HEDDA GABLER

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PLAYERS’ CLUB

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION

MARCH 13TH 14TH 15TH 16TH

UNIVERSITY THEATRE
Twentieth Anniversary Presentation
of the
University Players' Club

"Hedda Gabler"
by
Henrik Ibsen

University Theatre
Point Grey
March 14, 15, 16
Curtain 8.25 p.m.
The History of the Players' Club

The Players' Club is the oldest club at the University and has always claimed to be the foremost. It has done much to bring amateur dramatics in British Columbia to their present honoured position.

Just six weeks after the University came into existence in the old "shacks" at Fairview, students of Professor F. G. C. Wood's drama course felt the urge to produce plays. They elected Mr. Wood as honorary president and director and organized a club, then open to any student but now restricted, by competitive try-outs, to 70 members. With Jerome K. Jerome's "Fanny and the Servant Problem," presented on February 15, 1916, in aid of the University Red Cross, repeated by request and given also in Victoria and New Westminster, the Players' Club began both its annual tour and its contributions to charity.

The club raised $6,000 for the University Red Cross, Western Universities Battalion, Shaughnessy Military Hospital and other war-time purposes, $1,500 for a University war memorial, $4,100 for stage equipment and $200 for Green Room furnishings. The Vancouver General Hospital and the Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, have received large sums through Players' Club efforts; and all tour profits, beyond guaranteed expenses, have been turned over to the local sponsors for charity work.


Last year's spectacular show could be produced only in the University Theatre, but this year the tour will be renewed and, if possible, extended into Alberta and Washington. The tour establishes contact with outlying parts of British Columbia, and provides wonderful training for actors.

But the work of the Players' Club by no means consists of the spring play only. Four one-act plays are given annually at Christmas, mainly for the benefit of new members and with no charge for admission. They have always been of high standard.

Another activity is the Play Distribution Bureau, which helps amateurs all over the province by sending them plays free on request.

The club encourages student playwrights by a $50 prize and production of the winning play. In 1931 no less than three student plays were given, and one, "Fog," by Mr. Sydney Risk, has recently had world broadcast by the B.B.C.

The Players' Club has also developed distinguished actors. Miss Jessie Todhunter, first leading lady, played on Broadway, Miss Dorothy Adams in repertoire, and Mr. Garrett Livingstone at Hollywood; others in the Little Theatre and Players' Club Alumni. In the Regional Drama Festival last year eight of the nine competing casts contained former Players' Club actors.

As early as 1921, Mr. J. Butterfield wrote in The Province: "The U.B.C. Players' Club has succeeded in the face of the greatest difficulties in bringing its annual performances to a pitch of perfection that I have never seen equalled by amateurs in a very wide experience of the drama." For this the credit belongs chiefly to the directors: Mr. Wood, 1915 to 1931 (excepting 1929); Mrs. W. A. Fergus, 1929; Mr. R. Middleton, 1931, and Miss Dorothy Somerset, 1934 and 1935. Thanks are also due to Mrs. D. A. Suttie, gracious chaperone on 14 tours, and to the Christmas play coaches, particularly Dr. A. F. B. Clark.

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Of all Ibsen's plays this is the most perfectly shaped, the most clear-cut and direct. It is not only good literature, but good theatre. Like "Camille," it is the goal of every ambitious actress, and has been the favourite vehicle of such stars as Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Mrs. Fiske, Alla Nazimova, Eleonora Duse and Eve Le Gallienne.

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HISTORY OF THE PLAYERS' CLUB

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Mr. Wood, especially, by his personality and untiring efforts, inspired in the members that high morale and club tradition which enabled them to carry on when in 1931 his retirement due to ill health suddenly left them rather in the position of an Italy without a Mussolini.

A professional director took over the coaching duties so long performed voluntarily by Mr. Wood; the late Dr. F. C. Walker became honorary president. Dr. Walker realized that never again would the club find anyone to work for it as Mr. Wood had done, and he encouraged the student executive to take more responsibility, at the same time helping them with his experience and inspiring them with his inimitable personality. Dr. Walker died suddenly last summer: the Players' Club echoes the words written about him by Dr. G. G. Sedgewick—"Not many people can be at once so matter-of-fact and so sensitively thoughtful, so individual in nature and at the same time so strictly loyal to fellowship and duty."

Under Dr. Walker last year the club made an increased effort to put the University in its proper position as a leader towards the best in drama: the ultra-modern staging of "Caesar and Cleopatra" was for the first time built entirely by students under the direction of Tommy Lea.

Professor Thorleif Larsen, the present honorary president, is also enthusiastic for this work of educational leadership, and consequently the club is presenting this year one of the greatest tragedies of all time.

The year has been exceptionally active. A reading group and make-up classes have been formed, a visit of the Cornish School Puppeteers from Seattle was sponsored, the Christmas plays were the greatest success in years, a good first showing was made in the Dominion Drama Festival, and the tour is to be revived.

Altogether, after a difficult period of transition, the Players' Club now looks forward to renewed advance on firmer and broader lines.
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