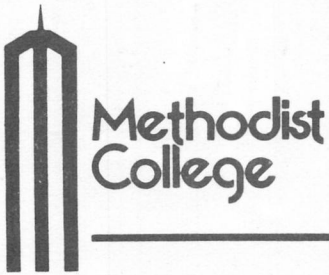


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METHODIST COLLEGE THEATRE DEPT. OPENS 1992-93 SEASON WITH 'THE LION IN WINTER'

FAYETTEVILLE, NC-- The Methodist College Theatre Department will open its 1992-93 season September 4 with a benefit performance of James Goldman's dark comedy, The Lion in Winter.

Dr. Jack Peyrouse, professor of theatre and speech, directs this "scintillating chess game of passion and politics." The Lion in Winter refers to King Henry II of England. The play chronicles a gathering of the royal family at Chinon, France during Christmas of 1183. Henry and his estranged wife Eleanor are joined by their sons Richard, Geoffrey, and John.

Fayetteville native Robert Bloodworth, assistant professor of communications at Methodist, will play Henry II. Mr. Bloodworth is a professional actor with extensive television, motion picture, and theatre credits.

Shannon Bailey of Raleigh will play Eleanor of Aquitaine. Ms. Bailey has starred in several Raleigh Little Theatre productions, including A Streetcar Named Desire and Wait Until Dark.

Robin Bloodworth, a professional actor from Georgia, will play Richard the Lionhearted, Henry's oldest son. (Robin is Robert Bloodworth's son.)

Performances will be held two consecutive weekends, September 4-6 and 11-12, in Reeves Auditorium. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, September 6. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens.

The Lion in Winter is being funded in part by the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.

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Other major productions slated for the 1992-93 season include:

The Mouse That Roared, October 23-25

Pinnochio, November 19-22

Carnival, (a musical), March 4-7

The Will of R. D. (by Jack Peyrouse), April 1-4.

Student-directed performances will include: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Improv, (Circuit Players), Oct. 17, Two by Tennessee (Williams), Nov. 13-15, and Caroline Kearns' Senior Project April 30-May 2.

The Methodist College Theatre Department is seeking "royal patrons" to help underwrite the 1992-93 season. Three levels of support are available in return for which patrons will receive season tickets and a listing in the program. Royal patrons will be identified as Lords and Ladies (for a gift of \$100), Dukes and Duchesses (for a gift of \$250), or Kings and Queens (for a gift of \$500).

Patrons may send their contributions to Dr. Jack Peyrouse, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311. Those who contribute by August 15 will be treated to a party following the opening performance of The Lion in Winter.