

## PRODUCTION TEAM

### THE HEIRESS

Salon Varietés Theatre  
February 2007

Stage Manager  
Asst. Stage Manager  
Technical Stage Manager  
Set Designer  
Set Construction

Furniture  
Costumes

Headwear  
Lighting & Sound Design Technicians

Prompter  
Properties

Poster & Programme  
Photographs  
Vocals

Ana Maria Atteck  
Helen Tomlinson  
John Pyne  
Michael Lawrence  
John Pyne  
Dan Davis  
Dave Tidey  
Albert Doody  
Francis Butler  
Sian Hopkins  
Theatre Wardrobe  
The Cast  
Bernadette Sherry  
Dave Carney  
Dave Steve Mills  
Marie Legge  
Gina Foster  
Helen Tomlinson  
John Gale  
Brian Hindley  
John Gale

### FOR SALVA

Technical Stage Manager  
Lighting Engineer  
Sound Engineer  
Property Master  
Publicity Co-ordinator  
Front of House  
Box Office

John Pyne  
Dave Carney  
Dave Mills  
Gina Foster  
Lizz Freeman  
Norma Wilson  
Brian Hindley

### GRATEFUL THANKS TO

FRANCIS BUTLER, MAGGIE DOBSON,  
ANA ATTECK, PETER MITCHELL, MARGARET WHITTERS

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## ABOUT THE PLAY

# THE HEIRESS

by Ruth and Augustus Goetz

(Based on Henry James celebrated novel "Washington Square")

Directed by Doreen Slater

Most would be directors always have a few scripts and librettos on the back burner. They are there for a reason, those which are worth doing but not able to be staged eg. casting difficulties, do not balance the programme provided for the season or unable to obtain performing rights. "The Heiress" is one of those scripts and after many years of shelf sitting, it is a pleasure to present such a worthwhile piece of narrative for the actor to relish his every utterance and to provide an evening of relaxation and an admiration of the story telling for the audience. Perhaps our endeavours will stay long in your memory of a pleasurable evening of live theatre at the Salon Varietes in Fuengirola. We do hope so.

**Doreen Slater, director.**

### CAST

[in order of appearance]

MARIAH	FRANCES WHITTLE
DR. AUSTIN SLOPER	FRANCIS BUTLER
AUNT PENNIMAN	SYLVIA GRIFFITHS
CATHERINE	AMI LLOYD
MRS. ALMOND	SHEILA WOHLMUTH
MORRIS TOWNSEND	SIMON ELLINGHAM
MARIAN ALMOND	INEZ KITSON
MRS. MONTGOMERY	CATRINA HELSBY

## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

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The action of the play takes place in New York during the late 1800's, in the fashionable district of Washington Square. No.16 is the home of wealthy widower Dr. Austin Sloper and his inhibited daughter, Catherine. The story unfolds over a period of two and a half years.

### ACT ONE

- Scene 1** An evening of music and refreshments at 16 Washington Square.  
**Scene 2** Two weeks later.  
**Scene 3** The following morning.

### INTERVAL

### ACT TWO

- Scene 1** An evening six months later.  
**Scene 2** Morning, three days later.  
**Scene 3** A summer evening, almost two years later.

## MEET THE CAST



### AMI LLOYD (Catherine)

Ami has been appearing at the theatre since the age of 5, and has played lead roles in "Fiddler on the Roof", "Oliver", "Cinderella", and more recently in "Stepping Out". She recently won the "most promising youngster" award in the finals of the Cudeca talent contest, and gave an excellent performance in "Grease". This is Ami's first venture into the drama section of theatre in the lead role and we wish her every success. It is well deserved.

### SIMON ELLINGHAM (Morris Townsend)

Simon was last seen on the Salon stage playing 'the other brother', Edward Lyons in "Blood Brothers". With his late partner, Michael Fontaine, he directed numerous shows here including "Little Shop Of Horrors", "Company", "Spend, Spend, Spend", "Send In The Clowns" and "Do You Hear The People Sing?". Simon is delighted to be working with Doreen and all the cast and crew of "The Heiress".



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### FRANCIS BUTLER (Dr. Sloper)

We are very pleased to have Francis treading the boards of the Salon Varietés once again. No stranger to the Salon, Francis has appeared in numerous productions including: "The King and I", "Camelot", "Pickwick", "Murder by Misadventure" and most recently "Witness For The Prosecution". Francis is thoroughly enjoying the taxing role of Dr. Sloper.

### SYLVIA GRIFFITHS (Aunt Penniman)

Sylvia is most often seen in the orchestra pit, as a Musical Director, but she does occasionally appear on stage and enjoys it immensely. She has made contrasting appearances at the salon, from the murderer in "Ladies in Retirement" to the comical "Mrs Fraser" in the recent "Stepping Out". She says playing Aunt Penniman is a hoot, she has always yearned to love being in love, with a toy boy!



### CATRINA HELSBY (Mrs. Montgomery)

After ten years at the Salon playing in numerous plays and musicals including "Carousel", "Steel Magnolias", "High Spirits" and "Fiddler on the Roof" playing the serious Mrs. Montgomery is a far cry from the vision in pink shorts we recently saw in "Holiday Snap", but Catrina always tackles each role with gusto.

### SHEILA WOHLMUTH (Mrs. Almond)

Sheila most recently appeared in "Stepping Out", and previously played in "Lend me a Tenor", "Calamity Jane", "The Pajama Game" and "Little Shop of Horrors". It is always a pleasure to work with Sheila. She laughs the whole way through rehearsals and refuses to admit to any possibility of a crisis.

### FRANCES WHITTLE (Mariah)

"The Heiress" is her second venture into the world of drama. Frances gave a very creditable performance in "Witness For The Prosecution" and again, playing a housekeeper cum an unseen asst. Stage manager, keeps the whole cast in fine order.

### INEZ KITSON (Marian)

Inez first came to prominence last Christmas as a solo dancer in "Aladdin". Doubtless we shall see more of Inez in future drama productions. A very warm welcome.