Next Production

THE COUNTRY GIRL

by

Clifford Odets

Directed by Peggy Bradley

October 16 - November 21 8:00 pm

THE COUNTRY GIRL will be the first production of our 1987-88 season.

Auditions for THE COUNTRY GIRL will be held Sunday, August 16, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Monday, August 17, 7:30 to 10:00 pm at Live Oak Theatre.

All are welcome.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley is the City's oldest stage company. In addition to our four productions each season, we manage Live Oak Theatre — which is available at low cost to other performers and groups — on behalf of the City of Berkeley. For information about the Theatre phone 841-5580.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley

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IDIOT'S DELIGHT

by

Robert Emmet Sherwood

Directed

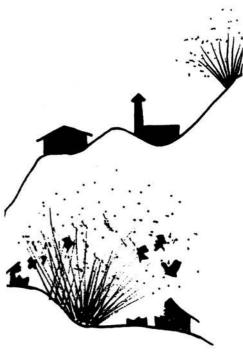
by

Don Russell

July 10 - August 8 1987

Live Oak Theatre 1301 Shattuck Avenue Berkeley





Cast in order of appearance

Guisseppi	Kenneth Hayes
Don Navadel	Stanley Spenger
Dumpsty	Allan Droyan
Pittaluga	Stuart Hellman
Captain Locicero	Matt Haiken
Augusta	Kelly MacKay
Dr. Waldersee	Henry Bers
Mr. Cherry	Joseph Smelser
Mrs. Cherry	Pauline Lorenz
Harry Van	Peter Holland
Shirley	Naomi Epel
Beulah	Alexandra Pleasants
Bebe	Paulette Herring
Francine	Jamuna Llewellyn
Umberto	Miguel Enquidanos
Guido	Don Blasingame
Tony	Jim Mascolo
Quillery	Eitan Levkowitz
Martina Rossi	Starr Russell
Mrs. Rossi	Iris Cavagnaro
Major	Kenneth Hayes
Anna	Pam Thomas
Irene	Dorothy Anton
Achille Weber	Lucien Quintin

The scene of the play is the cocktail lounge of a small hotel on the border between Italy, Switzerland and Austria.

Act I

Late afternoon during an imaginary 1934

Intermission 10 minutes

Act II

Scene 1: About 7:30 pm that evening

Scene 2: Two hours later Scene 3: Later that night

> Intermission 10 minutes

Act III

The following afternoon

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Production Staff

Peggy Bradley Assistant Director Ann Gottesman Stage Manager Set Design David Cameron Bradley Set Construction David Cameron Bradley Storm Russell Members of the cast Miguel Enquidanos Lighting Design Lighting Technician Starr Russell Lex Chelser Sound Design Sound Technician Sharon Jansa Costume Design Peggy Bradley John Hoft Art Director Celia Higley **Properties** Joseph Smelser **Technical Consultant** Musical Arrangements Kathryn Drisner Dialect Coaches Rob Henke Neta MacLean Paola Paliotti Publicity Ralph Miller Photography Ray Young Box Office William Martinelli Margaret Gudmundsson Virginia Miller Margaret Gudmundsson House Manager

Special Thanks to:

Shattuck Hotel Ashby Lumber Victoria Skerritt Sara Smelser Virginia Miller Debbi Giallombardo Tom Stimson

IDIOT'S DELIGHT

A Play for Today

The Pulitzer Prize play takes place at an imagined point in history during which Italy makes a Pearl Harbor type bombing attack on Paris.

Written in the early 1930s, with lead roles created by the Lunts, Mr. Sherwood presents a prophetic (and darkly) comic picture of fearful nations and self-centered populations swept into the idiocy of war by the manipulations of shadowy political figures and arms dealers, bureaucratic bungling and the failure of individuals to perceive their responsibilities.

The concept of nations . . . "Too well prepared to risk war," the possibility we may be pursuing the same road today and the thought that ". . . the deadliest weapons may be the most merciful" deserve our most serious consideration.