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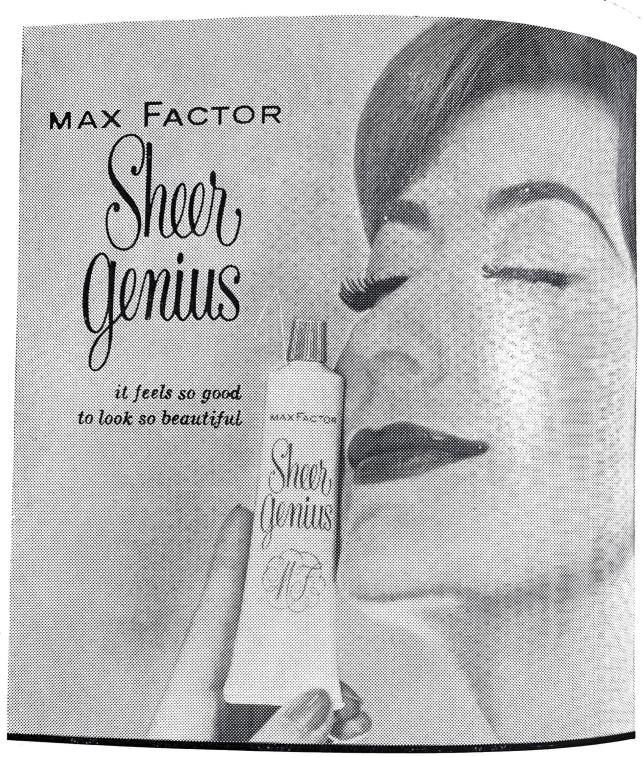
#### PETER USTINOV

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### THE LOVE OF FOUR COLONELS

Synopsis of Scenes

ACT I

The office of the Allied Administration at Herzogenberg

ACT II

Within the Castle

ACT III

The same. A few minutes later

There will be an interval of 15 minutes between each Act.

### THE LOVE OF FOUR COLONELS

by

#### PETER USTINOV

Produced by

NANCY CONNELL

CAST

#### in order of appearance

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COLENEL DESMOND DE S. RINDER-SPA	ARRO	)W	 								·	Geoffrey Weeks
COLONEL WESLEY BREITENSPIEGEL			 									Howard Stingle
COLONEL AIMÉ FRAPPOT			 	•••								Raymond Fry
COLONEL ALEXANDER IKONENKO			 ··· #				•••					George Dovey
THE MAYOR OF HERZOGENBURG			 ·									Joe Woods
THE WICKED FAIRY			 		•••	•••						Richard Sheldon
THE GOOD FAIRY			 ••••	,	•••				•••		•••	Philippa Coombes
THE BEAUTY			 •••	•••	•••		•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	Elinor Field
Mrs. BREITENSPIEGEL												
Mme. FRAPPOT				•••	•••	• • • •		•••	,	•••	•••	Simone Meredith
Mrs. RINDER-SPARROW			 	•••	•••	•••	•••			•••		Bernadette O'Donovan
Mme. IKONENKO			 	•••	•••		•••	•••			•••	Celia Simpson

Sets designed by Roger Williams
Costumes designed by Jean Ramage

Miss Field's Basque in Act II by courtesy of Corsets Silhouette Ltd.

Poster designed by Cuy Sichell

Programme Cover designed by Roger Williams

# THE LOVE OF FOUR COLONELS

Set Construction & Technical Direction	Brian O'Connell
Stage Manager	Jack Aberdein
Lighting Designed by ]	David Ezra
Lighting Control	
Sound Effects S	Stan Barden
Properties	
<i>Wardrobe</i> J	
Ladies Hairstyles & Wigs dressed by 1	Eirith Hope
Prompt	
Publicity ]	
House & Business Manager	Cyril Rowlinson
Production Secretary 1	Lorna Jordan
Men's Uniforms by	Chan Tuck
Good Fairy's Uniform	
Dressmaking by	

#### WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF:—

Ken Smith, Val Fry, Barbara Mallett, Molly Aberdein, Eileen Caldwell, Teresa O'Donovan, Sheila Townsend, Judith Ramage, Marion Dovey, Yvonne Charter, Marianne Barden, Margaret Raymont, Martin Stocker, Joe Woods, Pamela Gass, Jean Barrow, Betty Hudson, Dorothy Lane, Bing Shepherd, Kathleen Shepherd, Bill Newman, Mario Ferras and Mervyn Field.

# ABOUT THOSE INVOLVED IN THIS PRODUCTION

Nancy O'Connell the producer is well known for her past successes, the most recent being "Breath of Spring" and "Five Finger Exercise".

The Leads are being taken by Richard Sheldon who has had most of his dramatic experience in Bombay where he took leading parts in "Dear Charles", "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "The Rivals" and who says he prefers taking part in Comedies. Elinor Field studied at R.A.D.A. before taking an Honours Degree at Edinburgh University in Psychology. Recently she has been taking part and producing plays in the Bahamas.

Well known Stage Club names are Philippa Coombes, George Dovey, who is celebrating his fortieth year on the stage and says he considers any criticism, however bad, to be better than none Bernadette O'Donovan and Raymond Fry who have all been in numerous Stage Club Productions.

New names are Geoffrey Weeks, Radio Hong Kong's new Drama Producer who has acted and produced in Malaya, Howard Stingle of the U.S.I.S. who has acted and produced in Washington, D.C. and for the ladies Hubert Shaner, yes that's right, her father wanted a boy, and Simone Meredith.

Joe Woods and Celia Simpson have been in previous productions.

Roger Williams the Set Designer is an Architect with the Hong Kong Bank. Jean Ramage is as well known as an actress as a Costume Designer. Jack and Molly Aberdein have recently arrived from Dar-es-Salaam where they were the backbone of the Dar-es-Salaam Players, an Amateur Group who unaided built, and ran its own Little Theatre which presented an average of 10 shows a year. Molly is an experienced actress and producer and we hope to see a lot more of them both in the future.

Technical Director and in charge of construction of the sets is Brian O'Connell, who is Nancy's husband. David Ezra an Accountant with Jardine Airways designed the Lighting Plot, and his team consists of himself, Wally Hampton and Sam Heward.

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# THE HONG KONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB AND THE HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

The Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club was founded in 1844 and had an almost continuous record of activity until the second world war. The Hong Kong Stage Club was founded in 1946, almost immediately after the war, and was at first considered an interim society until such time as the Amateur Dramatic Club could recover, its membership being drawn almost entirely from the Services. It established itself very firmly, however, and in 1949 the remaining members of the Amateur Dramatic Club generously recognised the Stage Club as their heirs and successors and graciously donated the balance of the Amateur Dramatic Club's funds to the Stage Club.

By happy chance a former chairman of the Garrison Players discovered what is most certainly a rare copy of the Annual Report of the Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club for 1941, and by his generosity, we are therefore able to present here a list of the previous productions not only of the Stage Club from 1946, but also of the Amateur Dramatic Club from 1844 until 1941. We believe that this list has some historic interest and we reprint it now so that the record can be preserved.

#### The Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club

(FOUNDED 1844)

#### LIST OF PLAYS PRODUCED

	•	JIJ1 O1 1		5 INC	DUCED	
		No. of			No. o	·t
Season	Name	Performan	ces	Season	Name Performa	
1944 60	D			Scuson	rame Fermina	inces
1044-00	Records Missi	ng.		1875-76	A most Unwarrantable	
1000-01	Still Waters R	un Deep	2		Intrusion	2
1001-07	Records Missi	no			Aladdin	
1867-68	My Wife's Ma	aid	2	"	A Widow Hunt	2
33	Diuebeard		$\tilde{2}$	1876-77		
1868-69	A Wonderful	Woman	2	10/0-//		1
"	Benjamin in S	earch of his	2	,,	Aladdin	, I
	Father	caren of ms	•	,,	Not such a Fool as He	
1869-70	No play produ	and	2		Looks	. 1
1870-71	Diamond cut	Diamort	^	1877-78	Nine Points of the Law	. 1
,,	Ornheus and T	Diamond	•	,,	Boots at the Swan	. 1
1871-72	Orpheus and E	urydice	2	1878-79	No piece produced.	
29			2	1879-80	School for Scandal	. 2
-	Masaniello Caste		2		Porter's Knot	
1872-73	Locked In The Cricket or		2	"		
			2	"	The Critic	1
"	The Cricket of	the Hearth	2	1000.01	New Men and Old Acres	Î
			1	1880-81		
"	***************************************	Thousand	1	"	A Wonderful Woman	· î
4270	Pounds			,,,,	The Area Belle	. 1
"	Larkin's Love The Rose of	Lettere	I	1881-82	School	
"	The Rose of A Kiss in the	Amiona	1	1882-83	She Stoops to Conquer	٠ ;
"	A Kiss in the Kenilworth	Dark	1		Wedding March	. 1
"	Kenilworth Blighted Being	Dark	2	1883-84	No piece produced.	•
"	Blighted D	*******	2	1884-85	Still Waters run Deep	. 2
1873-74	L.DACL		1	1885-86	Still Waters Juli Deep	. 1
10/3-14			î	1002-00	Chiselling	. 1
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"	THUL Slich o E	- Weaver	2	"	Overland Route	1
	Not such a Fo	ol as He	2	"	Heads and Tails	' 1
"	204-	<b>≥</b> 1200	2	,,	Chiselling	. 1
"			2	1886-87	A Widow Hunt	` 1
107	The Steeplecha The Ticket of L	lea	1	"	Cune and Saucers	• 1
1874-75	The Ticket of L	ise	1	,,	Our Wife	. 1
	Licket of L	eave Mon	1	***	A Comical Countess	. 1
		wan	2	"	Old Soldiers	. 1
				**	Old Soldiers	

# LIST OF PLAYS PRODUCED—Continued

		No. of			NI 0	
Season	Name	Performance	es	Season	No. of Performan	
1887-88	Withered Leaves		1	1912-13	An Ideal Husband	2
	The First Night	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1	->12 13	A Pair of Spectacles	3
,,	The Rivals	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2	1913-14	Twelfth Night	4
1888-89	No piece produc	ed.			A Privy Council	2
1889-90	Ali Baba	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	9	"	The Open Door	2
1890-91	Two Roses	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2	"	Between the Soup and the	Z
1891-92	Snow Ball		2	"	Savoury	2
,,	Beauty and the	Beast 1	1	1914-15	Savoury The Blue Bird	2 5
••	Betsy		2	,,	Snow-white and the Frog	)
1892-93			3	"	Prince	3
,,	In Honour Boun	d	2	1915-16	The Angel in the House	3
••	On Bail	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2		Kismet	6
1893-94	Princess Toto	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	9	1917-18	The Witness for the Defence	3
1894-95	Robinson Crusoe		10	1918-19	The Barton Mystery	2
•	The Magistrate	•••••	3		Pinkie and the Fairies	10
1895-96	Dandy Dick		2	1920-21		3
,,	Trial by Jury	•••••	3		No piece produced.	
,,	Creatures of Im	pulse	3	1922-23	I'll Leave it to You	5
1896-97	Cups and Saucer	s	2	••	The Tempest	7
,,	Charley's Aunt		2	1923-24	R.U.R.	4
,,	Les Cloches de		6	••	French Leave	6
1897-98	A Pair of Specta	cles	2	1924-25	St. Joan	8
,,	Duchess of Bays		3	1925-26	A Little Bit of Fluff	4
••	Pantomime Reh		3	"	If	7
1898-99			2	1926-27		6
,,	Sugar and Crear		3	,,	The Last of Mrs. Cheyney	5
,,	The Steeplechas		2	1927-28	Bulldog Drummond	7
,,,	The Yellow Dw	arf	12	1928-29	Shall we join the Ladies?	1
1899-			•	,,	The Sport of Kings	4
1900			2	, ,,	On Approval	5
"	Mother-in-law		7	1020 20	The Dover Road	5
1000 0	The Yeomen of		_	1929-30	And so to Bed	6
1900-0				1930-31	Snobs	2
1901-02 1902-0			3	"	The Middle Watch	2
1702-0	3 Liberty Hall H.E. The Gover	rnor	4	"	Art and Mrs. Bottle	5
1903-0	4 Lord and Lady		3	"	Caroline	2
,,	The Importance		-	1931-32	Dear Brutus	6
. 77	Earnest		3	1991 92	The Camberley Triangle	2
. 99	His Excellency		6	1932-33	Payment Deferred	5
1904-0	5 Dorothy		7	,,	Nine till Six	3
,,			4	1933-34	Ten Minute Alibi	5
,,	One Summer's		4	22	The First Mrs. Fraser	4
1905-0			3	1934-35	Fresh Fields	4
,,			∙6	,,	The Young Idea	4
,,	Lady Huntwort		_	1935-36		4
	Experiment		3		Lovers' Leap	4
1000	A Country Mou		3 3	1936-37	Night must Fall	4
1906-0			3	1937-38	Outward Bound	4
1907-	Facing the Mus		4	,,	French Without Tears	4
1907-			8	"	Distinguished Gathering	4
1909-			8	1938-39	The Shining Hour	4
1707-	Mice and Men		3	1939-40	The Circle	4
1910-			,	2707 40	Tony Draws a Horse	4
	12 The Gondoliers	3	6	1940-41	Sarah Simple	4

## THE HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

(FOUNDED 1946)

On the 15th March, 1946, a group of interested people held a meeting in St. John's Cathedral Hall to discuss the possibility of forming a Dramatic Club in Hong Kong. As a result of this meeting the Hong Kong Stage Club was born, the members at that time and, indeed, until late 1946, being drawn entirely from the Services. Towards the end of that year ladies from the civilian community began to take part in the productions.

At this time the Services had the use of the Star Theatre in Kowloon and it was there that the first eight productions of the Hong Kong Stage Club were staged. At the beginning of the 1947/8 season, the Star Theatre was returned to its owners and consequently other accommodation had to be found. Between October, 1947, and April, 1948, six more plays were presented by the Club in the Missions to Seamen.

The Stage Club membership by this time was growing considerably as were our audiences and a larger theatre was essential. The China Fleet Club kindly permitted us to use their theatre and in October, 1948, "Blithe Spirit" was presented there. This was the first of 33 productions presented in this theatre between 1948 and 1955 when we were reluctantly compelled to leave the China Fleet Club Theatre as a new cinemascope screen was to be installed.

From then plays were staged in various halls in Hong Kong and Kowloon, plus an open-air presentation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Diocesan Boys School, until finally we found a home at the Loke Yew Hall in the University of Hong Kong. Here we presented some 15 plays, the last one being as recently as February of this year.

Since that first meeting in 1946, the Hong Kong Stage Club has presented over 70 plays of wide variety, by playwrights including Shakespeare, Shaw, Moliere, Fry, Wilde, Sheridan and many moderns. The Club has a thriving Radio Section which has produced a number of Radio Plays and features over the past

Now with our first production in this magnificiently equipped new City Hall Theatre, we leave behind the past with its trials, heartaches, successes and happiness with a feeling of nostalgia and look forward to the future which cannot surely be any less adventurous.

## The Hong Kong Stage Club

#### LIST OF PLAYS PRODUCED

1946/1947	Take it Easy	-	June, 1946.
17.10	Androcles and the Lion		August, 1946.
	While the Sun Shines		December, 1946.
	Outward Bound	-	January, 1947.
	Heartbreak House	-	February, 1947.
	Rope	_	March, 1947.
	Present Laughter		April, 1947.
	Youth at the Helm	-	May, 1947.
1947/1948	Hay Fever		October, 1947.
	An Inspector Calls		December, 1947.
	"Everyman"		December, 1947.
	The Man who came to Dinner		February, 1948.
	Dangerous Corner		March, 1948.
	Things that Go Bump in the Night	_	April, 1948.
1948/1949	Blithe Spirit		October, 1948.
1940   1949	Grand National Night	_	November, 1948.
	Treasure Island	,	10.40
	The Guinea Pig	_	March, 1949.
	Twelfth Night	_	
	Quiet Week-end	_	May, 1949.
1949/195	0 The Importance of Being Earnest		October, 1949.
	Duet for Two Hands	-	December, 1949.
	Tonight at 8.30		January, 1950.
	The Chiltern Hundreds	-	March, 1950.
	Gaslight	_	April, 1950.
1950/195	51 Libel		November, 1950
	Granite	_	March, 1951.
	The Wind and the Rain		February, 1951.
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1951/1952	French Without Tears The School for Scandal Castle in the Air The Paragon The Happiest Days of Your Life	_	October, 1951. December, 1951. February, 1952. March, 1952. May, 1952.
1952/1953	Young Wives' Tale The Holly and the Ivy She Stoops to Conquer Ladies in Retirement Present Laughter	_	October, 1952. December, 1952. February, 1953. March, 1953. May, 1953.
1953/1954	Miranda The late Edwina Black Tartuffe The Lady's not for Burning		October, 1953. December, 1953. February, 1954. March, 1954.
1954/1955	The Flashing Stream Dear Charles Time and the Conways The Rivals		October, 1954. November, 1954. February, 1955. April, 1955.
1955/1956	Dial M for Murder The Miser Othello		October, 1955. December, 1955. March, 1956.
1956/1957	Book of the Month Arms and the Man Winslow Boy		November, 1956. February, 1957. May, 1957.
1957/1958	A Midsummer Night's Dream The Magistrate Antigone & A Phoenix Too Frequent Bell, Book and Candle		October, 1957. December, 1957. February, 1958. May, 1958.
1958/1959	The Devil's Disciple Tobias and the Angel Crime Passionnel (Les Mains Sales) Romanoff and Juliet		October, 1958. December, 1958. February, 1959. April, 1959.
1959/1960	Ring Round the Moon The Strong are Lonely The Prodigious Snob		October, 1959. January, 1960. April, 1960.
1960/1961	The Taming of the Shrew The Fifth Formers' Dream Breath of Spring	· _	October, 1960. February, 1961. April, 1961.
1961/1962	Simon and Laura Five Finger Exercise It's a School Cert. The House by the Lake The Love of Four Colonels	_	October, 1961. November, 1961. February, 1962. February, 1962. May, 1962.

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