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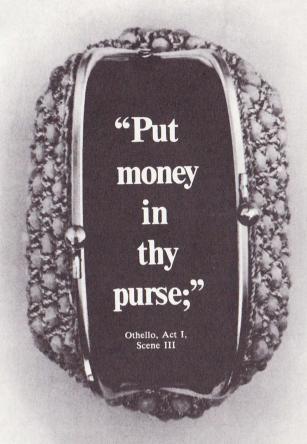
William Shakespeare's

# **Romeo and Juliet**

## Directed by Douglas Campbell Designed by Carolyn Parker Music by Louis Applebaum

## Cast

Chorus	POWYS THOMAS
Escalus, Prince of Verona	MAX HEI PMANN
Mercutio, kinsman to the Prince	
and friend to Romeo	LEO CICERI
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kinsman to the Prince C	HRISTOPHER NEWTON
Montague )	( MERVYN BLAKE
Capulet	KENNETH POGUE
Montague Capulet Heads of two hostile families	PATRICK CREAN
Romeo, son of Montague C	HRISTOPHER WALKEN
Benvolio nephew to Montague	THIOTOTTIEN WALKEN
Benvolio, nephew to Montague and friend to Romeo	JOEL KENYON
Tybalt, nephew to Capulet's wife	NEIL DAINARD
Petruchio, a friend to Tybalt	DETED SCUDLIAM
Friar Laurence	( DEDNADD DEUDENO
Friar Laurence Friar John Franciscans	DETINAND BEHRENS
Balthasar, servant to Romeo	AWRENCE BENEDICT
Abraham, servant to Montague	JEROME TIREDGHIEN
Sampson )	( NEIL MUNDO
Sampson   Servants to the Capulets   Peter, servant to Juliet's nurse	LEON POWNALL
Peter, servant to Juliet's nurse	ROBIN MARSHALL
Paris' Page	DAVID FOSTER
Mercutio's Page M	ALCOLM ARMSTRONG
An Apothecary	TERRY ILIDA
Lady Montague	
Lady Capulet	NANCY KERR
Juliet, daughter to Capulet	LOUISE MADIEAU
Nurse, to Juliet	AMELIA LIAL
Aide to the Nurse	ANE CASCOL
Citizens of Vorance Markers, Musician	JANE CASSON
Citizens of Verona: Maskers: Musician MIA ANDERSON, ANNE ANGLIN	is: Guards: Watchmen:
CHRISTOPHER BERNALL PAME	IA GRIJENI TEDDE
MOORE, LOUIS THOMPSON, JOH	IN TURNER



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### The play takes place in Verona and Mantua

There will be one intermission of 15 minutes

On the following dates the part of Chorus will be played by JOHN GARDNER: August 5, 8, 13, 14, 17, 21, 23, 27, 29, 31.

#### **UNDERSTUDIES**

ANNE ANGLIN (Lady Montague); MALCOLM ARMSTRONG (Capulet); GUY BANNERMAN (Abraham); LAWRENCE BENEDICT (Peter); CHRISTOPHER BERNAU (Chorus, Escalus, Benvolio); JANE CASSON (Nurse); NEIL DAINARD (Mercutio); DAVID FOSTER (Paris); PAMELA GRUEN (Nurse's Aide); TERRY JUDD (Balthasar); MARILYN LIGHTSTONE (Lady Capulet); ROBIN MARSHALL (Uncle Capulet, Friar John); TEDDE MOORE (Juliet); NEIL MUNRO (An Apothecary); LEON POWNALL (Romeo); PETER SCUPHAM (Gregory); LOUIS THOMPSON (Friar Lawrence, Montague); JEROME TIBERGHIEN (Tybalt); JOHN TURNER (Sampson).

## **Orchestra**

Alfred Strombergs, Conductor

Horace Hinds, Melvin Weitzel (trumpets); Jens Jensen (French horn); Mervyn Doerr (trombone); John Belland (euphonium and trombone); Robert Comber (percussion); Earl Riener (flute); Arthur Lang (bass); Carole Marshall (cello); Frances Cohen (harp); Allan Scott (keyboard); Paul Cross (clarinet); Maria Diener (accordion).

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In the best interests of everyone, latecomers will not be seated until a suitable break or scene change.

## director's notes

The story of Romeo and Juliet is so well known that obviously any attempt on my part to re-tell it here would be absurd. It follows then, that any attempt on the part of the director to change the obvious story-line in his interpretation would be a conceit and not a production of the play.

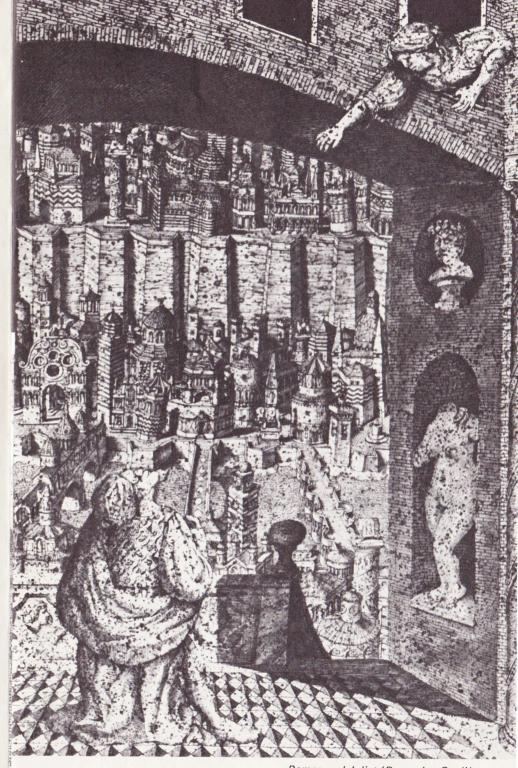
The last time I saw this play on stage was the much praised production by the Italian director Franco Zefferelli—very Italian—very handsome to look at and erotically exciting. The Romeo and Juliet were, 'how you say', in **luv**. I confess to the sin of thoroughly disliking it. Essentially visual, it entirely ignored the language of the play and the implications of the romantic style of the verse.

Now I don't wish to be trapped in an academic point of view about the verse! Nevertheless it must be conceded that although the idea of a pair of starcrossed lovers can be conveyed by much physical expression, it is the word that finally makes us feel the emotion. If there is any point of view in this particular production it will be in the attempt on the part of all of us to make the words work.

Miss Parker, who has designed the production, has in no way stinted the use of her considerable decorative talents, but we have tried to avoid an elaborate visual production which often seems to me to slow the play down and keep us from concentrating on the essentials. We have tried to avoid unnecessarily overdecorating the stage, and the clothes are what we feel are real attempts to aid the characters and not just decoration.

What we seek after in this production is to give life to the portrait of the adult world's lack of understanding of the world of youth and the consequent tragedy in that lack.

**Douglas Campbell** 



Romeo and Juliet (Domenico Gnoli)

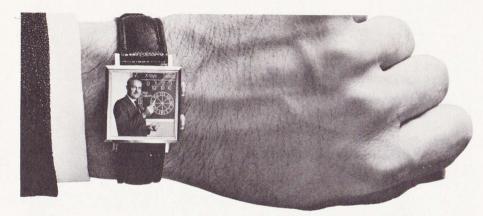
# the story

The Montagues and the Capulets, two distinguished families in Verona, Italy, are bitter enemies. With his trusted friend Mercutio, Romeo, son of old Montague, dons a mask and attends a great feast at the house of Capulet, where he is captivated by Capulet's daughter, the beautiful Juliet. They meet secretly that night and exchange vows of love. Enlisting the help of Friar Laurence, who feels that their union will dissolve the enmity between the two families, Romeo and Juliet decide to marry.

Romeo returns from his wedding the next day to find Mercutio engaged in combat with Tybalt, a member of the Capulet family. He fails to settle the argument peaceably and Tybalt fatally wounds Mercutio.

Enraged over his friend's death, Romeo slays the Capulet and escapes to Mantua. Meanwhile, unaware of Juliet's marriage to Romeo, old Capulet demands that his daughter marry her suitor, Paris. Desperate, Juliet turns to Friar Laurence who gives her a vial of sleeping potion which will have a death-like but temporary effect. Thinking that Romeo will rescue her from the tomb where she will be placed when believed dead, she returns home, consents to marry Paris, and then drinks the potion.

Letters informing Romeo of the scheme go astray, and hearing news of Juliet's "death", he rushes to the tomb and finds Paris also in mourning. In the fury of his grief, Romeo slays the nobleman, bids farewell to Juliet and takes poison. Awakening from her death-like sleep, Juliet discovers her dead lover and unsheathing his dagger, kills herself. Stunned by the tragedy, the Montagues and Capulets swear to end their hostilities.



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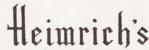
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Thou mayst prove false. At lovers' perjuries,
They say Jove laughs. O gentle Romeo,
If thou dost love, pronounce it faithfully.
Or if thou thinkst I am too quickly won,
I'll frown, and be perverse, and say thee nay,
So thou wilt woo; but else, not for the world.
In truth, fair Montague, I am too fond,
And therefore thou mayst think my 'havior light;
But trust me, gentleman, I'll prove more true
Than those that have more cunning to be strange.

(Christopher Walken as Romeo and Louise Marleau as Juliet)



Romeo and the Apothecary (Fuseli)

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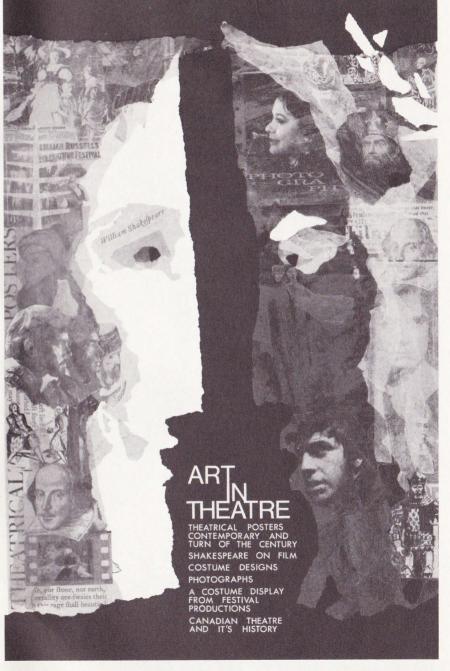
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