

What The Butler Saw

By Joe Orton

Play no. 278

Opening show: 04/11/1972

Hebrew by: Dan Almagor

Directed by: Tony Jones

Set and Costumes by : Eric Smith

Music by: Poldi Saetzman

Lighting by: Michael Lieberman

The Cast

Dr. Prentice: Yehuda Efroni

Geraldine: Galia Ishay

Mrs. Prentice: Tova Pardo

Nick: Dudu Yardeni

Dr. Rance: Baruch David

Sergeant Match: Ralf Brin

The Play

Dr. Prentice, a psychoanalyst, while interviewing a prospective secretary, sneakily gets her to undress on the pretext of a medical examination. Enter Mrs. Prentice, his nymphomaniacal wife who has spent the night at the local hotel where she was "assaulted" by the page-boy who has stolen her dress. She discovers the secretary's dress and promptly puts it on. Enter Dr. Rance, a psychiatrist-inspector from the Ministry of Health, and he discovers the naked girl. Dr. Prentice has to pass her off as a patient. Dr. Rance takes immediate charge of the case and certifies the unfortunate girl. He also suspects Dr. Prentice's behavior and demands to see his secretary. Now enter a policeman looking for the Girl and the Page-Boy who has by now returned with Mrs. Prentice's dress and wig. Being terrified of the police the boy agrees to help Dr. Prentice by dressing-up as his secretary to satisfy Dr. Rance's inquiries. Geraldine, the new secretary, finds the page-boy's uniform and puts it on thinking this the only way to escape the "mad-house". Dr. Prentice, his wife, Dr. Rance, Gerladine, the page-boy and a policeman – all involved in situations of mistaken identify and extreme embarrassment and in desperate attempts to free themselves. The chase is on!!!