

Title: 45 Seconds from Broadway

Author: Simon, Neil

Publisher: Samuel French

2003

Description:

roy
comedy – friendship – Broadway
twelve characters
six male; six female
two acts

interior set; running time: more than 120 minutes; 1 setting

From America's master of Contemporary Broadway Comedy, here is another revealing comedy behind the scenes in the entertainment world, this time near the heart of the theatre district. 45 Seconds from Broadway takes place in the legendary "Polish Tea Room" on New York's 47th Street. Here Broadway theatre personalities washed-up and on-the-rise, gather to schmooz even as they

Title: Aberhart Summer, The

Author: Massing, Conni

Publisher: NeWest Press

1999

Description:

roy
comedy – historical – Alberta playwright – Canadian
eleven characters
eight male; three female
two acts

"Based on Bruce Allen Powe's 1984 novel [of the same name], Massing's marvelous play is at once a gripping Alberta history lesson, a sweetly nostalgic comedy and a cracking-good-murder-mystery, all rolled up into one big, bright ball of theatrical energy and verve..." Calgary Herald

"At its best, Aberhart Summer is a vivid and unsentimental depiction of small-town Canadian life in

Title: Accidents Happen

Seven short plays

Author: DeAngelis, J. Michael

Barry, Pete

Publisher: Samuel French

2010

Description:

roy
comedy
large cast
flexible casting
seven one acts

Seven of The Porch Room's best short plays collected together into an evening of comedy that proves that no matter what you plan for – accidents happen. The shorts can be performed together as a full-length show or on their own as one acts.

Winner! Three 2009 NJACT Perry Awards, including Outstanding Production of an Original Play. Shorts include: ☒ – Accidents Happen – Please beware of all safety procedures and take note of

Title: Act One

From the autobiography by Moss Hart

Author: Lapine, James

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

2015

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy – biography – playwrights
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

Growing up in an impoverished family in the Bronx, Moss Hart dreamed of being part of the glamorous world of the theatre. Forced to drop out of school at age thirteen, Hart's famous memoir Act One is a classic Hortatio Alger story that plots Hart's unlikely collaboration with the legendary playwright George S. Kaufman. Tony Award-winning writer and director James Lapine has adapted Act One for the stage, creating a funny, heartbreaking, and suspenseful play that celebrates the making of a playwright and his play Once in a Lifetime. ACT ONE offers great fun to

Title: Admirable Crichton, The

Author: Barrie, James M.

Publisher: Samuel French

1918

Description:

roy
comedy – fantasy
twelve characters
eight male; four female
four acts

3 sets.

When an aristocratic English family is shipwrecked on an island, they become subservient to the butler, who is a natural leader, but when the group returns home the roles revert to normal.

Title: Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The

Author: Twain, Mark

Eason, Laura

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

2012

Description:

roy
comedy – American – young adult
twenty-six characters
six male; two female (doubling)
two acts

Adaptation by Laura Eason.

Join Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn and Becky Thatcher in the greatest summer adventure ever told in this imaginative, highly theatrical adaptation of Mark Twain's incomparable classic. Featuring the thrill of mischief-making, the fickleness of first love, the cold shivers that linger after an adventure gone very wrong and the unbridled joy at discovering real buried treasure, this story is

Title: Ah, Wilderness!

Author: O'Neill, Eugene

Publisher: Samuel French

1960

Description:

roy
comedy – American – adolescent
fifteen characters; two extras
nine male; six female
three acts

"In a large small-town in 1906 lives an ordinary American family. What concerns them is the youthful fervor of Richard, a high school senior and a rebel. He reads Swinburne, Wilde and Omar Khayyam. He is an incipient anarchist; he hates capital and his father looks disturbed. He is also passionately in love with a neighbor's girl and he means to marry her. The scraps of Swinburne verse that he sends to her alarm her father, who forces a melodramatic break. Being young he runs amuck to spite her and gets tight in the presence of a strange lady. His parents are

Title: Alchemist, The

Author: Jonson, Ben

Publisher: A. & C. Black

1991

Description:

roy
Jacobean satire
twelve characters
ten male; two female
five acts

"Rogues cheat the greedy who seek easy money through alchemy."

Title: All Shook Up!

Author: Rodgers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1961

Description:

roy
comedy – satire
twelve characters; extras
seven male; five female
three acts

unit set.

Based upon "Anastasia Schultz" by Todd Hunt. A young girl, who is attending her first year at college, becomes torn between the beatnik world and the square world both of which collapse on her when she cannot choose one boy out of three that are interested in her.

Title: All the King's Women

5 one acts, 3 monologues

Author: Jannuzzi, Luigi

Publisher: Samuel French

2009

Description:

roy
comedy – biographic – docudrama – history
twenty-four characters
seventeen female; seven male or female
two acts

The story of Elvis Presley told through the eyes of 17 Women! Some Enthralled! Some Appalled! ALL OBSESSED! A fast paced series of 5 comedic plays and 3 monologues based on the Life of Elvis Presley. From Tupelo Mississippi where 11 year old Elvis wanted a BB Gun instead of a guitar, to The Steve Allen Show, from President Richard Nixon's office, to Andy Warhol's studio, from Cadillac Salesmen, to Graceland guards, this is a touching, bring-the-family comedy with a heart that captures the effects that fame, generosity & just being a nice guy can bring to others!

Title: Always Count Ten

Author: Spence, Wall

Publisher: Samuel French

1934

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
seven male; ten female
three acts

An hilarious comedy about love and matchmaking between three love-sick maidens and three lonely bachelors.

Title: Amazing Abernathys, The

Author: Reach, James

Publisher: Samuel French

1961

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

Although the crash of 1929 brings hard times to a widow and her three daughters, they learn that they can adapt to the changes in lifestyle and still enjoy life.

Title: American Kaleidoscope

Author: Palmer, Winthrop

Edwards, Maurice

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1963

Description:

roy
comedy
large mixed cast
flexible casting
two acts

A Kaleidoscopic view of the men, women and events that shaped America.

Title: Amphitryon 38

Author: Giraudoux, Jean

Behrman, S. N.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1938

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
six male; five female
three acts

The story follows the legend of Amphitryon, Alkmena, and Jupiter, in which Jupiter descends to Earth, impersonates the General Amphitryon (Alkmena's husband) and makes love to her. Difficulties arise when the father of the gods is met with stubborn resistance. For Alkmena is faithful to her husband, and even the greatest god can win her only after much ungod-like embarrassment and, in desperation, the unsportsmanlike device of impersonating Amphitryon himself.

Title: And So To Bed

Author: Fagan, J. B.

Publisher: Samuel French

1929

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
eight male; eight female
three acts

An adventure with Pepys.

Title: And Then There Were None

Author: Christie, Agatha

Publisher: Samuel French

2004

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
eleven characters
eight male; three female
three acts

In this superlative mystery comedy statuettes of little soldier boys on the mantel of a house on an island off the coast of Devon fall to the floor and break one by one as those in the house succumb to a diabolical avenger. A nursery rhyme tells how each of the ten "soldiers" met his death until there were none. Eight guests who have never met each other or their apparently absent host and hostess are lured to the island and, along with the two house servants, marooned. A mysterious voice accuses each of having gotten away with murder and then one drops dead---poisoned. One

Title: Androcles and the Lion

Author: Shaw, George Bernard

Publisher: Penguin Books

1962

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
fourteen male; two female
two acts

3 sets.

A mild-mannered man removes a thorn from the paw of a lion. Later when the man, a Christian is thrown to the lion in the Roman arena, the lion happens to be the one he helped and the two leave the arena as friends.

Title: Angry Young Women in Low-Rise Jeans with High-Class Issues

Author: Morillo, Matt

Publisher: Samuel French

2005

Description:

roy
comedy – women
thirteen characters
six male; seven female (doubling possible)
five acts

This outrageous new comedy is told in five parts all dealing with young women and the various issues they confront today. This collection of vignettes parades a series of foxy, witty, and anxious women who bear the expectations of the world like an itchy muffler. Coffee-driven, sensitive, wired, misunderstood, and fuming with awkward issues, these girls are frustrated with the ways of the world, the perceptions men have of them and their own complex reactions to it. These women go head to head with such issues as Electra complexes, bikini waxes, low rider

Title: Anne of Green Gables

Author: Chadwicke, Alice

Publisher: Samuel French

1964

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian – children – historical
fourteen characters
four male; ten female
three acts

"Based on L.M. Montgomery's tale of an orphan girl's rise from destitution to happiness in the farm country, through sheer pluck and personality."

Title: Annie Get Your Gun

Author: Fields, Dorothy

Fields, Herbert

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1949

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters; extras
ten male; nine female
three acts

representative set.

Comedy without music. Annie Oakley joins the Wild West Show to be with the man she loves but nearly loses him when she proves to be a better shot.

Title: Anniversary Waltz

Author: Chodorov, Jerome

Fields, Joseph

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1957

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
seven male; five female; one boy and one girl
three acts

1 interior set.

On his fifteenth wedding anniversary a man is goaded into telling his in-laws that he and his wife had slept together before they were married. The confession nearly destroys his marriage and his relationship with his in-laws, but the couple's concerned daughter applies psychology in an attempt to rectify matters.

Title: Any Number Can Die

Author: Carmichael, Fred

Publisher: Samuel French 1965

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery – thriller
twelve characters
seven male; five female
three acts

A hilarious take off on the mystery plays of the Twenties complete with sliding panels, robed figures, wills being read at midnight, etc. The idioms, costumes, hairdos, and make up of the period add to the thrills and laughter. Four ingenious murders take place in an island mansion as a pair of elderly detectives set to work on their first case. The ever popular storm, the unexpected guests, the cryptic poem, and the missing fortune all add to the intricate and inventive mystery off which the laughs bounce.

Title: Anybody Out There?

Author: Patrick, John

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1972

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
seven male; three female
two acts

'Informed (by error) that he will die in six months, timid and unlucky bank clerk becomes hero and ends up bank manager.'

Title: Ape In Me, The

Author: Skinner, Cornelia Otis

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1961

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters; extras
seven male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A famous actress does everything she can to dissuade her son from giving up university and becoming an actor but only after trying out the stage for himself does the boy make his own decision.

Title: Apple Cart, The

Author: Shaw, George Bernard

Publisher: Penguin Books

1956

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
ten male; five female
two acts

Subtitled A Political Extravaganza, this is Shaw's meditation on the nature of power as King Magnus defeats an attempt by his popular Prime Minister Proteus to reduce his royal influence. Rather than become a cipher, he abandons his throne and runs for the office of Prime Minister himself.

Title: Arcadia

Author: Stoppard, Tom

Publisher: Samuel French

1993

Description:

roy
comedy – relationships – English
twelve characters
eight male; four female
two acts

"This play moves back and forth between two eras, 1809 and the present, in the elegant English estate owned by the Coverly family. The 1809 portion reveals a household in transition. As the estate's Arcadian landscape is being transformed into a more picturesque Gothic style, complete with a hermitage, thirteen-year old Lady Thomasina and her tutor Septimus Hodge delve into intellectual and romantic issues of the day between interruptions from the estate's varied occupants. The present-day scenes depict the Coverly descendants and two competing scholars

Title: Armored Dove, The

Author: Riley, Nord

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1968

Description:

roy
comedy – farce
ten characters
five male; five female
two acts

1 interior set.

The story has to do with a new guided missile system which the Air Force wants desperately. The inventor of the system, however, has just been divorced from his wife and she, as part of the divorce settlement, now has control of the company. She has demoted her husband, installed her bridge club as Board of Directors, and has informed the Air Force that she is not interested in

Title: Around the World in 80 Days

Author: Brown, Mark

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 2008

Description:

roy
comedy – adventure – high school
many characters
flexible casting
two acts

Stampeding elephants! Raging typhoons! Runaway trains! Unabashedly slapstick! Hold onto your seats for the original amazing race! Join fearless adventurer Phileas Fogg and his faithful manservant as they race to beat the clock! Phileas Fogg has agreed to an outrageous wager that puts his fortune and his life at risk. With his resourceful servant Passepartout, Fogg sets out to circle the globe in an unheard-of 80 days. But his every step is dogged by a detective who thinks he's a robber on the run. Danger, romance, and comic surprises abound in this whirlwind of a

Title: Arsenic and Old Lace

Author: Kesselring, Joseph

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1942

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
eleven male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

"Two elderly sisters kindly kill their lonely boarders and bury them properly in their basement. Problems arise, however, when other members of the family discover their activities".

Title: As You Like It

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Pocket Books 1960

Description:

roy
comedy – Shakespeare
twenty-one characters; extras
sixteen male; five female
five acts

representative set.

The Forest of Arden becomes the scene of unrequited love, fulfilled love, disguise, family reunions and goodwill among men as people who have been unlawfully banished from the estates take refuge there.

Title: As You Like It

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Penguin Books 1959

Description:

roy
comedy – Shakespeare
twenty-one characters; extras
sixteen male; five female
five acts

representative set.

The Forest of Arden becomes the scene of unrequited love, fulfilled love, disguise, family reunions and goodwill among men as people who have been unlawfully banished from the estates take refuge there.

Title: As You Like It

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: CBC Enterprises 1983

Description:

roy
comedy – Shakespeare
twenty-one characters; extras
sixteen male; five female
five acts

representative set.

The Forest of Arden becomes the scene of unrequited love, fulfilled love, disguise, family reunions and goodwill among men as people who have been unlawfully banished from the estates take refuge there.

Title: Ask Any Girl

Author: Wolfe, Winifred Sergel, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1960

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters; extras
five male; twelve female
three acts

unit set.

Christopher Sergel's adaptation of Winifred Wolfe's "Ask Any Girl".

A small town girl moves to New York to find a husband and a life of glamour and manages to get what she wants only after realizing that she did not need to package and market herself.

Title: Aunt Edwina

Author: Home, William Douglas

Publisher: Samuel French 1960

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
two acts

1 interior set.

When a man accidentally takes horse pills instead of his medication, he turns into a woman and is introduced by his family as their aunt as they try to preserve a dignity in the situation.

Title: Aunt Samantha Rules the Roost

Author: George, Charles

Publisher: Paine Publishing Company 1934

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
five male; six female
two acts

1 interior set.

A feminist's niece and maid decide to find husbands in spite of the aunt's objection to men and they use love powders and messages on eggs to achieve their goals. When the aunt drinks some of the love potion, the rules of the house change drastically.

Title: Aunt Tillie Goes To Sea!

Author: Braun, Wilbur

Publisher: Samuel French 1941

Description:

roy
farce
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

Aunt Tillie meets the man who left her at the altar on the ship that is taking her niece on her honeymoon. Aunt Tillie decides to stay on board to harass the man into an explanation. Play has some racist elements.

Title: Aunt Tillie Goes To Town!

Author: Braun, Wilbur

Publisher: Samuel French

1937

Description:

roy
farce
twelve characters
four male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

When a man-hating woman steels herself to meet her favourite niece's fiance, she is not prepared for the series of problems that crop up as the young man and his best friend goof up even the best intentions of trying to please her.

Title: Auntie Mame

Author: Lawrence, Jerome

Lee, Robert E.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1960

Description:

roy
comedy
forty-three characters; extras
twenty-eight male; twelve women; three young boys
two acts

multiple sets; period – 1920's to 1950's.

The will of a young boy's father entrusts the boy to the care of his slightly eccentric aunt, who in spite of her bohemian lifestyle and society's disapproval of it, takes her role as guardian very seriously.

Title: Autumn Crocus

Author: Anthony, C. L.

Smith, Dodie

Publisher: Samuel French

1933

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Twelve characters
Four male; eight female
Three acts

Three sets.

The love of an innkeeper for one of his guests, a school teacher in her late thirties, frees the woman to live for her dreams and teaches her that life does not end because one is single and past marrying age.

Title: Bachelor Father

Author: Davidson, William F.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1962

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-five characters
nine male; sixteen female
three acts

1 interior set.

A man learns to contend with having adolescent wards and the effect they can have on his business and his personal life when they try to change the school policy.

Title: Barretts of Wimpole Street, The

Author: Besier, Rudolf

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1930

Description:

roy
comedy – romance
seventeen characters; extras
three male; five female; nine boys
three acts

1 interior set.

Elizabeth Barrett lives with her father, sisters and brothers. Never too healthy, she has been kept prisoner by her domineering father, who rules his family with unbelievable severity. Her brothers and sisters are reconciled to their father's tyranny, but Elizabeth has in her a spark of rebellion. When Robert Browning bursts upon the Barrett household and proclaims his deep love for

Title: Bartholomew Fair

Author: Jonson, Ben

Publisher: Yale University Press 1978

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty-one characters; extras
twenty-four male; seven female
five acts

'Verse play. Jacobean satirical comedy set in 17th century London. Events, farcical and romantic, ensue when justice of the peace goes to Fair in disguise to seek out criminals. Includes a puppet show.'

Title: Bat, The

Author: Rinehart, Mary Roberts

Hopwood, Avery

Publisher: Samuel French

1932

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
ten characters
seven male; three female
two acts

2 interior sets.

The tenant of a dead banker's home is exposed to bizarre incidents as various people attempt to find the money that was stolen by the banker and hidden in his house.

Title: Beaux' Stratagem, The

Author: Farquhar, George

Wilder, Thornton

Publisher: Samuel French

2006

Description:

roy
comedy – romance – Restoration
eighteen characters
eight male; five female (doubling)
two acts

adapted by Thornton Wilder and Ken Ludwig

The play tells the story of two young men who leave London and roam from town to town in search of love and fortune. In order to find a wealthy heiress for at least one of them, they pose as master and servant – exchanging roles from one town to the next. In Lichfield, Aimwell is the master and Archer the servant, and there they meet the lovely, wealthy Dorinda and her equally

Title: Becky's New Car

Author: Dietz, Steven

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

2010

Description:

roy
comedy
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

flexible set.

Have you ever been tempted to flee your own life? Becky Foster is caught in middle age, middle management and in a middling marriage—with no prospects for change on the horizon. Then one night a socially inept and grief-struck millionaire stumbles into the car dealership where Becky works. Becky is offered nothing short of a new life...and the audience is offered a chance to ride

Title: Bedtime Stories

Author: Foster, Norm

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2006

Description:

roy
comedy – romance
fifteen characters
nine male; six female (doubling possible)
two acts

In a series connected by time, place and a most unusual radio broadcast, we follow inter-weaving characters in their comic struggle to find the meaning of love.

Title: Belle Moral

A natural history

Author: MacDonald, Ann-Marie

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2005

Description:

roy
comedy – historical
eleven characters; one dog
six male; five female (doubling possible)
three acts

"A rewrite of her play "The Arab's Mouth". Setting: Stone house called Belle Moral on the coast of Scotland a few miles outside Edinburgh – Spring/Summer 1899. Pearl MacIsaac, a budding young amateur scientist with an interest in evolution, is left alone with her Aunt Flora after her father's recent death. They await the return of Pearl's aimless artistic brother Victor so that their father's will can be read and the estate settled. Victor arrives but almost immediately attempts suicide. Meanwhile, the family doctor Seamus Reid and Flora furtively discuss what to do with the creature

Title: Belvedere

Author: Davenport, Gwen

Publisher: Samuel French 1949

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
seven male; four female; two young boys
three acts

1 interior set.

When a young couple advertises room and board for a writer in exchange for babysitting and some light housekeeping, they do not expect a man, but after some months they would not exchange him for anything.

Title: Bernardine

Author: Chase, Mary Ellen

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1954

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
thirteen male; six female
two acts

representative set.

In order to impress a group of boys he is trying to get in with, a young boy attempts to seduce an older woman he meets in the lobby of a classy hotel, only to later discover this same woman in his mother's living room and that she is an old friend of his mother's.

Title: Bete, La

Author: Hirson, David

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1992

Description:

roy
comedy – verse play
ten characters; extras
six male; four female
two acts

"The play is set in France in 1654, and revolves around an upheaval in a famous acting troupe. Elomire, the troupe's renowned leader, is furious because Prince Conti, the troupe's patron, is forcing a street performer, Valere, upon them. Elomire finds Valere and his work to be revolting and base, while Bejart, the troupe's second in command, is worried about offending the Prince, and, thereby, losing their patron."

Title: Beverly Hillbillies, The

Author: Henning, Paul Brooke, D. D.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1968

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters; extras
nine male; twelve female
three acts

2 sets; adaptation by D. D. Brooke

Adaptation of Paul Henning's work. A hillbilly family becomes overnight millionaires when oil is found on their land and they move to California where their country ways humour and disturb their wealthy new neighbors.

Title: Big Rock at Candy's Mountain

Author: Rodgers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1970

Description:

roy
comedy
forty-two characters; extras
twenty-one male; twenty-one female
two acts

representative set.

A young man, determined to make it without the aid of his father's company, invests his large inheritance from his grandfather in a three day outdoor rock festival on a farm on an island. Despite every major calamity that could possibly happen, the young man succeeds in making money, making amends with his father, saving the farm from bankruptcy and marrying the girl of

Title: Biggest Thief in Town

Author: Trumbo, Dalton

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1949

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
eight male; two female
three acts

1 interior set.

The doctor and the undertaker of a small town decide to steal the corpse of the town's wealthiest citizen, an old miser, in order to make money off the funeral. Their plans nearly go awry, however, when the corpse revives and reveals that he is penniless. He dies again and the undertaker and the doctor realize that it would be to their financial advantage to let someone else

Title: Bishop Misbehaves, The

Author: Jackson, Frederick

Publisher: Samuel French 1935

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
seven male; three female
three acts

2 interior sets.

When a bishop stumbles into the aftermath of a robbery, he decides to solve the crime himself so that he can convert and save the thieves.

Title: Black Sheep

Author: Rice, Elmer

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1923

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

On the day that a family is trying to make a good impression on their son's fiancée's society mother, the black sheep of the family returns home with his common-law wife and is revealed to be a famous writer. The presence of the black sheep totally disrupts the household until he leaves again taking his amorality with him.

Title: Boar's Head

Author: Nigro, Don

Publisher: Samuel French 2005

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty characters
eight male; five female (doubling)
two acts

This big, colorful, uproariously funny and ultimately moving play tells the story of the Shakespearean characters who meet at the Boar's Head Tavern in East Cheap. We see the scenes Shakespeare tells us about but leaves out of HENRY IV, PARTS ONE AND TWO, HENRY V, and THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR, centering on Doll Tearsheet, her unrequited love for Ned Poins, Ned's sister Nell, impregnated by Prince Hal, and Robin, a girl masquerading as a tavern boy, also in love with Ned. Bardolph, Mistress Quickly, Justice Shallow, Pistol, Jane Nightwork and a host of

Title: Body of Water, A

Author: Zark, Jen

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1994

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy – Jewish
fifteen characters
four male; eleven female (flexible casting)
three parts

Three playlets that follow the lives of 9 people who become involved with sacred Jewish rituals in both humorous and intimate ways. FOREIGN BODIES centers around a mother and daughter who, after a lifetime of miscommunication, are able to connect in the unlikeliest of ways. In WHITE DAYS Sandy decides to save the passion in her marriage by going to a "Mikveh" (Jewish ritual bath). "In SHOOTING SOULS, Devi, the attendant at the Mikveh, prepares for Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) along with her religious community. "

Title: Bon Voyage

Author: Hughes, Glenn

Publisher: University of Washington Press 1951

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
eight male; six female
three acts

'Marriage problems and social attitudes of a group of Americans on board a small yacht.'

Title: Bone-Chiller!

A Comedic Mystery-Thriller

Author: Ferris, Monk

Publisher: Samuel French 1985

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery – thriller
thirteen characters
five male; eight female
three acts

"On Friday the 13th, thirteen people gather for the reading of the late Josiah Travers's will. The will consists of a rebus which offers the lucrative estate to anyone who can solve the puzzle. To make things tougher, the lights keep going out and people keep being murdered. This is not only a very funny farce, it is also a superbly crafted mystery."

Title: Booster McCrane, P.M.

A comedy in two acts

Author: Craig, David S.

Publisher: Playwrights Guild of Canada 1992

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy – politics
eleven characters
seven male; four female
two acts

A comedy in the style of "Mr Smith Goes to Washington", Booster McCrane, P.M. is the story of an inexperienced small town lawyer who is elected Prime Minister. He comes to Ottawa with Crystal Wildrose, his childhood sweetheart, and Chief Joe White Eagle his best friend and closest advisor. He discovers that the country is controlled and infiltrated by foreign interests. The only solution is war.

Title: Born Yesterday

Author: Kanin, Garson

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
twelve male; four female
three acts

"The vulgar, egotistic junkman, Harry Brock, has come to a swanky hotel in Washington to make crooked deals with government big-wigs. He has brought with him the charming but dumb ex-chorus girl Billie, whose lack of social graces embarrasses even Harry. Billie must be taught some of the amenities, and a few basic bits of information. The young, idealistic magazine reporter Paul Verral, who has been investigating political skullduggery and is interested in Brock's activities, agrees, for a salary, to educate Billie. He finds Billie has a natural honesty and a frank

Title: Boys and Ghouls Together

Author: Rogers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1965

Description:

roy
comedy – spoof
sixteen characters
six male; ten female
three acts

1 interior set.

A group of young cyclists in Europe spend the night in an old castle turned hotel which is run by Count Dracula and his family.

Title: Brass Ring, The

Author: Elman, Irving

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1953

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
six male; five female
two acts

unit set.

A middle-aged businessman with a family and a house in the suburbs continually fantasizes about the way things might have been until he meets some ghosts from his past and realizes that he is quite happy with what he has.

Title: Bravo!

Author: Ferber, Edna

Kaufman, George S.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1948

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
nine male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A group of Ausio-Hungarian expatriates from backgrounds of wealth and fame try to adapt to American ways but do not want to give up their aristocratic customs and cannot understand why they are not appreciated.

Title: Brébeuf's Ghost

A tale of horror in three acts

Author: Moses, Daniel David

Publisher: Exile Editions

2000

Description:

roy
dark comedy – native peoples – Canada – Canadian playwright – history
sixteen characters
eleven male; five female
three acts

1649 brings bad news to the Ojibwa communities of Lake Nipissing. The Iroquois are on the warpath, killing traitors and Christians at the mission of Sainte Marie. Guess who's going to be next? The shaman is worried about windigos, the Black Robe about the fires of hell. Worlds collide in renowned First Nations playwright Daniel David Moses' epic dark, funny and finally healing vision of early Canada.

Title: Bride's Bouquet, The

Author: Gordon, Kurtz

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1968

Description:

roy
mystery – comedy
eleven characters
six male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

Attempts are made to thwart a young man's wedding as he tries to fulfill the conditions of his grandfather's will in order to receive his inheritance.

Title: Bus Stop

Author: Inge, William

Publisher: Samuel French

Description:

roy
comedy
eight characters
five male; three female
three acts

"In the middle of a howling snowstorm, a bus pulls up at a roadside diner. All roads are blocked and four or five weary travellers are going to have to hole up until morning. Cherie, a nightclub chanteuse is the passenger with most to worry about. She's been pursued, made love to, and finally kidnapped by a twenty-one-year-old cowboy with a ranch of his own. The belligerent cowhand is right behind her, ready to sling her over his shoulder and carry her, alive and kicking, all the way to Montana. Even as she's ducking out from under his embraces, she pauses

Title: But Why Bump Off Barnaby?

Author: Abbot, Rick

Publisher: Samuel French

1986

Description:

roy
mystery – farce
ten characters
four male; six female
three acts

'This lunatic show poses a fascinating mystery. When Barnaby Folcey is murdered at a family gathering in Marlgate Manor, it transpires that he had a motive to murder everybody else – but no one had a reason to want him dead. While dying, he scrawled the letters 'b-a-r' – which can implicate everyone. While the bizarre group frantically tries to unmask the murderer, people vanish, poison is found in the sherry – and the police take forever to arrive. Meanwhile, there's a secret treasure to be found, a mystifying limerick to decode and all sorts of doom to be avoid

Title: Butler Did It, The

Author: Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Baker's Plays

1977

Description:

roy
farce – satire – murder mystery
twelve characters
six male; six female
two acts

A delightful comedy that spoofs English mystery plays, but with a decidedly American flavor. Miss Maple, a society dowager noted for her "imaginative" weekend parties, invites a group of detective writers to eerie Ravenswood Manor on Turkey Island, where they are to assume the personalities of their fictional characters. Secrets abound in the creepy old mansion and when an actual murder takes place, each of the "guests" realizes he or she is marked for death.

Title: Butter and Egg Man, The

Author: Kaufman, George S.

Publisher: Samuel French 1930

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
eight male; five female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A naive young man is suckered into investing the bulk of his inheritance in a bad play by its fast-talking producers. When the show fails, he buys out the producers and turns the play into a hit only to have the ex-producers want to buy back in.

Title: By the Way, Meet Vera Stark

Author: Nottage, Lynn

Publisher: Theatre Communications Group 2013

Description:

roy
comedy – history – African-American – stereotypes
twelve characters
three male; four female (doubling)
two acts

In her first new play since the critically acclaimed "Ruined", Lynn Nottage examines the legacy of African Americans in Hollywood in a dramatic stylistic departure from her previous work. Fluidly incorporating film and video elements into her writing for the first time, Nottage's comedy tells the story of Vera Stark, an African American maid and budding actress who has a tangled relationship with her boss, a white Hollywood star desperately grasping to hold onto her career. Stirring audiences out of complacency by tackling racial stereotyping in the entertainment industry,

Title: Cactus Flower

Author: Burrows, Abe Barillet, Pierre

Publisher: Samuel French 1966

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
two acts

representative set.

Based on the play by Pierre Barillet and Jean-Pierre Gredy. When a middle-aged bachelor dentist decides to marry his young girlfriend, the girlfriend insists on meeting the wife he told her he had when he did not want to get involved. The dentist uses his efficient nurse and in the course of things, falls in love with her.

Title: Calendar Girls

A play

Author: Firth, Tim

Publisher: Samuel French

2011

Description:

roy
comedy – drama – British – friendship – cancer
thirteen characters
four male; nine female
two acts

When Annie's husband John dies of leukaemia, she and best friend Chris resolve to raise money for a new settee in the local hospital waiting room. They manage to persuade four fellow WI members to pose nude with them for an "alternative" calendar, with a little help from hospital porter and amateur photographer Lawrence. The news of the women's charitable venture spreads like wildfire, and hordes of press soon descend on the small village of Knapeley in the Yorkshire Dales. The calendar is a success, but Chris and Annie's friendship is put to the test under the

Title: California Suite

Author: Simon, Neil

Publisher: Samuel French

1977

Description:

roy
comedy – relationships
eleven characters
five male; six female
two acts

1 set.

A series of four vignettes portraying the various guests that occupy one suite of a California hotel.

Title: Cancer

(also known as 'Moonchildren')

Author: Weller, Michael

Publisher: Faber and Faber

1971

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
twelve male; three female
two acts

'Social comedy of unconventional life in American college student communal apartment.'

Title: Candy and Diamonds

Author: Green, Albert

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1964

Description:

roy
mystery – comedy
thirteen characters
four male; nine female
three acts

1 interior set.

An insurance salesman feels that his girlfriend, an insurance investigator, is incapable of handling a large investigation of a major jewel heist and takes the case on himself, only to bungle it and infuriate his family, his girlfriend, and the underworld characters he deals with.

Title: Captain Brassbound's Conversion

A play of adventure

Author: Shaw, George Bernard

Publisher: Brentano's 1906

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
fourteen male; one female
three acts

3 sets; period – 1900.

A strong independent English Lady contrives to save a pirate captain from the 'justice' of English law and she convinces him of the need to have meaning in his life.

Title: Captain Fantastic!

Author: Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Baker International 1979

Description:

roy
comedy – farce
nineteen characters; extras
seven male; twelve female
three acts

2 interior sets.

Using comic book heroes and techniques, the play depicts the battle of good vs. evil in a high school starring the absent minded newspaper reporter as the hero.

Title: Case Of The Laughing Dwarf
A Mystery Play in Three Acts

Author: Reach, James

Publisher: Samuel French 1938

Description:

roy
comedy – murder mystery
twelve characters
six male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

An isolated hotel on the verge of bankruptcy suddenly becomes the centre of murder and intrigue when several groups of people register to stay, all after the same thing.

Title: Cash on Delivery

Author: Cooney, Michael

Publisher: Samuel French 1997

Description:

roy
British – farce
ten characters
six male; four female
two acts

'This fast paced British farce concerns a con artist who has duped the welfare authorities for years by claiming every type of benefit for the innumerable people he claims to live at his address. This scam nets him tens of thousands tax-free. Just when he decides to kill off many of the imaginary dole recipients because matters are getting a little too risky, welfare investigators show up. To outwit the investigators, the con artist enlists the help of one of his real lodgers and from his Uncle George, who also volunteers to convince his nephew's wife that he is not a transvestite.

Title: Cashier, The

Author: Merzer, Glen

Publisher: Samuel French 1983

Description:

roy
comedy – self awareness
fifteen characters
seven male; eight female
two acts

An aspiring artist moves to California to spend a summer painting before marrying Dale, his fiancée in New York. To support himself, Ralf obtains a summer job as a mail clerk for the IRS. He grows fond of his co workers there: Emily, a Zen enthusiast; Melba, a born again believer; Frank, a practical joker; and Mr. Thompson, a failed poet. Ralf, who never had a family, comes to feel a sense of family at his work. He also becomes intrigued by the blind cashier in the cafeteria of his office building. Meanwhile, his paintings are failures. Dale's career as a nightclub singer, by

Title: Cat Among the Pigeons

Author: Feydeau, Georges

translated by John Mortimer

Publisher: Samuel French

1970

Description:

roy
farce
twenty characters
thirteen male; seven female
three acts

The lady has two lovers: a ne'er do well who is secretly affianced to a Baroness' daughter and a flamboyant Spanish general who challenges to a duel any man who comes near her. An amateur composer who hopes the lady will sing his song places his card in a bouquet sent anonymously and thereby seals his fate: the ne'er do well uses him to divert the general's flashing sword. Meanwhile, the ne'er do well is trapped in his skivvies outside his apartment. When the cops come to arrest him for indecent exposure, you can be sure it is the songwriter who goes to jail. The

Title: Cave Dwellers, The

Author: Saroyan, William

Publisher: Samuel French

1958

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
nine male; five female
two acts

1 interior set.

A group of people find refuge in an abandoned theatre in the middle of a slum clearing project and become a family, giving strength and love to each other.

Title: Cerulean Blue

A comedy in two acts

Author: Taylor, Drew Hayden

Clemens, Andrew

Publisher: Talonbooks

2015

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy – Native peoples – politics – relationships – Native playwright twenty
characters
ten male; ten female
two acts

ideal for high school and college musical theatre departments; original musical score by Andrew Clemens is available for download from Talonbooks.com.

"A comedic play about a struggling blues band invited to participate in a benefit concert for a First Nation community in conflict with governmental authorities. Upon arriving, the band discovers the entire lineup of musical acts has cancelled and they're left trapped behind

Title: Charley's Aunt

Author: Thomas, Brandon

Publisher: Samuel French

1935

Description:

roy
farce
ten characters
six male; four female
three acts

3 sets; period – England, 1890's.

Two college students dress up one of their friends as one of the boy's elderly aunts in order to invite the two girls they love to a properly chaperoned lunch.

Title: Charlie, Girl Track Star

Author: Daane, Joy

Meili, Jan

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1975

Description:

roy
comedy – high school
eleven characters; extras
four male; seven female
two acts

Description not available.

Title: Chase Me Comrade!

Author: Cooney, Ray

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1966

Description:

roy
farce
ten characters
seven male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

The frenzied attempts of an English ballerina and her friend, a Naval Commander's daughter, to hide a defecting Russian ballet dancer in the Naval Commander's home convinces the Russian that the English are totally mad and that Moscow is a much better place to live.

Title: Chasing Manet

Author: Howe, Tina

Publisher: Samuel French

2011

Description:

roy
comedy – seniors
seventeen characters
three male; four female (doubling)
two acts

In Chasing Manet, a rebellious painter from a distinguished family in Boston and an ebullient Jewish woman with a huge adoring family form an unlikely bond. Inside the confining walls of Mount Airy Nursing Home, the two plot an escape to Paris aboard the QE2. But can they possibly pull it off amidst the chaos of their surroundings? The tension and comedy grow as they struggle to take wing for the last time.

Title: Chaste Maid in Cheapside, A

Author: Middleton, Thomas

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

2007

Description:

roy
Jacobean comedy – partly in verse – love – intrigue
large cast
flexible casting
five acts (fifteen scenes)

1 set; music; singing.

A comedy about sordid alliances and true love.

Title: Cheaper By The Dozen

Author: Gilbreth Jr., Frank B.

Carey, Ernestine Gilbreth

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1950

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
nine male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

Dramatized by Christopher Sergel and based on the book of the same title. An efficiency expert applies his motion studies at home to have order in his family of twelve children. As his oldest daughters hit adolescence, he is faced with dealing for their desire for popularity at a time when he is trying to prepare his family to carry on after his death from a terminal illness.

Title: Chemin de Fer

Author: Feydeau, Georges

Grossman, Suzanne

Publisher: Samuel French

1968

Description:

roy
domestic relations – comedy
fourteen characters
ten male; four female
four acts

adapted and translated by Suzanne Grossman and Paxton Whitehead; 3 interiors

French cuckold starts a "marriage-go-round" when he applies rules of card game to wife's extramarital affair.

Title: Cherry Orchard, The

Author: Chekhov, Anton Pavlovich

translated by Elisaveta Lavrova

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1980

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters; extras
eleven male; four female
four acts

3 sets.

'A family's persistence in avoiding unpleasant situations and its utter faith in last minute solutions prevents the family from saving it's ancestral home from being auctioned off for bankruptcy.'

Title: Cherry Orchard, The

Author: Stoppard, Tom

Chekhov, Anton Pavlovich

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1979

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters; extras
eleven male; four female
four acts

3 sets.

In this play, an impoverished landowning family is unable to face the fact their estate is about to be auctioned off. Lopakhin, a local merchant, presents numerous options to save it, including cutting down their prized cherry orchard. But the family is stricken with denial. THE CHERRY ORCHARD charts the precipitous descent of a wealthy family and in the process creates a bold

Title: Chicken Every Sunday

Author: Epstein, Julius J.

Epstein, Philip G.

Publisher: Samuel French

1946

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters
twelve male; nine female; two young children
three acts

1 interior set; period – Arizona, 1916.

A practical woman runs a boarding house as a guarantee for security against the day that her idealistic husband's many dreams fall through. When the husband mortgages the house to finance one of these dreams, the woman nearly leaves him.

Title: Chief Shaking Spear Rides Again; or, The Taming of the Sioux

Author: Graves, Warren

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

1975

Description:

roy
western – melodrama – comedy – high school – Alberta playwright
twelve characters
six male; six female
two acts

1 interior set.

Set in the old West at the turn of the century, this is a melodrama about a Bard of the Plains whose plays bear a striking resemblance to those of you-know-who's.

Title: Chinese Wall, The

Author: Frisch, Max

translated by James L. Rosenberg

Publisher: Hill and Wang

1961

Description:

roy
farce
large cast
flexible casting
one act (twenty-four scenes)

"The Chinese Wall" by Max Frisch, is about the building of the Chinese Wall, an emperor who is always in the right, a mute boy who is accused of being the Voice of the People, a contemporary who lectures figures of history, an impatient general and a rebellious princess, a revolution, the ways of history and the end of time.

Title: Chorus of Disapproval, A

Author: Ayckbourn, Alan

Publisher: Samuel French 1985

Description:

roy
comedy – musical – relationships
thirteen characters
seven male; six female
two acts

"A diffident North County widower attempts to escape from his loneliness by joining the local amateur light operatic society. By accident, rather than by design (in fact, by not saying "no" to anything be it a request to obtain confidential information from his company or an offer of illicit sex) he advances from a one-line part to the lead. As the play progresses, the author skillfully draws parallels between John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera* and the day-to-day activities of the society which is performing it. Ayckbourn goes on showing how painfully embarrassed are the British in

Title: Cinderella Complex, The

Author: Sitwell, Sir Osbert Fuller, Ruth

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1960

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty characters; extras
eight male; twelve female
three acts

1 interior set

Adapted by Ruth Fuller. This Cinderella story is a compulsive martyr who'd love to have the whole world weep and say: "Poor Cinderella", as she spoils life for her family. Her stepmother buys her a Paris gown for the ball. Her stepsisters line her up an intriguing date. But Cinderella prefers to suffer. A wise and witty story.

Title: Claudius

Author: Gass, Ken

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1995

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
two acts

"A contemporary look at the Hamlet story, focusing on the marriage of Claudius and Gertrude. A play of passion, politics, and paranoia. A murky comedy full of intrigue, humour, and spectacle."

Title: Clerambard

Author: Ayme, Marcel

translated by A. Sapinsley and L Kerz

Publisher: Miscellaneous

1958

Description:

roy
comedy – satire
sixteen characters
nine male; seven female
four acts

2 interiors; 1 exterior.

"Comedy. Satirizes attempt of man to live life of saint, though reality doesn't permit it. Members of impoverished family of French nobility work at manufacturing highly colored pullovers on knitting machines in their living room."

Title: Clink, The

Author: Jeffreys, Stephen

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

1999

Description:

roy
comedy – historical political satire
sixteen characters; extras
twelve male; four female
nineteen scenes

'Elizabeth I is tottering at death's door. Conspirators are everywhere. A politically sensitive International Trade Delegation is on its way to London. Who can be trusted to entertain them? Alternative comedian Lucius Bodkin think's he'll hit the big time – but he's reckoned without the tudor backstabbers and the City wide boys.'

Title: Cloud Seven

Author: Wilk, Max

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1958

Description:

roy
comedy – relationships
seventeen characters
nine male; eight female
three acts

"Newt Reece, who has spent most of his adult life discovering new ways to take the flavour out of frozen foods, rebels. He decides that while he's still young he should take some time for himself to do the things he really enjoys – like being with his wife. Mary, his wife, is aghast at this, it's not part of the proper suburban way of life at all. But Sally, his teenage daughter, is delighted. The neighbours react in various ways."

Title: Clumsy Custard Horror Show, The

Author: Gleason, William

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1979

Description:

roy
high school – comedy
fourteen characters
six male; eight female
two acts

Your audience will get into the act (as they do in The Rocky Horror Picture Show) in this hilarious comedy. King Dumb is ready for his daughter to select a husband and all the Knights of the Realm are anxious to claim her hand. But the sweet Princess Prince has fallen for a gently yet courageous lad she assumes to be a pauper. Not so, little does she know that this scruffy stranger is Swashbuck Valpariso, bearer of the magic sword and Master of Fast Feet. With audience participation throughout, the play will leave you breathless with anticipation.

Title: Cocktails with Mimi

Author: Chase, Mary

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1974

Description:

roy
romantic comedy
twelve characters
six male; six female
two acts

suggested for high school.

Mimi Ralston, a wealthy and much-married divorcee, is giving a party in honor of the reputedly formidable parents of her daughter's fiancé. Typically she engages a stunt "waiter" to insult her guests and, specifically, to spill soup on the stuffed-shirt Calthorpes. But her daughter, Edie, fearing that her mother would never be able to stomach her future in-laws, has hired two actors to

Title: Cold Wind and the Warm, The

Author: Behrman, S. N.

Publisher: Samuel French 1959

Description:

roy
tragicomedy
twelve characters
eight male; four female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A young man's inability to face reality finally catches up with him.

Title: Come Share My House

Author: Apstein, Theodore

Publisher: Samuel French 1960

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters; extras
seven male; seven female
three acts

unit set.

A young American student of architecture marries a Mexican serving girl he has gotten pregnant and does not foresee the class and cultural problems that will arise. His wife does, however, and does everything she can to bridge the class and cultural gaps.

Title: Comedians

Author: Griffiths, Trevor

Publisher: Samuel French 1976

Description:

roy
comedy – serious comedy
all male cast; thirteen characters
thirteen male
three acts

2 interior sets.

Eddie Waters, retired comic now teaches a night class for aspiring comedians. The first act portrays the comedians working up their act; the second, their actual presentations; and in the final act it is seen that those who have catered to the crass, philistine views of the agent are the winners.

Title: Comedy of Errors, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Penguin Books 1964

Description:

roy
comedy – classics
sixteen characters; extras
twelve male; four female
five acts

'A man looks for his long lost twin brother and suffers from embarrassment when various people intimately acquainted with that twin – including his wife, his mistress and his father – mistake the one for the other.'

Title: Corn is Green, The

Author: Williams, Emyln

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1945

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters; extras
ten male; five female
three acts

1 interior set; period – Wales, late Nineteenth Century.

A n English spinster sets up a school in a remote Welsh village and nearly ruins the chances for a scholarship for her most promising student, a young coal miner, when her absorbing interest in his abilities causes him to rebel and return to his own way of life.

Title: Così

Author: Nowra, Louis

Publisher: Currency Press 1994

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
seven male; four female
two acts

Set in a mental institution in 1970, Così is the second semi-autobiographical play from Louis Nowra. In 'Summer of the Aliens', Lewis and Dulci come of age at the time of the Cuban Missile Crises and in 'Così' the education of Lewis makes further progress. Lewis the non-participant, becomes emotionally involved with his actor's lives as his operatic production lurches forward and the anti-Vietnam protests take place in the streets outside.

Title: Country Wife, The

Author: Wycherley, William

Publisher: Barron's Educational Series 1970

Description:

roy
satire – farce
fifteen characters; extras
eight male; seven female
five acts

'Cuckolds like lovers should themselves deceive' – so concludes one of Wycherley's most revived and much discussed plays. It is a satirical comedy sharply focussed on the follies, vices and hypocrisies of Restoration London through its central characters: the desperate Pinchwife; his naive wife; the sex-obsessed Horner and Lady Fidget's 'virtuous gang' of town ladies. This student edition contains a fully annotated version of the play text in modern spelling. The Introduction includes an account of Wycherley's life and a detailed discussion of The Country Wife's

Title: Coup/Clucks

Author: Martin, Jane

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1984

Description:

roy
comedy – Southern – farce – racism
twelve characters
eight male; four female (doubling possible)
two one-acts

"The two wildly funny related farces comprising this double bill poke outrageous fun at the changing status of race relations in today's South. The action centers on the annual presentation of *Gone with the Wind* in a small Alabama town—and the crisis that erupts when a black dentist is chosen to play Rhett Butler."

Title: Couples

Author: Manktelow, Bettine

Publisher: Samuel French 1981

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
five male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

The action takes place in a hotel bedroom over a period of ten years. Each act forms a separate story linked by the setting, which is seen to deteriorate gradually as the hotel becomes first a boarding-house and then an empty property up for sale. The theme of the play is the changing sexual attitudes over a decade, illustrated by encounters between a bachelor MP and an unmarried

Title: Court in the Act!

La Presidente

Author: Hennequin, Maurice Veber, Pierre

Publisher: Oberon Press 1988

Description:

roy
farce
thirteen characters
eight male; five female
three acts

adapted and translated by Robert Cogo-Fawcett and Braham Murray.

"The magistrate must be above and beyond all moral reproach." This is a challenge that Mademoiselle Gobette, creator of the smash-hit operetta 'Ooh La La, La Marquise!' and star of the *Singing Swans*, cannot resist. Nor can any man resist her, from a provincial judge to the Minister of Justice himself.

Title: Courtship of Eddie's Father, The

Author: Toby, Mark

Martens, Anne Coulter

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1963

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
eight male; nine female
two acts

3 sets.

After his mother's death, a young boy takes it upon himself to find a suitable new wife for his father.

Title: Coward, The

Author: Jones, Nick

Publisher: Samuel French

2013

Description:

roy
comedy – England
thirteen characters
twelve male; one female (doubling possible)
two acts

A period comedy set in 18th century England. A cowardly young gentleman named Lucidus initiates a pistol duel then finds that he can't go through with it. He hires a common criminal to fight in his place, only to have the scoundrel make a bloody mess of things. As duel follows duel with many shots fired, this coward finds his reputation growing beyond his wildest expectations.

Nominee! Four 2011 Lucille Lortel Awards, including Outstanding Play.

Title: Cradle Song, The

Author: Martinez Sierra, Gregorio

Martinez Sierra, Maria

Publisher: Samuel French

1934

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters; extras
three male; ten female
two acts

2 interior sets

Adapted by John Garrett Underhill. When a group of Dominican nuns adopt and raise a baby girl who has been left on their doorstep, their lives change drastically.

Title: Crazy House

Author: Williams, Pete

Publisher: Samuel French

1938

Description:

roy
farce
twelve characters
six male; six female
three acts

interior set.

Mild-mannered Mr. Beldinker is running for congress on the Good Government ticket. His wife, Aspasia, is writing an opera and their children aren't ordinary teenager- one's on a health kick, another paints incomprehensible modern pictures and the third is world #1 brat. The plot centers around an encyclopedia salesman who hooks them on buying the set on so-called easy payments.

Title: Curious Savage, The

Author: Patrick, John

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1979

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
five male; six female
three acts

Mrs. Savage has been left ten million dollars by her husband and wants to make the best use of it, in spite of the efforts of her grown-up stepchildren to get their hands on it. These latter, knowing that the widow's wealth is now in negotiable securities, and seeing they cannot get hold of it, commit her to a "sanatorium" hoping to "bring her to her senses." But Mrs. Savage is determined to establish a fund to help others realize their hopes and dreams. In the sanatorium she meets various social misfits, men and women who just cannot adjust themselves to life, people who

Title: Curtain Going Up!

Author: Johnston, Gregory

Publisher: Samuel French

1952

Description:

roy
comedy - high school
seventeen characters
seven male; ten female
three acts

1 set.

A bittersweet comedy in which the production of a high school play brings out the best and the worst of those involved, teaching all participants lessons about themselves.

Title: Cymbeline

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Washington Square Press 2003

Description:

non-roy
romance
thirty-four characters; extras
thirty male; four female
five acts

'One of Shakespeare's later and more obscure plays, Cymbeline focuses on the story of Princess Imogen, who loves Posthumous, an orphan of lower status adopted by King Cymbeline. The plot revolves around a dysfunctional family, with many incidents involving miscommunication, revenge and identity issues, all in multiple settings: the court of Britain, Rome and the countryside of Wales.

Title: Cyrano de Bergerac

Author: Rostand, Edmond translated by John Murrell

Publisher: Blizzard Publishing 1995

Description:

roy
comedy
forty-six characters
thirty male; sixteen female
five acts

"An ugly expert swordsman, who has poetry in his soul, realizes that his looks will never win the woman he loves, so he helps his best friend win her hand."

Title: Cyrano de Bergerac

Author: Rostand, Edmond Burgess, Anthony

Publisher: Applause Theatre Book Publishers 1998

Description:

roy
comedy
large cast
flexible casting
five acts

Anthony Burgess' translation and adaptation of Edmond Rostand's work by the same name.

An ugly expert swordsman, who has poetry in his soul, realizes that his looks will never win the woman he loves, so he helps his best friend win her hand.

Title: Daddies

Author: Hobble, John L.

Publisher: Samuel French

1929

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
nine male; eight female; triplet boys; two girls
three acts

2 interior sets.

A group of confirmed bachelors are coerced into each adopting a war orphan and are totally surprised when they discover that they enjoy parenting and could not give up their children for the world.

Title: Dandy Dick

Author: Pinero, A.W.

Publisher: Heinemann Educational Books

1959

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
seven male; four female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A morally upright reverend becomes unwittingly caught up in the evils of horse racing when the pressures of his family and their bills become too great for him.

Title: Day In The Sun

Author: Sammis, Edward R.

Heyn, Ernest V.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1935

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
nine male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A man, who is renowned for his truth telling, testifies for the defense in a murder case but his brother-in-law and family testify against him because they want the deed to his house.

Title: Dead Souls

Author: Cole, Tom

Publisher: Plays in Process

1980

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-eight characters
twenty male; eight female
two acts

Representative set.
An adaption of Gogol's novel of the same title.

A civil servant buys up dead peasants from landowners in order to take out a mortgage.

Title: Dead White Writer on the Floor

Author: Taylor, Drew Hayden

Publisher: Talonbooks

2011

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy – identity – Native peoples – Native playwright
twelve characters
five male; one female (doubling)
two acts

This play uses two literary conventions – theatre of the absurd and mystery novels – to create one of the funniest and most thought-provoking plays ever about identity politics. In Act One, Billy Jack, Injun Joe, Kills Many Enemies, Old Lodge Skins, Pocahontas, and Tonto find themselves in a locked room with the body of a white writer, which they stash in a closet. None of them can figure out how he died or which of them might have killed him. They realize as they point fingers at each other, however, that they are all profoundly unhappy with their lives as they've been constructed

Title: Deadlier Than The Male

Author: Williams, Pete

Publisher: Samuel French

1943

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
all female cast; eleven characters
eleven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A new receptionist in a beauty salon suspects her boss of being a spy when the top secret ammunition ship her brother is on is sunk by enemy guns.

Title: Dear Brutus

Author: Barrie, James M.

Publisher: Samuel French

1934

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
four male; six female
three acts

2 sets.

A group of people are invited to a mysterious old man's home for Midsummer's Eve and are taken into the woods where they are allowed to experience the results of roads not taken in their lives.

Title: Dear Ruth

Author: Krasna, Norman

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1945

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
five male; five female
two acts

2 interior set.

A young girl corresponds with soldiers using her older sister's name and never dreaming that the soldiers would show up in person. One soldier arrives shortly before the older sister's wedding day and confusion reigns until the younger sister confesses. The soldier and the older sister eventually fall in love and the old wedding is cancelled in favor of a new one.

Title: Dear Wormwood

Author: Lewis, C. S.

Forsyth, James

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1961

Description:

roy
satire
seventeen characters
nine male; eight female
three acts

representative set

Adapted by James Forsyth from the book 'The Screwtape Letters' by C. S. Lewis. A young fiend from Hell has great difficulty in his first assignment as tempter with his subject, a man whose soul seemed ripe for Hell until he met a Christian woman with whom he fell in love and thus, tried to improve himself.

Title: Dearly Departed

Author: Bottrell, David

Jones, Jessie

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1992

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
four male; six female
two acts

'Eccentric Southern family buries patriarch. Singing.'

Title: Design for Living

A comedy in three acts

Author: Coward, Noel

Publisher: Doubleday, Doran and Company

1933

Description:

roy
comedy – relationships
ten characters
six male; four female
three acts

"Written in 1932, DESIGN FOR LIVING was considered daring for its time due to its frank and funny take on sex, love, and commitment. It's a comedy about a transatlantic menage a trois."

"Leo: It should be easy, you know. The actual facts are so simple. I love you. You love me. You love Otto. I love Otto. Otto loves you. Otto loves me."

Title: Desk Set, The

Author: Marchant, William

Publisher: Samuel French

1955

Description:

roy
comedy – fantasy
sixteen characters
eight male; eight female
three acts

"Shirley Booth opened to rave notices playing a woman with encyclopedic knowledge of facts and figures who works in a television network reference department. Electronic brains are installed to do the work of people, soon replacing whole departments, but Emmaracs can not best Bunny in a game of wits – she causes them to blow fuses. Here is a telling comedy rich in hilarity for anyone who has ever worked in an office."

Title: Diana of Dobson's

Author: Hamilton, Cicely

Publisher: Broadview Press

2003

Description:

roy
romantic comedy – women
thirteen characters
four male; nine female
four acts

Diana is an under-paid worker in an Edwardian department store in Clapham and, when she inherits £300 unexpectedly, she spends it on a holiday at a holiday resort in Switzerland. Pretending to be a wealthy widow, she finds herself pursued by an impecunious ex-guardsman and his predatory aunt.

This Broadview edition also includes excerpts from Hamilton's autobiography *Life Errant* (1935)

Title: Dinner at Eight

Author: Kaufman, George S.

Ferber, Edna

Publisher: Samuel French

1959

Description:

roy
comedy – relationships – New York
twenty-four characters
thirteen male; eleven female
three acts

representative set.

Upon receiving word from English peers that they would be delighted to come to dinner, a New York matron plans her dinner around available eligible people. The play depicts the personal problems of these guests in the week prior to the dinner.

Title: Director of the Opera, The

Author: Anouilh, Jean

Publisher: Eyre Methuen

1973

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters
eleven male; seven female
four acts

2 interior sets.

The aging director of an Italian opera house takes refuge from his demanding family by moving into his office, only to be beset with demands by union workers. When his son's mistress arrives with their bastard son, the director has momentary dreams of the hope for the family and the opera house lying with the child, but these dreams are shattered when the director realizes that he

Title: Disintegration of James Cherry, The

Author: Wanshel, Jeff

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1970

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
seven male; five female
two acts

unit set.

Horrible things happen to the people surrounding a young man and the more he tries to connect the incidents to some kind of logic, the more the young man falls apart.

Title: Distaff Side, The
A Comedy of Three Women in Three Acts

Author: Van Druten, John

Publisher: Samuel French 1933

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
five male; eight female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A widow, who has no desire to remarry because she loved her husband dearly, becomes the confidante and the soother for other women in her family who are not as certain about love as she is.

Title: Dividing the Estate

Author: Foote, Horton

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 2010

Description:

roy
comedy – family relations
thirteen characters
four male; nine female
two acts

Matriarch Stella Gordon is determined not to divide her 100-year-old Texas estate, despite her family's declining wealth and the looming financial crisis. But her three children have another plan. Old resentments and sibling rivalries surface as the members of this hilariously dysfunctional family go head to head to see who might claim the biggest piece of the pie in DIVIDING THE ESTATE.

Title: Do Not Disturb

Author: van Zandt, Billy

Milmore, Jane

Publisher: Samuel French

1992

Description:

roy
comedy – sex – one-act
nineteen characters
three male; three female
two acts

acts may be performed individually.

Six hilarious one-act sex comedies taking place in the same hotel suite. In "The Pick Up," a wild bachelor gets more than he bargained for when he picks up a beautiful woman. In "Superstar," a movie star's latest conquest finds he can't quite live up to the man she dreamed of. "The Blue Movie," a schnook bellhop is blackmailed into starring in a Viking porno film. In "The gag-filled

Title: Doctor in Love

Author: Gordon, Richard

Publisher: Samuel French

1967

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
two acts

'In this hilarious romantic comedy, Richard Gordon awakes one morning with a headache. It takes him a while to realise he is ill – after all he is a doctor! Dr Pennyworth diagnoses jaundice and prescribes a spell in hospital. But amongst the bedpans and injections on Honesty ward, Richard falls in love – with his very own Florence Nightingale. However he soon learns that he has a rival for her affections, and unwilling to lose his love to the pachyderm Dr Hinyman, Richard sets out to impress...'

Title: Doctor's Dilemma, The

Author: Shaw, George Bernard

Publisher: Penguin Books

1954

Description:

roy
satire
thirteen characters
ten male; three female
four acts

A doctor who has the facilities to cure only one of two men who are dying of tuberculosis decides to save a poor, honest doctor over a brilliant but amoral artist.

Title: Dog Beneath The Skin; or, Where is Francis?, The

Author: Auden, W. H.

Isherwood, Christopher

Publisher: Faber and Faber

1935

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters; extras
thirteen male; five female
three acts

A hilarious story about a missing heir, Sir Francis Crewe, disguised in a dog-skin. Contains some of Auden's most memorable and effective poetry of the period.

Title: Dog Opera

Author: Congdon, Constance

Publisher: Samuel French

1998

Description:

roy
comedy – LGBTQ+ – relationships – friendship
eighteen characters
five male; two female (doubling)
two acts

Peter and Madeline have been friends since they were teenagers in Queens. They have Manhattan apartments and separate unsatisfactory sex lives. Though more loving than most couples and searching for partners, they are incompatible: he is gay. Maddie is overweight and drawn to men who treat her badly. He hides behind snappy retorts and skepticism. Maddie's alcoholic mother, Peter's father, lovers, pickups, and friends with AIDS move through their lives. A homeless teenager, a thief and a poet who would rather be called a whore than a hustler because he doesn't

Title: Don Quixote

Author: Kester, Paul

Publisher: Samuel French

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty-one characters; extras
twenty-two male; nine female
four acts

4 sets.

A dramatization of Cervantes' novel. An old man, enamored of the tales of knighthood and mourning the loss of chivalry in the world, takes it upon himself to become a knight and fight evil for the honour of his lady. The man deludes himself but although he becomes the laughingstock of the country, he still is able to maintain his dignity.

Title: Don Quixote, U.S.A.

Author: Powell, Richard

Rogers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1967

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters; extras
eleven male; eight female
three acts

representative set.

A naive American Agriculturist goes to a Latin American country to help it to increase it's banana crop, only to find himself leading a revolution.

Title: Don't Drink the Water

Author: Allen, Woody

Publisher: Samuel French

1967

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
twelve male; four female
two acts

1 interior set.

An American family touring in Russia run to the American embassy for safety when they are caught picture taking and are accused of being spies. The embassy is not much of sanctuary, however, because the Ambassador is gone and has left it in the hands of his inept son. The son falls in love with the daughter and rallies to the cause, devising an ingenious plan of escape for the family.

Title: Don't Rock The Boat

Author: Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Eldridge Publishing Company

1983

Description:

roy
farce
twenty-five characters
eleven male; fourteen female
three acts

unit set.

This play depicts the zany antics of the crews and passengers of an unstable cruise ship.

Title: Dover Road, The

Author: Milne, A. A.

Publisher: Samuel French

1923

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

Two runaway couples are stopped in a house en route to the South of France. Their host feels it is his duty to give each couple an opportunity to get to know themselves before they make any foolish mistakes.

Title: Dracula Rides Again

Author: Goode, Jeff

Publisher: Broadway Play Publishing

2006

Description:

roy
Halloween western – comedy – suggested for High School
nineteen characters – extras
two male; one female; sixteen male or female
two acts

When Doc and the Count fall for the same showgirl, you're in for an evening of showdowns and hoedowns that could turn Tombstone into a ghost town. Family entertainment in two acts. And the Mummy dances.

Title: Dream Girl

Author: Rice, Elmer

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1945

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty-two characters
twenty-five male; seven female
two acts

representative or unit set.

This play depicts a day in the life of a young woman who spends most of her time daydreaming while ineffectively running a bookstore. A persistent young reporter finally shows her that reality can be as much fun as daydreams.

Title: Drums of Father Ned, The

Author: O'Casey, Sean

Publisher: Macmillan and Company 1960

Description:

roy
comedy – satire
twenty characters; extras
seventeen male; three female
three acts

2 interiors, 1 exterior.

"Satire. Emphasizes enjoyment of life and youth and satirizing drabness of certain people who fear change. Set in Ireland in the 1920's."

Title: Duck Hunting

Author: Vampilov, Aleksandr translated by Alma H. Law

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1980

Description:

roy
tragicomedy
ten characters
six male; four female
three acts

unit set.

Through a series of flashbacks, this play depicts the rising success of an engineer concurrent with his diminishing interest in the will to live.

Title: Duel of Angels

Author: Giraudoux, Jean Fry, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1958

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters; extras
eight male; five female
three acts

three sets; period – France, mid–nineteenth century.

When a moral woman, who feels it is her duty to expose the immoral behavior of other society women, makes the affairs of one woman public. This woman avenges herself by drugging the virtuous woman and placing her in a compromising position that destroys her moral world.

Title: Enchanted April, The

Author: Campbell, Kane

Publisher: Samuel French

1927

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
four male; six female
three acts

two interior sets; some Italian used in the play.

Four women rent a villa in Italy to get away and think things through and the enchantment of the place forces them to reconsider and to reaffirm the loves in their lives.

Title: Enchanted, The

Author: Giraudoux, Jean

Valency, Maurice

Publisher: Samuel French

1950

Description:

roy
romantic comedy
twenty characters
nine male; eleven female
three acts

2 sets.

A romantic comedy about a young woman whose conflicting interest in the world of the living and the world of the dead endangers her community with an ongoing revolution of the spirit until the true love of a man brings the girl fully into life.

Title: End of the World

Author: Kopit, Arthur

Publisher: Hill and Wang

1984

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters; extras
nine male; three female
three acts

A mysterious stranger of seemingly enormous wealth commissions a playwright to write a play that will save the world from impending doom. The playwright turned detective, pursuing his research right into the secret labyrinth of the Pentagon, confronts the bizarre world of Nukespeak, and makes some startling discoveries about the shape of things to come and about himself. 'End of the World' blends the awesome reality and the hilarious absurdity of its subject.

Title: Enter Laughing

Author: Reiner, Carl

Stein, Joseph

Publisher: Samuel French

1991

Description:

roy
comedy – theatre
fifteen characters
eleven male; four female
two acts

adaptation by Joseph Stein.

The semi-autobiographical, riotous account of stage struck young David Kolowitz, originated on Broadway by Alan Arkin, working as a delivery boy in a sewing machine factory. Denying his parent's wishes for a druggist in the family, he leaves their dreams and his devoted girlfriend Wanda behind and is soon enlisted (and paying for) a slot as the "leading man" in a third-rate

Title: Epsom Downs

Author: Brenton, Howard

Publisher: Eyre Methuen

1977

Description:

roy
comedy
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

Epsom Downs takes place on Derby Day in Silver Jubilee Year. The play explores 'a great public festival, held on common land and pulling in punters of every degree from the Aga Khan to the homeless family who are camping out in Dormobile. Half a dozen threads of plot are woven in and out of a teeming Brueghel-like composition.

Title: Esker Mike and His Wife, Agiluk

Scenes from life in the Mackenzie River Delta

Author: Hardin, Herschel

Publisher: Talonbooks

1973

Description:

roy
satire – Canadian – social issues – Native peoples – Alberta playwright
fifteen characters
nine male; six female
twelve scenes

A social satire about Inuit life in the Mackenzie River Delta and how it is affected by white settlers, priests, and government officials.

Title: Eternal Hydra

Author: Piatigorsky, Anton

Publisher: Coach House Press

2009

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
two male; two female (doubling)
two acts

When a young scholar finds Eternal Hydra, a long-lost, legendary and encyclopedic novel by an obscure Irish writer, she brings the manuscript to an esteemed publisher, hoping to secure an international audience for the book. But Vivian's obsession with the dead author, who has materialized in her life, is challenged by the work of a contemporary historical novelist, and she is forced to face confounding questions about authorship, racism and ethical behavior. Weaving between modern-day New York, 1930s Paris and New Orleans in the years following the Civil War,

Title: Eurydice

Author: Ruhl, Sarah

Publisher: Samuel French

2006

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy – love – fantasy
seven characters
five male; two female
three acts

"A moving, surreal and funny take on the classic story of Eurydice, Sarah Ruhl's play re-imagines the classic myth of Orpheus and Eurydice through the eyes of its heroine. When she abruptly dies on her wedding day, Eurydice must journey through the underworld, reunite with her father and struggle to retain the memories of her lost love. With contemporary characters, ingenious twists of plot, and breathtaking visual effects, this new play provides a fresh look at a timeless love story.

Title: Everybody's Girl

Author: Patrick, John

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1968

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
eight male; two female
three acts

1 interior set.

America's 'Mother of the Year', a woman with five sons who are P.O.W.s in Vietnam, is discovered never to have been married.

Title: Everything in the Garden

Author: Cooper, Giles

Albee, Edward

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1968

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
six male; five female
two acts

1 set.

The need for more money to allow them to save face with the neighbors, forces the suburban wives of middle class men to take jobs as high class prostitutes.

Title: Everything in the Garden

Author: Cooper, Giles

Albee, Edward

Publisher: Pocket Books

1968

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
six male; five female
two acts

1 set.

The need for more money to allow them to save face with the neighbors, forces the suburban wives of middle class men to take jobs as high class prostitutes.

Title: Excursion Fare

Author: Smith, Dennis

Publisher: Samuel French

1985

Description:

roy
comedy – death
ten characters
eight male; two female
two acts

This plays shows a way station of the dead enroute to eternity that houses people whose bodies have never been found. With Amelia Earhart, Judge Crater, Ambrose Bierce and Jimmy Hoffa are a young man whose car caromed down a mountain and a girl who jumped from the Golden Gate Bridge. All have some hope for what is yet to come, even those who abandoned all hope entering here. There are games and contests, some comic, some deadly serious, including the last one which determines why they fear facing their destinies in eternity. Some do have the courage to

Title: F. L. I. P. P. E. D.

Author: Rogers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1971

Description:

roy
comedy
large mixed cast; extras
flexible casting
two acts

representative set.

Men and women learn to compromise when a woman and her three daughters join a women's liberation group against the wishes of their husbands and fiancées.

Title: Family Affair

Author: Higgins, Kenneth

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1969

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
six male; ten female
three acts

1 interior set

Adapted from the television series created by Don Fedderson and Ed Hartmann.

When a man inherits his two orphaned nieces and one nephew, his bachelor lifestyle is greatly readjusted but to his amazement, he finds that he enjoys his new responsibilities.

Title: Family Man, The

Author: Zavin, Benjamin Bernard Leo, Carl

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1964

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
six male; eight female
three acts

1 interior set.

When circumstances force a husband and wife to reverse roles where the wife works and the husband housekeeps, the two people begin by taking on the new duties valiantly but grudgingly only to realize that they enjoy what they are doing and are happier than they were before the switch.

Title: Far-Off Hills, The

Author: Robinson, Lennox

Publisher: Samuel French 1941

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
five male; five female
three acts

2 interior sets.

The eldest daughter in a motherless Irish family is determined to raise her younger sisters properly and to nurse her father back to health before she realizes her dream of entering the convent. Her strictures create a rebellion in the family and when an opportunity is created for her to enter the convent, she realizes that she does not want to .

Title: Farmer's Daughter, The

Author: Rivkin, Allen Kerr, Laura

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1962

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
eleven male; three female
three acts

1 interior set; adapted by F. Andrew Leslie

A congressman falls in love with one of his maids, an intelligent woman who leaves her job to run for office for the opposition.

Title: Farndale Avenue H.E.T.G. Operatic Society's Production of the Mikado
based on 'The Town of Titipu' by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan

Author: McGillivray, David Zerlin Jr., Walter

Publisher: Samuel French 1993

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-two characters
two male; twenty female
two acts

'Bolstered by the TWG's production of 'Macbeth', and further encouraged by the musical comedy aboard the SS Farndale Avenue, Mrs Reece presents her latest theatrical endeavor – The Mikado! Her version is bounded by the usual constraints on casting and costume but she is ably assisted by the Rev. Reg... who, as well as playing several parts, organizes an origami competition during the interval – one of the high spots of the evening.'

Title: Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's
Production of Macbeth

Author: McGillivray, David

Zerlin, Walter

Publisher: Samuel French

1984

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
three male; seven female
two acts

"The F.A.H.E.T.G.D.S. ladies mount yet another assault on the classics with a startlingly original production of Macbeth staged to get them to the Welwyn Garden City Finals. Under the carefully mascara'd eye of adjudicator George Peach, all events conspire hilariously against them."

Title: Fatal Combination, A
A Murder A La Carte Mystery Play

Author: De Pietro, Peter

Publisher: Samuel French

1986

Description:

roy
mystery – comedy – participation play
twelve characters; extras
six male; six female
two acts

Adapted from "Paging Death" by Peter De Pietro and Tony Hamill. A flamboyant, aging and lovable Greek art dealer; a reticent and revengeful librarian; a not-so-shallow bleached blond actress and a literary scholar all decent upon a posh Boston hotel to retrieve a rare Byzantine treasure secured in the hotel vault where it awaits an upcoming museum exhibition. Each wants the treasure enough to kill for it. George and Margaret Manning, a domestic, sharp-eyed, husband and wife detective team work hand in hand to solve this deliciously sinister plot of international intrigue.

Title: Father Knows Best

Author: James, Edward

Sergel, Kristin

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1954

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
seven male; ten female
three acts

1 interior set

Adapted by Kristin Sergel from the radio program of the same name. To the embarrassment of his adolescent children, a man decides that the children go out too much and that their activities should occur at home.

Title: Father Malachy's Miracle

Author: Doherty, Brian

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1938

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty-five characters
twenty-one male; fourteen female
three acts

3 sets.

Description not available.

Title: Father of the Bride

Author: Francke, Caroline

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1951

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters; extras
ten male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

Based on the novel of the same name by Edward Streeter. Preparation for a girl's wedding is a nerve-wrecking experience for everybody involved but especially for the girl's father.

Title: Fathers and Sons

Author: Babe, Thomas

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1980

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters; extras
eleven male; one female
two acts

1 interior set.

The illegitimate son of Wild Bill Hickok arrives in the wild, western town where Hickok is trying to live out his old age in peace, with full intentions of killing his father for wrongs done to himself and his mother.

Title: Feathers in a Gale

Author: Jamerson, Pauline

Lawrence, Reginald

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1940

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
five male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A young widow plots to marry a sea captain in order to save her house and her two widow friends from the hands of the town auctioneers.

Title: Fighting Littles, The

Author: Tarkington, Booth

Francke, Caroline

Publisher: Samuel French

1943

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
five male; ten female
three acts

1 interior set.

A father lives in continued battle with his adolescent daughter until she starts dating a man he approves of. However, it is discovered that this man is only using the girl to get a good job in her father's firm.

Title: Filumena

Author: de Filippo, Eduardo

Waterhouse, Keith

Publisher: Heinemann Educational Books

1978

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
eight male; five female
three acts

adapted by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall; 1 interior set

Adapted by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall. In order to give her three sons a family and a name, a man's mistress decides to marry her patron of twenty-five years and succeeds when she tells him that one of the sons is his but refuses to say which to prevent the man from favouritism.

Title: Firebrand, The

Author: Mayer, Edwin Justus

Publisher: Samuel French

1924

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters; extras
eight male; four female
three acts

2 sets.

Cellini manages to get out of his scrapes by playing his patron, the Duke, and the Duke's wife against each other while he allies himself to both forces.

Title: First Monday in October

A comedy-drama in two acts

Author: Lawrence, Jerome

Lee, Robert E.

Publisher: Samuel French

1979

Description:

roy
comedy – drama – politics
fifteen characters
fourteen male; one female
two acts

"First woman Supreme Court justice who is conservative clashes frequently with older liberal justice."

Title: Fish in the Dark

Author: David, Larry

Publisher: Grove Press

2015

Description:

roy
comedy – grief
eighteen characters
nine male; nine female
two acts

Norman Drexel, a man in his fifties, is average in most respects except for his hyperactive libido. As Norman and his family try to navigate the death of a loved one, old acquaintances and unsettled arguments resurface with hilarious consequences.

Title: Five Blue Haired Ladies Sitting on a Green Park Bench

Author: Penzotti, John A.

Publisher: Josef Weinberger Plays 2003

Description:

roy
comedy – aging
eleven characters
five male; six female
two acts

Anna, Eva, Rose, Gladys and La La had only two things in common when they met seven months ago: a park bench and a life well-lived. Through fond and sometimes painful memories, keen observations and a good belly laugh now and again, these gals are truly on the cusp of eighty, going on eighteen. Bound by each other's strengths, wisdom and witticisms, each one unknowingly prepares for the day they leave the bench, perhaps for the last time. As the journey unfolds it's those bonds that ensure, at least for these fearless five, that the grim reaper is not so

Title: Flea in Her Ear, A

Author: Feydeau, Georges Mortimer, John

Publisher: Samuel French 1968

Description:

roy
farce – marital relations
fifteen characters; extras
ten male; five female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A women who suspects her husband of infidelity arranges, via an anonymous love letter, to meet him at a hotel of ill repute. If he comes to the hotel room, her suspicions are correct and if he does not, she was wrong.

Title: Flea in Her Ear, A

A new version of Georges Feydeau's farce

Author: Ives, David Feydeau, Georges

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 2006

Description:

roy
farce
fifteen characters
nine male; five female (doubling)
three acts

A FLEA IN HER EAR is the greatest of French farces, perhaps the greatest farce ever written. Raymonde Chandebise suspects that her husband, Victor, a placid and successful insurance executive, is secretly having an affair. To find out, she and her friend Lucienne write him an anonymous love letter suggesting a rendezvous at the shady Frisky Puss Hotel. Thinking the letter was intended for his coworker, the gigolo Tournel, Victor sends Tournel off to make the rendezvous in his place. Lucienne's jealous Spanish husband, meanwhile, finds the letter,

Title: Fly Away Home

Author: Bennett, Dorthy

White, Irving

Publisher: Samuel French

1935

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
eight male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

A free-thinking woman invites her husband, from whom she has been separated for twelve years, to visit at her summer cottage so that he can reacquaint himself with their four children and discipline them before she remarries.

Title: Fools

A comic fable

Author: Simon, Neil

Publisher: Samuel French

1981

Description:

roy
comedy – fable – romance
ten characters
seven male; three female
two acts

Romantic fable set in Ukrainian village. Newly arrived Schoolmaster's love for village maiden lifts curse off townspeople.

Title: For Home and Country

Author: Brodie, Leanna

Publisher: Talonbooks

2004

Description:

roy
feminism – women – historical – comedy
thirty characters; chorus
eleven male; seventeen female; two girls (doubling possible)
two acts

Dramatizes the generational conflict created by the rise of an urban and radicalized feminist agenda in the latter part of the 20th century and its head-on collision with its much more conservative, rural roots in the Women's Institute.

Title: For Pete's Sake!

Author: Tobias, Jay

Publisher: T. S. Denison and Company 1934

Description:

roy
farce
twelve characters
six male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A young man rents his aunt's house to her worst enemy and her two daughters while his aunt is away in Europe for the summer. Play contains some racist elements.

Title: Fortinbras

Author: Blessing, Lee

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1992

Description:

roy
comedy – Shakespeare
fourteen characters
ten male; four female
two acts

suggested for high school.

Young Fortinbras, a modern man of action, enters during the last scene of Hamlet only to order the bodies of the royal family shuffled off while he devises the best possible media blitz to legitimize his ascension to the throne of Denmark. Horatio, sworn to the dead Hamlet to convey the truth of his actions, is immediately cast by Fortinbras into the role of an unwilling public

Title: Forty Carats

Author: Barillet, Pierre

Gredy, Jean-Pierre

Publisher: Samuel French 1969

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
five male; six female
two acts

2 sets

Adapted by Jay Allen. A forty year old woman with a seventeen year old daughter is startled to learn that a twenty-two year old man she met in Greece is in love with her and that she loves him.

Title: Foxy Mrs. Foster

Author: Brandon, Bruce

Publisher: Samuel French

1936

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
four male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

An amnesiac returns home a year after he has been missing, just as his wife is arranging for their daughter to be married and his wife's friends are registering his wife in a marriage service.

Title: Free Man of Color, The

Author: Guare, John

Publisher: Grove Press

2011

Description:

roy
historical comedy – American – Louisiana
large cast
thirteen male; seven female
two acts

"A Free Man of Color" is set in boisterous New Orleans prior to the historic Louisiana Purchase. Before law and order took hold, and class, racial and political lines were drawn, New Orleans was a carnival of beautiful women, flowing wine and pleasure for the taking. At the center of this Dionysian world is the mulatto Jacques Cornet, who commands men, seduces women and preens like a peacock. But, it is 1801 and the map of New Orleans is about to be redrawn. The Louisiana Purchase brings American rule and racial segregation to the chaotic, colorful world of Jacques

Title: French Touch, The

Author: Fields, Joseph

Chodorov, Jerome

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1946

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
nine male; six female
two acts

1 interior set.

When members of a French theatre company are forced by the occupying Nazis to reopen their theatre, they outwit the Germans and use the opportunity as a rallying force for the liberation of France.

Title: Friends of a Feather

Author: Stratton, Allan

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1984

Description:

roy
comedy – French Canadian
ten characters
seven male; three female
three acts

two interior and one exterior set; adapted from "Celimare" by Labiche and Delacour

Newlywed Celimare dodges former flames, jealous husbands and suspicious in-laws in this hilarious adaptation of the classic French farce.

Title: Front Page, The

Author: Hecht, Ben

MacArthur, Charles

Publisher: Samuel French 1928

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-two characters
seventeen male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

A reporter comes to the press room of a jail on the eve of an execution to say goodbye to his reporter pals because he is leaving to get married. When the prisoner escapes, the reporter forgets his impending marriage and stays to cover the story.

Title: Full House

Author: Novello, Ivor

Publisher: Samuel French 1936

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
eight male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

A woman decides to sell her beauty salon business and turn her home into a gambling club in order to make money quickly, however, she forgets to get permits for her new business.

Title: Fur Coat and No Knickers

Author: Harding, Mike

Publisher: Samuel French 1982

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-three characters
thirteen male; ten female
two acts

representative set.

This play depicts the marriage proceedings from the stag night to the reception of a young couple who happen to come from two very different social backgrounds.

Title: Game's A Bogey, The

Author: McGrath, John

Publisher: Miscellaneous 1975

Description:

roy
comedy – songs – sketches
fourteen characters
eleven male; three female
two parts

representative set.

In the format of a music hall variety show, this play depicts the struggle of the working classes to achieve dignity in their lives in the face of low wages, rising prices and unemployment. Play uses dialect.

Title: Gap In Generations, A

Author: Blunt, Jerry

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1970

Description:

roy
farce
fifteen characters; extras
ten male; five female
two acts

representative set.

A 'comedia dell'arte' piece wherein the old and young men compete for the love of the same young women and when the young men win, they assume their father's responsibilities while the fathers assume their son's irresponsibilities.

Title: Generous

Author: Healey, Michael

Publisher: Scirocco Drama

2007

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
nine male; four female (flexible casting; doubling)
two acts

A minority government is about to fall when a Member of Parliament appears in the Prime Minister's Office, soaked with blood. An epic battle is waged over a bucket of fried chicken. A loquacious law clerk engages in an excruciating post-coital chat with a judge, and a cut-throat oil executive decides to speak to a magazine reporter. These situations kick off GENEROUS, a hilarious and thought-provoking exploration of the altruistic impulse. Each of the play's four intertwined plotlines contains a generous deed.

Title: Gentlemen Be Seated

A complete minstrel

Author: Powell, Preston

Publisher: Samuel French

1934

Description:

minstrel Show

Provides detailed instruction on how to produce a successful Minstrel Show.

Title: George Washington Slept Here

Author: Hart, Moss

George, Kaufman

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1940

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
nine male; eight female
three acts

1 interior set.

Much to the chagrin of his wife, a man buys a home in the country which is badly in need of repair. The man is determined to live in the country and the family goes through many problems as they try to pull the house together.

Title: Get Witch Quick

Author: Rogers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1966

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty characters
six male; fourteen female
three acts

1 interior set.

The arrival of a normal male English teacher to a witches college creates havoc as the students vie for attention, the teachers try to prevent him from learning what kind of school he is at, and the best student tries not to fall in love with him in order to save her powers.

Title: Getting Away With Murder

Author: Sondheim, Stephen Furth, George

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1997

Description:

roy
comedy – murder mystery
eleven characters
seven male; four female
two acts

suggested for high school.

The esteemed and retired Dr. Conrad Bering has selected, out of countless applicants, several individuals for private as well as Group therapy. It seems this Pulitzer Prize– winning doctor might be writing another book and it further seems these patients might be his subjects. On this particular evening the members of the Group gather as usual in Dr. Bering's office only to discover that the doctor has been murdered. Who did it? And what do the appearances of a

Title: Ghost Flies South, The

Author: Jackson, Frederick

Publisher: Samuel French 1937

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
four male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

Two sisters invest in the stock market and make four hundred thousand dollars from it, but they have to invent a lie to tell how they came into the money because one of the girl's fiance and future mother-in-law highly disapprove of gambling.

Title: Ghost Train, The

Author: Ridley, Arnold

Publisher: Samuel French 1931

Description:

roy
mystery – comedy – melodrama
eleven characters
seven male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

A group of people are stranded overnight in an isolated train station that is being used by drug smugglers who are exploiting a local story of a ghost train in order to carry out their business.

Title: Ghoul Friend, The

Author: Donovan, Gene

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1960

Description:

roy
mystery – comedy
twenty characters; extras
nine male; eleven female
three acts

1 interior set.

To save their mother's hotel from bankruptcy, the woman's teenage children and their friends create a legend of a monster in the lake to draw business to the area. When the story appears to be true, the children are quite surprised.

Title: Giants' Dance, The

Author: Bigelow, Otis

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1965

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
nine male; two female
three acts

unit set.

The King of Briton is able to save his family and himself from death at the hands of traitors by convincing Merlin to create Stonehenge.

Title: Gidget

Author: Kohner, Frederick

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1959

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
eight male; six female
three acts

1 exterior set.

A young girl stumbles into a group of surfers and tries every trick in the book to get the attention of the one with whom she has fallen in love.

Title: Girl Talk

Author: Appel, Dori

Myers, Carolyn

Publisher: Samuel French

1992

Description:

roy
comedy – women
all female cast; twelve characters
flexible casting
two acts

Quandaries, surprises, intimate revelations – and above all, friendship between women throughout their lives. These seven funny, sometimes poignant episodes begin with two twelve year old girls confronting puberty and end with a pair of feisty socialist octogenarians plotting their escape from a convalescent home. In other scenes, women listen to the ominous ticking of their biological clocks, a jilted wife discovers that she misses her husband less than the best friend he left her for, a woman struggles with changes in her closest friendships, Gertrude Stein

Title: Girl-Shy

Author: Kavanaugh, Katharine

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1932

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
six male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A wealthy girl wants to meet a girl-shy college student. So she switches places with the student's maid and becomes embroiled in his scheme to be engaged when his father visits so that he does not have to marry the girl his father picked out for him. Play has some racist elements.

Title: Girls of the Garden Club, The

Author: Patrick, John

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1980

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
two male; seventeen female
three acts

1 interior set.

A woman becomes obsessed with the notion of becoming the president of her garden club and resorts to every possible method of attaining that goal.

Title: Glengarry School Days

Based on the novels of Ralph Connor

Author: Chislett, Anne Amos, Janet

Publisher: Playwrights Guild of Canada 1994

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy
eighteen characters
six male; one female; two teenage boys; one teenage girl; eight children
two acts

running time: 120 min.

A comic, romantic, and passionate tale of the unruly heroes of a little log school house in Glengarry County. The triumphs, disappointments and dreams of youth unfold against the stern expectations of Highland Presbyterian parents, and the riotous Free Trade Election of 1878.

Title: Glu Club

The Power of Persuasion

Author: Andre, Marion

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1997

Description:

roy
Canadian – farce – tragedy
twelve characters
eight male; four female (doubling)
three acts

"Set on the planet Archaica, a top banker and his cronies endorse a "medical" treatment that purifies human skin and so entrenching at the same time the rule of the racist persuasion."

Title: Golden State, The

Author: Spewack, Samuel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1951

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
eight male; three female
three acts

1 setting

Effect, upon tenants, of the discovery of a supposedly valuable mine in the yard of a Los Angeles boarding house.

Title: Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)

Author: MacDonald, Ann-Marie

Publisher: Vintage Canada 1990

Description:

roy
comedy – tragicomedy
fifteen characters; chorus
nine male; six female
three acts

"Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)... its central character is Constance Ledbelly, a lecturer in Renaissance drama at Queen's University, enamoured of the oily male professor whose academic papers she ghost-writes. She's also trying to decipher a coded manuscript which she believes is a lost source for Othello and Romeo and Juliet. Not only does she decode the manuscript, but she literally falls into the two worlds of the plays and causes each of them to turn from tragedy to comedy."

Title: Goody Two Shoes

A pantomime

Author: Reakes, Paul

Publisher: Samuel French 2007

Description:

roy
comedy – family pantomime
ten characters; chorus
seven male; three female
two acts

Septica, an evil sorceress, has left her magic shoes with the Elf Cobbler for mending and, as they are her only comfortable pair, she is far from pleased when pretty Goody Coddle appears wearing them. Septica's revenge, and the wishes Goody makes while wearing the magic shoes, set in train a series of hilarious events which culminate in a typical pantomime happy ending, with lots of slapstick fun, jokes and songs along the way.

Title: Goose Hangs High, The

Author: Beach, Lewis

Publisher: Samuel French

1923

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
seven male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A man learns that his family will accept a lower standard of living when he decides to quit the job he has and hates, in order to do something he has always wanted to do.

Title: Government Inspector, The

Author: Gogol, Nikolai

translated by Edward O. Marsh and Jeremy Broo

Publisher: Methuen

1968

Description:

roy
satire – historical fiction – Russia
twenty-four characters; extras
nineteen male; five female
five acts

Same as "The Inspector General".

'Satire on bureaucracy and human stupidity, set in provincial 19th century Russia.'

Title: Graduate, The

Author: Webb, Charles

Johnston, Terry

Publisher: Samuel French

2003

Description:

roy
comedy – relationships
eleven characters
six male; five female
two acts

adapted by Terry Johnston

Based on the screenplay. The Graduate brings the quintessential movie hit of the sixties one of the most popular films of all time vividly to life on stage. A college student spends his first summer out of school in the arms of his father's best friend's wife. Meanwhile, he is falling in love with the man's daughter.

Title: Grandma Sylvia's Funeral

Author: Wein, Glenn

Blumsack, Amy Lord

Publisher: Samuel French

1998

Description:

roy
comedy – interactive – family relations
twenty-two characters
twelve male; ten female
three acts

"Audiences flock to join the bereaved at this Jewish funeral. Family members greet you outside the theatre before Grandma's funeral – she was hit by a garbage truck. Circulating among the crowd, they explain that her body was accidentally taken to Bensonhurst. As soon as she arrives, the funeral will begin. A cab careens around the corner. From its truck protrudes Grandma Sylvia's casket. The mourners, i.e. the audience, can now follow the pallbearers inside to be treated to fond remembrances, biographical anecdotes, shameless bickering and vaudeville-like turns with

Title: Grass Harp, The

Author: Capote, Truman

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1982

Description:

roy
comedy – fantasy
eighteen characters
ten male; eight female
two acts

The greater part of "The Grass Harp" is an idyll about the pure in heart who, like the meek, inherit the earth. All the common impulses of the world are against the trio who find sanctuary in the tree house. The avaricious sister is outraged. The whole town is shocked and angry, and an armed posse invades the woods to capture the traitors to society and duty, shoots the youth and wounds him. But "The Grass Harp", being pure in heart itself, shows how much stronger the people of spirit are than the people of, discipline and selfishness. Their triumph is modest and humble, but

Title: Great All American Musical Disaster, The

Author: Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Walter H. Baker

1978

Description:

roy
farce
twenty-eight characters; extras
ten male; eighteen female
three acts

4 sets.

A young movie producer dreams up a scam to get the top stars in his latest picture and would have been at the mercy of the actors when they discovered the scam, if his secretary had not re-edited the film into a hit.

Title: Great Big Doorstep, The

Author: Goodrich, Frances

Hackett, Albert

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1942

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 exterior set; play uses dialect.

A backwoods Cajun family finally has a hope of getting the new house they have always dreamed of but every time they think they have the money to purchase it, something happens.

Title: Great Caesar's Ghost!

Author: Fisher, William D.

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company

1973

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A girl and her family use the girl's mother's propensity for mediums to persuade the mother to give her approval to her daughter's engagement.

Title: Great Easter Egg Hunt, The

Author: Jones, Ken

Publisher: Samuel French

1991

Description:

roy
comedy – adolescence – love – religion
fifteen characters
eight males; six females; one boy
two acts

physical comedy; stage combat.

This comedy centers around an Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Citizens vie for the ultimate prize attainable in Umatilla, Florida the Golden Egg. Meanwhile Horseshoe and Clem Dumpling seek to avenge their shattered hopes of married bliss, the town flirt chases every man except for the one who is in love with her and two young lovers struggle to escape this small town. Judge Pulander

Title: Great Sebastians, The

Author: Lindsay, Howard

Crouse, Russel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1956

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters
fifteen male; six female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A mind-reading act is trapped in Czechoslovakia when a general decides to use them as entertainment at a private party to expose a traitor among his friends.

Title: Green Stockings

Author: Mason, A. E. W.

Publisher: Samuel French

1937

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
seven male; five female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A woman invents a fiance in the army to gain special privileges from her family and friends, who have always taken her for granted. She writes the fictitious fiance at the bidding of her sister, and the letter is accidentally mailed. On the day that the fiance's death in battle is announced in the newspaper, the fiance shows up at the front door.

Title: Growing Pains

Author: Rouverol, Aurania

Publisher: Samuel French

1933

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters
eight male; ten female
three acts

1 interior set.

An adolescent boy and his sister discover the pains of growing up as they fall in love and learn the rules of behaviour with members of the opposite sex.

Title: Guid Sisters, The

A translation of Les – Belles Soeurs into modern Scots

Author: Tremblay, Michel

Bowman, Martin

Publisher: Exile Editions

1988

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
all female cast; fifteen characters
fifteen female
two acts

"A translation of Les Belles-Soeurs into modern Scots. French Canadian woman in poor neighbourhood wins one million trading-stamps and invites female relatives, friends and neighbors to pasting-in party."

Title: Gunslinger

Author: Crane, Richard

Publisher: Heinemann Educational Books

1979

Description:

roy
comedy – western
twenty-three characters; extras
nineteen male; four female
two acts

A cowboy extravaganza showing how the West was won by steely-eyed, granite-jawed heroes such as John Milton Speed. The play follows the four trails taken by Colonel Conquest, the frontiersman-tycoon; John Milton Speed, the desperado-gunslinger; Angel McGrew the Killer-kid; and Chief Blackmoon, the Indian warlord. They ride the West in the turbulent second half of the nineteenth century, encountering the pony express, a lynch mob, Indian war, the Gold Rush and a rich variety of western characters.

Title: Gut Girls, The

Author: Daniels, Sarah

Publisher: Samuel French

1993

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy
seventeen characters
six male; eleven female
two acts

'Set in the gutting sheds at the Cattle Market in late Victorian Deptford, England, this incisive drama shows working women at the bottom of the heap. When do-gooders make their work illegal, the gut girls find new options for living.

Title: Habeas Corpus

Author: Bennett, Alan

Publisher: Faber and Faber 1973

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
six male; five female
two acts

1 interior set.

Chaos reign in the home of a lecherous doctor when he, his wife, and his son arrange for illicit trysts without the knowledge of each other's appointments.

Title: Habeas Corpus

Author: Bennett, Alan

Publisher: Samuel French 1973

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
six male; five female
two acts

1 interior set.

Chaos reign in the home of a lecherous doctor when he, his wife, and his son arrange for illicit trysts without the knowledge of each other's appointments.

Title: Hadrian The Seventh

Author: Luke, Peter

Publisher: Samuel French 1968

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters; extras
thirteen male; two female
two acts

representative set.

A man who is badly in debt fantasizes about being the second Englishman to be made Pope and in the course of the reign, totally revamps the function of the figurehead.

Title: Hadrian The Seventh

Author: Luke, Peter

Publisher: Random House

1968

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters; extras
thirteen male; two female
two acts

representative set.

A man who is badly in debt fantasizes about being the second Englishman to be made Pope and in the course of the reign, totally revamps the function of the figurehead.

Title: Handful of Rainbows, A

Author: Troy, Jonathan

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1965

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
four male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

Two ex-actress sisters ineptly run a boarding house for aspiring young actors and actresses which has the warmth of a family. As the mortgage comes up and people get jobs or do not get jobs, the members of the household rally together and keep things going.

Title: Hang-Up At Generation Gap, The

Author: Davidson, William F.

Heimerl, Robert

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1969

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters; extras
six male; seven female; one girl
two acts

2 interior sets.

A group of high school students form a committee to force their town to clean up the local river, much to the consternation of their parents whose jobs in the guilty plants are jeopardized.

Title: Happy Time, The

Author: Taylor, Samuel

Fontaine, Robert

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1950

Description:

roy
comedy – family relations – french – canadian
twelve characters
eight male; four female
three acts

2 interior sets.

Based on the stories by Robert Fontaine. Various members of a French-Canadian family take it upon themselves to teach a twelve year old son the meaning of being a man but it is not until the son is falsely accused of something at school and the men of the family rally to protect him that the boy begins to understand what it is to be a man.

Title: Harold and Maude

Author: Higgins, Colin

Publisher: Samuel French

1983

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
nine male; eight female
two acts

various sets.

This is the stage adaptation of the movie about the suicidal 19 year old boy who finally learns how to truly live when he meets up with the delightfully whacky octogenarian, Maude. Harold is the proverbial 'Poor Little Rich Kid'. His alienation has caused him to attempt suicide several times, though these attempts are more cries for attention than actual attempts. His peculiar

Title: Harvey

Author: Chase, Mary Ellen

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1944

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
six male; six female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A woman tries to commit her brother because he keeps company with an invisible six foot white rabbit named Harvey. However, Harvey proves to be a protector of happiness for her brother and herself in a world that is frenetic and unhappy and the woman decides that she prefers Harvey to a 'normal state' of things.

Title: Haunted Honeymoon, The

Author: Troy, Jonathan

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1970

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
twelve characters
seven male; five female
three acts

2 sets.

A honeymoon couple is trapped with nine Scorpions and a Taurus in the Egyptian room of an English castle where they are to be sacrificed one by one to Thoth by a man who thinks he is Osiris reincarnated and who hates Scorpions.

Title: Headin' For A Weddin'

Author: Greth, Le Roma

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company 1981

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
six male; nine female
three acts

1 interior set.

In this hillbilly comedy, Homer Hollowbone, has fallen in love with a debutante whose picture he found in a newspaper wrapped around some fish. He begins a correspondence with the girl, telling her that he lives in a mansion, will be vacationing in Europe over the summer, and is a very refined, educated person. to put it mildly, he has exaggerated. He lives in a shack in the

Title: Heart of a Dog

Author: Bulgakov, Mikhail Galati, Frank

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1985

Description:

roy
comedy – satire – Soviet Union
fourteen characters
nine male; five female (doubling possible)
two acts

Adapted by Frank Galati.

The action centers on the difficulties encountered by Professor Preobrajansky, an innovative medical practitioner who specializes in sexual rejuvenation (by organ implantation), in his running battle with the management committee of his apartment house who want the Professor to give up some of his many rooms. Fortunately, the professor (who counters their demands by

Title: Heaven Can Wait

Author: Segall, Harry

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1969

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty characters; numerous extras
twelve male; eight female
three acts

The soul of a boxer is brought to heaven sixty years ahead of schedule by an overzealous messenger and must be returned to earth. The boxer's body has been cremated, however, hence the soul gets his choice of bodies and is able, while trying them out, to do several good deeds.

Title: Here Comes the Cows; or, Never Say Moo in Mesa

Author: Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Pioneer Drama Service 1994

Description:

roy
comedy – western
eleven or twelve characters; extras
four or five male; seven female
two acts

MOOoove over... here comes a genuine cattle stampede live on stage! Villain Mandrake Mothdust and his scheming dancing partner, Trilby Tango, are stranded in the dusty town of Mesa. In fact, it's so hot, the cows are producing evaporated milk. The widow Molly Hopkins runs the trading post with the help of our heroine, Penny Frumheaven. Unless Molly can come up with two hundred dollars, her trading post will be sold. However, Molly discovers Grouchy Backwater, the crankiest man in town, dead with a wallet stuffed with money. Alas, Molly decides to keep the

Title: Heroes Just Happen

Author: Finch, Robert Smith, Betty

Publisher: Samuel French 1940

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-four characters
eleven male; thirteen female
three acts

1 interior set.

A shy young orphan is landed by his uncle in a new high school where, because of identical names, he is mistaken for a football hero and a good scholar from another school. Because of the attention paid to him, the boy gains confidence which is severely threatened when the football hero shows up.

Title: Hip Hippie Hooray; or, They Lived Hippily Ever After

Author: Rogers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1967

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty characters; extras
fourteen male; sixteen female
three acts

1 interior set.

Suzy Stevenson opens a free restaurant in the Haight-Ashbury "hippie" district, in hopes that she will find her brother, who has disappeared. She is thrust into humorous adventures with both hippies and squares. Towards the end she finds herself forced to judge the merits of both civilizations, and she does so in an exciting debate with her brother.

Title: Hobson's Choice

A Lancashire comedy

Author: Brighouse, Harold

Publisher: Samuel French 1916

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
seven male; five female
three acts

4 interior sets; period – Lancashire, 1910.

The aggressive oldest daughter of an irresponsible shopkeeper takes matters into her own hands and marries herself and her two sisters off. She and her husband set up a business in competition with her father but relent and go into partnership with the father when he becomes sick from worry.

Title: Holiday

Author: Barry, Philip

Publisher: Samuel French 1928

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
seven male; five female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A bittersweet comedy wherein a young man who is engaged to a wealthy young woman realizes that his personal freedom is more important to him than all the wealth in the world.

Title: Holy Meteors

Author: Reese, Willard F.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1964

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
seven male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

A young boy gets in trouble with his family when he builds a radio transmitter to call Mars and the radio interferes with every radio and television set in town.

Title: Home Sweet Homicide

Author: Rice, Craig Reynolds, Anne

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1947

Description:

roy
comedy – murder mystery
fourteen characters; extras
eight male; six female
three acts

1 exterior set.

Three children, who are next door neighbours to a murder victim, decide to solve the crime to get their mother publicity for her mystery novels and to set her up with one of the detectives.

Title: Hostage, The

Author: Behan, Brendan

Publisher: Methuen 1958

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
nine male; six female
three acts

The play is about a young Cockney soldier who, held as a hostage in a Dublin lodging house for an I.R.A. man who is to be hanged in Belfast, is accidentally shot in a raid on the house by Civic Guards. As well as being a witty and often profound comment on Anglo-Irish relations and on the Irish themselves, it is also a magnificent entertainment which is full of rollicking comedy diversified by ballads, satirical songs and dancing.

Title: Hot Flashes

Author: Appel, Dori

Myers, Carolyn

Publisher: Samuel French

2005

Description:

roy
comedy – Little Theatre – women
all female cast; extremely flexible casting
two female to twenty female
two acts

"A fast-paced, highly original comedy about menopause which has been delighting audiences throughout the United States. A main stage hit at the 2004 Senior Theatre Festival in Las Vegas, its nine lively scenes also include a finalist in the Eileen Heckart Drama for Seniors competition and a slam poetry winner. Flexible casting possibilities allow from two to twenty actresses to perform nine scenes about the unique challenges and comical adventures of menopause.

Title: Hot L Baltimore, The

Author: Wilson, Lanford

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1973

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
eight male; seven female
three acts

The scene is the lobby of a rundown hotel. As the action unfolds the residents, ranging from young to old, from the defiant to the resigned, meet and talk and interact with each other during the course of one day. The drama is of passing events in their lives, of everyday encounters and of the human comedy, with conversations often overlapping into a contrapuntal musical flow. In the resulting mosaic each character emerges clearly and perceptively defined.

Title: Hotel Paradiso

Author: Feydeau, Georges

Desvallieres, Maurice

Publisher: Heinemann Educational Books

1957

Description:

roy
farce
twenty-two characters
sixteen male; six female
three acts

Adapted by Peter Glenville. In a disreputable Paris hotel, a down trodden husband is offering consolation to the dissatisfied wife of his best friend. His friend has been sent to investigate ghostly noises in the haunted room. An acquaintance of both families, is trying to find cheap accommodation for a large family of daughters. A studious youth whose subject is Spinoza on Passion, arrives with the parlour maid, who shares his interest in the subject. The number of rooms and doors are barely equal to the strain of the complications that follow.

Title: House Nobody Lived In, The

Author: Dumkey, Raymond

Publisher: Samuel French

1947

Description:

roy
comedy – thriller – murder mystery
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A mean, miserly man inherits the local haunted house and is murdered in it. The murderer could be any one of the ghosts and people who were around the house at the time.

Title: House of Blue Leaves, The

Author: Guare, John

Publisher: Samuel French

1971

Description:

roy
farce
ten characters
four male; six female
two acts

1 interior set.

On the day the Pope comes to New York, a middle-aged zookeeper tells his crazy wife he is leaving for California with his mistress to become a songwriter. As he tries to make arrangements for his wife with a mental institution, his son blows up part of the apartment block killing two nuns and the man's best friend's fiancée.

Title: House of Many Tongues

Author: Garfinkle, Jonathan

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

2011

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy
ten characters
four male; four female; one boy; one girl
two acts

Long ago, Israeli General Shimon found an abandoned house and made it his home. Forty years later, the general, along with his imaginative and distant son Alex, live in peaceful solitude. When a Palestinian writer shows up with his daughter and lays claim to the house he left decades ago, an internal house war ensues. The bathroom is seized, a fig tree is destroyed, and the basement becomes a shrine in the resulting chaos. Relenting, both men strike a deal to share the house. Somehow these two families are going to have to live together—if they don't kill each other first.

Title: How the West Was Fun

Author: Seay, James L.

Publisher: Baker's Plays

1978

Description:

roy
comedy – love
twelve characters; extras
four male; eight female
three acts

Curley and Lobo stop by the dance hall for some sarsaparilla served by the loveliest girls in the West. Poor Curley falls in love with the beautiful Miss Lilly only to discover that she's to marry Sergeant Terwilliger. He sells his gun, his saddle, and woefully, even his horse, to buy some guaranteed love potion from Princess Grinning Fox. He slips it into the sarsaparilla – and boy, does it work. Suddenly all the girls are in love with our hero. A thoroughly modern western that's a riot of laughs from sunup to sundown.

Title: Hyde Park

Author: Shirley, James

Publisher: Methune

1987

Description:

roy
comedy
large cast
flexible casting
five acts

HYDE PARK is thought to have been written to mark the annual opening of the park, a topical subject of its time. It includes a horse racing scene, and when Samuel Pepys saw a revival after the Restoration, horses were actually led across the stage. The plot foreshadows many Restoration comedies concerning the return, in disguise, of a long-lost husband. Also the story of the courtship of the witty Carol and her no less witty suitor Fairfield.

Title: Hypochondriac, The

Author: Molière, Jean-Baptiste

Bean, Richard

Publisher: Oberon Books

2005

Description:

roy
satire
twelve characters
eight male; four female
three acts

1 interior set; period – Seventeenth Century. Also known as 'The Imaginary Invalid.'

"Molière's classic farce pokes fun at Argan, a man so obsessed by his own imaginary ailments that he can no longer control his haphazard household or the mercenary medics he employs. With doctors determined to grow fat from the profits of his condition, Argan's closest relatives battle to show him the truth of his situation. Using elaborate trickery, they strive to cure the real disease

Title: I Remember Mama

Author: Forbes, Kathryn

Van Druten, John

Publisher: Harcourt Brace Publishers

1944

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-two characters
nine male; thirteen female
two acts

1 set

Adapted by John Van Druten from Kathryn Forbes' book "Mama's Bank Account". The story of a Norwegian family, now living in America, and the mother's wisdom in raising the children.

Title: I Was A Teen Age Dracula

Author: Donovan, Gene

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1958

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
fifteen characters; extras
six male; nine female
three acts

1 interior set.

The arrival of an orphaned cousin from Transylvania allows his uncle and guardian the opportunity to exploit the Dracula story in order to make the boy appear crazy so that the uncle can have control of his wealth.

Title: I'll Leave It To You

Author: Coward, Noel

Publisher: Samuel French

1920

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
four male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A man promises the idle children of his widowed sister his total wealth to the one that is most successful with a career. The children rise to the bait and become hard working successes only to learn that the uncle has no money at all.

Title: I'll Remember You

Author: Reach, James

Publisher: Samuel French 1935

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
six male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

An ambitious young inventor who is also a great fan of a French singer, meets the singer, gets his girl, reunites her with her real mother, sells his invention, and helps save his father from bankruptcy.

Title: Idiot, The

Author: Gray, Simon

Publisher: Methuen & Co 1971

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

In creating a stage play based upon Dostoevsky's original novel, the playwright has taken some of the most vivid and contrasting episodes recounting the strange involvement between Prince Myshkin, the good natured 'Idiot', and the beautiful Natasya Filippovna and her desperate lover and husband, Rogozhin. The ambiguity of these episodes and the paradoxical atmosphere of Dostoevsky's novel – hovering between sombre tragedy and grotesque farce – is heightened by the use of a strange, sinister commentator, the character Ferdyschenko. The result is a haunting

Title: If Mother Only Knew

Author: Payton, Donald

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company 1951

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters; extras
five male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

When three children suspect their mother of being seduced by a doctor, they rally round, nearly jeopardizing their mother's friendship with her old college girl friend, a doctor, and their father's chances for a good job offered by the friend and her husband.

Title: Imaginary Invalid, The

Author: Molière, Jean-Baptiste

translated by Merrit Stone

Publisher: Samuel French

1925

Description:

roy
satire
twelve characters
eight male; four female
three acts

1 interior set; period – Seventeenth Century.

A hypochondriac attempts to force his daughter to marry a doctor she does not like but the girl's maid develops a plan that makes the hypochondriac recognize his error and allows the girl to marry the man she loves.

Title: Impossible Years, The

Author: Fisher, Bob

Marx, Arthur

Publisher: Samuel French

1964

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
ten male; four female; one girl
two acts

1 interior set.

A psychiatrist who is also a best selling author of books on parenting teenagers, has problems with his own two teenager daughters, especially the older one who has discovered boys.

Title: In Good King Charles' Golden Days

Author: Shaw, George Bernard

Publisher: Constable And Company

1939

Description:

roy
Restoration comedy
eleven characters
five male; six female
three acts

A philosopher, a religious leader, an artist, an actress and a King meet at Sir Isaac Newton's house. The set-up for a joke? No, it's Shaw's Restoration comedy, where everyone from George Fox, the founder of the Quakers, to Sir Godfrey Kneller the painter and, of course, King Charles II appear. They debate everything – from geometry to art to love potions – with occasional interruptions from three of Charles's liveliest mistresses.

Title: Inspecting Carol

Author: Sullivan, Daniel

Seattle Repertory Company

Publisher: Samuel French

1992

Description:

roy
comedy – Christmas
twelve characters
eight male; four female
two acts

"A man walks into a small, mid-western theatre and asks for an audition. He is so naive that he is suspected of being a government informer for the National Endowment for the Arts. Everyone caters to the bewildered wannabe actor and he is given a role in the current production, A Christmas Carol. Everything goes wrong and hilarity is piled upon hilarity. Although perfect anytime, this delight is particularly appropriate at Christmas time."

Title: Inspector General, The

Author: Gogol, Nikolai

Anderson, John

Publisher: Samuel French

1931

Description:

roy
satire – farce
nineteen characters; extras
fifteen male; four female
three acts

adapted by John Anderson; 3 interior sets

Same as "The Government Inspector". Officials of a country town mistake a young man, trapped at the local inn until he pays his bill, for the Inspector General and shower bribes and gifts upon him so that he gives a good report.

Title: Interesting Times

Author: Pratchett, Terry

adapted by Stephen Briggs

Publisher: Methuen Drama

2002

Description:

roy
comedy – fantasy
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

The Discworld's most inept wizard has been sent from the Unseen University in Ankh-Morpork to the oppressive Agatean Empire to help some well-intentioned rebels overthrow the Emperor. He's assisted by toy-rabbit-wielding rebels, an army of terracotta warriors, a tax gatherer and a group of seven very elderly barbarian heroes led by Cohen the Barbarian. Opposing him though, is the evil and manipulative Lord Hong and his army of 750,000 men. Oh... Rincewind is also aided by Twoflower – Discworld's first tourist and the author of a subversive book, about his visit to

Title: Interurban

Author: Allensworth, Carl

Allensworth, Dorthy

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1964

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
eleven male; six female
three acts

1 interior set; period – 1912.

A salesman turned farmer with a strong sense of progress meets with all kinds of resistance when he attempts to put in running water on his farm.

Title: Is He Dead?

A Comedy In Three Acts

Author: Twain, Mark

Publisher: University of California Press

2003

Description:

roy
comedy
large cast
flexible casting
three acts

"Featuring multiple high jinks and capers, a damsel in distress and a widow's revenge, starving artists, and a very mysterious death."

Title: Is There a Doctor in the House?

Author: Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Contemporary Drama Service

1988

Description:

roy
American – western – farce
twenty-three characters; extras
nine male; fourteen female
two acts

"A 'laff riot' adaptation of the farcical 'doctor plays' of Moliere restaged for a Wild West setting. The very best moments of the greatest farces of Moliere are now all part of one easily staged modern version. Kelly has created a real laugh sensation in this 'funsapoppin' spoof of fake doctors at work. The play is filled with rapid-fire jokes, sight gags and slapstick comedy! A new kind of comedy-country comedy with a wide variety of zany Western characters."

Title: Is Zat So

Author: Gleason, James

Taber, Richard

Publisher: Samuel French

1928

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
nine male; five female
three acts

2 sets.

A man hires a boxer and his manager as his house servants so that they can train him to get in shape so that he can teach his crooked brother-in-law a lesson.

Title: It Couldn't Happen to A Nicer Girl

Author: Lorimer, Graeme

Lorimer, Sarah

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1951

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
five male; eleven female
three acts

1 interior set.

Dramatized by Christopher Sergel. A young girl, who is tired of being treated as a child, tries to match up her older sister with a man and in the process throws the family into a state of chaos.

Title: It Happens Every Summer

Author: Rogers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1963

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty characters; extras
seven male; thirteen female
three acts

1 interior set.

A New York fashion magazine publishing office is invaded by a group of college girls who have been selected to be guest editors for a month.

Title: It Runs in the Family

Author: Cooney, Ray

Publisher: Samuel French

1990

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
seven male; four female
two acts

interior set.

"Britain's master farceur is at it again. Set in a hospital, 'It Runs in the Family' contains the usual assortment of farcical nutcases running in and out of doors mistaking everybody for someone else, as Dr. Mortimore tries to fend off a paternity suit, an ex-wife, a punkish daughter and various other lunatics so that he may, at last, deliver the Ponsonby Lecture in an international

Title: It Walks At Midnight

Author: Reach, James

Publisher: Baker International

1956

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
eleven characters
five male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A newly married couple planning to spend their honeymoon in the husband's aunt's mountain cabin stumble upon a group of kidnappers and murderers who have chosen the cabin as their hideout.

Title: It's Never Too Late

Author: Douglas, Felicity

Publisher: Samuel French

1956

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
six male; six female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A wife and mother who is trying to write amongst the chaos of her demanding family, moves out only to discover she cannot write without the noise and interruptions.

Title: Italian Funerals and Other Festive Occasions

Author: Miranda, John

Publisher: Samuel French

1996

Description:

roy
comedy – family relationships
twelve characters
six male; six female
two acts

Faced with the impending loss of his mother to dementia and death, John clings to memories to postpone present decisions. He views his life in operatic proportions, feeling a kinship with Alfredo in La Traviata, with Rudolpho in La Boheme and with Tosca in Tosca because they too were unable to save the one they loved. The value of family unity and acceptance of death as an affirmation of life, twin themes in the play, emerge as John finds answers for the present in the past.

Title: January Thaw

Author: Partridge, Bellamy

Roos, William

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1945

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
seven male; six female
three acts

1 interior set

Adapted by William Roos. A family moves into a deserted farmhouse which they bought and remodeled, only to have the original owners come back and move in with them.

Title: Jason

Author: Raphaelson, Samson

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1942

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
seven male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

A bittersweet comedy wherein a genial young playwright forces a drama critic and his wife to come to terms with themselves and their world.

Title: Jenny Kissed Me

Author: Kerr, Jean

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1949

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
five male; nine female
three acts

1 interior set.

In order to get his housekeeper's niece to move out of the rectory, a priest gives the girl pointers on how to dress and how to behave so that someone will marry her.

Title: Jerusalem

Author: Butterworth, Jez

Publisher: Theatre Communications Group 2011

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
seven male; seven female
three acts

A comic contemporary vision of rural life in England's green and pleasant land. On the morning of the local county fair, Johnny Byron is a wanted man. Local officials want to serve him an eviction notice, his son wants his full attention, and his motley crew of friends wants his ample supply of booze....

Winner 2009 Evening Standard Award for Best Play (London)

Title: Jockey Club Stakes, The

Author: Home, William Douglas

Publisher: Samuel French 1971

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
ten male; three female
two acts

1 interior set.

The members of the Jockey Club stand by one another through thick and thin even when racing rules and ethics have been broken.

Title: John Bull's Other Island
With preface for politicians

Author: Shaw, George Bernard

Publisher: Brentano's 1907

Description:

roy
comedy – Irish
twelve characters
ten male; two female
four acts

4 sets.

An Englishman with romantic delusions about Ireland goes to that country to complete a land speculation deal and can never see beyond his preconceptions of the Irish people even though they are continually disproving his ideas.

Title: John Loves Mary

Author: Krasna, Norman

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1947

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
seven male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

An American soldier marries an English girl to get her to America for his friend who saved his life during the war. He arrives home to learn that his friend has married someone else and that his own girlfriend expects to be married immediately.

Title: Joseph Andrews
a comedy from the novel by Henry Fielding

Author: Clepper, P. M.

Publisher: Samuel French 1978

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters; extras
seven male; eleven female
two acts

'Comedy based on Henry Fielding's satirical novel about the adventures of a virtuous youth who finds his virtue endangered.'

Title: Junior Miss

Author: Chodorov, Jerome

Fields, Joseph

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1942

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
thirteen male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A young girl thinks that her parents' marriage is in trouble and plots to save it only to lose her father's job for him thus creating general chaos in her home.

Title: Juno and the Paycock

Author: O'Casey, Sean

Publisher: Samuel French

1932

Description:

roy
comedy – Irish
ten characters; extras
six male; four female
three acts

1 interior set; Dublin, 1922; Irish dialect.

An Irish woman tries to hold her family together and feed them and care for them while her husband drinks and dreams away what little money they have.

Title: Juno and the Paycock

Author: O'Casey, Sean

Publisher: Players Press

2006

Description:

roy
comedy – Irish
ten characters; extras
six male; four female
three acts

1 interior set; Dublin, 1922; Irish dialect.

An Irish woman tries to hold her family together and feed them and care for them while her husband drinks and dreams away what little money they have.

Title: King Of Hearts

Author: Kerr, Jean

Brooke, Eleanor

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1951

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
eight male; two female; one dog
three acts

1 interior set.

A famous philanthropic cartoonist loses his fiancée and his adopted son to the ghost cartoonist who is supposed to replace him while he is on his honeymoon because he can only theorize on the nature of love in a humanitarian context but cannot give it on a personal level.

Title: Kiss And Tell

Author: Herbert, F. Hugh

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1943

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
nine male; six female
three acts

1 set.

A young girl remains silent about her brother's marriage to the daughter of a family with which her parents are feuding and when she's seen going with her pregnant sister-in-law to the obstetrician, she is accused of being pregnant, an accusation which raises the roof of her parents' home and which gives her sister-in-law's parents malicious glee.

Title: Kiss Of Death, The

Author: McCarty, E. Clayton

Publisher: Samuel French

1964

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters; extras
twelve male; three female
three acts

unit set.

A naive but highly principled Easterner arrives by train to a Wild West town and is set up by the banker's daughter as her brother who is being sought by a gunman on whom he had informed.

Title: Kiss The Boys Good Bye

Author: Boothe, Clare

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1950

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
ten male; three female; requires one black actor and one black actress.
three acts

representative set.

North and South lock horns at a movie producer's weekend party when a Southern belle is brought there in a director's ploy to get the actress he wants for the great film role of Velvet O'Toole by making the Southern belle look foolish in the eyes of the producer.

Title: Knight of the Burning Pestle

Author: Beaumont, Francis Fletcher, John

Publisher: Barron's Educational Series 1963

Description:

roy
comedy – historical
fourteen characters; extras
eight male; four female; two boys
five acts

'Jacobean satire on plays, players and the public. Play within a play in 17th century England. Background music, songs, dances.'

Title: Knock

Author: Romains, Jules translated by James Gidney

Publisher: Barron's Educational Series 1959

Description:

roy
satire
fifteen characters
nine male; six female
three acts

A satire on medical quackery.

Title: Ladies of the Camellias, The

Author: Groag, Lillian

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 2005

Description:

roy
farce – Paris – theatre
ten characters
seven male; three female
two acts

suggested for high school.

"An hilarious farce about an imagined meeting in Paris, 1897, between the famous theatre divas Sarah Bernhardt and Eleonora Duse. The two actresses were scheduled to perform back-to-back productions of the play, The Lady of the Camellias. Duse's production will be performing in Bernhardt's theatre, and the two women are in their dressing rooms. The members of both acting

Title: Ladies of the Jury

Author: Ballard, Fred

Publisher: Samuel French 1929

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Twenty-two characters
Twelve male; ten female
Three acts

Two interior sets.

An eccentric juror delays the jury's decision on a murder trial by being the only 'not guilty' vote and through her woman's intuition, she manages over the course of a few days and nights to persuade the rest of the jury to her way of thinking. The play may have some racist elements.

Title: Lady From Maxim's, The

Author: Feydeau, Georges Feist, Gene

Publisher: Samuel French 1971

Description:

roy
farce
twenty-six characters
fifteen male; eleven female
three acts

adapted by Gene Feist; 2 interior sets

A married doctor wakes up to find a dancer in his bed the morning after a night on the town and is unable to dispose of her before people come calling.

Title: Lady From Maxim's, The

Author: Feydeau, Georges

Mortimer, John

Publisher: Heinemann Educational Books

1977

Description:

roy
farce
twenty-six characters
fifteen male; eleven female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A married doctor wakes up to find a dancer in his bed the morning after a night on the town and is unable to dispose of her before people come calling.

Title: Lady Windermere's Fan

Author: Wilde, Oscar

Publisher: Samuel French

1892

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
seven male; nine female
four acts

3 interior sets.

A woman returns to English society twenty years after having left it in disgrace. In spite of her desire to be re-established in the social circles, she willingly compromises herself to keep her daughter who does not know the woman is her mother, from making the same foolish mistake as herself.

Title: Lady Windermere's Fan

Author: Wilde, Oscar

Publisher: Walter H. Baker

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
seven male; nine female
four acts

3 interior sets.

A woman returns to English society twenty years after having left it in disgrace. In spite of her desire to be re-established in the social circles, she willingly compromises herself to keep her daughter who does not know the woman is her mother, from making the same foolish mistake as herself.

Title: Lady's Not For Burning, The

Author: Fry, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1948

Description:

roy
comedy – poetic – verse
eleven characters
eight male; three female
three acts

1 interior set; period – England, Fifteenth Century.

A man who wants to die but not commit suicide, tries to convince the officials of a small town that he is guilty of murder. In prison he meets a girl who is accused of witchcraft and is sentenced to die. The two fall in love and manage to convince the officials to free them.

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Publisher: Oxford University Press 1948

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Title: Landscape of the Body

Author: Guare, John

Publisher: Grove Press 2007

Description:

roy
comedy – death – murder
eleven characters
seven male; four female
two acts

One of Guare's classic plays, Landscape of the Body tells the story of a woman's unfulfilled life and premature death – and her reflections from the grave. After Rosalie dies in a freak bicycle accident, she revisits gritty New York and watches her sister, Betty, ease into her life, move into her apartment, and take over her job. But then Betty abruptly loses her teenage son to a gruesome murder and, in a sardonic turn of events, finds herself the prime suspect.

Title: Last Analysis, The

Author: Bellow, Saul

Publisher: Viking Press

1965

Description:

roy
satire – mental health
nineteen characters
fourteen male; five female
two acts

'Satire dealing with the psychoanalysis and affluent society. Comedian on the wane, suffering from being human, televises his last self-analysis.'

Title: Last Days of Judas Iscariot, The

Author: Guirgis, Stephen Adly

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

2006

Description:

roy
black comedy
twenty-three characters; extras
ten male; five female (doubling)
two acts

unit set.

Set in a time bending, darkly comic world between heaven and hell. this play reexamines the plight and fate of the New Testament's most infamous and unexplained sinner.

Title: Late George Apley, The

Author: Marquand, John P.

Kaufman, George S.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1946

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
eight male; eight female
three acts

2 interior sets.

Based on the novel by John P. Marquand. A wealthy member of an old Boston family has difficulty accepting his two children's break with the traditions of their family and their class. The son returns to the fold but the daughter marries for love in spite of everything.

Title: Lavender and Old Lace

Author: Warner, Rose

Publisher: Samuel French

1938

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
four male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A woman who never leaves her home and who keeps a lamp lit in her window at all times, helps a young man, a stranger to her, pay for an expensive eye operation because he is the son of her long lost love.

Title: Law of the Land

Author: Anderson, Peter

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

1982

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian – musical
fifteen characters; extras
seven male; three female; five male or female
two acts

"On the eve of the grand opening of the Black Creek Power Plant, the head of the Power Authority arrives in the village expecting a relaxed hunting trip and a smooth opening, only to run afoul of both local inhabitants and wildlife."

Title: League of Youth, The

Author: Ibsen, Henrik

translated by William Archer

Publisher: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform 2015

Description:

roy
comedy – farce – politics
eighteen characters: extras
twelve male; six female
five acts

The League of Youth is a play by Henrik Ibsen finished in early May 1869. It was Ibsen's first play in colloquial prose and marks a turning point in his style towards realism and away from verse. It was widely considered Ibsen's most popular play in nineteenth-century Norway. Though rooted in serious events of the time, the play was lauded for its natural and witty dialogue, cynical humour and farcical intrigue. Taking a different tack than Ibsen's earlier political play The Pretenders, The League of Youth features a protagonist Stensgaard, who poses as a political

Title: Learned Ladies, The

Author: Molière, Jean-Baptiste

Publisher: Nick Hern Books 1996

Description:

roy
satire – women
thirteen characters
eight male; five female
five acts

1 interior set.

"A satire on the education of women. Set in 17th century Paris".

Title: Libertine, The

Author: Jeffreys, Stephen

Publisher: Nick Hern Books 1994

Description:

roy
comedy of manners; historical
twelve characters; extras
seven male; five female (doubling possible)
two acts

' "The Libertine" tells the story of the Earl of Rochester, friend and confidant of Charles II and the most notorious rake off his age. He was an anti-monarchist Royalist, an atheist who converted to Christianity and a lyric poet who reveled in pornography. The play centers on the moment his cynicism is confounded when he falls in love in earnest. Thoroughly modern in its attitude to Rochester's sexual indulgence, the play is also a thrillingly convincing portrait of the period and an accomplished comedy of manners.'

Title: Life and Death of Almost Everybody, The

Author: Campton, David

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1971

Description:

roy
drama – satire
seventeen characters
twelve male; five female
two acts

"As he tidies up an empty stage, the Sweeper is tempted to experiment with the magic power of the theatre – to create life through the exercise of imagination. After a few preliminary tries in summoning up a rabbit and an elephant, the Sweeper plunges ahead and creates a Young Man and a Young Woman. Then, as ever more characters are called for, events begin to go beyond his bewildered control."

Title: Life of the Party

Author: Hayes, Marrijane

Hayes, Joseph

Publisher: Samuel French

1945

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Seventeen characters
Seven male; ten female
Three acts

One interior set.

Tired of her bookworm image, a girl decides to become a social butterfly when her family moves to a new town, but she nearly ruins her family's reputation when a party she throws gets out of hand.

Title: Life With Father

Author: Day, Clarence

Crouse, Russel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1939

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
eight male; eight female; requires two young boys.
three acts

adapted by Russel Crouse

Adapted by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. In a patriarchal family, Father usually gets his way until his wife learns that he has not been baptized. A comical struggle ensues as the family attempts to get him to the church.

Title: Life With Mother

Author: Lindsay, Howard

Crouse, Russel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1948

Description:

roy
comedy – family relations
sixteen characters
eight male; eight female
three acts

This is the delightful comedy that followed the famous LIFE WITH FATHER.

Based on the stories by Clarence Day. Most of the familiar figures in LIFE WITH FATHER are here as their characteristic selves: Mother, Father, the children and some others. This play shows the Day family in their summer home entertaining friends and relatives. The basic plot involves Mother's attempt to provide an engagement ring for one of the boys, who wants it for his fiancée. Though it

Title: Light Up The Sky

Author: Hart, Moss

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1949

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
nine male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

The producer, director and lead actress gush over a playwright's first play until opening night in a try out city when the audience seems to hate it. They then despise the piece until favourable reviews start coming out and then they revert to their original feelings about the piece.

Title: Liliom

A legend in seven scenes and a prologue

Author: Molnar, Ferenc Glazer, Benjamin F.

Publisher: Samuel French 1921

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-two characters; extras
seventeen male; five female
seven scenes

representative set.

A shiftless husband learns that he is about to become a father and he bungles an highway robbery in an attempt to get bread money. He kills himself when he is caught, is tried in the afterlife and is sentenced to penance with a one day reprieve in seventeen years to return to earth and do a good deed.

Title: Lionel Touch, The

Author: Hulme, George

Publisher: Talonbooks 1980

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
two male; two female; one boy; five male or female
three acts

Goerge Hulme's stylish comedy about a painter con artist who, with his bohemian family, defy bailiffs and bureaucracy with high humour and superb aplomb.

Title: Lions

Author: Melocchi, Vince

Publisher: Samuel French

2009

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy – football
twelve characters
nine male; three female
two acts

It's the 2007 NFL season and the Detroit Lions are on a winning streak — unfortunately out of work steelworker John Waite is not. With humor and humanity, playwright Vince Melocchi offers a glimpse into The Tenth Ward Club, where the patrons place their hopes on their team, and attempt to escape the creeping demise of their city and of their way of life.

Title: Lord Arthur Savile's Crime

Based on the short story by Oscar Wilde

Author: Cox, Constance

Publisher: Samuel French

1963

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
five male; five female
three acts

'Lord Arthur is to be married, and his future mother-in-law, who rather disapproves of him, gets a famous cheiromantist to read his palm to discover any skeletons in his cupboard. Warned by the fortune teller that he will commit a murder, Lord Arthur determines to do it before he marries. This proves to be harder than he had thought.'

Title: Lord Richard in the Pantry

A Farce in Three Acts

Author: Blow, Sidney

Hoare, Douglas

Publisher: Samuel French

1924

Description:

roy
farce
twelve characters
six male; six female
three acts

No abstract available.

Title: Lost Souls and Missing Persons

Author: Clark, Sally

Publisher: Talonbooks

1998

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy
twenty characters
eleven male; nine female (doubling possible)
two acts

'A comic, surreal investigation of the question of self and identity in the North American middle-class. Hannah, wife and mother of two teenagers, vacationing with her husband Lyle in New York, wakes up in the middle of the night and looks at the man sleeping in the bed next to her and screams. She does not remember who she is, who Lyle is, how she got there, and finally, how to speak. Revealed to the audience in a series of flashbacks and through Lyle's search for her, she ends up wandering among strangers and street people like herself, and is picked up by

Title: Love Rides The Rails; or, Will The Mail-Train Run Tonight?

Author: Cary, Morland

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1940

Description:

roy
melodrama
twelve characters, extras
seven male; five female
three acts

Simon Darkway seeks to control for his own vile purposes the Walker valley, Pine Bush and Pacific R.R. Opposing him are the gallant Truman Pendennis, the beauteous Prudence Hopewell, the Widow Hopewell, and staunch Harold Standfaster. Assisting him are Dirk Sneath, a viper of a man, and Carlotta Cortez, the sultry siren with a heart of gold. Swiftly and hilariously the plots unfold, leading to a tremendous climax when the hero is bound by the villains to the tracks in the path of an onrushing train; but the heroine arrives in the nick of time. She stops the train and virtue

Title: Love's Labour's Lost

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Arden Shakespeare

2001

Description:

roy
comedy – romance
eighteen characters; extras
twelve male; five female; one boy
five acts

The Princess of France and her company of ladies tell the men wooing them that they must wait and undergo tests to prove that their love is not simply infatuation. King Ferdinand and his compatriots decide to isolate themselves for three years to study great books vowing that they will keep no company with women during this time. However, when beautiful women arrive on a diplomatic mission, the men immediately fail to keep their oaths. The ladies discover the situation and the gentlemen realise that they truly love the ladies. The ladies banish the men to a hermitage

Title: Lovers and Other Strangers

Five comedies

Author: Taylor, Renee

Bologna, Joseph

Publisher: Samuel French

1968

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
five male; five female
five parts

This is a set of four comedies on the general subject of the superiority of women. The 1st shows us a young man who starts out to seduce a lady, only to have the tales turned completely around on him. The 2nd involves a married couple who can't figure out whose turn it is to commence love making. The 3rd opens on a girl's apartment at 4 A.M. when the fiance comes to say he is a nervous wreck and can't go through with the wedding. In the last a man and wife who have fought together for 30 odd years try to save their son's marriage by confessing all their own failings.

Title: Loves Of Cass McGuire, The

Author: Friel, Brian

Publisher: Samuel French

1966

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
three acts

After fifty-two years as a saloon waitress in America, Cass goes back to Ireland. But the brother and his family to whom she returns really have no need for her, and ship her off nicely to a rest haven for old dreamers. Nothing is as Cass envisioned it, Every month, no matter what, she had sent five dollars to a brother who she thought was in need, but who was really well-to-do. And the pleasurable warmth of her good deed is mercilessly shattered when the brother magnanimously returns her money to her. At the rest haven she begins living off past memories

Title: Low Road, The

Author: Norris, Bruce

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

2013

Description:

roy
satire
large cast
fourteen male; six female
two acts

approx. running time: 2 hours and 50 min..

A fable of free-market economics and cut-throat capitalism. A young entrepreneur sets out on a quest for wealth with priceless ambition and a purse of gold.

Title: Lysistrata

Author: Seldes, Gilbert

Publisher: Heritage Press

1995

Description:

roy
classics – comedy
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

"A modern reworking of Aristophanes' classic anti-war comedy. Lysistrata and the women of Greece meet a narrow-minded patriarchy head-on when they refuse to have sex with their husbands until the war between Athens and Sparta is stopped."

Title: Lysistrata – the sex strike
After Aristophanes

Author: Greer, Germaine

Willmott, Phil

Publisher: Aurora Metro Press

2000

Description:

roy
comedy – Ancient Greece
nineteen characters
eight male; eleven female
two acts

"The ancient world is gripped by a long and futile war. While the men of Athens fight in a foreign land, the women of Athens can take no more. In secret, they meet with the enemy women and form a pact. The battle moves into the bedroom. No sex for the men – unless the women get Peace."

Title: Macbett

Author: Ionesco, Eugene

Marowitz, Charles

Publisher: Grove Press

1973

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters; extras
eight male; six female
four parts

1 representative set.

Translated by Charles Marowitz. In this parody of MacBeth, Ionesco has Lady Duncan as the prime force behind her husband's murder and the ambitions of MacBeth.

Title: MacBird

Author: Garson, Barbara

Publisher: Grove Press

1967

Description:

roy
satire – politics
eighteen characters; extras
twelve male; six female (flexible)
three acts

Parody of Shakespeare's Macbeth intended as satire of political struggle between Kennedys and Johnson in the 1960's.

Title: Mad World My Masters, A

Author: Keeffe, Barrie

Publisher: Eyre Methuen

1977

Description:

roy
farce
eight to eleven characters
five to seven male; three to four female
two acts

representative set.

When a family of con artists learns that they cannot get compensation for a relative who was killed on the job while trying to execute a scam, they go to great lengths to get the money through unorthodox methods.

Title: Madame MacAdam Travelling Theatre, The

Author: Kilroy, Thomas

Publisher: Methuen Drama

1991

Description:

roy
comedy – theatre
twelve characters; extras
eight male; four female (doubling possible)
two acts

This is a hugely entertaining, funny play about an English theatre company which gets stuck without petrol in a small southern Irish town in the middle of the Second World War. The play tells several stories, of young love, of the painting of a greyhound to win a race, a young child lost and found. But most of all it tells of the wonderful Madame MacAdam and her troupe and of the comic and tragic effects that they have upon an isolated community.

Title: Madness of George III, The

Author: Bennett, Alan

Publisher: Faber and Faber

1992

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-five characters
twenty-one male; four female
two parts

George III's behaviour has often been odd, but now he is deranged, with rumours circulating that he has even addressed an oak tree as the King of Prussia. Doctors are brought in, the government wavers and the Prince Regent manoeuvres himself into power.

Title: Madras House, The

Author: Barker, Harley Granville

Publisher: Eyre Methuen

1977

Description:

roy
c o m e d y
twenty-five characters
eight male; seventeen female
four acts

"The Madras House" is a sometimes hilarious but basically always serious comedy. The twin themes are feminism and commercial imperialism, and the underlying conflict between the two.

Title: Madwoman of Chaillot

Author: Giraudoux, Jean

Valency, Maurice

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1947

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Twenty-five characters
Seventeen male; eight female
Two acts

Two sets.

An eccentric old woman, who is a respected fixture in a neighborhood of Paris, rallies her friends, young and old, around her to prevent the modern industrialists from taking humanity from the world.

Title: Maid for a Musket

A comedy with music

Author: Frangione, Lucia

Publisher: Playwrights Guild of Canada

2014

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy – Alberta playwright
fourteen characters
eight male; six female
two acts

"Set in Prescott, ON, during the war of 1812, this play very loosely echoes "Love's Labour's Lost" [Shakespeare]. Fred, Brown and Mac are three soldiers stuck in the wilds of Upper Canada: the only corner of the world that seemingly isn't at war. They decide to swear off whiskey, women and other distractions, and to focus on higher learning. Then the Americans show up: A few of them in skirts." – Publisher

Title: Major Barbara

Author: Shaw, George Bernard

Publisher: Penguin Books

1945

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Fifteen characters
Nine male; six female
Three acts

Three sets.

The daughter of an arms manufacturer tries to reconcile the morality of the much needed monetary support of her beloved Salvation Army deriving from the very evils that the Army abhors.

roy

Title: Make And Break

Author: Frayn, Michael

Publisher: Eyre Methuen

1980

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
eleven male; two female
two acts

The setting is a trade fair in Frankfurt, where a small and successful British firm is selling building components. The subject is work – man's unending sentence to transform and reorganise the contents of the world, to buy and sell, to manufacture, destroy and manufacture again. The characters are the reps and the men who run the firm, longing to escape from work but lost without it, as they use others and find themselves used, as they consume the world and are in the end consumed.

Title: Male Animal

Author: Thurber, James

Nugent, Elliott

Publisher: Samuel French

1939

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
eight male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

An English professor is forced to become involved in a freedom of speech situation at his university when he is cited by a student reporter as an example of a man who upholds the right. While he is embroiled in this situation which could cost him his job, he is also in danger of losing his wife.

Title: Man Alive

An unlikely story

Author: Dighton, John

Publisher: Samuel French

1957

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
seven male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A department store mannequin is accidentally brought to life by a sunlamp on the biggest sale day of the year and his presence wreaks havoc in the store.

Title: Man And Superman

Author: Shaw, George Bernard

Publisher: Penguin Books

1952

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
six male; five female
four acts

4 sets.

A revolutionary young man tries to escape what he deems to be the predatory pursuit of his young ward who is determined to marry him.

Title: Man of the Moment

Author: Ayckbourn, Alan

Publisher: Samuel French 1991

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
six male; five female
two acts

"Television producer Jill Rillington is taping a documentary which will reunite Vic Parks with Douglas Beechey. Seventeen years ago, Douglas inadvertently foiled Vic's last bank robbery, during which Vic accidentally shot a teller in the face. Vic went to prison, served his time, and then managed to exploit his "celebrity status" to become a successful and wealthy television personality. Meanwhile Douglas married the maimed teller, and hero and victim have fallen into shabby obscurity. "

Title: Man Who Came To Dinner, The

Author: Hart, Moss Kaufman, George S.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1939

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-four characters; extras
fifteen male; nine female
three acts

1 interior set.

When a famous critic breaks his hip on a family's doorstep, the family must put up with huge bills, eccentric guests, peculiar presents, rudeness and general abuse of their hospitality while he recuperates in their home.

Title: Man Who Came To Dinner, The

Author: Hart, Moss Kaufman, George S.

Publisher: Pocket Books 1942

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-four characters; extras
fifteen male; nine female
three acts

1 interior set.

When a famous critic breaks his hip on a family's doorstep, the family must put up with huge bills, eccentric guests, peculiar presents, rudeness and general abuse of their hospitality while he recuperates in their home.

Title: Man Who Married A Dumb Wife, The

Author: France, Anatole

translated by Curtis Hidden Page

Publisher: Baker International

1915

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
seven male; three female
two acts

1 interior set; period – France, 1905.

A judge, who has his wife's muteness cured, has himself made deaf because now he is going mad from his wife's tedious and trivial talking.

Title: Man With Bogart's Face, The

Author: Fenady, Andrew J.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

2000

Description:

roy
mystery – comedy
twelve characters
seven male; four female (some doubling possible)
two acts

'The operation was a total success. When the bandages were removed, the man with the Humphrey Bogart face buys a trench coat and a big gun and opens an office under the name of Sam Marlow, Private Investigator. Hiring a bosomy breathless blond for a secretary / receptionist, he sits behind his desk, pours himself a slug of rye, and waits for the clients to appear. . . a loving tribute to the genre of hard boiled detectives of the 1940's and the Hollywood movies that glorified their derring-do . . .'

Title: Many Loves Of Dobie Gillis, The

Author: Shulman, Max

Davidson, William F.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1961

Description:

roy
farce
eighteen characters; extras
six male; twelve female
three acts

adapted by William F. Davidson; 1 interior set

A high school student fouls up attempt after attempt to impress the girl of his dreams.

Title: Marriage

An absolutely incredible event in two acts

Author: Gogol, Nikolai

Field, Barbara

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1987

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
two acts

Adapted by Barbara Field. English version from the original by Nikolai Gogol.

Deciding that it is time he was married, Podkoliosin, a long-time bachelor (and minor court councillor), engages a matchmaker, Fiolka, to find him a wife of suitable social status—not to mention fortune. Fiolka comes up with Agafya, the spinster daughter of a wealthy merchant, who is seeking a husband of demonstrably higher social position. Podkoliosin deigns to visit the

Title: Marriage a la Chaucer

Author: Chaucer, Geoffrey

Walsh, Patrick

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

1984

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
two acts

1 setting.

Translated and adapted by Patrick Walsh. "A modern-verse dramatic adaption of three of Chaucer's classic marriage-tales. Bawdy and bold, full of ironic comment on relationships. "

Title: Marriage Bit, The

Author: Rogers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1975

Description:

roy
comedy
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

representative set.

On the evening of their college graduation prom, a boy and a girl run through their possibilities for the future before they decide to marry each other.

Title: Marriage Machine, The

Author: Newbound, Bernard

Sergel, Kristin

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1961

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
eight male; nine female
three acts

unit set.

Adapted by Kristin Sergel. A woman who runs a computer dating service learns that the computer is not always right and that sometimes people fall in love on their own.

Title: Marriage of Bette and Boo, The

Author: Durang, Christopher

Publisher: Grove Press

1987

Description:

roy
black comedy – marriage
ten characters
five male; five female
two acts

Never have marriage and family been more scathingly or hilariously savaged than in this brilliant black comedy. The marriage of Bette and Boo brings together two of the maddest families in creation in a portrait album of family life's uncertainties and confusion. Bereaved by miscarriages, undermined by their families, separated by alcoholism, assaulted by disease, and mystified by their priest, Bette and Boo, in their attempts to provide a semblance of hearth of home, are seen with a poignant compassion that enriches and enlarges the play and places Christopher Durang

Title: Marvin's Room

Author: McPherson, Scott

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1993

Description:

roy
black comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
two acts

'A dark and mordantly funny comedy about one woman's commitment to caring for her family first, even in the face of personal tragedy.'

Title: MASH

Author: Hooker, Richard

Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1973

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty-characters; doubling possible
fifteen male; fifteen female
two acts

unit set

Adapted by Tim Kelly. Two irreverent but excellent army surgeons liven up life in a MASH unit in Korea when they are transferred there.

Title: Matchmaker, The

Author: Wilder, Thornton

Publisher: Samuel French

1955

Description:

roy
farce
sixteen characters
nine male; seven female
four acts

4 sets.

A rich miserly merchant from Yonkers hires a matchmaker to find him a wife and then travels to New York to meet the prospective bride. While he is gone, his daughter runs away and his two clerks take the day off to have an adventure. All the parties meet at a New York restaurant where chaos reigns until matters are straightened out and everyone is paired off.

Title: Mating Dance

Author: Howard, Eleanor Harris

McAvity, Helen

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1966

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
seven male; five female
two acts

1 interior set.

The affair between a young advice columnist and the husband of a Senator is monitored during election time by a government man and the Senator's lawyer who slowly finds himself falling in love with the columnist.

Title: May The Farce Be With You

Author: Rogers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1978

Description:

roy
farce
twenty-four characters
nine male; fifteen female
two acts

1 interior set.

Invaders from outer space trap Earth's superheroes on a diet farm, nearly taking over the Earth, until all is saved by Superbrain.

Title: Maybe We Could Get Some Bach

Author: del Grande, Louis

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1971

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
seventeen characters
twelve male; five female
nine scenes

1 interior set.

A comedy about two young people who decide to share an apartment in New York in the late 50's. John thinks he is "a little bit fruity" but Robin is determined to start "a meaningful relationship".

Title: Measure for Measure

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Routledge 1963

Description:

roy
Shakespeare
twenty characters; extras
fifteen male; five female
five acts

A woman, seeking to save the life of a male relative, arouses the lust of a man in authority.

Title: Measure for Measure

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Penguin Books 1970

Description:

roy
Shakespeare
twenty characters; extras
fifteen male; five female
five acts

A woman, seeking to save the life of a male relative, arouses the lust of a man in authority.

Title: Meet Me In St. Louis

Author: Benson, Sally Sergel, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1948

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
seven male; nine female
three acts

adapted by Christopher Sergel

There are four attractive sisters all blazing with excitement over the wonderful World's Fair that is about to open right there in St. Louis. The girls are also in a state about the love life of their only brother whom they suspect of ditching his sweet hometown girl for a snob from the East. In the midst of the sisters' humorous maneuvers to rule or ruin their brother's new romance, Father

Title: Merchant Of Venice, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Blaisdell Publishing Company 1966

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
sixteen male; three female
five acts

Alternate title: 'The Jew of Venice'

A combination of two romantic tales; one of which involves 'a maiden who is required by her father's will to accept only a wooer who will forswear marriage if he fails to make the right choice among caskets of gold, silver and lead.'

Title: Merchant Of Venice, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Penguin Books

1966

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
sixteen male; three female
five acts

Alternate title: 'The Jew of Venice'.

A combination of two romantic tales; one of which involves 'a maiden who is required by her father's will to accept only a wooer who will forswear marriage if he fails to make the right choice among caskets of gold, silver and lead.'

Title: Merry Wives of Windsor, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Dover Publications

2000

Description:

roy
farce – romance
twenty characters; extras
sixteen male; four female
five acts

Sir John Falstaff, whose greed and vanity overwhelm his good sense, determines to seduce a pair of well-to-do country housewives. The portly knight meets his match among the gentlewomen of Windsor, however, who counter his every stratagem with witty maneuvers of their own that expose Sir John's tomfoolery to public mirth.

Title: Merton of The Movies

Author: Kaufman, George S.

Connelly, Marc

Publisher: Samuel French

1922

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
ten male; six female
three acts

Representative set.

A naive young store clerk goes Hollywood determined to act in serious films and is nearly discouraged from his career goals when he becomes an overnight success in comedies.

Title: Mid-Summer

Author: Delmar, Vina

Publisher: Samuel French

1954

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; four female; two boys and one girl
three acts

1 interior set; period – New York, 1907.

A poor young couple with a precious young daughter has to learn to compromise on dreams – the husband's dream is not to teach and to become a successful writer of vaudeville skits and songs; the wife's dream is to have a stable home and a cosy house.

Title: Midnight Madness

Author: Carley, Dave

Publisher: Summerhill Press

1989

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
seventeen characters
twelve male; five female
nine scenes

1 interior set.

A comedy about two young people who decide to share an apartment in New York in the late 50's. John thinks he is "a little bit fruity" but Robin is determined to start "a meaningful relationship".

Title: Midsummer Night's Dream, A

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Oxford University Press

1993

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters
thirteen male; eight female
five acts

Simple scenes, mostly exterior, costumes of the period.

It is the magical story of star-crossed lovers, overly ambitious homespun clowns and misadventures with fairies. The fun can be multiplied by mixing and matching the male/female roles. The action begins at the beautiful court of Theseus, Duke of Athens, and later moves to mystical forest inhabited by Oberon and Titania, king and queen of the fairies.

Title: Midsummer Night's Dream, A

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Pocket Books 1993

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters
thirteen male; eight female
five acts

Simple scenes, mostly exterior, costumes of the period.

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Title: Midsummer Night's Dream, A
Stratford Festival Edition

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: CBC Enterprises 1984

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters:
thirteen male; eight female
five acts

illustrated Stratford Festival Edition – as directed by John Hirsch.

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Title: Midsummer Night's Dream, A

Author: Shakespeare, William Timmerman, Dianne

Publisher: Smith and Kraus 2001

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters
thirteen male; eight female
five acts

Simple scenes, mostly exterior, costumes of the period.

Dianne Timmerman's adaptation of Shakespeare's play. It is the magical story of star-crossed lovers, overly ambitious homespun clowns and misadventures with fairies. The fun can be multiplied by mixing and matching the male/female roles. The action begins at the beautiful court of Theseus, Duke of Athens, and later moves to mystical forest inhabited by Oberon and Titania,

Title: Midsummer/Jersey

Author: Ludwig, Ken

Publisher: Samuel French

2012

Description:

roy
comedy – friendship – love – marriage – family – adolescence
twenty-seven characters
five male; twenty-two female
five acts

cast size and composition is extremely flexible; doubling possible (can reduce the cast to 14);
setting – the boardwalk of a seaside town in modern-day New Jersey; suitable for high school.

"Midsummer/Jersey" is the hilarious high-octane re-telling of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" set on the boardwalk of a seaside town in modern-day New Jersey. The story revolves around the impending marriage of the Governor of New Jersey, the love affairs of four

Title: Minick

Author: Kaufman, George S.

Ferber, Edna

Publisher: Samuel French

1925

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
six male; nine female
three acts

1 interior set.

An old man moves in with his young married son and realizes that his lifestyle and that of the young couple are incompatible.

Title: Minstrel Memories

A gay '90s minstrel

Author: Taggart, Tom

Publisher: Samuel French

1950

Description:

roy
minstrel show – music – comedy
all male cast; twenty-two characters; chorus
twenty-two male
three parts

1 setting.

A gay '90s minstrel which includes suggestions for appropriate musical numbers.

Title: Miser, The

Author: Molière, Jean-Baptiste

Malleson, Miles

Publisher: Samuel French

1950

Description:

roy
farce
fifteen characters
eleven male; four female
five acts

1 interior set

Adapted by Miles Malleson. "Comedy satirizing miserliness. Set in 17th century Paris."

Title: Miser, The

Author: Molière, Jean-Baptiste

Fowlie, Wallace

Publisher: Barron's Educational Series

1964

Description:

roy
farce
fifteen characters
eleven male; four female
five acts

1 interior set.

"Comedy satirizing miserliness. Set in 17th century Paris."

Title: Miser, The

Author: Molière, Jean-Baptiste

Kerr, Walter F.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1970

Description:

roy
farce – family relations
fifteen characters
eleven male; four female
five acts

1 interior set.

"Comedy satirizing miserliness. Set in 17th century Paris."

Title: Miss Caledonia

Author: Johnson, Melody A.

Publisher: Scirocco Drama 2013

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters
six male; eleven female; one fiddler
two acts

How does a farm girl in 1950s Ontario escape the stall-cleaning, cow-milking, hay-bailing drudgery of life on Rural Route 2? She becomes a movie star, of course! The quickest route to Hollywood for a plucky gal in the mid-twentieth century was to enter as many beauty pageants as possible and to sing, twirl and pivot her way into the hearts of judges. And so Peggy Ann Douglas did just that, as did so many other young women of that generation, hoping to follow in the footsteps of starlets like Debbie Reynolds. This rour-de-force memory play looks back at one

Title: Missing Link

Author: Sharkey, Jack

Publisher: Samuel French 1978

Description:

roy
romantic comedy
eleven characters
five male; six female
three acts

'Comedy involving bride, groom and wedding guests whose interrelationships are not as innocent as they seem.'

Title: Mistaken Identity

A Comedy in two acts

Author: Penman, Steve

Publisher: Steve Penman 2006

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery – Alberta playwright
thirteen characters
six male; seven female
two acts

Two detectives arrive at an old castle in a snow storm to help a Countess discover who has been threatening her life. An avalanche cuts them off, someone ends up dead and the detectives must discover the murderer before other members of the household die. It sounds a bit like Conan Doyle or Agatha Christie, but the lead detective is Sherlock Jones, it is 2006, the castle is in Southern Alberta, the Countess isn't really a Countess and most of her household aren't who they seem to be. Of course, there is an avalanche, someone does die and the detectives do investigate,

Title: Monsieur d'Eon (is a Woman)

Author: Brownell, Mark

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1998

Description:

roy
comedy
large cast
six male; four female (doubling)
two acts

MONSIEUR d'EON tells the true-life tale of an 18th century aristocrat who transforms himself into a woman at the peak of his political career. Along the way, our cross-dressing hero crosses swords with Louis XV, King George III, Ben Franklin, Casanova, Marie-Antoinette, Catherine the Great, Pierre-Augustin Beaumarchais, and the Marquis de Sade! An opulent swashbuckling, and burlesque world of mad kings, courtesans and cads.

Title: More Than Welcome

Author: Boyd, Dean Greene, Will

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1963

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters; extras
seven male; ten female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A widowed Welcome Wagon hostess meets the man her friends are suggesting she meet and she is appalled by his rudeness. The two spurn each other, but are finally reconciled.

Title: Morgue the Merrier, The

Author: Cook, Pat

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company 2009

Description:

roy
comedy – high school or community theatre
eleven characters
four male; three female; two to four male or female (doubling possible)
two acts (five scenes)

running time: 45 – 50 min.

"You ever wonder what their stories are?" asks Jane as she looks around the mortuary. She then lets us in on her secret. "I hear dead people!" Jane's secret becomes our reality as each corpse 'wakes' to tell us their story. Take, for instance, Chester who tries to recapture his youth by trying to play rock and roll with a faulty guitar amplifier. His wife, Ida, thinks his playing is terrible, but

Title: Mouse On The Moon

Author: Wibberley, Leonard

Sergel, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1967

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-three characters; extras
eight male; fifteen female
two acts

adapted by Christopher Sergei; representative set

A tiny European country, using American Foreign aid in the form of plumbing fixtures, and its own wine as fuel, builds a rocket and becomes the country to land on the moon.

Title: Mouse That Roared, The

Author: Wibberley, Leonard

Sergel, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1970

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-eight characters; extras
thirteen male; fifteen female
two acts

adapted by Christopher Sergei; representative set

A tiny European country declares war on the United States and wins when its army invades New York during an air raid drill.

Title: Mr. And Mrs. North

Author: Davis, Owen

Publisher: Samuel French

1940

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
twenty characters
sixteen male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

A couple returns home one day to discover the dead husband of a good friend in one of their closets. The police move in and suspicion falls on various members of a close circle of friends.

Title: Mr. Barry's Etchings

Author: Bullock, Walter

Archer, Daniel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1950

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
seven male; six female
three acts

'Artist circulates counterfeit \$50 bills in interest of public welfare.'

Title: Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House

Author: Hodgins, Eric

Lawrence, Reginald

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1960

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
seven male; ten female
three acts

1 interior set.

A city man decides to move his family to an isolated mountain community where he faces hostility when he tears down an old family home to build a new one.

Title: Mrs. McThing

Author: Chase, Mary Ellen

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1954

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
eight male; nine female; one boy and one girl.
two acts

2 interior sets.

When a witch's daughter is turned out of her playmate's home for not being good enough, the witch avenges herself on the playmate's mother by giving her a changeling and transporting her real son away.

Title: Much Ado About Nothing

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Washington Square Press 1995

Description:

roy
comedy – courtship
fifteen characters
eleven male; two female
five acts

"One of Shakespeare's more popular comedies. Much of its appeal lies in its two stories of romantic love with their quite different journeys to comedy's happy ending."

Title: Much Ado About Nothing

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Penguin Books 1958

Description:

roy
comedy – courtship
eighteen characters; extras
fourteen male; four female
five acts

"One of Shakespeare's more popular comedies. Much of its appeal lies in its two stories of romantic love with their quite different journeys to comedy's happy ending."

Title: Murder at the OK Corral

Author: Graeme, Blair

Publisher: Baker's Plays 1991

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery – thriller – high school
eleven characters
five male; six female
two acts

running time: 90 min.

Eccentric German director Hermet Von Kibbel drags the cast of the hokey hit TV western series "Days of the OK Corral" to a remote studio in the middle of the desert. Von Kibbel demands absolute realism to shoot an episode about the legendary Native American spirit known as the Rattler. The shooting begins, the script is awful, the acting hilarious — especially by the inept

Title: Murdered to Death

Author: Gordon, Peter

Publisher: Josef Weinberger Plays 2003

Description:

roy
comedy – murder mystery
ten characters
five male; five female
two acts

This hilarious spoof of the best of the Agatha Christie traditions is set in a country manor house in the 1930's, with an assembled cast of characters guaranteed to delight – Bunting the butler; an English Colonel with the prerequisite stiff upper lip; a shady French art dealer and his moll; the bumbling police inspector and a well meaning local sleuth who seems to attract murder wherever she goes – they're all here, and all caught up in the side-splitting antics which follow the mysterious death of the house's owner. It soon becomes clear that the murderer isn't finished yet,

Title: Museum

Author: Howe, Tina

Publisher: Samuel French 1979

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters;
nine male; nine female
one act

simple interior.

"'Museum' takes place on the final day of a group show of three fictitious contemporary American artists being exhibited in a major museum of modern art. In the course of the day some forty people walk through the show: art lovers, skeptics, foreigners, students, lost souls, fellow artists, and of course, museum guards. The play is about the movement and yearning of these people."

Title: Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, The

Author: Bishop, John

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1987

Description:

roy
comedy – murder mystery
ten characters
five male; five female
two acts

suggested for high school.

The creative team responsible for a recent Broadway flop (in which three chorus girls were murdered by the mysterious "Stage Door Slasher") assemble for a backer's audition of their new show at the Westchester estate of a wealthy "angel." The house is replete with sliding panels, secret passageways and a German maid who is apparently four different people—all of which figure diabolically in the comic mayhem which follows when the infamous "Slasher" makes his

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Title: My Sister Eileen

Author: Fields, Joseph

Chodorov, Jerome

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1946

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-seven characters; extras
twenty-one male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

Based on the stories by Ruth McKenney. Two naive young sisters take an apartment in a questionable area of New York and the pretty, extroverted sister innocently attracts all kinds of men and trouble, leaving her sister to rectify problems.

Title: My Three Angels

Author: Spewack, Samuel

Spewack, Bella

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1953

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
seven male; three female
three acts

1 interior set; period – French Guiana, 1900.

A shopkeeper and his family in a penal colony are helped through a trying Christmas by three convicts who fix the daughter's romance, increase sales and do the bookkeeping.

Title: Mystery at Greenfingers

Author: Priestley, J. B.

Publisher: Samuel French

1937

Description:

roy
mystery – comedy
ten characters
four male; six female
three acts

In the Greenfingers Palace Hotel are gathered some of the staff who have been greeted by a violent snowstorm. There is a chef who is secretly married the the housekeeper; the new social hostess; Edna, Keith Henley, the assistant manager; and finally, the sleek bartender. Into this crowd suddenly comes Robert Crowther, the rather stupid house detective sent down to investigate something rather secret. As the snowstorm gets worse Miss Tracey appears, has a passenger in her care brought in, and manages to get a suite although the hotel is not open. That night there is

Title: Narrow Road to the Deep North

Author: Bond, Edward

Publisher: Methuen

1968

Description:

roy
comedy – historical – Japan
ten characters; extras
nine male; one female
two acts

'Comedy set in Japan several centuries ago. Basho, the Japanese poet, witnesses the rise and fall of a dictator.'

Title: Nation

Author: Ravenhill, Mark

Pratchett, Terry

Publisher: Corgi Books

2009

Description:

roy
science fiction – comedy
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

A parallel world, 1860. Two teenagers are thrown together by a tsunami that has destroyed Mau's village and left Daphne shipwrecked on his South Pacific island, thousands of miles from home. One wears next to nothing, the other a long white dress; neither speaks the other's language; somehow they must learn to survive starvation, mutiny and cannibals. Together they come of age, overseen by a foul-mouthed parrot, as they discard old doctrine to forge a new nation.

Title: Ned Crocker

Author: Short, Robin

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1968

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
four male; six female; two boys; two girls
three acts

1 interior set.

Based on a story by Louisa May Alcott. A young bareback rider runs away from the circus after his father has had a serious accident and works as a chore boy for a woman and her household. He wants to be reunited with his father but is afraid because he has no summer contract for circus work.

Title: Never Keep Him Waiting

Author: Clapp, Patricia

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1961

Description:

roy
comedy
ten acts
four male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A woman learns that she cannot completely dominate her daughter when her daughter falls in love with a man of the wrong social background.

Title: New York Idea, The

Author: Mitchell, Langdon Auburn, David

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
seven male; five female
two acts

adapted by David Auburn; flexible set

Cynthia Karlslake is a freewheeling divorcee in 1906 New York City society. She has decided to settle down again into a much more stable, reliable relationship with the prominent Judge Philip Phillimore. Little does she know, however, that neither of their bombastic and blowsy ex-spouses, nor her beloved racehorse Cynthia K is yet down for the count. In this sharp-tongued comedy,

Title: Nicholas Nickleby

Author: Dickens, Charles

Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1981

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty characters
fifteen male; fifteen female
two acts

adapted by Tim Kelly; area staging

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens. A detail from the "life and adventures" of young Nicholas Nickleby, a lad who comes to London where he meets coldness and travail and is sent, as a teacher, to a wretched school for unwanted boys where the lads are mistreated and given a miserable education.

Title: No Sex Please We're British

Author: Marriott, Anthony

Foot, Alistair

Publisher: Samuel French

1973

Description:

roy
farce
ten characters
seven male; three female
two acts

A young bride of a few weeks, living above a bank with her husband who is the assistant manager, innocently sends a mail order off for some Scandinavian glassware. What comes is Scandinavian pornography. The plot of the play is, basically, what to do with the veritable floods of pornography, photographs, books, films, and eventually girls that threaten to engulf this happy couple. The matter is considerably complicated by the man's mother, his boss, a visiting bank inspector, a police superintendent and a muddled friend who does everything wrong in his

Title: No Time For Sergeants

Author: Levin, Ira

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1958

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty-seven characters
thirty-four male; three female
two acts

representative set.

A down home boy from Georgia is drafted into the Airforce where his honest intent to do his best continually gets everyone else in trouble.

Title: Nobody Loves An Albatross

Author: Alexander, Ronald

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1964

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
seven male; five female; one girl
two acts

A bittersweet comedy about a television comedy writer whose strong talent lies in his ability to handle producers, stars and ghost writers.

Title: Not Now, Darling

Author: Cooney, Ray Chapman, John

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1970

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
five male; six female
two acts

1 interior set.

A mink coat becomes the centre of attention in a furrier shop as several men buy it for their mistresses who happen to be the wives of the other men buying the mink.

Title: Nothing Sacred

Author: Walker, George F.

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1988

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
eleven characters
nine male; two female
nine scenes

Bazarov is a haughty "nihilist" rebel whose mission is to wreak havoc on all established order. An irreverent and broad adaptation of Ivan Turgenev's "Father's and Sons".

Winner of the Governor General's Award for Drama and Chalmers Canadian Play Award, 1988.

Title: Off the Hook!

A farce

Author: Benfield, Derek

Publisher: Samuel French

1970

Description:

roy
farce
ten characters
five male; five female
three acts

Harold Spooks is sprung from prison to tell the gang where in the hotel he stashed the loot. Unfortunately, he's the wrong Harold Spooks and he hasn't a clue where the money is hidden. Worse still, this Harold is a twit and likely to give the gang away any minute. More hazards include Norah, the man-eating manageress, Edna, continually interrupting the gang's frenzied plottings, and the redoubtable Mrs Fletcher-Brewer who is suspicious of all men.

Title: Off The Track

Author: Metcalfe, Felicia

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company

1975

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
five male; eight female
three acts

1 interior set.

When a passenger train derails, a group of people of various classes and temperaments, have to spend the night together in an isolated railway station with few amenities.

Title: Oh Joy!

Author: Pierce, Carl Webster

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1961

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
seven male; eight female
three acts

1 interior set.

With the help of her best friend, a girl plots to get her best friend's bookworm brother to pay attention to her.

Title: On Borrowed Time

Author: Osborn, Paul

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1942

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
ten male; four female
two acts

unit set.

A man manages to trap Death in a tree rendering him powerless so that the man cannot be taken before there is a guarantee that his orphaned grandson will not be raised by his strict spinster aunt.

Title: On Monday Next

Author: King, Philip

Publisher: Samuel French 1950

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters; extras
seven male; five female
three acts

one set

Rehearsal problems and tempers of a repertory company are augmented by the fact that the author of the bad new play that the company is rehearsing arrives on the scene.

Title: Once a Catholic

Author: O'Malley, Mary

Publisher: Samuel French 1978

Description:

roy
comedy – religious
fourteen characters
four male; three female; seven girls
two acts

'Comedy about schoolgirls in London convent and the ways they deal with dogma continually thrust upon them.'

Title: Once For The Asking

Author: Arno, Owen G.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1964

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
seven male; nine female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A fairy, whose special power is the granting of people's fantasies for twenty-four hours, moves into a quiet neighborhood and wreaks havoc with a copywriter's family, friends, and business.

Title: Once in a Lifetime

Author: Hart, Moss Kaufman, George S.

Publisher: Samuel French 1960

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Thirty-eight characters
Twenty-four male; fourteen female
Three acts

Six sets.

When the talkies arrive in the motion picture business, three unemployed vaudevillians decide to move to Hollywood and try their luck by setting up a school of voice and elocution.

roy

Title: Once Is Enough

Author: Lonsdale, Frederick

Publisher: Samuel French 1938

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
nine male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

A man decides to give up his mistress for his wife when he learns that his wife is amenable to the affair but will not give him a divorce, and that his mistress only wants to marry him for his title and respectability.

Title: Once More With Feeling

Author: Kurnitz, Harry

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1960

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
nine male; one female
three acts

2 sets.

A temperamental conductor does not work well without the presence of his common-law wife from whom he has been separated. She wants to marry and divorce him so that she can marry a university president without having a scandalous past. The two get married but their plans change after that.

Title: Once There Was A Princess

Author: Tompkins, Juliet Wilbor

Publisher: Samuel French 1927

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
four male; eleven female
three acts

3 interior sets.

An American girl, now a widowed Italian Princess, returns to her hometown where she is not recognized because she is not royally dressed. To make the town happy, she leaves and returns a princess.

Title: Once Upon A Midnight

Author: Reach, James

Publisher: Samuel French 1948

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
thirteen characters
six male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A group of different people end up in an old deserted hotel foiling the plans of three murderer/kidnappers who are after their victim's money.

Title: One Mad Night

Author: Reach, James

Publisher: Samuel French

1935

Description:

roy
farce – mystery
fourteen characters
seven male; seven female; requires one black actress.
three acts

1 interior set.

A playwright arrives at an old closed family home only to discover that it is populated by a mental health doctor and his patients, one of whom is not insane and is being held against her will so that her guardian can have access to her money. The play has some racist elements.

Title: One Man, Two Guvnors

Based on 'The Servant of Two Masters' by Carlo Goldoni

Author: Bean, Richard

Goldoni, Carlo

Publisher: Oberon Books

2011

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters; ensemble
seven male; four female
two acts

Fired from his skiffle band, Francis Henshall becomes minder to Roscoe Crabbe, a small-time East End hood, now in Brighton to collect £6,000 from his fiancée's dad. But Roscoe is really his sister Rachel posing as her own dead brother, who's been killed by her boyfriend Stanley Stubbers. Holed up at The Cricketers Arms, the permanently ravenous Francis spots the chance of an extra meal ticket and takes a second job with Stanley Stubbers, who is hiding from the police and waiting to be reunited with Rachel. To prevent discovery, Francis must keep his two guvnors

Title: One Way Pendulum

A Farce In A New Dimension

Author: Simpson, N. F.

Publisher: Faber and Faber

1960

Description:

roy
comedy – farce
fourteen characters
ten male; four female
two acts

1 interior set.

Members of a family take up various hobbies to put meaning in their lives but one goes too far when he starts killing people in order to have a reason for wearing black.

Title: One Wild Oat

Author: Sylvaine, Vernon

Publisher: Samuel French 1951

Description:

roy
farce
thirteen characters
seven male; six female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A man tries to blackmail his daughter's fiancé's father in order to prevent his daughter's marriage, and the fiancé's father tries to blackmail the girl's father into giving consent to the marriage.

Title: Onions In The Stew

Author: Dalzell, William

Martens, Anne Coulter

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1956

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters; extras
seven male; eleven female
three acts

1 interior set.

Based on the book by Betty Macdonald. A city family moves to a house on a ocean island and nearly gives it up after a year of problems but they realize at the last minute that they love living there.

Title: Our Country's Good

Author: Wertenbaker, Timberlake

Keneally, Thomas

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1988

Description:

roy
comedy – drama
twelve characters
seven male; five female
two acts

Based on Thomas Keneally's novel The Playmaker. The play relates the true story of the first theatrical performance in Australia. In June, 1789 a marine lieutenant decided to put on a play to celebrate the King's birthday in the penal colony that was to become the city of Sydney. He must cast the play with convicts. Few of the convicts can read, let alone act, and the play is being produced against a background of food shortages and barbaric punishments for even the most trivial crimes brilliantly juxtaposed against the civilizing influence of theatrical endeavor.

Title: Our Girls

Farce comedy in three acts

Author: Seiler, Conrad

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1938

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
six male; five female
three acts

The Lovejoys have named their sons "Jesse," "Francis" and "Vivian," because Mildred's Aunt Jessie doesn't like boys. Aunt Jessie lives in England, so it has been easy to deceive her. She must never know that the "girls" who are to inherit her money are boys—very real boys. Each will receive \$5,000 on his sixteenth birthday, and more when he comes of age. Vivian is nearly sixteen, and Father plans to borrow part of the \$5,000 to expand his business. Then the blow falls! Aunt Jessie has decided to pay a visit and bestow on her eldest "niece" in person the \$5,000.

Title: Our Hearts Were Young And Gay

Author: Skinner, Cornelia Otis

Kimbrough, Emily

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1956

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
eight male; nine female
three acts

2 interior sets.

Dramatized by Jean Kerr. Two young women making their first trip to Paris alone, attempt to present themselves as women of the world, but their exuberance and naivety trip them up.

Title: Our Lady of 121st Street

Author: Guirgis, Stephen Adly

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

2004

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
eight male; four female
two acts

The Ortiz Funeral Room is in big trouble: The body of beloved community activist and nun Sister Rose has been stolen from the viewing room, and waiting for her proper return are some of New York City's most emotionally charged, life-challenged neighborhood denizens, trying to find a place to put their grief, checkered pasts and their uncertain futures. Among the equally hilarious and tragic twelve characters, you'll meet Rooftop, a chronically unfaithful but otherwise popular Los Angeles DJ, looking to reconcile with the love of his life; Pinky and Edwin, two brothers

Title: Out Of The Frying Pan

Author: Swann, Francis

Publisher: Samuel French

1941

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
seven male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

A group of young actors and actresses that share an apartment go to extremes to get the Broadway producer who lives downstairs to see a show they have been rehearsing in their home.

Title: Over Twenty-One

Author: Gordon, Ruth

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1945

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
six male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

A famous writer gives up her lifestyle to live with her husband in poor army housing while he goes through officer training.

Title: Paganini

Author: Nigro, Don

Publisher: Samuel French

1995

Description:

roy
farce – comedy
twelve characters
seven male; five female
two acts

"This wildly funny, demonic epic farce traces the bizarre career of virtuoso violinist Nicolo Paganini, a man so possessed during his performances that it was rumoured he had sold his soul to the devil."

Title: Paging A One Misplaced Eyebrow

Author: DiLeo, Peter

Publisher: Di Leo Play Properties 1963

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
five male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

A teacher brings her college drama class to the wrong theatre in the wrong town and the building custodian cannot convince her that she has made a mistake.

Title: Pair of Sixes, A

Author: Peple, Edward

Publisher: Samuel French 1917

Description:

roy
farce
twelve characters
eight male; four female
three acts

George H. Nettleton and T. Boggs Johns are partners in a pharmaceutical business that has made a fortune with a "pill that will fill the bill." But their success has not kept them from constantly feuding. So their lawyer, Thomas J. Vanderholt, arranges for them to play a game of poker, with the loser forfeiting his say in the business for a whole year and serving during that time as the winner's butler. Vanderholt's ploy is not entirely disinterested, since he is Johns's rival for the affections of Florence Cole, so he contrives to have Johns lose. Since Johns will have to give up

Title: Par For The Corpse
A Homicidal Comedy

Author: Sharkey, Jack

Publisher: Samuel French 1980

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
ten characters
four male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A mystery writer throws a party in her isolated home in the Catskills where everything runs smoothly until a snowstorm strands the party at the home and one of the guests is poisoned.

Title: Paradise Hotel

Author: Feydeau, Georges

translated by Nicholas Rudall

Publisher: Elephant Paperbacks

1990

Description:

roy
farce – relationships
large cast
flexible casting
three acts

In this consummate farce, a middle aged man arranges a rendezvous in a seedy little hotel with the beautiful young wife of his best friend. Through a series of intricate machinations and twists, the agonies and foolishness of the characters are resolved to their relief – and sometimes – dismay – and to the delight of the audience.

Title: Parfumerie

Author: Dowdell, E. P.

Laszlo, Miklos

Publisher: Playscripts, Inc.

2009

Description:

roy
comedy – romance
eighteen characters
eight male; seven female; three male or female (cast can be expanded)
three acts

This new adaptation of the play that inspired several movies is a warm, gentle comedy that follows the tangled tale of Parfumerie employee George Horvath. Just days before Christmas, George's boss fires him after mistakenly suspecting him to be the lover of his unfaithful wife. Meanwhile, George's own love life goes awry when he discovers that the stranger he has fallen in love with through a secret correspondence is none other than Amalia Balash, a co-worker with whom he constantly feuds. For the employees of the Parfumerie, only the truth can lead to a happy

Title: Peace Corps Girls, The

Author: Rogers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1962

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters
nine male; twelve female
three acts

2 interior sets.

After a training period in the United States, a group of Peace Corps volunteers move to the Philippines to do community work.

Title: Peacock Season, The

Author: Bigelow, Otis

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1971

Description:

roy
farce
fifteen characters
ten male; five female
two acts

1 interior set; period – 1908.

A weekend party at a wealthy woman's country home turns in to chaos when a happy but poor couple begins killing off the staff and guests in their attempts to kill each other, so that they can marry their respective wealthy lovers.

Title: Pecos Bill And Blue Foot Sue Meet The Dirty Dan Gang

Author: Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Pioneer Drama Service 1978

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
seven male; eight female
two acts

1 exterior set.

Pecos Bill and his girl Sue arrive in a small mid-west town to save Sue's Granny from further persecution from a gang who wants Granny's property.

Title: Pennant For The Kremlin, A

Author: Rogers, David Molloy, Paul

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1966

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-four characters; extras
fifteen male; nine female
three acts

1 set.

An eccentric millionaire wills his baseball team to the Russians, who assume management and create an uproar among American patriots.

Title: Penrod

Author: Tarkington, Booth

Rose, Edward E.

Publisher: Samuel French

1921

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters
thirteen male; five female
four acts

"Adapted for the stage by Edward E. Rose; from Booth Tarkington's Penrod stories".

Title: People

Author: Bennett, Alan

Publisher: Faber and Faber

2012

Description:

roy
comedy – relationships
thirteen characters; extras
eight male; five female
two acts

"After centuries a traditional family estate lies in a state of disrepair; desperately requiring financing to keep the once grand residence restored and maintained. Lady Dorothy, our world-weary, beleaguered central character, would rather sell off the contents of the house or even allow explicit films to shoot at the residence in order to save the property from the grips of the National Trust. However her rather more proper sister wholeheartedly disagrees. This central conflict enables Bennett to examine the philosophical and ethical dilemmas of restoration, in an

Title: Petticoat Fever

A Non-Tropical Farce In Three Acts

Author: Reed, Mark

Publisher: Samuel French

1935

Description:

roy
farce
ten characters
six male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

A wireless operator on the coast of Labrador falls for the charms of a stranded woman that he helps in a snowstorm, completely forgetting his fiancée who has come up to visit.

Title: Philadelphia Story, The

Author: Barry, Philip

Publisher: Samuel French

1942

Description:

roy
social comedy
fifteen characters
nine male; six female
three acts

2 sets.

A young divorced socialite is about to marry a successful man from a poor background, but his smug moralistic attitude towards a midnight swim she takes with a reporter causes her to break the engagement and remarry her first husband.

Title: Philadelphia, Here I Come!

Author: Friel, Brian

Publisher: Samuel French

1965

Description:

roy
tragicomedy
fourteen characters
eleven male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

A young Irishman spends his last evening in Ireland before immigrating to America, caught between his joy in leaving and his sorrow at not being able to talk to his father, at losing the girl he loved, and of missing his friends.

Title: Photo Finish

Author: Ustinov, Peter

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1964

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

An old man visits with his earlier selves as he reviews his life and tries to reconcile certain elements of it.

Title: Physicists, The

Author: Durrenmatt, Frederick

translated by James Kirkup

Publisher: Grove Press

1964

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy
twenty characters
sixteen male; four female
two acts

'To uncover secret knowledge, scientists pose as insane patients, strangle nurses, reveal deceptions.'

Title: Pillow Talk

Author: Rouse, Russell

Greene, Clarence

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1963

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters; extras
six male; fifteen female
three acts

unit set.

Adapted by Christopher Sergel. An interior decorator whose business is suffering because she cannot use her phone, is courted by the man who shares her partyline and has been tying it up with his calls to other women.

Title: Pink Panther Strikes Again, The

Author: Gleason, William

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1981

Description:

roy
comedy – high school
sixteen characters
eight male; eight female
two acts

area staging.

Based on the film by Blake Edwards and Frank Waldman. The comic essence of the marvelous film with all its verbal and visual humor has been captured here in a entirely practical play that is both easy and fun to stage.

Title: Pioneer, Go Home!

Author: Powell, Richard

Raucher, Herman

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1960

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters; extras
eight male; nine female
three acts

1 exterior set.

After all his years on government relief and benefits, Pop Kwimper figures he is part of the government. Aside from Pop, there's Toby Kimper and the now-permanent babysitter Holly Jones, who is beautiful. This wacky family has just run out of gas going down an unfinished highway and the Department of Public Improvement orders them out at once! the family is challenged by

Title: Piper, The

Author: Murphy, Colleen

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

2002

Description:

roy
tragicomedy
thirty-two characters
flexible casting
three acts

running time: 150 minutes

'A boisterous comic tragedy loosely based on the Pied Piper legend but set in the modern corporate democracy of Hamelin, a town haunted by the lingering ghosts of dead children and vestiges from the Dark Ages.'

Title: Platonov

Author: Chekhov, Anton Pavlovich

Coyne, Susan

Publisher: Scirocco Drama

2001

Description:

roy
Canadian adaptation – farce – tragedy – Russian
thirteen characters
eight male; five female
two acts

adapted from Chekhov's play by Susan Coyne and Laszlo Marton.

Platonov is disillusioned. He is approaching middle age, a country schoolmaster with a failing marriage and a circle of friends who drink to mourn the passing of their idealism. In a world rife with extramarital affairs, attempted suicides, fights, and comic desperation, Platonov is the plausible hero. This bold new adaptation of Chekhov's first full-length play brings a startlingly

Title: Platonov

Author: Chekhov, Anton Pavlovich

translated by David Magarshack

Publisher: Faber and Faber

1964

Description:

roy
farce – Russia
twenty characters; extras
fifteen male; five female
four acts

Romantic farce about fickle schoolmaster in 19th century Russia.

Title: Play On!

Author: Abbot, Rick

Publisher: Samuel French

1980

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
three male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

The story of a theatre group trying desperately to put on a play, amid all kinds of maddening interference from its haughty authoress who keeps revising the script until almost opening night.

Title: Playboy of the Western World, The

Author: Synge, John Millington

Publisher: George Allen and Unwin

1962

Description:

roy
comedy – folk – Irish play
twelve characters; extras
six male; six female
three acts

1 interior; singing.

"Folk comedy about Irish peasant life. Young braggart who thinks he killed his father is made much of in remote village to which he flees, but is ultimately deflated."

Title: Plaza Suite

Author: Simon, Neil

Publisher: Samuel French

1969

Description:

roy
comedy
up to twelve characters
flexible casting
three acts

1 interior set.

This play depicts three different groups of people who rent the same suite in the Plaza Hotel in New York.

Title: Point Of Departure

Author: Anouilh, Jean

Black, Kitty

Publisher: Samuel French

1951

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
nine male; six female
three acts

2 interior sets, translated by Kitty Black

An adaptation of the legend of Orpheus and Eurydice which is set in modern France wherein Orpheus is a street musician and Eurydice is an actress in a second rate touring company.

Title: Point of No Return

Author: Osborn, Paul

Marquand, John P.

Publisher: Samuel French

1950

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-three characters
fourteen male; seven female; two boys or girls
three acts

Based on the novel by John P. Marquand.

Point of No Return is Marquand's popular story of a junior bank official who has bent himself toward creeping up the financial ladder until he now is within reach of the almost ultimate goal, a vice-presidency. When he reaches this point he discovers that it isn't really what he wanted at all—but it is too late for him to do anything but go on; in the ocean fliers' phrase, he has reached

Title: Pollyanna

Author: Cushing, Catherine Chiosholm

Publisher: Samuel French

1923

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; seven female
four acts

2 interior sets.

A young orphan girl brings gladness into the hearts of everyone except her maiden aunt, who is her guardian. The aunt's heart is softened after the girl has a crippling accident.

Title: Pomander Walk

Author: Parker, Louis N.

Publisher: Samuel French

1915

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters
ten male; eight female
three acts

No abstract available.

Title: Ponder Heart, The

Author: Welty, Eudora

Chodorov, Jerome

Publisher: Samuel French

1956

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty characters
twenty-one male; nine female
three acts

3 interior sets; adapted by Joseph Fields and Jerome Chodorov

Adapted from the book "The Ponder Heart" by Eudora Welty. A quiet, wealthy man marries a young country girl who dies of fright in a thunderstorm. Her family sues the man for installing the electricity they insist killed her.

Title: Posh

Author: Wade, Laura

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 2011

Description:

roy
dark comedy
fourteen characters
twelve male; two female
two acts

flexible set.

Acclaimed playwright Laura Wade explores the lives of the young, wealthy and privileged. In an oak-panelled room in Oxford, ten young bloods with cut-glass vowels and deep pockets are meeting, intent on restoring their right to rule. Members of an elite student dining society, the boys are bunkering down for a wild night of debauchery, decadence and bloody good wine. But

Title: Post Road

Author: Steele, Wilbur Daniel Mitchell, Norma

Publisher: Samuel French 1936

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
fifteen characters
seven male; eight female
two acts

1 interior set.

A spinster rents her boarding house out to a doctor and his patient, a single girl who is about to have a baby, only to discover that her boarders are kidnappers and the baby is the victim.

Title: Pravda

A Fleet Street comedy

Author: Brenton, Howard Hare, David

Publisher: Methuen 1986

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty-five characters; extras
thirty male; five female
two acts

A Press baron resembling Rupert Murdoch... does battle with over 30 characters as he conquers Fleet Street journalism and, by implication, liberal England's soul.

Title: Present Laughter

A light comedy in three acts

Author: Coward, Noel

Publisher: Samuel French

1976

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
five male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A pampered, popular actor tries to maintain peace in his household when it is invaded by mistresses, ex-wives and budding young playwrights, all at the same time.

Title: Pride And Prejudice

Author: Austen, Jane

Jerome, Helen

Publisher: Samuel French

1936

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters; extras
five male; eleven female
three acts

3 interior sets; period – England, 1800.

Jerome's adaptation of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice". A woman who is determined to marry off her three daughters, is ecstatic when an available man becomes their new neighbour. Class snobbery and petty jealousies slow the courting process but in the end, the girls get their men.

Title: Pride And Prejudice

Author: Austen, Jane

Kendall, Jane

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1936

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters; extras
five male; eleven female
three acts

3 interior sets; period – England, 1800.

A woman who is determined to marry off her three daughters, is ecstatic when an available man becomes their new neighbour. Class snobbery and petty jealousies slow the courting process but in the end, the girls get their men.

Title: Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, The

Author: Spark, Muriel

Allen, Jay Presson

Publisher: Samuel French

1969

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters; extras
four male; eight female
three acts

representative set; adapted by Jay Presson Allen

Adapted from the novel of the same title by Muriel Spark. A teacher in a girl's boarding school is worshipped by her students but one of her favorites feels betrayed by the teacher's lies and potentially dangerous influence on her students. The student succeeds in having the teacher dismissed.

Title: Prime Time Crime, The

Author: Gleason, William

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1977

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
twenty-five characters
seventeen male; eight female
two acts

representative set.

Various television detectives try to solve the mystery of the Phantom who is intent on killing the members of an old English family.

Title: Prince and Mr. Jones, The

Author: Spewack, Samuel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1961

Description:

roy
comedy – historical – Russia
eighteen characters
fifteen male; three female
three acts

1 interior

A comedy about Potemkin's lust for power based on events involving Catherine the Great and John Paul Jones during the Russo-Turkish War of 1787.

Title: Pulling The Curtain

Author: Taggart, Tom

Publisher: Samuel French

1934

Description:

roy
farce
fifteen characters
seven male; eight female
three acts

1 interior set.

When the town matron decides to produce her own play, the casting procedure produces petty jealousies and false accusations among the potential participants.

Title: Purple Dust

Author: O'Casey, Sean

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1957

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
eleven male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

Two English aristocrats, deciding to be liberal and live in Ireland, have difficulty adjusting to Irish ways and mythologies.

Title: Pursuit Of Happiness

An American comedy

Author: Langner, Lawrence

Langner, Armina Marshall

Publisher: Samuel French

1934

Description:

roy
comedy – romance
eleven characters
eight male; three female; requires one black actor.
three acts

1 interior set; period – Connecticut, 1977.

A young girl, attracted to a Hessian deserter from the British army, uses the old custom of bundling to guarantee that they will be allowed to marry.

Title: Pygmalion

A romance in five acts

Author: Shaw, George Bernard

Publisher: Penguin Books

1951

Description:

roy
comedy – romance
twelve characters
six male; six female
five acts

3 sets; requires the use of accents.

A phonetics expert bets that he can change a Cockney flower girl into a duchess after six months of speech training and proceeds to do so without considering the repercussions of the experiment upon the girl's life.

Title: Quadrille

A romantic comedy in three acts

Author: Coward, Noel

Publisher: Samuel French

1952

Description:

roy
comedy – romance
fifteen characters; extras
eight male; seven female
three acts

3 sets.

When a man runs away with another man's wife, the abandoned husband and wife meet to win back their respective spouses but fall in love themselves and run away together.

Title: Rafta, Rafta

Author: Khan-Din, Ayub

Naughton, Bill

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

2007

Description:

roy
comedy – wedding – Indian
ten characters
five male; five female
two acts

Based on 'All in Good Time' by Bill Naughton. "The wedding feast is over and his father's dancing the bhangra, but the groom himself is busy on the net. When it's time for bed, he's so woefully inhibited by the proximity of his parents, let alone his brother's childish pranks, that his beautiful virgin bride remains just that. Six weeks later, the whole family starts to panic. A hugely warm-hearted, comic tale of close-knit Indian family life in England.

Title: Raisin in the Sun, A

Author: Hansberry, Lorraine

Publisher: New American Library 1966

Description:

roy
drama – family relations – African American
eleven characters
eight male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

Members of a black family pin the realization of their various dreams on the arrival of a life insurance cheque, but when most of the money is taken by a con man, the family learns that dreams can be realized in ways other than money.

Title: Rally Round The Flag, Boys!

Author: Rogers, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1965

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-six characters; extras
fifteen male; eleven female
two acts

1 interior set.

An Army public relations officer has difficulty keeping the peace between the soldiers and the citizens of the town where the Army is developing a missile base.

Title: Ramshackle Inn

Author: Batson, George

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1944

Description:

roy
farce – mystery
fifteen characters
nine male; six female
three acts

The new owner of a decrepit inn gets more than she bargained for when she finds herself caught up in a bootleg liquor ring, murder, kidnapping, theft and the F.B.I.

Title: Rape Of The Belt, The

Author: Levy, Benn W.

Publisher: Samuel French

1957

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
three male; seven female
three acts

1 exterior set.

Hercules and Theseus are unsure as to how to steal Antiope's belt in an honourable manner after they meet the Amazons, who are more feminine than they expected.

Title: Refugee Hotel, The

Author: Aguirre, Carmen

Publisher: Talonbooks

2010

Description:

roy
dark comedy – refugees
thirteen characters
six male; five female; one boy; one girl
two acts

A dark comedy about a group of Chilean refugees who arrived in Vancouver in 194 and were put up in a modest hotel. An uncompromising look at exile torture, guilt and betrayal. The Refugee Hotel is ultimately about love and its power to heal.

Title: Relapse; or, Virtue in Danger, The

Author: Vanbrugh, John

Publisher: Ernest Benn

1968

Description:

nonroy
Restoration – comedy
fourteen characters
ten male; four female
five acts

12 interiors, 3 exterior; the sequel of 'The Fool in Fashion'.

"Late Restoration comedy of manners. Satire of English society in 1690's. Plot deals with marital fidelity."

Title: Relative Values

Author: Coward, Noel

Publisher: Samuel French

1952

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
five male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

When a Countess' son announces that he is bringing his fiancée, an American film star, home to stay, the Countess' personal maid of twenty years threatens to quit because she is the sister of the actress.

Title: Relatively Speaking

Author: Coen, Ethan

May, Elaine

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

2013

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters (flexible casting)
twelve male; seven female (doubling possible)
three one-acts

3 one-acts intended to be performed together as a full-length.

In TALKING CURE, Ethan Coen uncovers the sort of insanity that can only come from family. Elaine May explores the hilarity of passing in GEORGE IS DEAD. In HONEYMOON MOTEL, Woody Allen invites you to the sort of wedding day you won't forget.

Title: Remains To Be Seen

Author: Lindsay, Howard

Crouse, Russel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1951

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
nineteen characters
sixteen male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

A young jazz singer arrives at her wealthy uncle's apartment only to learn that he has been murdered and that she will inherit all his money.

Title: Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker, The

Author: O'Brien, Liam

Publisher: Samuel French 1954

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty characters
thirteen male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A free-thinking man's revelation of a second family in Philadelphia throws his family in Wilmington into a state of chaos as they have to examine their beliefs and the idea of practicing them.

Title: Rest Assured

Author: Payton, Donald

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company 1978

Description:

roy
farce
thirteen characters; extras
six male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A woman's fiance's dead father returns to earth to haunt the girl's miserly father until he gives permission to his daughter to marry the man she loves.

Title: Return of A. J. Raffles, The

Author: Greene, Graham

Publisher: Bodley Head 1975

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Eleven characters
Nine male; two female
Three acts

Based loosely on E. W. Hornung's characters in 'The Amateur Cracksman'.

On his return from South Africa, where he had been mistakenly reported as killed on Spion Kop, Raffles was momentarily disconcerted to find Bunny about to go to Covent Garden with Lord Alfred Douglas, whose friend was also abroad. Lord Alfred, once the situation was made clear, was quick to seize the advantage of the famous cricketing cracksman's unexpected return. Why not

Title: Rhinoceros

Author: Ionesco, Eugene

translated by Derek Prouse

Publisher: Samuel French

1960

Description:

roy
satire – allegorical
fifteen characters
ten male; five female
three acts

3 interiors; 1 exterior; translated by Derek Prouse.

The sublime is confused with the ridiculous in this savage commentary on the human condition, a staple of every theatre classroom and 20th century drama. A small town is besieged by one roaring citizen who becomes a rhinoceros and proceeds to trample on the social order. As more citizens are transformed into rhinoceroses, the trampling becomes overwhelming, and more and

Title: Ring Around Elizabeth

Author: Armstrong, Charl

Publisher: Samuel French

1942

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A woman who always puts the concerns of her family first, becomes an amnesiac and reverts to her pre-marriage self, an independent and forthright person who cannot understand the behavior exhibited by her family.

Title: Ring Round the Moon

A charade with music

Author: Anouilh, Jean

Fry, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1950

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
six male; seven female
three acts

1 exterior set; adapted by Christopher Fry

A man hires a beautiful poor girl to be the belle of a society ball in order to point out the hypocrisy of romantic attachments.

Title: Ring Round the Moon
A charade with music

Author: Anouilh, Jean

Fry, Christopher

Publisher: Methuen

1950

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
six male; seven female
three acts

1 exterior set.

A man hires a beautiful poor girl to be the belle of a society ball in order to point out the hypocrisy of romantic attachments.

Title: Riot Act, The

Author: Greene, Will

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1963

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
four male; five female; one boy
three acts

1 interior set.

An Irish widow with three sons in the New York police force persists in blocking any attempts her sons make to marry. She gives in when the boys begin to rebel and when she becomes distracted by a Puerto Rican street boy who has taken a shine to her.

Title: Ritz, The

Author: McNally, Terrence

Publisher: Samuel French

1976

Description:

roy
American – comedy – LGBTQ+
seventeen characters
fourteen male; three female
two acts

"When a straight guy on the lam from the Mafia hides out in a gay bathhouse, comic mistaken identities, bizarre chases and unusual confrontations result. Procio, the chubby middle-aged 'hero' finds almost anywhere else would be a safer hideout as he is chased by Mafia types, a chubby lover, and a handsome falsetto-voiced detective who in turn is being chased by towel-clad gays. Close on their heels is a broken-down Puerto Rican bathhouse singer with dreams of making it Bette Midler-style who latches on to anyone who she thinks looks like a

Title: Road

Author: Cartwright, Jim

Publisher: Samuel French

1989

Description:

roy
drama – comedy
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

During one wild night, a drunken guide conducts a tour of Road, his derelict Lancashire street, where sharp and comic scenes jostle viciously to expose a population driven mad by despair. Beneath the gags, the playwright's rumbling sense of lost dignity resulting from unemployment, chauvinism or from simply getting paralytically pissed, give this stunning debut a perceptive and frightening reality.

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Publisher: Methuen

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Title: Roar Like A Dove

Author: Storm, Leslie

Publisher: Samuel French

1957

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
six male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

An American woman married to a British peer is tired of being a breeding machine for her husband as she continually has babies in hopes of one being a son and heir, so she and her mother develop a plan to make her husband appreciate her for herself.

Title: Romance Language

Author: Parnell, Peter

Publisher: Samuel French 1985

Description:

roy
comedy – fantasy – literature
fifteen characters
ten male; five female
two acts

The author of Sorrows of Stephen turns a modern eye on the romance of American nineteenth century literature in this surreal comedy. The play begins with Huck Finn climbing through Walt Whitman's bedroom window. Since Whitman's male lover has just died, he decides to go on a picaresque journey with Huck down the river of American culture. They encounter Custer, Thoreau, Emerson, Louisa May Alcott, Charlotte Cushman and Emily Dickinson. The craziness reaches a climax at the Battle of the Little Big Horn where everyone is killed and goes to literary

Title: Romanoff and Juliet

Author: Ustinov, Peter

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1957

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
nine male; four female
three acts

1 set.

The daughter of the American Ambassador to the world's smallest country and the son of the Russian Ambassador to that same country fall in love with each other and marry despite the opposition of their parents.

Title: Romantic Young Lady, The

Author: Sierra, Martinez

Publisher: Samuel French 1923

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
six male; five female
three acts

No abstract available.

Title: Romulus

Author: Durrenmatt, Frederick

Vidal, Gore

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1962

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty characters
eighteen male; two female
three acts

1 interior set; adapted by Gore Vidal

Romulus, the last Roman Emperor, has sacrificed in the course of his rule, the Roman Empire by allowing it to decline in payment for the past sins of Roman rule. When the Goths conquer Rome, they surprise Romulus by their show of respect to the Empire for what it once was and thus, they foil the end of Romulus' plan which was his death at the hands of the conquerors.

Title: Ronde, La

Author: Schnitzler, Arthur

Publisher: Samuel French

1982

Description:

roy
farce – American – relationships
ten characters
five male; five female
ten dialogues

"Schnitzler's popular roundelay of love in old Vienna is told in ten interlocking scenes about life, love and relationships. The play goes through the interlocking characters and spirals back to the beginning. This is an amusing 'tour de force' that is popular throughout the world."

Title: Rookery Nook

A Farce

Author: Travers, Ben

Publisher: Samuel French

1958

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
five male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

Description not available.

Title: Room 222

Author: Sergel, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1971

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters; extras
nine male; twelve female
two acts

representative set.

A young bumbling student teacher, who has been assigned to a large city high school, gains self-confidence as she learns the ropes of teaching.

Title: Room And Bored

Author: Henderson, John

Publisher: Art Craft Play Co. 1964

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters; extras
six male; ten female
three acts

1 interior set.

A girl brings her pretentious poet boyfriend to the family summer cottage for a visit and his arrogance and phoniness disturbs the whole neighborhood.

Title: Room Service

Author: Murray, John Boretz, Allen

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1937

Description:

roy
farce
fourteen characters
twelve male; two female
three acts

1 interior set.

A play producer runs up a huge hotel bill for himself and his cast and spends the last few days of rehearsal trying to find a backer for his show and trying to avoid the hotel manager who is going to great extremes to evict the show people.

Title: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead

Author: Stoppard, Tom

Publisher: Grove Press 1967

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters; extras
fifteen male; two female
three acts

Acclaimed as a modern dramatic masterpiece, this play is the fabulously inventive tale of Hamlet as told from the worm's-eye view of the bewildered Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, two minor characters in Shakespeare's play. This Shakespearean Laurel and Hardy finally get a chance to take the lead role, but do so in a world where echoes of 'Waiting for Godot' resound, where reality and illusion intermix, and where fate leads our two heroes to a tragic but inevitable end.

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Title: Rover, The

Author: Behn, Aphra

Publisher: Nick Hern Books 1999

Description:

nonroy
comedy – medieval
twenty-one characters, extras
fourteen male; seven female
five acts

A comedy of romance and mistaken identity.

Title: Royal Family, The

Author: Kaufman, George S.

Ferber, Edna

Publisher: Samuel French

1927

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
eleven male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A depiction of a three generation acting family and their various attempts to leave the stage for 'normal' living.

Title: Royal Pardon, The

The soldier who became an actor

Author: Arden, John

D'Arcy, Margaretta

Publisher: Methuen

1967

Description:

roy
comedy – satire
seventeen characters; extras
twelve male; five female
two acts

1 setting.

"Satirical comedy, partly in verse. Soldier fleeing constable joins English actors and performs at royal marriage in France after French actors poison rest of company.. Music, singing."

Title: Rubberneck

Author: Stieper, Donald

Publisher: Art Craft Play Co.

1970

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
seven male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

In order to make a point against the mayoralty elections, a family decides to run a dummy in the campaign and to their surprise, it gains votes.

Title: Rumors

Author: Simon, Neil

Publisher: Samuel French

1990

Description:

roy
farce
ten characters
five male; five female
two acts

Four couples go to the townhouse of a deputy New York City mayor and his wife to celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary, but the party never begins because the host has shot himself in the head (he's suffered a flesh wound) and his wife is missing. His lawyer's cover up gets progressively more strained as the other guests arrive, but nobody remembers who said what about whom.

Title: Sabrina Fair

Author: Taylor, Samuel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1955

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
seven male; seven female
four acts

1 exterior set.

No one is certain of the proper etiquette when a wealthy family's chauffeur's well-educated daughter returns from five years in Paris and attracts the attention of the two sons in the family.

Title: Saga of the Golden Horseshoe; Or, That Was No Lady, That Was My Filly, The

Author: Cook, Pat

Publisher: Pioneer Drama Service

2000

Description:

roy
farce
twenty-two characters
ten male; twelve female
two acts

Oh, woe is Clem Chowder of Skunk County! Just an average American (as he proudly proclaims at the drop of a horseshoe), he finds himself chased by lovesick women, greedy bankers and a sheriff who's ready to slip a noose around his neck. (And the day started off so nice, too.) All Clem wants to do is catch some horse thieves. His plan? Dress up two of his co-workers as a horse and the sheriff as a woman. Well, he didn't say it was a great plan. In fact, it doesn't turn out to even be a good plan. Sadly, while answering a lot of questions about his wardrobe, the sheriff has his

Title: Saskatoon Pie!

Author: Ursell, Geoffrey

Publisher: Coteau Books

1993

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian – musical
ten characters
four male; five female; one piano player
two acts

"Set in Regina in 1906, the two-act musical comedy deals with political corruption, scandal, the CPR, and women's suffrage."

Title: Saturday Sunday Monday

A play in three acts

Author: de Filippo, Eduardo

Waterhouse, Keith

Publisher: Samuel French

1974

Description:

roy
comedic drama – British
seventeen characters
ten male; seven female
three acts

Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall's English adaptation of Eduardo de Filippo's play.

This highly praised version is a sparkling contemporary commedia dell'arte about a feuding Neapolitan family. Peppino suspects his wife Rosa of infidelity and she is brooding because he spurned her cooking and praised a meal prepared by his daughter in law. The character rich cast also includes a crusty grandfather, a formidable widowed aunt on the make for the family doctor,

Title: Savage Dilemma, The

Author: Patrick, John

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1972

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
four male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

Sequel to 'The Curious Savage'. A woman returns to the asylum her children had tried to place her in, only to learn that it may be closed for lack of funds. When a young couple breaks in to rob the place, the woman persuades them to hold her for ransom instead.

Title: Savages

Author: Hampton, Christopher

Publisher: Faber and Faber

1997

Description:

roy
tragicomedy
eleven characters; extras
ten male; one female
twenty-two scenes

The play concerns an English diplomat named Alan West who is kidnapped by Brazilian guerrillas and kept in a cell while his ransom is negotiated. West provides the backbone of a play which sets out to do nothing less than indict Western man for it's wholesale murder of a tribe few in any of us have ever heard of.

Title: Scapino

Author: Dunlop, Frank

Dale, Jim

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1975

Description:

roy
farce
fourteen characters
ten male; four female
two parts

1 set.

A tricky servant helps two young men fund their marriages to girls who do not meet the approval of the men's fathers.

Title: Scarlet Pimpernel, The

Author: Orczy, Baroness

Cross, Beverley

Publisher: Samuel French

1988

Description:

roy
comedy – drama – Little Theatre – British – historical
twenty-three characters
sixteen male; seven female
two acts

various sets; adapted by Beverley Cross

"First performed in 1903, The Scarlet Pimpernel was the most successful play of its day archetypal Edwardian theatre and the precursor of romantic Hollywood historical epics. This adaptation brings to modern audiences the tale of the elusive hero who snatches helpless innocents from death and rescues the Comte de Tournai with the enemy hot on his trail. The Scarlet Pimpernel

Title: School For Scandal

Author: Sheridan, Richard Brinsley

Publisher: Meredith Corporation 1966

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
twelve male; four female
five acts

5 interior sets; period – 18th century England.

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Publisher: AHM Publishing Corporation 1966

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sixteen characters
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five acts

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Title: Schoolhouse

Author: Brodie, Leanna

Publisher: Talonbooks 2007

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy – historical
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

The time: 1938. The place: S.S. #1 Jericho School, a one-room schoolhouse in a farming area just outside the fictional village of Baker's Creek. There, a delightful but unmanageable group of children finally meets its match—Melita Linton, an 18-year-old teacher fresh out of Normal School. But Miss Linton soon faces her own challenge, in the form of Ewart, a menacing and mysterious juvenile delinquent sent to "straighten out" on a farm after doing time in Battenville Training School. The play chronicles Miss Linton's struggle to connect with a boy who has cut

Title: Scuba Duba

Author: Friedman, Bruce Jay

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1968

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
seven male; five female
two acts

requires two black actors; 1 interior set.

A man on holiday in the South of France loses his wife to a scuba diver and tries to gain sympathy for his loss.

Title: Sea Gull, The
A Comedy in Four Acts

Author: Van Itallie, Jean-Claude Chekhov, Anton Pavlovich

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 2002

Description:

roy
comedy – life
thirteen characters
seven male; six female
four acts

Anton Chekhov in a new version by Jean-Claude van Itallie. "The setting is the estate of the wealthy Sorin, where a group of family and friends are spending the languid summer months. Included are Madame Arkadina, Sorin's sister and famous actress; her sensitive would-be-writer son, Treplyev; and the charming, successful author Trigorin. The action concerns the interweaving of their lives with the others, and all the romance, intrigue, hopes and disappointments that this life leads to."

Title: Sea, The

Author: Bond, Edward

Publisher: Eyre Methuen 1973

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters; extras
seven male; seven female
eight acts

4 sets.

The Sea is a comedy set in an East Coast Village in 1907. The action centres round the drowning of a young man and the repercussions, emotional and political, it has on the tight, inward-looking village community.

Title: Sea, The

A full-length play

Author: Bond, Edward

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1974

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters; extras
seven male; seven female
eight acts

4 sets.

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Title: Search and Destroy

Author: Korder, Howard

Publisher: Grove Weidenfeld

1992

Description:

roy
dark comedy – social issues
fourteen characters
twelve male; two female
two acts

Martin Mirkheim owes the state of Florida \$47,000 in back taxes, but this is not where his mind is focused. Instead he is intent on acquiring the film rights to a novel called Daniel Strong, written by Dr. Waxling, a pseudo-religious-type guru. The first part of Martin's journey is spent trying to meet Dr. Waxling, but he is kept away by secretaries and personal assistants. When finally face to face with Waxling, Martin discovers that the good doctor is less interested in any "higher truth" than in getting \$500,000 for the film rights. Still consumed by his desire to make the book into a

Title: Second Time Around

Author: Stieper, Donald

Publisher: Art Craft Play Co.

1974

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A woman who wishes that she had married a man who stayed home more often is granted that wish and hates it.

Title: Second Time Around, The

Author: Denker, Henry

Publisher: Samuel French

1977

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

In order to get their adult children's blessing on their marriage, a widow and a widower pretend that they are planning to live together as a common-law couple because they know their children will be so shocked they will beg them to get married.

Title: Seidman and Son

A comedy in three acts

Author: Moll, Elick

Publisher: Samuel French

1963

Description:

roy
comedy – domestic relations
twenty characters
nine male; eleven female
three acts

5 interiors.

"Based on author's novel. Morris Seidman, successful New York dress manufacturer, hires his son to work for him."

Title: Send Me No Flowers

Author: Barasch, Norman

Moore, Carroll

Publisher: Samuel French

1961

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
eight male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

A hypochondriac, who believes he is dying. begins to put his affairs in order, including finding a new husband for his wife. His wife, however misinterprets his actions and believes he has a mistress.

Title: Serious Money

Author: Churchill, Caryl

Publisher: Methune 1987

Description:

roy
satire – finance
twenty characters; extras
fourteen male; six female (doubling possible)
two acts

1 setting.

'Satire set in contemporary London financial world. Cartel's efforts to obtain control of company go awry when murder occurs.'

Title: Seven Keys to Baldpate

Author: Cohan, George M.

Publisher: Samuel French 1914

Description:

Roy
Mystery – melodrama – farce
Thirteen characters
Nine male; four female
Two acts

One interior set.

A mystery writer takes a bet to complete a novel in twenty-four hours while locked alone in an isolated summer hotel which is closed for the winter. The hotel is not as isolated as originally thought, however, as criminals intrude to use it as their headquarters.

Title: Seven Nuns At Las Vegas

A farce in two acts

Author: White, Natalie E.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1954

Description:

roy
farce
thirteen characters
two male; eleven female
two acts

1 interior set.

A group of nuns, together with their convent, find themselves suddenly transplanted to Las Vegas when one of the nuns prays to St. Joseph to take her where the weather is warm and will help her rheumatism.

Title: Seven Sisters

Author: Herczeg, F.

Ellis, Edith

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1937

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
six male; eight female
three acts

1 interior set.

Because a woman believes that her seven daughters should be married in order of their ages, a middle daughter manipulates her older sisters into marriage so that she can attain her freedom.

Title: Seventeen

Author: Stange, Hugh Stanislaus

Mears, Stannard

Publisher: Samuel French

1924

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
eight male; five female; one girl
four acts

two sets.

A young boy tries very hard to seem a man in order to impress a flirtatious young girl who is in town visiting a friend for the summer.

Title: Shadow Of A Gunman, The

Author: O'Casey, Sean

Publisher: Samuel French

1932

Description:

roy
tragicomedy
eleven characters
eight male; three female
two acts

1 interior set.

An Irish poet who is suspected of being a gunman by other tenants in his house, plays up to the myth until he is caught out by it when a young girl is killed trying to protect him.

Title: Shakespeare in Hollywood

Author: Ludwig, Ken

Publisher: Samuel French

2005

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters; extras
eight male; four female
two acts

Lights, Camera, Shakespeare! It's 1934, and Shakespeare's most famous fairies, Oberon and Puck, have magically materialized on the Warner Bros. Hollywood set of Max Reinhardt's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Instantly smitten by the glitz and glamour of show biz, the two are ushered onto the silver screen to play (who else?) themselves. With a little help from a feisty flower, blonde bombshells, movie moguls, and arrogant "asses" are tossed into loopy love triangles, with raucous results. The mischievous magic of moviedom sparkles in this hilarious comic romp.

Title: Shakespeare in Love

Author: Norman, Marc

Stoppard, Tom

Publisher: Grove Press

2014

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-nine characters; extras
flexible casting
two acts

Adapted for the stage by Lee Hall; based on the screenplay by Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard.

A stage adaptation of the film – a masterful story of love and drama. Plagued by debt, tormented by writer's block and in desperate need of a new hit, promising new playwright Will Shakespeare finds his muse in the form of a passionate young noblewoman Viola De Lesseps. Their forbidden love soon draws everyone, including Queen Elizabeth, into the drama, and inspires Will to write

Title: She Stoops To Conquer

Author: Goldsmith, Oliver

Publisher: Harlan Davidson

1951

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters; extras
six male; four female
five acts

4 sets; period – 18th century England.

Two young men from the city are tricked into believing that a country squire's home is an inn and they treat the family accordingly. They are totally surprised to discover that the inn is actually the home of the family they had intended to visit.

Title: She Stoops To Conquer

Author: Goldsmith, Oliver

Publisher: Walter H. Baker 1897

Description:

roy
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ten characters; extras
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five acts

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Title: Shoemaker's Holiday, The

Author: Dekker, Thomas

Publisher: W. W. Norton and Company 1986

Description:

roy
romantic comedy – Elizabethan – verse
twenty-two characters
eighteen male; four female
five acts

songs; dancing.

'Elizabethan romantic comedy in verse. Success story of Simon Eyre, 15th century craftsman who became Lord Mayor of London.'

Title: Silver Whistle, The

Author: McEnroe, Robert E.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1949

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
ten male; five female
three acts

1 exterior set.

A mysterious newcomer to a rest home brings the secret of youth to the residents of the rest home, much to the consternation of the staff.

Title: Sinbad the Sailor

A pantomime

Author: Morley, John

Publisher: Samuel French

1983

Description:

roy
comedy – pantomime
eighteen characters; chorus
eight male; seven female; three male or female
three acts

"In this colorful and exciting pantomime, Sinbad sets sail for the island of Nirvana in search of the Princess Pearl who was stolen on her wedding day by a wicked Sorcerer. He meets his love and has to overcome evil magic, the cruelty of the Old Man of the Sea and the threat of man eating plants before his quest is over. His crew assist him while providing comic relief. This lively tale can be set lavishly or simply; the script includes detailed production notes on settings, costumes and choice of music."

Title: Sing On!

Author: Abbot, Rick

Publisher: Samuel French

1991

Description:

roy
comedy – theatre
eleven characters
four male; seven female
two acts

'Sequel to Play On! Comedy about harried community theatre group.'

Title: Sisterly Feelings

A related comedy

Author: Ayckbourn, Alan

Publisher: Samuel French

1981

Description:

roy
comedy – related comedy
twelve characters
eight male; four female
two acts

1 exterior set.

This play has four possible versions, each reliant upon the choices that the two sisters make over the course of eight months regarding their marriages and possible love affairs.

Title: Sky's The Limit, The

Author: Burns, Margery

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1960

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
six male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A young girl who is concentrating on her cheerleading practice, gives the wrong telephone messages to the wrong members of her family and throws everyone into a state of panic.

Title: Skylark

Author: Raphaelson, Samson

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1942

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
two acts

1 interior set.

A combined business/tenth wedding anniversary party forces a couple to re-examine their values and goals in their married life.

Title: Slavs

Author: Kushner, Tony

Publisher: Broadway Play Publishing 1996

Description:

roy
comedy – Russian
twelve characters; extras
nine male; three female
three acts

Tony Kushner has created a rambunctiously funny, seriously moving stage piece that is part buffoonish burlesque and part tragic satire. From beginning to end, it's also shot through with the kind of irony virtually unknown in today's theater, movies and television, where sarcasm passes as wit.

Title: Sleeping Prince, The

Author: Rattigan, Terence

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1959

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
seven male; six female
two acts

1 interior set; period – London, 1911.

"Social comedy set in London during coronation week of King George V. Romantic interlude in lives of Prince Regent of Carpathia and an American chorus girl. The prince's plans for an affair are thwarted by the dancer's naivete and brashness."

Title: Slight Case Of Murder, A

Author: Runyon, Damon Lindsay, Howard

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1940

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
sixteen characters
fourteen male; two female
two acts

1 interior set.

When the bodies of four gangsters and the money from an armoured truck robbery are discovered in the home of an ex-gangster, he is accused of the crime because it is well known that his legitimate business is hurting for money.

Title: Sly Fox

Author: Gelbart, Larry

Publisher: Samuel French 1978

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters
fifteen male; three female
two acts

representative set; period – San Francisco, turn of the century.

An American version of Ben Jonson's 'Volpone'. An old miser, pretending to be on his deathbed, garners more wealth from various crooked professionals by promising to name each of them his sole heir.

Title: Smilin' Through

Author: Martin, Allan Langdon

Publisher: Samuel French 1924

Description:

roy
comedy – romance
ten characters
five male; five female
three acts

Kathleen Dungannon is in love with Kenneth Wayne, but her stubborn uncle, having taken an oath that no one of his line shall ever wed a Wayne, forbids their marriage.

Title: Social Darwinism

Author: Gant, Angela

Publisher: Samuel French 2012

Description:

roy
comedy – racism – LGBTQ+ ten characters
five male; five female
two acts

simple set or multiple settings; running time: 90 min.

From the author: "To anyone who has ever gotten a beat down for looking like a woman, being a woman, looking like a queer, being a queer, not being manly enough, being too manly, or having the audacity to be any race other than Caucasian, here's the last laugh!" "Social Darwinism" is a socio-political absurdist comedy that follows a familial group: an Alpha Male, Alpha Female, Second Banana (Subordinate Male), Subordinate Female, Adolescent Male, Adolescent Female,

Title: Solid Gold Cadillac, The

Author: Teichmann, Howard Kaufman, George S.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1956

Description:

roy
comedy
seventeen characters
eleven male; six female
two acts

representative set.

A little old lady who is a minor stockholder in a large corporation is given a job by the corporation to hush her pertinent and persistent questioning of the ethics regarding the way in which the corporation is being run. Her questions persist and she saves the corporation from the wicked board of directors.

Title: Sordid Lives
A Comedy in Four Chapters

Author: Shores, Del

Publisher: Samuel French 1998

Description:

roy
comedy – relationships
twelve characters
six male; six female
four chapters

"When Peggy, a good Christian woman, hits her head on the sink and bleeds to death after tripping over her lover's wooden legs in a motel room, chaos erupts. Her daughters have it out over burying her in her favorite mink stole even though it is summertime. They also argue about letting Brother Boy (who dresses like Tammy Wynette) out of the institution for the funeral. Noleta, whose husband owns the guilty wooden legs, is on the warpath. Everyone is pointing and whispering and she is not going to take it any more.

Title: Spofford

Author: Shumlin, Herman

Publisher: Samuel French 1967

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters
nine male; nine female
two acts

unit set

Adapted from the novel 'Reuben, Reuben' by Peter de Vries. An elderly chicken farmer decides to check out life in the social circle of the wealthy commuters who have moved out of New York and taken over his town.

Title: Spring Dance

Author: Barry, Philip

Publisher: Samuel French 1936

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
six male; seven female
three acts

2 interior sets.

The residents of a girls' dorm work together to help one of their roommates win a declaration of love from her boyfriend who maintains that he was meant to live alone and live adventurously.

Title: Spring Tide

Author: Billam, George

Priestley, J. B.

Publisher: Samuel French

1936

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
eight male; five female
three acts

No abstract available.

Title: Squaring The Circle

Author: Kataev, Valentine

translated by Charles Malamuth and E.Lyons

Publisher: Samuel French

1936

Description:

roy
comedy – farce
twelve characters
seven male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

Two couples share the same room as living quarters in an attempt at a New Soviet living experiment but they are uncertain about what to do when love enters the picture and the love is directed towards the wrong spouses.

Title: Squire, The

Author: Pinero, Arthur W.

Publisher: Samuel French

1905

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
eight male; three female
three acts

No abstract available.

Title: Stage Door

Author: Ferber, Edna

Kaufman, George S.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1963

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty-two characters
eleven male; twenty-one female
three acts

1 interior set.

This play depicts the lives and dreams of young hopefuls in a boarding house for actresses in New York.

Title: Stalag 17

Author: Bevan, Donald

Trzcinski, Edmund

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1951

Description:

roy
comedy
all male cast; twenty-one characters
twenty-one male
three acts

1 interior set.

A group of American prisoners lodged in a German prison-camp, try to escape, to embarrass and irritate their captors. The plot revolves about the escape of an American who will face serious punishment for sabotaging a train, and his fellow-prisoners who hide him. They at last learn which prisoner has been all the while a stooge for the Germans.

Title: Staple of News, The

Author: Jonson, Ben

Publisher: Manchester University Press

1988

Description:

nonroy
satire
large cast
flexible casting
five acts

"This is a lively and ambitious satire in which Jonson takes a stand on various developments in late Jacobean society – particularly the emergence of an organized political journalism whose trade in news 'stories' he saw as undermining his own endeavour to educate public awareness through literary fictions."

Title: Star Light, Star Bright

Author: Moore, Nancy

Publisher: Samuel French

1947

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
six male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A popular young girl, who has been looking forward to her sixteenth birthday party, is totally astounded when a plain girl, a guest of the family, becomes the belle of the ball.

Title: State Of The Union

Author: Lindsay, Howard

Crouse, Russel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1946

Description:

roy
comedy – satire
seventeen characters
eleven male; six female
three acts

4 interior sets.

The possibility of a man running for President brings the man and himself back together.

Title: Stealing Home

Author: Cook, Pat

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

2010

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
four male; seven female
two acts

"You can't judge a book by its cover!" Cecil tells Officer Doughberg as he tries to explain why he and his partner, Pug, were caught in a funeral home in the middle of the night. He figures to confuse the policeman with fast talk and mumbo jumbo. Actually, they were there to heist a few trinkets, which is what Doughberg figured all along. What nobody figured on was Beulah Meadows, the owner of the place, showing up and recognizing Cecil as her long lost son, Jimmy Meadows, who vanished from an amusement park some 25 years earlier. This, of course, comes

Title: Stepping Out

Author: Harris, Richard

Publisher: Samuel French

1988

Description:

roy
comedy – dance
thirteen characters
one male; twelve female
two acts

This is a comedy about ten women and one man trying to conquer their inhibitions and an overabundance of left feet in a seedy dance studio in North London. An ex professional chorine tries her hardest to teach the bumbling amateurs some dancing skills for an upcoming recital. Sometimes it is hard for Mavis, the instructor, to get her pupils to stop quarreling long enough to dance. Her students are truly a hilarious, motley but loveable crew who finally triumph at their recital.

Title: Sting, The

Author: Rogers, David

Ward, David

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1984

Description:

roy
comedy – high school
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

This show takes place in Chicago many years ago in a world of small-time hustlers and their girls – their money nonexistent but their ingenuity incredible. Johnny Hooker joins a friend in a successful con of a "runner". Unfortunately for them, the runner works for a powerful, vindictive rackets boss, Doyle Lonnegan, who is infuriated and arranges the killing of Johnny's friend. Hoping to avenge this senseless murder, Johnny enlists the aid of the master con man Henry Gondorf. Together they decide to try the big con called "The Wire". The excitement becomes

Title: Strange Boarders

Author: Batson, George

Kirkland, Jack

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1947

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
eight male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A group of thieves try to use the boarding house of a scatter-brained family as a hide-out but the unpredictability of the family and the other boarders exposes the criminals as they become more frustrated in their efforts to appear normal.

Title: Stuck Pot, The

Author: McNair, Kate

Garis, Roger

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1963

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-three characters; extras
eight male; fifteen female
three acts

2 interior sets; adapted by Roger Garis

A girl deliberately makes herself unattractive for the dance between her school and a boy's school in order to win a dance pool that would enable her to buy a new microscope.

Title: Stuff Happens

Author: Hare, David

Publisher: Faber and Faber

2004

Description:

roy
drama – historical – politics
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

The play outlines the political events of the last two years which led up to the war in Iraq and its aftermath. The main characters are the real life members of the Bush administration in the USA and Tony Blair's Labor government in the UK. Hare presents a satirical and highly critical view of their actions, motivations and words and, as the majority of their lines are in their own words, it could be argued that the political figures in the play indict themselves by what they say.

Title: Suds in Your Eye

Author: Kirkland, Jack

Lasswell, Mary

Publisher: Samuel French

1944

Description:

roy
comedy – romance
twenty-three characters
flexible casting
three acts

Based on the novel by Mary Lasswell. "A romantic tale of 3 ladies who, though penniless, extract from life more fun than most people ever enjoy. In Mrs. Feeley's junk yard are gathered a rich assortment of young and old, including a Chinese, a teacher, detectives, a shipyard worker."

Title: Sullivan and Gilbert
A play with music

Author: Ludwig, Ken

Publisher: Samuel French 1990

Description:

roy
musical play – comedy
twelve characters
eight male; four female
two acts

various interiors or unit set.

This clever show takes place at the Savoy Theatre in 1890. Gilbert and Sullivan, who have been feuding for years, are forced to work together one more time: Queen Victoria commands a performance of their most popular songs. Part docu drama, part period comedy, and part "Gilbert and Sullivan's Greatest Hits," this is a delightful revue from the author of "Lend Me a Tenor",

Title: Susan And God

Author: Crothers, Rachel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1938

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
five male; six female
three acts

3 interior sets.

A selfish woman who believes she has found God, forces her new religion on her friends and family while she believes that she is exempt from living up to her faith.

Title: Sweet Lavender

Author: Pinero, Arthur W.

Publisher: Walter H. Baker 1893

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
seven male; four female
three acts

No abstract available.

Title: Swing Fever

Author: Olson, Esther E.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1940

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
five male; eight female
three acts

1 interior.

Description not available.

Title: Take Me Out

Author: Greenberg, Richard

Publisher: Faber and Faber 2003

Description:

roy
comedy – baseball – LGBTQ+
all male cast, thirteen characters
thirteen male
two acts

'Darren Lemming is the star center fielder for the New York Empires. When he makes the matter-of-fact announcement that he is gay, he throws his team into turmoil and confusion. Darren's announcement brings to the fore the confused and twisted hostilities of the Empires' brilliantly talented but deeply racist and homophobic pitcher, Shane Mungitt – from whose rage tragic consequences arise.'

Title: Take Me To Your President

Author: Wibberley, Leonard Sergel, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1964

Description:

roy
comedy
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

representative set.

A man and his dog accidentally take off in a British rocket and land in Nevada where they are thought to be Martians. The man takes advantage of his position and negotiates world peace.

Title: Tales From Hollywood

Author: Hampton, Christopher

Publisher: Faber and Faber 1983

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
twelve male; seven female
twenty scenes

This is a civilized, witty, well written and researched play about Hollywood's open embrace of refugee talent and its total inability to know what to do with it... Hampton's success in the play lies in evoking a bizarre world in which Schoenberg plays tennis with the Marx brothers and in opening up a neglected chapter in American cultural history.

Title: Tall Story

Author: Lindsay, Howard Crouse, Russel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1960

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty characters
twenty-two male; eight female
three acts

representative set.

A star basketball player deliberately fails two exams to avoid the dilemma of fixing the big game. When he gets paid anyway, he tries to get back in the game to right matters but his professor of ethics refuses to back down on his grade.

Title: Taming of the Shrew, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: New American Library 1966

Description:

roy
Shakespeare
twenty-one characters; extras
seventeen male; three female
five acts

First comes the Induction showing how a drunken tinker, Christopher Sly, is made to believe himself a lord for whose entertainment a play is to be presented. Second comes the principle plot of the play performed for Sly, in which the shrewish Katherine is wooed, won and tamed by the fortune-hunting Petruccio. The third strand of the play involves Lucentio, Gremio, and Hortensio, all of them suitor's for the hand of Katherine's sister, Bianca.

Title: Taming of the Shrew, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Bantam Books 1988

Description:

roy
Shakespeare – comedy
twenty-one characters; extras
seventeen male; three female
five acts

First comes the Induction showing how a drunken tinker, Christopher Sly, is made to believe himself a lord for whose entertainment a play is to be presented. Second comes the principle plot of the play performed for Sly, in which the shrewish Katherine is wooed, won and tamed by the fortune-hunting Petruccio. The third strand of the play involves Lucentio, Gremio, and Hortensio, all of them suitor's for the hand of Katherine's sister, Bianca.

Title: Taming of the Shrew, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Penguin Books 1951

Description:

roy
comedy – Shakespeare
twenty characters; extras
seventeen male; three female
five acts

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Title: Taming of the Shrew, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: CBC Enterprises 1983

Description:

roy
comedy – Shakespeare
twenty characters; extras
seventeen male; three female
five acts

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Title: Tammy Tell me True

Author: Sumner, Cid Ricketts

Martens, Anne Coulter

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1961

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters; extras
five male; five female
two acts

representative set; adapted by Anne Coulter Martens

A young shanty boat girl decides to go to college to better herself so that a young man she met would not be ashamed of her, but her quaintness and her honesty are foreign to the people she meets and gets her into trouble.

Title: Tantrums

Author: Alianak, Hrant

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

1972

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
twenty-four characters
fourteen male; ten female (doubling possible)
four parts

A stark play about social and personal collapse, including a menacing countdown and a mechanistic soundtrack.

Title: Tartuffe

Author: Molière, Jean-Baptiste

Malleson, Miles

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1991

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
ten male; five female
five acts

1 interior set; translated by Richard Wilbur

Adapted by Miles Malleson. A pious hypocrite insinuates himself into the house of a wealthy man in order to attain the man's wife as his mistress and the man's wealth and house as his own.

Title: Tartuffe

Author: Molière, Jean-Baptiste

translated by Ranjit Bolt

Publisher: Oberon Books

2002

Description:

roy
satire
thirteen characters
eight male; five female
five acts

The religious fraud Tartuffe has wormed his way into the affections and household of the rich merchant, Orgon, with pantomime piety and counterfeit zeal. So comprehensively has he hoodwinked Orgon that he looks set to succeed in driving away the son, marrying the daughter, seducing the wife and imprisoning Orgon.

Title: Tartuffe: Born Again

Author: Molière, Jean-Baptiste

Thomas, Freyda

Publisher: Samuel French

1997

Description:

roy
comedy – religious
eleven characters
six male; five female
two acts

adapted by Freyda Thomas

"This moderation adaptation casts Tartuffe as a deposed televangelist who rooks Orgon and his family of their money and property and nearly compromises Orgon's wife Elmire. The action takes place in a religious television studio in Baton Rouge where the characters cavort to either prevent or aid Tartuffe in his machinations. Written in modern verse, [this play] adheres closely to the

Title: Tea And Arsenic

Author: Sodaro, Craig

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company

1977

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery
twelve characters
six male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

The day an old woman's niece comes to visit the woman's New England boarding house, a guest dies from a mysteriously poisoned cup of coffee and everyone becomes involved in playing detective.

Title: Teahouse of the August Moon, The

Author: Sneider, Vern

Patrick, John

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1957

Description:

roy
comedy
large cast
flexible casting
three acts

multiple sets; adapted by John Patrick

Adapted from the novel by Vern Sneider. An American officer in the Army of Occupation in Okinawa is assigned to a village to teach it to be democratic and self-supporting according to the definitions of Washington. He succumbs to the charms of the people and allows them to become self-supporting in their own way.

Title: Tempest, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Thomas Nelson and Sons

1999

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters; extras
fourteen male; four female (doubling)
five acts

'The party of the usurping Duke of Milan is shipwrecked on an island where they find the real duke of Milan, his daughter, the spirits of the air, and the brutish Caliban.'

Title: Tempest, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Penguin Books

1985

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters; extras
fourteen male; four female (doubling)
five acts

'The party of the usurping Duke of Milan is shipwrecked on an island where they find the real duke of Milan, his daughter, the spirits of the air, and the brutish Caliban.'

Title: Ten Times Table

Author: Ayckbourn, Alan

Publisher: Samuel French 1978

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
two acts

1 interior set.

A town committee decides to organize and produce an historical pageant reflecting the town's past but the committee members cannot ever agree on how things are to be done and personalities begin to conflict.

Title: Tenth Man, The

Author: Chayefsky, Paddy

Publisher: Samuel French 1960

Description:

roy
comedy - Jewish
thirteen characters
twelve male; one female
three acts

The scene is an old meeting room where a rabbi and various Jews meet for prayer. One is a comic atheist who says he only comes to the temple to keep warm, and another is a young agnostic lawyer whom analysis is keeping from brink of suicide. One of the ten men who come this day brings his granddaughter, who is in a trance. He believes she is possessed by a dybuk. During saner moments, she and the young agnostic are attracted to one another. The rabbi, convinced she has a dybbuk, arranges an exorcism. But at the culmination of the ritual, it is the

Title: Tevya And His Daughters

Author: Perl, Arnold Aleichem, Sholom

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1958

Description:

roy
comedy - drama
twelve characters
six male; six female
two acts

1 set.

Based on the stories of Sholom Aleichem. A poor Jewish dairyman in Russia learns that times are changing when his two oldest daughters marry for love rather than through the tradition of the arranged marriage.

Title: They Run In Our Family

Author: Payton, Donald

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company 1970

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
eight male; eleven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A young girl who hates sports, rallies to her father's cause when the football team he coaches is losing the game they must win in order for him to keep his job.

Title: Thieves

Author: Gardner, Herb

Publisher: Samuel French 1977

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters.
eight male; three female
two acts

The hero is Martin Cramer. He lives in an expensive highrise of Manhattan's Upper East Side. The heroine is Sally Cramer. The two have been married 12 years. No children, but a load of valuable antiques. They are on point of departure. Their marriage is sliding into the quicksands of early middle-age; two schoolteachers, lost in little New York, surrounded by colorful street people and stereotyped neighbors. She has a darling, old deaf taxidriver for a father, and a young hoodlum as a student. During the play they both attempt to consummate affairs with other people, but

Title: Thieves' Carnival

Author: Anouilh, Jean translated by Lucienne Hill

Publisher: Samuel French 1952

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
nine male; five female
four acts

2 sets.

A young girl falls in love with one of three thieves, guests in the home of her aunt who invited them to stay to alleviate her boredom.

Title: This Happy Breed

Author: Coward, Noel

Publisher: Samuel French

1945

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A bittersweet comedy depicting the lives of a couple and their three children over a twenty year span – from the end of World War One to the beginning of World War Two.

Title: Three Bags Full

Author: Chodorov, Jerome

Magnier, Claude

Publisher: Samuel French

1966

Description:

roy
comedy – relationships
eleven characters
six male; five female
two acts

Based on a play by Claude Magnier. This play is no longer in print. Additional copies are available from the archives at Samuel French.

Title: Three Men on a Horse

Author: Holm, John Cecil

Abbott, George

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1963

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Fifteen characters
Eleven male; Four female
Three acts

Three interior sets.

Three gamblers invest in a meek greeting card verse writer when they learn that he plays the horses on paper for a hobby and always wins.

roy

Title: Three Sisters, The

Author: Chekhov, Anton Pavlovich

Van Itallie, Jean-Claude

Publisher: Samuel French

1941

Description:

roy
tragicomedy
fourteen characters
nine male; five female
four acts

3 sets; Van Itallie, Jean-Claude

Three sisters living in a provincial town are bored with life there and dream continually of moving to Moscow. However, one of the sisters senses that Moscow will only be a dream and that the move will never occur.

Title: Threepenny Opera, The

Author: Brecht, Bertolt

Publisher: Grove Weidenfeld

1960

Description:

roy
satire – political
thirty-two characters
twenty male; twelve female
three acts

6 interiors.

"Ballad opera based on John Gay's 'The Beggar's Opera' and poems of Francois Villon. Satirizes corrupt political conditions in 17th century England. Features exploits of Captain MacHeath, alias Mackie the Knife. Songs. Background music."

Title: Tilly Of Bloomsbury

Author: Hay, Ian

Publisher: Samuel French

1922

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
nine male; seven female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A loser class girl lies to her fiance's aristocratic family about her background but is caught in her lie when the man's family visits her family for tea and the engagement is nearly broken.

Title: Time For Elizabeth

Author: Krasna, Norman

Marx, Groucho

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1949

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
eight male; six female
three acts

2 interior sets.

A man who has had enough of being general manager for an appliance company in New York decides to retire early to Florida, only to discover that retirement is not the utopia he had dreamed it would be.

Title: Time of the Cuckoo, The

Author: Laurents, Arthur

Publisher: Samuel French

1954

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Ten characters
Five male; five female
Two acts

One exterior set.

An older single woman who is on vacation in Italy is offered the chance of a short term romance with an Italian shopkeeper and decides to take it, but she cannot completely divest herself of her American morality when dealing with the affair.

Title: Time of Your Life, The

Author: Saroyan, William

Publisher: Samuel French

1941

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Twenty-five characters
Eighteen male; seven female
Three acts

Two interior sets.

Strange, kindly Joe's search for happiness and answers to the far-reaching enigmas of life takes him to Nick's waterfront saloon where his friend and errand boy, huge and simple, falls in love with a fragile lady of the evening. To protect their happiness Joe almost shoots a vice-raider. Wandering in and out of the saloon are vivid characters who want to get more living done and

Title: Toga! Toga! Toga!

Author: Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Pioneer Drama Service

1979

Description:

roy
farce
twenty-one characters; extras
nine male; twelve female
three acts

1 interior set.

A high school student who has inherited a house, turns the house into a fraternity with boarders but gets in trouble with the neighbors, the school officials, the police, his father, and the other fraternity because of the fraternity's lack of conformity.

Title: Tom Jones

Author: Rogers, David

Fielding, Henry

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1964

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-four characters; extras
thirteen male; eleven female
three acts

representative set.

Young Tom Jones, foundling and ward of Squire Allworthy, is deeply in love with Sophia and she with him but her father has arranged for her to marry the Squire's sneaky nephew (and heir), young Blifil. The romance is discovered; Tom is banished and Sophia, with her maid Honour, sets out to find him. They are followed by Sophia's father, his sister, Squire Allworthy and Blifil. All

Title: Tomb with a View, A

Author: Robbins, Norman

Publisher: Samuel French

1978

Description:

roy
mystery - comedic thriller
ten characters
four male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

An eccentric family fights over their eccentric father's will and the fighting becomes more sinister as one by one the people are murdered.

Title: Tomorrow Box, The

Author: Chislett, Anne

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1980

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
eleven characters
six male; four female; one child
two acts

A farmer retires and decides to move to Florida. His wife is determined to remain on the farm she helped build.

Title: Tomorrow The World

Author: Gow, James D'usseau, Arnaud

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1943

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
five male; five female
three acts

Description not available.

Title: Tons Of Money

Author: Evans, Will Evans, Valentine

Publisher: Samuel French 1927

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
six male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

When a man inherits his brother's estate, he realizes that it will all go to paying off his debts. He and his wife arrive at a plan whereby the man appears to die and returns as his cousin who was named as the inheritor pending death of the man. Problems arise, however, when the cousin appears in triplicate.

Title: Tony Draws a Horse

Author: Storm, Lesley

Publisher: Samuel French

1939

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
seven male; seven female
three acts

No abstract available.

Title: Tony N' Tina's Wedding

Author: Artificial Intelligence

Publisher: Samuel French

1994

Description:

roy
comedy – wedding – family relations – marriage
twenty-six characters
fifteen male; eleven female
many parts

"One of the longest-running shows in Off-Broadway history, this delightful evening gives new meaning to the phrase "And now for something completely different!" The audience members are invited guests at the nuptial celebration of Tony Nunzio and Valentina Vitale in all its tacky and hilarious glory. This part takes place in a church. Following is the reception where the audience joins the wedding party and their bickering families for a pasta dinner, champagne toasts, wedding cake and dancing to a five-piece band."

Title: Too Many Marias

Author: Knapp, Bettye

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1964

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
ten male; nine female
three acts

1 interior set.

Two fathers try to arrange marriages for their four sons and four daughters according to old custom in Mexico, but the children have different ideas and refuse to be assigned to partners they do not love.

Title: Too True to Be Good

A political extravaganza

Author: Shaw, George Bernard

Publisher: Samuel French

1961

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Ten characters
Seven male; three female
Three acts

Three sets.

A preacher thief and his nurse accomplice convince a pampered sickly girl to stage her own kidnapping, steal her own jewels and leave her home in search of life, experience, and independence.

Title: Torch-Bearers, The

Author: Kelly, George

Publisher: Samuel French

1951

Description:

roy
satire
twelve characters
six male; six female
three acts

2 interior sets.

The reality of an amateur theatre company's production and the company's delusion of its stellar production collide when the leading lady's husband gives his opinion of the show.

Title: Travels with my Aunt

Author: Greene, Graham

Havergal, Giles

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1991

Description:

roy
comedy – farce
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

"Graham Greene's comic plot revolves around Henry Pulling, a prematurely retired banker, meekly awaiting death with only his dahlias for company, when suddenly this conventional little man of astonishingly narrow horizons is dragged kicking and screaming into the incredibly picaresque world of his vivacious and flamboyant "old Aunt Augusta."

Title: Trelawny of the 'Wells'

Author: Pinero, Arthur W.

Publisher: Samuel French

1936

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-two characters
thirteen male; nine female
three acts

3 interior sets.

A successful young actress is engaged to marry the grandson of a Vice-Chancellor but her fiance's family cannot reconcile themselves to the fact that an actress is joining the family. The actress breaks the engagement and her theatre friends do everything they can to bring the couple back together.

Title: Trouble on Dibble Street

A comedy

Author: Lazarus, John

Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Playwrights Guild of Canada

2010

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy – Shakespeare adaptation
nineteen characters; extras
eleven male; eight female
two acts

based on Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor".

Sir John Falstaff, formerly of the Prescott Troop of Cavalry, Dragoons, returns to the riverside town of Prescott, to retire, make trouble, and enjoy plenty of the town's legendary Wiser's Whiskey. He plans to seduce housewives Meg Page and Alice Ford, but they get wind of his scheme and decide to teach him a lesson. Complications and subplots abound, in Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of

Title: Trousers To Match

Author: Spewack, Samuel

Spewack, Bella

Publisher: Samuel French

1941

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
fourteen male; five female
three acts

3 interior sets

A woman who works in a publishing house contrives all kinds of schemes to get money to pay for the extravagances she has purchased and to guarantee security for herself and her husband.

Title: Trumpets and Raspberries

Author: Fo, Dario

Publisher: Pluto Press

1984

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
three male; two female; four male or female (doubling; flexible casting)
two acts

A terrorist attack and a body needing plastic surgery are the ingredien's of another Fo farce. Here he pokes incisive fun at bosses, the police and the discipline of work and as always his medicine is bitter-sweet with a sardonic aftertaste.

Title: Twelfth Night

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Thomas Nelson and Sons

1926

Description:

roy
comedy – classics
fourteen characters; extras
eleven male; three female
five acts

"The twin sister of Sebastian, Viola, is shipwrecked, disguises herself as a boy and becomes page to Duke Orsino, with whom she falls in love. But Orsino is wooing the Countess Olivia and sends his page (Viola) to convey his love; Olivia, however, is attracted to the page. When Sebastian arrives, Viola's identity is revealed, Olivia transfers her affections to Sebastian and the Duke transfers his to Viola, so both couples are married. Boisterous Sir Toby Beich, brainless Sir Andrew Aguecheek, and joyous Maria arrange a duel between Sir Andrew and the supposed page

Title: Twelfth Night

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Simon and Schuster

1993

Description:

roy
comedy – classics
fourteen characters; extras
eleven male; three female
five acts

"The twin sister of Sebastian, Viola, is shipwrecked, disguises herself as a boy and becomes page to Duke Orsino, with whom she falls in love. But Orsino is wooing the Countess Olivia and sends his page (Viola) to convey his love; Olivia, however, is attracted to the page. When Sebastian arrives, Viola's identity is revealed, Olivia transfers her affections to Sebastian and the Duke transfers his to Viola, so both couples are married. Meanwhile, boisterous Sir Toby Beich, brainless Sir Andrew Aguecheek, and joyous Maria, arrange a duel between Sir Andrew and the

Title: Two Blind Mice

Author: Spewack, Samuel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1949

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters
fourteen male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

When two old ladies are threatened with exposure of their maintenance of a government department four years after it has been abolished, an ex-newspaperman helps them by creating a secret service agency out of their work, and involves the Army, the Navy and the Air Force.

Title: Two into One

Author: Cooney, Ray

Publisher: Samuel French 1985

Description:

roy
farce
ten characters; extras
five male; five female
two acts

Mr. Cooney is truly the leading contemporary practitioner of a great theatrical tradition the sex farce. Two Into One is about nothing more than the hilarious attempts of a Member of Parliament to arrange a dalliance with a secretary for the P.M. in an out of the way little hotel. Unfortunately, he engages one of his aides to arrange the whole thing. The aide is something of a charming bumbler and he gets everything all mixed up. Also on hand are the pompously disapproving hotel manager, a venal ethnic waiter and a female Labour politician who crusades against

Title: Ubu Rex

Author: Jarry, Alfred translated by David Copelin

Publisher: Pulp Press 1977

Description:

roy
satire – farce
large cast
flexible casting
five acts

orchestral music; illustrations by Chuck Carlson.

Same as 'Ubu the King' or 'Ubu Roi'. 'Pere Ubu makes himself king of Poland. Pokes fun at middle class conservatism and human stupidity.'

Title: Ubu Roi

Author: Jarry, Alfred

translated by Barbara Wright

Publisher: New Directions

1961

Description:

roy
satire – farce
thirteen characters; extras
ten male; two female; one boy
five acts

orchestral music.

Same as 'Ubu the King' or 'Ubu Rex'. 'Pere Ubu makes himself king of Poland. Pokes fun at middle class conservatism and human stupidity.'

Title: Under the Sycamore Tree

Author: Spewack, Samuel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1960

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Eleven characters
Eight male; three female
Three acts

One set.

An ant scientist who is intrigued by humans spends his lifetime experimenting and attempting to imbue his ant colony with human qualities.

roy

Title: Unsuitable Girls

Author: Dhingra, Dolly

Publisher: Oberon Books

2001

Description:

roy
comedy – relationships
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

If you liked East is East you'll love Unsuitable Girls! Meet Chumpa Chamelli – bored secretary at Concrete Weekly, twenty-something girlfriend of the laddish Ashok, and a woman who knows her own mind and expects more from life. With East End mates Mandy and Sab in tow, Chumpa sets off on a search for a better job – and an ending straight out of the movies. Classic Hollywood romance with full-on Bollywood song and dance. Asian dub meets East End push and shove. But can dreams really come true?

Title: Up the Down Staircase

Author: Kaufman, Bel

Segel, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1969

Description:

Roy
Comedy
Thirty characters
Twelve male; eighteen female
Two acts

Requires one black actor.
One set.

A gentle comedy about the trials and successes of a new English teacher in a inner city high school where education is a low priority for the majority of the students.

Title: Upbeat

Author: Elward, James

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1961

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters; extras
six male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A one-time singer is relaunched in a music career by the record company for which she works as a secretary, but her chances are nearly ruined by her ambitious no-talent brother who acts as her manager.

Title: Uproar in the House

Author: Marriott, Anthony

Foot, Alistair

Publisher: Samuel French

1973

Description:

roy
farce
thirteen characters
seven male; six female
two acts

"Prospective purchasers of avant-garde house forced to stay by fog bound night, but who is married to who?"

Title: Utopia, Inc.

Author: Kurtz, Gordon

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1964

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
eight male; eight female
three acts

2 sets.

A celestial accountant who wishes to be promoted has the difficult task of teaching happiness, love and respect to the quarrelsome family.

Title: Venus Observed

Author: Fry, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1953

Description:

roy
comedy – verse
ten characters
six male; four female
three acts

2 sets.

An old Duke whose hobbies are astronomy and women, gathers together his three ex-mistresses to chose a wife from them but falls in love with his retainer's young daughter who is in love with his son.

Title: Vernon God Little

Author: Pierre, DBC Ronder, Tanya

Publisher: Nick Hern Books 2011

Description:

roy
dark comedy
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

Adapted for the stage by Tanya Ronder.

Vernon Little is fifteen years old and lives with his mother in Martirio, a flea-bitten Texan town. His best friend just massacred sixteen of their classmates before killing himself. The town wants vengeance and turns its sights on Vernon, who is arrested at the start of the story.

Title: Very Great Grandson Of Sherlock Holmes, The

Author: Majeski, Bill

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1976

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters; extras
four male; seven female
two acts

2 interior sets.

'Descendants of Holmes and Watson fight crime in Frisco.

Title: Very Opposite Sex, The

Author: Davidson, William F.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1960

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters; extras
nine male; twelve female
three acts

1 set.

An adolescent boy and an adolescent girl head separate companies in the Junior Achievement program and compete against each other to win the scholarship prize for best management.

Title: View From Sunset Towers, The

Author: Brown, Kent

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1996

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy – seniors
fifteen characters
six male; nine female (doubling possible)
two acts

'This play interweaves the memories and dreams of a fascinating ensemble: Clarence, who defeats Elvis Presley in a one arm push-up contest; Sister Darlene, who walks the town's darkened streets and peers into the souls of her unsuspecting neighbors; Carolyn, the biker mom who completes high school so her astronaut daughter will be proud of her; Helen, the drive through bank teller who falls into obsessive love with a customer; Doris and Sparky, who summon the courage to travel around the world instead of waiting submissively for their lives to end; Arthur who puts

Title: Village of Idiots

Author: Lazarus, John

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1992

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian – Jewish play
twelve characters
eight male; four female (doubling possible)
two acts

A year in the life of Chelm, the village of fools legendary in Jewish folklore. Outsider Yosef falls in love with another "stranger" and watches in fear as the "Chelmniks" prepare for a Cossack attack.

Title: Virtue Triumphant; or, Her Honour in Peril
A comedy melodrama

Author: Norris, Pat

Publisher: Samuel French 1979

Description:

roy
comedy – melodrama
fourteen characters; extras
eight male; six female
three acts

'Comic melodrama centering on wicked squire's attempt to possess lovely heroine. Complete with chases, rescues, murders and ghosts. Music, singing.'

Title: Visit To A Small Planet

Author: Vidal, Gore

Publisher: Little, Brown and Company 1957

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
eight male; two female
three acts

1 interior set.

An amoral alien, who regards the world as his toy, uses the home of an average American family as a headquarters to start the Third World War because he loves the violence and savagery of humans.

Title: Volpone; or, The Fox

Author: Jonson, Ben

Publisher: Yale University Press 1978

Description:

roy
comedy – Elizabethan
sixteen characters; extras
fourteen male; two female
five acts

4 interior and 2 exterior sets; period costumes.

"Volpone, a rich Venetian nobleman but a miserly money-lender, gives out that he is at the point of death in order to draw gifts from his would-be heirs. They flock to him like birds of prey. Mosca, his knavish parasite, persuades each that he is named as heir and thus extracts a costly gift. Hailed into court, Volpone is betrayed by Mosca, his property is forfeited, and his sentence is

Title: Wagon Wheels a-Rollin'

A rootin' tootin' comedy in two acts

Author: Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Pioneer Drama Service 1992

Description:

roy
comedy – western
large cast
flexible casting
two acts

simple exterior set.

Woe falls upon Chuck Wagon's wagon train, stranded in the notorious Whistling Skull Rock outside the tiny town of Vinegar Bottle, famed for its "I'm O.K. You're O.K. Corral" and crawling with villains and bandits! This fast-paced spoof of the Old West is filled with a goofy stable of hilarious characters: our trailblazin' hero, Chuck Wagon; our sweet heroine, Candy Cane; and the

Title: Wait For Marcy

Author: Martens, Anne Coulter Du Jardin, Rosamond

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1959

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
six male; two female; five boys; six girls
three acts

Based on the book by Rosamond Du Jardin. When a charming girl comes to spend the summer with a family, the daughter and her friends lose their boyfriends to the girl's charms.

Title: Walk Across America for Mother Earth, The

Author: Mac, Taylor

Publisher: Playscripts, Inc.

2013

Description:

roy
comedy – music – political – community
fifteen characters
flexible casting (doubling)
two acts

music by Ellen Maddow.

Political activism meets bedazzled drag show in this story about two young friends who flee their suburban upbringing in "Real America" to join a ragtag group of activists on a protest march from D.C. to Nevada. On the road, the group attempts to establish a nomadic utopia, but the marchers continually find themselves divided by cancer, unrequited affections, indecision, and a secret

Title: Walking on the Moon

Author: Milligan, Jason

Publisher: Miscellaneous

1997

Description:

roy
comedy – human nature
sixteen characters
ten male; six female
two acts

"Twenty years ago, astronaut Chad Williams accidental ran over a fellow crew member with his lunar rover during a mission, leaving his colleague in a coma. Chad has been racked by guilt and shame ever since and is now reduced to doing commercials for 'the carpet so soft you'll swear you're walking on the moon.' An unscrupulous Hollywood agent wants to catapult Chad to the big time. All Chad has to do is run over his comatose friend again to vault himself back into the headlines and become a valuable commodity in the eyes of the entertainment industry."

Title: Wallflower

Author: Orr, Mary

Denham, Reginald

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1944

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
eight male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A shy young woman who is constantly in the shadow of her glamorous stepsister surprises and shocks her family and community when she is caught spending the night with the neighbor's son.

Title: Waltz Of The Toreadors, The

Author: Anouilh, Jean

translated by Lucienne Hill

Publisher: Samuel French

1981

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
four male; seven female
three acts

2 interior sets.

The story is told on two levels of existence; one, the blustery, comic, sex farce about a general who fancies himself quite the toreador with the ladies; the other, the bitterness and disgust that he feels toward himself, and the hollowness of all his triumphs, both on and off the field.

Title: Wasps

A drawing room comedy for distempered times

Author: Clark, Sally

Publisher: Talonbooks

1998

Description:

roy
comedy
thirteen characters
three male; eight female; two children
two acts

Wasps is a play about the elements of our constructed tribal identities: incest, fashion, fetishism, populist art, amateur psychobabble and a fearful, murderous fascination with the other, hovering behind the cupboards, over the sink, in the basements of suburbia, and in the filing cabinets of your local travel agent.

Title: Watch The Birdie

Author: Krasna, Norman

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1969

Description:

roy
comedy
fifteen characters
thirteen male; two female
two acts

representative set.

A legal secretary is given a divorce co-respondent business which pays excellent money but complicates her private life when a suitor thinks that she is a call girl.

Title: Way of the World, The

Author: Congreve, William

Publisher: Barron's Educational Series 1958

Description:

roy
comedy – Restoration
twelve characters; extras
six male; six female
five acts

2 interiors; 1 exterior; singing and dancing.

"A philosophical gentleman, Mirabell, is in love with Millamant, but her aunt and guardian, Lady Wishfort, being angry at Mirabell, threatens to deprive Millamant of her inheritance. Mirabell plots to have the stingy and tyrannical town coquette (Lady W.) fall in love with Sir Rowland (really his servant in disguise); but he also saves Lady Wishfort's fortune from the scheming Fainall.

Title: We Happy Few

Author: Stubbs, Imogen

Publisher: Nick Hern Books 2004

Description:

roy
comedy – theatre – Britain – women – historical
ten characters
one male; eight female; one boy
two acts

Inspired by the true story of the Osiris Players, imogen Stubbs' new comedy follow the adventures of a small group of women who come together to form a 'girls only' theatre company to take the plays of Shakespeare round a culture-starved Britain. While the men are fighting Hitler and the bombs are blitzing London, these hopelessly mismatched individuals from entirely different social backgrounds embark on a crazy adventure, crammed into their battered 1920s ROLIs–Royce. Together and separately they are forced to discover what life is like without men, and, eventually,

Title: We Shook The Family Tree

Author: Dolson, Hildegard Sergel, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1957

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set

Adapted by Christopher Sergel. A young girl's antics are misinterpreted by the people in her town causing her family to be a laughing stock and her father to nearly lose his job at the bank.

Title: Weekend

Author: Vidal, Gore

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1968

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
eight male; six female; requires two black actors and two black actresses
two acts

1 interior set.

A man who hopes to be the Republican candidate for the Presidency is torn between private and public concerns when his son arrives home from Europe with a black fiancée.

Title: West of Pecos

Author: Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1971

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty characters; extras
eight male; twelve female
three acts

one interior set.

Judge Roy Bean has decreed Orin Powers must hang for shooting up a poster of his beloved Lily Langtry, the famed frontier actress. The sentence has the town of Langtry, Texas, in a stew. Bad men want Orin to swing. Good citizens want him to live. Only one thing will save the unfortunate lad from the gallows – the appearance of Lily herself.

Title: What A Life

Author: Goldsmith, Clifford

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1939

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters; extras
eight male; eight female
three acts

1 interior set.

A high school student is constantly getting in trouble to the point that he is to be suspended from school, when an understanding teacher realizes that the student would be happier in an art program than an academic one.

Title: What Happens at the No Nancy Summit

Author: Ouzounian, Richard

translated by Richard Ouzounian

Publisher: Ms Fit Press

1987

Description:

roy
satire – Canadian – political
thirteen characters
nine male; four female
five acts

1 interior set.

Translated by Richard Ouzounian from Moliere's Tartuffe. This translation transforms "Tartuffe" into the rarest of Canadian commodities: a truly funny political satire.

Title: What is Susan's Secret?

An American farce

Author: Parker, Michael

Parker, Susan

Publisher: Samuel French

2011

Description:

roy
farce – American
fourteen characters
seven male; seven female (doubling possible)
two acts

The Cider Mill Inn is an old inn owned and operated by an endearing elderly couple, Michael and Susan Edwards. At first they appear to be bordering on senility. We quickly learn however that they are very clever con artists, preying on their unsuspecting guests. Using an elaborate check-in form with duplicate copies, guests are, in fact, signing a work contract, requiring them to perform various tasks and improvements at the inn. Over the course of three weekends, plumbers, tile layers, carpenters and electricians are recruited to do work they never expected.

Title: Wheeler Dealers, The

Author: Leslie, F. Andrew

Goodman, George

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1966

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-three characters
sixteen male; seven female
three acts

representative set; adapted by George Goodman

A Texan entrepreneur and a woman stock broker from Philadelphia create a business scheme which sends the stock exchange flying.

Title: When Did You Last See Your Trousers?

Author: Galton, Ray

Antrobus, John

Publisher: Samuel French

1988

Description:

roy
farce
eleven characters
eight male; three female
two acts

This hilarious farce begins quietly enough with Howard and Penny asleep. A burglar climbs through the window and steals various items, including Howard's suit. Awakening, Howard announces his intention to get back to the wife! But how can he in only vest and underpants? Before you can say "jockey shorts" he is being chased around the flat by his Danish au pair, the Home Secretary and a randy constable who doubles as a flasher. Add to this a punk with rainbow colored hair, a gravelly voice Captain and a singing telegram Gorilla and you have the ingredients

Title: When The Mice Are Away

Author: Henderson, John

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1964

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
five male; six female
three acts

3 sets.

While his father tries to get a secret cough syrup formula out of him, a young boy assumes different characters because he has been hypnotized by a cat.

Title: When We Are Married

Author: Priestley, J. B.

Publisher: Samuel French

1938

Description:

roy
comedy – farce
fifteen characters
eight male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set; period piece.

Pandemonium breaks out when three prestigious couples who are celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversaries discover that they are not really married.

Title: Whiteheaded Boy, The

Author: Robinson, Lennox

Publisher: Samuel French 1921

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters
five male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

When a favourite son fails in his family's dreams for him, the family members have to scheme in order to save face in their community.

Title: Who Was That Lady I Saw You With?

Author: Krasna, Norman

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1959

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-one characters
fifteen male; six female
two acts

representative set.

When a professor is caught by his wife kissing a student, he poses as an F.B.I. agent to extricate himself; however, the F.B.I. learns of his masquerade as do the foreign agents and chaos breaks loose.

Title: Whodunnit

Author: Shaffer, Anthony

Publisher: Samuel French n.d.

Description:

roy
mystery – comedy
ten characters
seven male; three female
two acts

Six strangers and a butler have gathered for a black tie dinner in a wealthy lawyer's mansion during a thunderstorm. The guests include an aged rear admiral, a bitchy aristocrat, a doddering old archeologist, a dashing young cad and other Agatha Christie types. One of the guests is an oily Levantine who tells the others (each in private) that he has the goods to blackmail them. He is ripe for murder and so it happens. Whodunnit?

Title: Whole World Over, The

Author: Simonov, Konstantine

Schnee, Thelma

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1947

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
seven male; four female
two acts

1 interior set.

In post-World War II Russia, a father objects to his daughter's engagement on the grounds that she does not love her fiance, and leaps at the chance to do some matchmaking when the ex-tenant of their apartment, a widower who was a colonel in the army, returns to retrieve his property.

Title: Widger's Way

Author: Pharis Ringwood, Gwen

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

1976

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian – melodrama – Alberta playwright
eleven characters
nine male; two female
five acts

A melodramatic farce about a stingy father, an innocent love-struck daughter, a murderer on the loose and a bag of gold.

Title: Wild Honey

Author: Chekhov, Anton Pavlovich

Frayn, Michael

Publisher: Methuen

1984

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
thirteen male; three female
two acts

Translated by Michael Frayn.

'The story takes place in a provincial country estate, where the widowed landowner returns for the summer after spending the winter months in Moscow. All the local friends and hangers-on gather to greet her, including among others two elderly suitors, the district doctor, and Platonov (the schoolteacher) and his wife. The widow wants to have an affair with Platonov – in fact, three

Title: Wilde West

Author: Marowitz, Charles

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1988

Description:

roy
comedy – western
eighteen characters
thirteen male; five female
two acts

"A totally original and truly funny play which recounts an hilarious confrontation between the super-sophisticate, Oscar Wilde, and the rough-and-ready citizens of Leadville, Colorado, in the 1880s. Touring America under the aegis of Rupert D'Oyly Carte, of Gilbert and Sullivan fame, Wilde comes upon the imminent lynching of a young bandit and, despite the involvement of a "hanging judge" Jesse James, Belle Starr, and a bumbling sheriff, uses his wit and withering repartee to spare the poor boy for "better things."

Title: William Shakespeare's Land of the Dead

A true and accurate account of the 1599 zombie plague

Author: Heimbuch, John

Publisher: Samuel French 2012

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy – parody – historical
twelve characters; extras
ten male; two female
three acts

running time: 90 min.

London, 1599. Shakespeare's Henry V opens the Globe Playhouse, but while the actors strut and fret, an excess of bile plagues the populace outside.⊗After the opening of his newest play, William Shakespeare must once again defend his work – fending off the embittered clown Will Kemp while trying to appease Francis Bacon, a wealthy lawyer who has come with an idea to pitch.

Title: Wind Between The Houses, A

Author: Hill, Maurice J.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1969

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
five male; five female
three acts

unit set.

An old woman is labelled crazy because she enjoys the company of her dead husband's ashes so her two children dispose of the ashes only to be mortified when their mother sinks into a deep depression.

Title: Winter's Tale, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Washington Square Press 1998

Description:

roy
comedy
large cast
flexible casting
five acts

"King Leontes of Sicilia begs his childhood friend, King Polixenes of Bohemia, to extend his visit to Sicilia. Polixenes protests that he has been away from his kingdom for nine months, but after Leontes's pregnant wife, Hermione, pleads with him he relents and agrees to stay a little longer. Leontes, meanwhile, has become possessed with jealousy--convinced that Polixenes and Hermione are lovers, he orders his loyal retainer, Camillo, to poison the Bohemian king. Instead, Camillo warns Polixenes of what is afoot, and the two men flee Sicilia immediately."

Title: Winter's Tale, The

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Arden Shakespeare 2003

Description:

roy
comedy – marital relations
twenty characters; extras
fourteen male; six female
five acts

The story moves between King Leontes' court in Sicilia and Bohemia. Complications arise from King Leontes' and his Queen's friendly attentions to the visiting King of Bohemia. Despite a trial at which the Oracle from Delphi declares the queen guiltless, the King banishes her. Their young son, Mamillius dies of grief but the Queen's newborn baby daughter, Perdita, is snatched from death by a Bohemian shepherd who raises her as his daughter. There's a time lapse of sixteen years between the Queen's banishment and the story's long-delayed happy ending and with a few

Title: Witch Errant

Author: Dick, R. A.

Publisher: Evans Brothers 1959

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
four male; six female; one girl
three acts

An old governess and a young man's fiancée change bodies when they accidentally drink a witch's wish potion and havoc reigns until they are able to break the spell.

Title: Woman Of Fifteen, A

Author: Chadwicke, Alice

Publisher: Samuel French 1943

Description:

roy
comedy
sixteen characters
six male; ten female; one boy; one girl
three acts

1 interior set.

A movie-struck adolescent girl's imagination causes her to dramatize the ordinary behaviour of her family and create problems where none exist.

Title: Women's Work

Author: Hurley, Joan Mason

Publisher: A Room of One's Own Press 1979

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
all female cast; sixteen characters; extras
sixteen female
two acts

1 interior set.

A play that illustrates the varied and complex situations that occur in the maternity wing of a hospital.

Title: World of Sholom Aleichem; or, A Tale of Chelm

Author: Perl, Arnold

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1953

Description:

roy
comedy – drama
large cast
flexible casting
three one-acts

suggested for high school; can be performed as a full-length play or three one-acts (A Tale of Chelm, Bontche Schweig, and The High School).

Dramatization of three Russian-Jewish stories bound together by the narrative of Mendele the Book Seller, who connects the three different expressions of Eastern European Jewish life of the last century.

Title: World We Live In, The
The Insect Comedy

Author: Capek, Josef

Capek, Karel

Publisher: Samuel French

1933

Description:

roy
comedy
thirty characters
twenty-one male; nine female
three acts

Adapted and arranged by Owen Davis. A wanderer who is something of a philosopher falls asleep after drinking in a forest, and there in his dream observes the comedy and tragedy in the lives of the insects, whose problems and affairs are like those of humankind.

Title: Worst High School Play In the World, The

Author: Gleason, William

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1982

Description:

roy
comedy – high school – comedy – farce
sixteen characters
eight male; eight female
two acts

This play begins in the year 1243 A.D. and all is not well in the land of Saxonia. Darkness and Discontent hang thick in the air like sausages in a smokehouse. The reasonably handsome King Isadore is off to the Crusades to smite heathens and purchase porcelain. In his place, his creep brother Prince Viscera brings sorrow and fear to every hearth and leaves them sitting on the front porch like two quarts of spoiled milk. There is also joy in Saxonia, for Isadore has not only left town but he has also left a son. The boy's name is Ivanha and this is his story. It is a story of love

Title: Yard Of Sun, A

Author: Fry, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1972

Description:

roy
comedy
twelve characters; extras
nine male; three female
two acts

1 exterior set.

A prodigal son returns to display his success to his hometown and to his family and arrives in time for the annual horse race, a major local celebration.

Title: Yentl

Author: Napolin, Leah

Singer, Isaac Bashevis

Publisher: Samuel French

1977

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty characters
eleven male; nine female
two acts

representative set; period – Poland, 1873.

Based on Isaac Bashevis Singer's short story "Yentl The Yeshiva Boy". When her father dies, leaving her an orphan, a young Jewish girl dresses as a young man and leaves her village to study the Torah at Hebrew school. She is befriended by an older student, marries his true love to save her for him and when the time is right, confesses her gender to her best friend and gives him

Title: Yesteryear

Author: Glass, Joanna McClelland

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

1998

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy – relationships – depression era
ten characters
seven male; three female
two acts

"Brimming with the romantic optimism of the post-war era, this sunny comedy brings the hopeful message that love can be lovelier the second time around. Be part of the fun when an Irish Sweepstakes ticket exalts the meek above the mighty in a close knit prairie town. Yesteryear is the perfect entertainment for the open-hearted, open minded, joy loving people."

Title: You Can't Take It With You

Author: Hart, Moss

Kaufman, George S.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service

1964

Description:

roy
comedy
nineteen characters
eleven male, eight female
three acts

At first the Sycamores seem mad, but it is not long before we realize that if they are mad, the rest of the world is madder. In contrast to these delightful people are the unhappy Kirbys. The plot shows how Tony, attractive young son of the Kirbys, falls in love with Alice Sycamore and brings his parents to dine at the Sycamore home on the wrong evening. The shock sustained by the Kirbys, who are invited to eat cheap food, shows Alice that marriage with Tony is out of the question. The Sycamores, however, though sympathetic to Alice, find it hard to realize her point

Title: You Have the Right to Remain Dead
Audience-participation mystery/comedy

Author: Cook, Pat

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 2000

Description:

roy
comedy – murder mystery
ten characters
five male; five female
two acts

'You've just settled down in a theatre to solve an audience-participation murder mystery. The narrator comes out and gives you a few 'ins and outs' on what to look for in the play. The show starts and you meet with Fat Daddy, a rich but vindictive southern gentleman with an equally conniving and scheming family. So you know who's going to die right? But who will the murderer be? Will it be Sweet Mama, Daddy's pandering wife; Hyacinth, the daughter who's always cleaning the family firearms; or Clete, the sullen Handyman who, for some reason, is in the will? Then Fat

Title: You Never Can Tell
A Pleasant Play

Author: Shaw, George Bernard

Publisher: Brentano's 1905

Description:

roy
comedy
eleven characters
seven male; four female
four acts

3 sets.

A young dentist becomes entangled in the affairs of a divided family when he falls in love with the eldest daughter in that family.

Title: You Were Born On A Rotten Day

Author: Sergel, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1971

Description:

roy
comedy
twenty-six characters; extras
eight male; eighteen female
two acts

The play begins with an unexpected astrologer in direct and devastating communication with the audience. This wild astrologer, we secretly discover, is actually the quiet and sincere high school science teacher who couldn't get adequate funds to equip his classroom. This comic spoof becomes a modern retelling of the classic situation in which astronomers could only get help for scientific study by telling horoscopes. In the disguise of an outrageous astrologer, our modern science teacher rediscovers the same thing – the world is his, along with the girl he cares about,

Title: Young Idea, The

Author: Coward, Noel

Publisher: Samuel French 1924

Description:

roy
comedy
fourteen characters
seven male; seven female
three acts

2 sets.

The two children of a couple who were divorced fifteen years earlier decide to reunite their parents at any cost.

Title: Your Guests Are Ghosts

Author: Vornholt, John

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company 1976

Description:

roy
comedy
eighteen characters
nine male; nine female
three acts

1 interior set.

Two young law students apply for the job of a night clerk in a retirement home for ghosts and end up helping the ghosts to keep the home when the government officials attempt to sell the place to a man who wants to tear it down.

Title: Zelda

Author: Regan, Sylvia

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service 1969

Description:

roy
comedy
ten characters
four male; four female; one young boy and girl
two acts

unit set showing interior and portion of exterior.

A warm-hearted family comedy which offers an hilarious and cautionary modern parable in its contemporary re-telling of the "Noah" story.