where he misplaces the manuscript
- Hedda convinces Eilert to kill himself, which he does in brothel
- Hedda kills herself with father's pistol
 - Judge exclaims "People don't do such things"
- Hedda recounts the story of a "red-haired" singer in Mademoiselle Diana's brothel

Ghosts

- Helen Alving
- Oswald Alving has syphilis
- Critiqued by public for taboo themes

The Wild Duck

When We Dead Awaken

Pillars of Society

- Bernick, a wealthy and unscrupulous business man
 - Orders the unseaworthy Indian Girl to be ready in one day, causing it to sink and kill those on board
- Johan Tonnessen falls in love with Dina Dorf

The Lady from the Sea

Rosmersholm

The Master Builder

- Halvard Solness
 - Talks about cracks in the chimney
 - Afraid to climb to the top of steeple
 - Falls to his death
- Hilda Wangel
 - Promised a "kingdom" by Solness
- Doctor Herdal

Gabriel Borkman

Figure of Modernism, Realism

Eugene Ionesco- Romanian French

Berenger Cycle:

- The Killer
 - Berenger discovers the "radiant city"
 - There is a killer that drowns victims in a pool by showing them a "picture of the colonel"
- Rhinoceros
 - Berenger slowly watches everybody else turn into rhinos
 - Berenger unwillingness to "capitulate"
- Exit the King
- A Stroll in the Air

The Bald Soprano

- Mr. and Mrs. Smith talk about Bobby Watson
- Mr. and Mrs. Martin both have child with one white and one red eye, but opposite sides so they come to the conclusion they are not married
- Maid Mary is married to fire chief
 - Mary decides she is Sherlock Holmes
- Play ends with both couples shouting "It's not that way. It's over here!"
- When the doorbell rings, "sometimes there is someone, other times there is no one"
- Absurdist

The Chairs

- Old Man and Old Woman set up chairs for invisible guests, before throwing themselves out of a window, into the ocean

The Lesson

Jack, or the Submission

Absurdist

Ben Jonson- English 1572-1637

Every Man in His Humor

- Humor play
 - Each character is obsessed with a particular thing
- Kno'well attempts to spy on his son
- Brainworm, his servant that gets in the way
- Kiteley fears his wife is cuckolding him

Volpone or The Fox

- Venetian Volpone pretends to be ill to trick Voltore, Corbaccio, and Corvino into giving gifts to gain his inheritance
- Mosca, his assistant
- Volpone disguises as Scoto Mantua to get with Corvino's wife Celia
 - Attempts to sell fake medicine in front of Corvino's house
 - Sings "Time will not be ours forever; He at length our good will sever" in an effort to seduce Celia
 - Mosca convinces Corvino that Volpone needs a youthful woman in his bed to regain health
- Sir Politic and Lady Would Be
- Peregrine

The Alchemist

- Lovewit flees London during the Plague, leaving his house to butler Jeremy (Captain Face)
- Captain Face, a conman, enlists help of Subtle and Dol Common
- Dapper, their first customer that needs help with gambling addiction
 - They suggest that he perform embracing rituals to gain favor with "Queen of Fairy"
- Drugged, next customer and tabbaconist
- Epicure Mammon
 - Wants philosopher's stone
- Surly, Mammon's assistant and sceptic of alchemy
 - Disguises as a Spanish nobleman
- Anabaptists
 - Ananias, Tribulation,
- Dame Pilant, a rich widow that Subtle and Face fight over
 - Kastril, her brother
- Jeremy begs for audience forgiveness in end when Lovewit returns

Bartholomew Fair

- Begins with the stage keeper criticizing the play for lacking romantic and fabulous elements
- Makes the audience sign a contract
- Littlewit puts on a puppet play
- Quarlous and Winwife, his friends
- They try to win Dame Purecraft from Zeal-of-the-Land Busy

Epicene

To Celia

- Song
- "Drink to me only with thine eyes"

To Penshurst

- Country house poem, complimenting the house of Robert Sydney

Second most important under James VI after Shakespeare

Moisés Kaufman- Venezuelan 1963

The Laramie Project

- Town's reaction to the murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay student in Laramie, Wyoming
- Verbatim theater

Founded Tectonic Theater Project

Heinrich von Kleist- German 1777-1811

The Broken Jug

- Only pure comedy play
- Adam, Eve, Licht, and Walter
- Mocks judicial system, Adam is both criminal and judge

The Marquise of O

- Novella on forced seduction
- Story begins with a pregnant woman sending out a newspaper announcement that asks for the father of her child to marry her

Tony Kushner- American 1956

Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes

- Two parts: Millennium Approaches and Perestroika
- AIDS
- Joe Pitt, a Mormon Republican clerk
- Roy Cohn, a McCarthyist lawyer
 - Says he has liver cancer, instead of AIDS
 - Visited by ghost of Ethel Rosenberg
 - Ethel sings yiddish lullaby as he passes away
- Harper, Joe's wife
 - Becomes addicted to drugs when she finds out her husband is gay
- Prior Walter
 - Visited by angel who says "the Great Work" has begun
 - Abandoned by his girlfriend Louis Ironson
- Belize, an ex-drag queen and nurse

Wrote screenplay for Lincoln

Franz Lehar

The Merry Widow

Federico Garcia Lorca- Spanish 1898-1936

Rural Trilogy:

Blood Wedding

- The Bride runs off with Leonardo Felix
- The Groom leaves to kill him, but they end up killing each other
- Death is disguised as a beggar woman
- Three woodcutter personify the fates
- Woodcutter with white face personifies the moon

Yerma

- Yerma wishes she had a child, fearing her blood will turn to poison soon if she doesn't soon
- Sews for Maria's soon to be baby
- Victor, her friend, urges her to try harder
- Is attracted to Victor, not her husband Juan
- Juan buys Victor's sheep, causing Victor to leave
- Yerma visits Dolores, and then high mountains as a pilgrimage
- When Juan tells her to give up wanting a child, Yerma strangles him
 - "I myself have killed my son"

The House of Bernarda Alba

- Bernarda Alba imposes eight year mourning period on her five daughters after the death of her husband
- Angustias, the eldest daughter, receives a large inheritance from her father
- Attracts Pepe el Romano, a wealthy suitor
- Adela defies her mother's orders by wearing a green dress
- Ponica, Bernarda's servant, warns Adela to bide her time
- Bernarda scrubs the makeup off of Angustias's face
- Maria Josefa, Bernarda's mother, wants to get married and warns Bernarda that locking her children up will turn their hearts to dust
- Adela begins an affair with Pepe
- Bernarda shoots at Pepe, who manages to flee on his pony
- Thinking he was shot, Adela hangs herself

Doña Rosita the Spinster

- Theme of the passage of time

Play Without a Title

Gypsy Ballads

"Lament for the Death of the Bullfighter"

- Grieving death of Igancio Sanchez Mejías
- At five o'clock in the afternoon
- The wind carried away the cottonwool
- A coffin on wheels is his bed
- The Spilled Blood section
- I will not see it

"Romance Sonambulo" (Sleepwalk Ballad)

- Green, how I want you green
- Under the Gypsy moon / all things are watching her

"Gacela of the Dark Death"

- I want to sleep the sleep of apples

Divan del Tamarit

Sonnets of Dark Love

Ode to "olive colored voice"

Member of Generation of '27

Executed by Spanish nationalists for being gay and liberal

Maurice Maeterlinck- Belgian 1862-1949

Intruder

- Blind grandfather

The Blind

- 12 de-personalized characters, allowed for audience interpretation

Pelleas and Melisande

Interior

The Blue Bird

Symbolist

- Tytyl and Mytyl find happiness

David Mamet- American 1947

Glengarry Glen Ross

- Unscrupulous Chicago real estate agents
- Richard "Ricky" Roma
 - Thinks he is tough, but is only lucky
 - Exploits buyers' weaknesses
- Shelley "The Machine" Levene
 - Reveals daughter's sickness to office manager John Williamson in order to get better leads
- Baylen interrogates Dave Moss and George Aaronow
- First act is set in a Chinese restaurant
 - "All train compartments smell vaguely of shit"
- Fast-paced, vulgar dialogue

Speed-the-Plow

American Buffalo

Christopher Marlowe- English 1564-1593

The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus

- Faust makes a deal with Mephistopheles, who eventually drags him to hell
- "Homo, fuge" appears on his arm
- One character calls Helen "the face that launched a thousand ships"

Dido, Queen of Carthage

Edward the Second

The Jew of Malta

- Barabas
 - Slave named Ithamore
 - Burns in his own cauldron while Christians and Turks resolve conflict with nonviolence
- Abigail
 - Converts to Christianity
 - Barabas's daughter

The Massacre at Paris

Hero and Leander

The Passionate Shepherd to His Love

- Come live with me and be my love

Arthur Miller- American 1915-2005

All My Sons

Death of a Salesman

- Willy Loman
 - 63 year old salesman

- Crashes his car to collect life insurance money
 - Plants seeds while fantasizing about Ben, his brother who got rich in Africa
- Linda Loman- his wife
- Biff Loman
 - Elder son
 - Football star who failed math senior year
 - Dropped out of summer school when he saw Willy with another woman in Boston
- Happy Loman
 - Younger son
 - Assistant to the assistant buyer at local store
 - Womanizer who takes bribes
- Charley
 - Neighbor who comes over to play cards

The Crucible

- Salem witch trials
- Allegory for McCarthyism
- Reverend Samuel Parris
- Daughter Betty Paris
- Niece Abigail Williams
- Tituba, his Barbadian slave
 - Accuses Sarah Osborne, Sarah Good, and Bridget Bishop
 - Threatened to be whipped to death
- Giles Corey, farmer
 - Killed, crushed by boulder
 - "more weight"
- Reverend John Hale
 - Investigates the colony

A View from the Bridge

- Italian American neighborhood near Brooklyn Bridge
- Narrated by Alfieri
- Eddie is in love with his Catherine, his wife Beatrice's niece
- Against her courtship of Rodolpho

Moliere- French

The Affected Ladies

- Magdelon and Cathos travel to Paris in search of love
- They reject La Grainge and Du Croisy, who come back as imposters Mascarille and Jodelet

The School for Husbands

The School for Wives

- Arnolphe desires to wed Agnes, who ends up marrying Horace

Tartuffe (The Imposter)

- Tartuffe, a religious devotee and fraud
 - Tricks the Orgon family
 - Set up to marry Mariane, who was already engaged to Valere
- Damis, the son
 - Catches Tartuffe trying to seduce Elmire, his mother

- Tartuffe makes it seem like he is lying
 - Banished
- Orgon
 - Signs over possessions to Tartuffe
 - Box of incriminating evidence is used against him by Tartuffe
- Monsiuer Loyal
 - Arrives with letter, ordering the Orgon family to leave their house
- Madame Pernelle tells everyone to follow Tartuffe's example
- King Louis XIV comes and arrests Tartuffe
 - Deus ex machina

Dom Juan

- Heavily censored because they believed he was attacking religion
- Don Juan is an atheist

The Misanthrope

- Alceste
 - Rejects social conventions of French salon
 - "Mankind has grown so base / I mean to break with the whole human race
 - Insults a sonnet written by Oronte
 - Decides to exile himself from society
- Celimene
 - Alceste's crush
 - Represents everything he despises
 - Sends same love letter to every guy
- Arsinoe and Eliante both want Alceste
- Philinte marries Eliante
- Basque announces Acaste and Clitandre, two more suitors

The Imaginary Invalid

The Learned Women

L'Avare

Sean O'Casey- Irish

The Star Turns Red

- Star of Bethlehem turns red

Red Roses for me

Eugene O'Neill- American

Long Day's Journey into Night

- James Tyrone is a wealthy but stagnant 65 year old actor
 - Laments being typecast
- Wife Mary was addicted to Morphine
 - Says she need it for her arthritic hands
 - Talks about her love of fog but hatred of foghorn
 - Calls son Jamie a "hopeless failure"
 - Discredits Dr. Hardy for getting her addicted
 - Was pregnant with Eugene, who died of measles
- Edmund tests positive for tuberculosis
- Jamie
- Cathleen- "buxom Irish peasant" summer maid

Beyond the Horizon

- First play
- Pulitzer

The Emperor Jones

- Brutus Jones Pullman porter kills a man, escapes and proclaims himself emperor of Haiti
- Draws on hallucinatory experience
- Commentary on US occupation of Haiti

Anna Christie

- Former prostitute

The Hairy Ape

- Yank stokes engine, deteriorates in Manhattan, killed by ape
- Called filthy beast by Mildred Douglas

Desire Under the Elms

- Eben, Simon, Peter, and Ephriam Cabot
- Abbie Putnam

Strange Interlude

- Nina Leeds, Same Evans, Ned Darrell, Charles Marsden

Mourning Becomes Electra

- Ezra and Christine Mannon
- Retelling of Oresteia

Ah, Wilderness

- Only well known comedy
- Richard Miller on July 4th

The Iceman Cometh

- Theodore "Hickey" Hickman"
 - Stops at saloon after his East Coast tours, starting the party
 - Convinces the rest to stop drinking, after he stopped
 - Kills his own wife Evelyn, then calls cops on himself
 - Does this out of love, guilty that she kept forgiving him
 - "well, you know what you can do with that pipe dream now, don't you?"
- Joe Mott
 - Insists he will reopen his casino
- Cecil "The Captain" Lewis, English
- Piet "The General" Wetjoen, South African
 - Fought each other during the Boer Wars
- Harry Hope
 - Not left bar since wife Bessie's death 20 years ago
 - Birthday party
- Ed Mosher
 - Fired for purposefully giving incorrect change
- Hugo Kalmar
 - Passed out for most of the play
- Chuck Morello
 - Says he will marry Cora tomorrow
- Larry Slade
 - Former syndicalist-anarchist
 - "by God, there's no hope! I'll never be a success... Life is too much for me!"

- Don Parritt
 - Reveals that he was responsible for the arrest of his mother's (and Larry's ex-wife's) arrest
 - Jumps to death from fire escape

A Moon for the Misbegotten

- Sequel to a Long Day's Journey into Night

The Great God Brown

Lazarus Laughed

A Touch of the Poet and More Staley Mansions

- Posthumously

The Long Voyage Home

- Glencarin plays

1936 Nobel

John Osborne- English 1929-1994

Look Back in Anger

- Difficult marriage of Jimmy Porter and Allison
 - He flips ironing board and burns her
 - Calls her "Lady Pusillanimous"
 - Leaves to play trumpet offstage
 - Allison gets pregnant, leaves, and then miscarries
 - At the end they reconcile, pretending to be bears and squirrels
- Cliff Lewis, a welsh lodger
- Helena Charles, Allison's friend
 - Eventually falls in love and lives with Jimmy
- Colonel Redfern, Allison's father
 - Comes to "rescue" her from Jimmy
- Kitchen sink drama
- "angry young men"
 - Describes the gritty realism

Luigi Pirandello- Italian 1867-1936 Nobel 1934

Six Characters in Search of an Author

- The Manager and Director are interrupted in rehearsal of The Rules of the Game
- The Father, The Mother, The Stepdaughter, The Boy, The Child
- Boy shoots himself over the drowning of Child in a fountain

The Rules of the Game

Henry IV

- Falls off horse and believes himself to be Henry IV, Holy Roman Emperor

Cole Porter- American 1891-1964

Kiss Me, Kate

- Musical version of The Taming of the Shrew
- Fred Graham, the producer
- Lilli Vanessi, ex-wife and producer
- "So in Love"
- Won first Tony award for best musical

Fifty Million Frenchmen

DuBarry Was a Lady
Anything Goes
Can-Can
Silk Stockings

Yasmina Reza- French 1959

God of Carnage

- Two children get into fight at a park
- Their parents meet to settle things, but things quickly devolve because of their own immaturity

‘Art’

- Marc admonishes Serg for spending 200 thousand francs on a white painting

Thomas Rice- American

Jump Jim Crow

Rodgers and Hammerstein- American

Oklahoma!

- Based on Lynn Riggs' Green Grow the Lilacs
- "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin"
- "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top"
- "I Cain't Say No"
- "People Will Say We're in Love"

Carousel

- Adapted from Molnar's Liliom
- Amusement park barker Billy Bigelow seeks redemption following suicide
 - Works with Jigger Craigin
 - Steals a star to give to daughter Louise after returning from heaven
- Julie
- "If I Loved You"
- "June is Bustin Out All Over"
- "You'll Never Walk Alone"

South Pacific

- Based on Michener's Tales of the South Pacific
- American nurse falls in love with expatriate French plantation owner
- US lieutenant and young Tonkinese woman
- "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught"
- "Bali Hai"
- "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair"
- "Some Enchanted Evening"
- "There is Nothing Like a Dame"
- "Happy Talk"
- "Younger Than Springtime"
- "I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy"

The King and I

The Sound of Music

Flower Drum Song

State Fair

- Gave them their only Oscar "It Might as Well Be Spring"

George Bernard Shaw- Irish 1856-1950

Man and Superman

- Mrs Whitefield dies, leaving daughter Ann to John Tanner and Roebuck Ramsden
- Roebuck Ramsden, an older and traditional gentleman
- John Tanner, a younger and progressively thinking man
 - Writes Revolutionist's Handbook
 - Suggested to Mr Whitefield that he pairs Ramsden with a younger man to help look after Ann, and unknowingly becomes the one selected
 - Sees Ann as a Goddess, and a "reality of romance"
- Octavius Robinson, a young poet who wants to marry her
- Ann claims that she will "commit every crime a respectable woman can"
- She is in love with John Tanner
- Hector Malone and his pregnant wife Violet Robinson keep their marriage a secret to not anger his father
- Tanner escapes to Europe to get away from Ann, but he and his chauffeur Enry Straker are kidnapped by the League of Sierra under Mendoza
- Has a dream he is Don Juan in Hell, and others fill in the other roles
 - The Superman continues to improve himself
- Tanner and Ann ultimately marry

Pygmalion

- Cockney flower girl Eilza Doolittle
- Colonel Pickering bets against Henry Higgins ability to transform Eilza
- Mrs. Eynsford

Saint Joan

Major Barbara

- Lady Britomart Undershaft
- Her estranged husband, Andrew Undershaft owns a wealthy munitions company
- Barbara, their daughter that works for Salvation Army
- Adolphus Cusins, her husband, is able to take over Mr Undershaft's company after they realize he is a foundling
- Mr Undershaft has to convince them that his donations, although the money is perhaps unscrupulously earned, should still be accepted by the Salvation Army
- Snobby Price
- Rummy Mitchens
- Peter Shirley
- Bill Walker
- Jenny Hill

The Doctor's Dilemma

Caesar and Cleopatra

Back to Methuselah

Nobel 1925

Richard Brinsley Sheridan- Irish 1751-1816

The Rivals

- Jack Absolute pretends to be "Ensign Beverley" to marry Lydia
- Bob Acres and Lucius O'Trigger also want her
- Mrs. Malaprop
 - Uses wrong words (origin of malapropism)

- Uses name "Della" to disguise herself to woo Lucius
 - Takes place in town of Bath
- The School for Scandal
- Lady Sneerwell
 - Snake
 - Charles and Joseph Surface
 - Sir Peter Teazle
 - Mr. Premium
- The Critic
- Mr Puff invites Sir Fretful Plagiary, Dangle, and Sneer to a rehearsal of the play The Spanish Armada
 - Based on George Villiers' The Rehearsal
- The Duenna
- A Trip to Scarborough

Neil Simon- American 1927-2018

Eugene Trilogy:

Brighton Beach Memoirs

- Eugene Morris Jerome's coming of age story in Brighton Beach, NY

Biloxi Blues

- Eugene is sent to Biloxi, Mississippi for military training during WW2
- Arnold Epstein, the play's central figure who vies for power
 - Makes Sergeant Merwin J Toomey do 200 push-ups

Broadway Bound

- Eugene and brother Stanley make fun of their family on their job as radio hosts
- Their father Jack gets mad that they made fun of him for cheating on his wife Kate

The Odd Couple

- Neat freak Felix Ungar moves in with slovenly sportswriter Oscar Madison

Come Blow Your Horn

- Buddy, a 21 year old virgin, leaves his parents house to join his brother Alan's playboy lifestyle

Lost in Yonkers

- Jay and Arty go to live with their grandma and crazy Aunt Bella while their dad works as a traveling salesman
- Their uncle Louie works for a gang, and has an important object in a black bag

Sunshine Boys

- Al Lewis and Willie Clark, a vaudeville pair that hate each other and no longer talk, agree to reunite for a CBS special on the history of comedy
- Willie has a heart attack after getting angry that he has been poked in the chest for too long

Barefoot in the Park

- Corie and Paul Bratter are newlyweds that struggle with life in their new awful apartment
- Corie wishes Paul were more impulsive, asking him to run "barefoot in the park"

The Good Doctor

- Based on a series of Chekhov short stories

Last of the Red Hot Lovers

- Barney Cashman takes part in the sexual revolution, meeting three different

ladies

Stephen Sondheim-

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

- Pseudolus (Zero Mostel), Miles Gloriosus, Mostellaria

Company

- Bobby and his relationships
- Bobby sings "Being Alive" on his 35th birthday
 - "Someone to sit in your chair and ruin your sleep"

Follies

A Little Night Music

Pacific Overtures

Sweeney Todd

- Johanna falls in love with Anthony

Merrily We Roll Along

Sunday in the Park with George

- Georges Seurat

Into the Woods

Assassins

Passion

West Side Story

Gypsy

"Sooner or Later (I Always Get My Man)"

Sophocles- Greek 497-406 BC

Oedipus Rex

- Kills Laius and marries Jocasta
- Gouges his eyeballs out
- Talked about by Freud

Oedipus at Colonus

Antigone

- Ismene and Creon

Theban Trilogy

Ajax

- Decided to kill Agamemnon and Menelaus after they award Achilles' armor to Odysseus
- Athena deludes him to kill Greek spoils instead
- Decided to commit suicide by "burying" the sword of Hector
- Concubine Tecmessa pleads, and he gives his shield to son Eurysakes
- Half-brother Tecuer comes after learning from prophet Kalchas

Women of Trachis

Electra

- Electra and Orestes avenge father Agamemnon by attacking mother Clytemnestra and step father Aegisthus
- Agamemnon killed because he sacrificed daughter Iphigenia before the war and brought home concubine Cassandra after
- Orestes goes undercover with Pylades, showing up with his own ashes
- Electra lets them in and they slay their mother

Philoctetes

Wole Soyinka- Nigerian 1934

The Lion and the Jewel

- Lakunle
 - Young westerner that tries to modernize African culture
 - Wants to marry Sidi
 - Refuses to pay her bride price, because he thinks it is uncivilized
- Baroka
 - Older Yoruba chief that also wants to marry Sidi
- Village girls perform "The Dance of the Lost Traveller"
 - Pretend to be wheels on a car
 - Mock a photographer for his "one-eyed box"
- Divided into "Morning", "Noon", and "Night" of one Sunday

A Dance of the Forests

The Strong Breed

Kongi's Harvest

Madmen and Specialists

Death and the King's Horseman

- Elesin
 - Prevented from Yoruba tradition of committing ritual suicide by Simon Pilkings
 - Tells the tale of the Not-I bird to the Praise Singer
 - Marries Iyaloja
- Pilkings attends a masquerade with his wife Jane
- Olunde, Elesin's son and aspiring medical doctor
 - Kills himself instead, and Elesin follows by strangling himself
 - Says "I have no father, eater of leftovers"
- Sergeant Amusa is sent to have Elesin arrested for trying to commit suicide

1986 Nobel

Tom Stoppard- Czech-born British 1937

Arcadia

- Thomasina Coverly- 13 year old savant
 - Tries to prove Fermat's Last Theorem and reads "The Couch of Eros"
- Septimus Hodge- her tutor
- Hannah Jarvis and Bernard Nightingale investigate the past of Sidley Park

The Coast of Utopia

- Alexander Herzen, Mikhail Bakunin, Ivan Turgenev

Travesties

Every Good Boy Deserves Favour

Professional Foul

The Real Thing

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

- Absurdist
- Coin lands on heads 90 times in a row
- The Player- traveling actor who announced the Rape of the Sabine Women
- Alfred

Jumpers

- Professor George Moore said that according to Zeno, Saint Sebastian died of fright

The Real Inspector Hound

- Birdboot and Moon watch a murder mystery set at Muldoon Manor

Rock n Roll

- Velvet Revolution

August Strindberg- Swedish

"Inferno Crisis"

- His psychotic attacks
- Turned him into "Zola of the Occult"

The Red Room

- First modern Swedish Novel
- Arvid Falk

Master Olof

- First play

The Father

Miss Julie

- Jean, a valet, who was originally engaged to Christine, forms a relationship with Julie
- Christine makes a drug to induce an abortion in Julie's dog
- Julie asks him to dance, and then they have sex, then decide to run off to Lake Como
- The Count
 - Never present, but his boots are
- Julie recounts a dream of climbing up a pillar and becoming stuck on top
- Jean says "the eagle's back is grey, just like the rest of him"
- Jean cuts Julie's canary's head off with meat chopper
- Contemplates suicide with a razor
- Takes place on the holiday St. John's Night
- Naturalistic play

Creditors

To Damascus

A Dream Play

The Ghost Sonata

- Chamber play

The Great Highway

- Final play

Royall Tyler- American 1757 1826

The Contrast

- First play written by an American
- Mr Billy Dimple

Lope de Vega- Spanish 1562-1635

Punishment Without Revenge

The Dog in the Manger

- Diana doesn't let Teodoro marry a maid, although she will not marry him either

Fuenteovejuna (The Sheep Well)

- Frondoso rescues Laurencia from the Commander by stepping on his crossbow
- Villagers band together to kill cruel magistrate Gómez de Guzmán
- Say “Fuenteovejuna did it” when interrogated about it

Called “Monster of Nature” and “Phoenix of Wits”

Wrote during Spanish Golden Age

Extremely prolific, over 3,000 works

John Webster- English 1580-1634

The White Devil

- Brachiano and Flamineo arrange to have Camillo and Isabella murdered
- Isabella dies after kissing a portrait of her husband

The Duchess of Malfi

- Julia kisses poisoned book

Oscar Wilde- Irish 1854-1900

The Picture of Dorian Gray

- Dorian Gray
- Being drawn by Basil Hallward
- Listens to Lord Henry Wotton’s hedonistic philosophy
- Wishes that his portrait ages and decays, but not him
- Falls in love with Sybil Vane
 - Calls him Prince Charming
- Rejects her after her bad acting in Romeo and Juliet, and finds his portrait looks more cruel
- Engages in sensualism for 18 years, and can barely recognize himself portrait when he sees it again
- Blames and stabs Basil
- Tries to employ scientist Alan Campbell to help eliminate Basil’s body, but Alan kills himself
- James Vane tries to avenge his sister’s death and kill Dorian, but dies in a hunting accident
- Dorian stabs his portrait to absolve his sins, and the portrait returns to normal, while he ends up old and dead

The Importance of Being Earnest

- Queensberry tried to disrupt show with bouquet of rotten vegetables, refused admission
- Kurt Baker's production used an all black cast
- Algernon Moncrieff
 - Pretends to have a friend named Bunbury that he visits to avoid social obligations
 - Loves cucumber sandwiches
- Jack Worthing (Ernest)
 - Adopted after being discovered in handbag at Victoria Station
- Gwendolen Fairfax
- Lady Bracknell
 - Gwendolen's mom

Lady Windermere's Fan

- Lady Windermere is jealous of unfaithful husband
- Mrs. Erlynne is her mother, and husband's mistress

- Exposed at her birthday ball
- "In this world there are only two tragedies: One is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it"
- Lord Darlington
 - A cynic is a "man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing"

An Ideal Husband

- Lady Chiltern blackmails Sir Robert into funding fraudulent scheme to construct a canal

The Ballad of Reading Gaol

- Gross indecency with Lord Alfred Douglas, his lover
- Had Marquess of Queensberry prosecuted for criminal libel
- Inspired by death of Woolridge

De Profundis

- Spiritual letter written in jail

The Sphinx

A Woman of No Importance

Thornton Wilder- American 1897-1975

Our Town

- Stage Manager
 - Describes setting and plot points
- Emily Webb
- Chooses to revive her 12th birthday in third act after she dies
 - "Do any human beings ever realize life while they are living it"
- Marries George Gibbs
 - Decide to do it in ice-cream soda shop
- Mailboy
 - Predicts rain with his knee
- Howie Newsome, milk boy
- Simon Stimson, choirmaster that commits suicide
- Set in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire

The Skin of Our Teeth

- George and Maggie Antrobus (Adam and Eve)
- Sons Henry and Gladys
- Lilly Sabina
 - Maiden and beauty queen temptress
- Anniversary song to "dear Eva"
- Ice age in first act
- Homer, blind beggar with guitar
- Family visited by Muses, animals of Noah's ark, and Moses
- Final scene goes completely black before concluding that the play is not finished
- Mr. Tremayne and Hester replace actors who have suffered from food poisoning

The Eighth Day

The Bridge of San Luis Rey

- Witnessed by Brother Juniper
- Five people die when bridge collapses

Idea of March

- Historical fiction about assassination of Julius Caesar

Tennessee Williams- American 1911-1983

The Glass Menagerie

- Amanda Wingfield
- Laura, daughter
 - Limp from polio
 - Can't find suitor because she is too shy
 - Spends time polishing and rearranging glass animals
 - Nicknamed "Blue Roses"
- Tom, son
 - Is told from his memory (memory play)
 - Works at a shoe warehouse, and constantly goes to the movies after work
 - Doesn't pay the electric bills, causing the power to go out
 - Ends with him asking Laura to "blow out the candles"
- Jim O'Connor, invited to dinner by Tom
 - "most likely to succeed" crush of Laura
 - Dances with Laura, knocking down a unicorn and breaking its horn
 - Finds out he is engaged
- Based on his previous work The Gentleman Caller

A Streetcar Named Desire

- Blanche DuBois, an upper class woman that moves from Mississippi to her sister Stella's place in New Orleans
- Stanley Kowalski, Stella's husband, asks Blanche what happened to Belle Reve, her plantation
- Blanche falls in love with Mitch, one of Stanley's poker friends
- Stanley beats Stella, so she flees to neighbor Eunice
 - Throws a radio out of the window
 - He cries her name to get her back
- Blanche reveals that she was engaged to Allan Grey, who took his life after she found him sleeping with an older man
 - Shot himself while "Varsouviana" was playing
- Mitch leaves her after finding out she was in a relationship with a student and lived in a hotel known for prostitution
- Stanley takes advantage of her while Stella is giving birth
- Blanche suffers a mental breakdown and when being taken for help she tells the doctor that "I have always depended on the kindness of strangers"

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

- Brick
 - Aging football hero
 - Skipper, his football player friend
 - Turns out to be gay, and tells Brick his feelings before committing suicide
 - Disgusted with the family's "mendacity", tells Big Daddy he has cancer
- Margaret ("Maggie the Cat")
 - Brick's wife
 - Tells everybody at the end that she is pregnant
 - Promises that she will "make the lie true"
- Big Daddy Pollitt

- "the Delta's biggest cotton planter"
- Dying of cancer, but given a false diagnosis by family
 - Stays at the Oschner Clinic
- Married to Big Mama
- Gooper
 - Brick's brother, attempts to steal fortune
 - Married to Mae
- Doc Baugh, family's physician

The Sweet Bird of Youth

- Chance Wayne returns to St. Cloud to act as a gigolo for washed up movie actress Alexandra Del Lago
- Chance hopes to reunite with his childhood sweetheart Heavenly Finley
- He meets Heavenly but realizes that he gave her an std, which caused her to become sterile after a botched surgery

The Night of the Iguana

- Reverend Shannon gets intimate with Charlotte Goodall
- She turns out to be 16, so Shannon technically raped her
- Maxine Faulk wants to be with him
- He instead forms a relationship with Hannah Jelkes

Summer and Smoke

- Alma Winemiller and John Buchanan
- Go through personality flip and become incompatible

Orpheus Descending

- Val is blasted with hoses into a burning building

The Rose Tattoo

"The Catastrophe of Success"

- Role of the artist's life in society

William Wycherley- English 1641-1716

The Country Wife

- Homer pretends to be impotent to seduce ladies
- "China Scene"- double entendre
 - "He is coming into you the back way"
- Sparkish and Alethea get married
- Lady Fidget, Mrs. Squeamish, Mrs. Pinchwife

The Plain Dealer

Paul Zindel- 1936-2003

The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds

- Tillie Hunsdorfer puts up with her abusive mother and extroverted sister to win the science fair
- Insane mother kills her pet rabbit

The Pigman