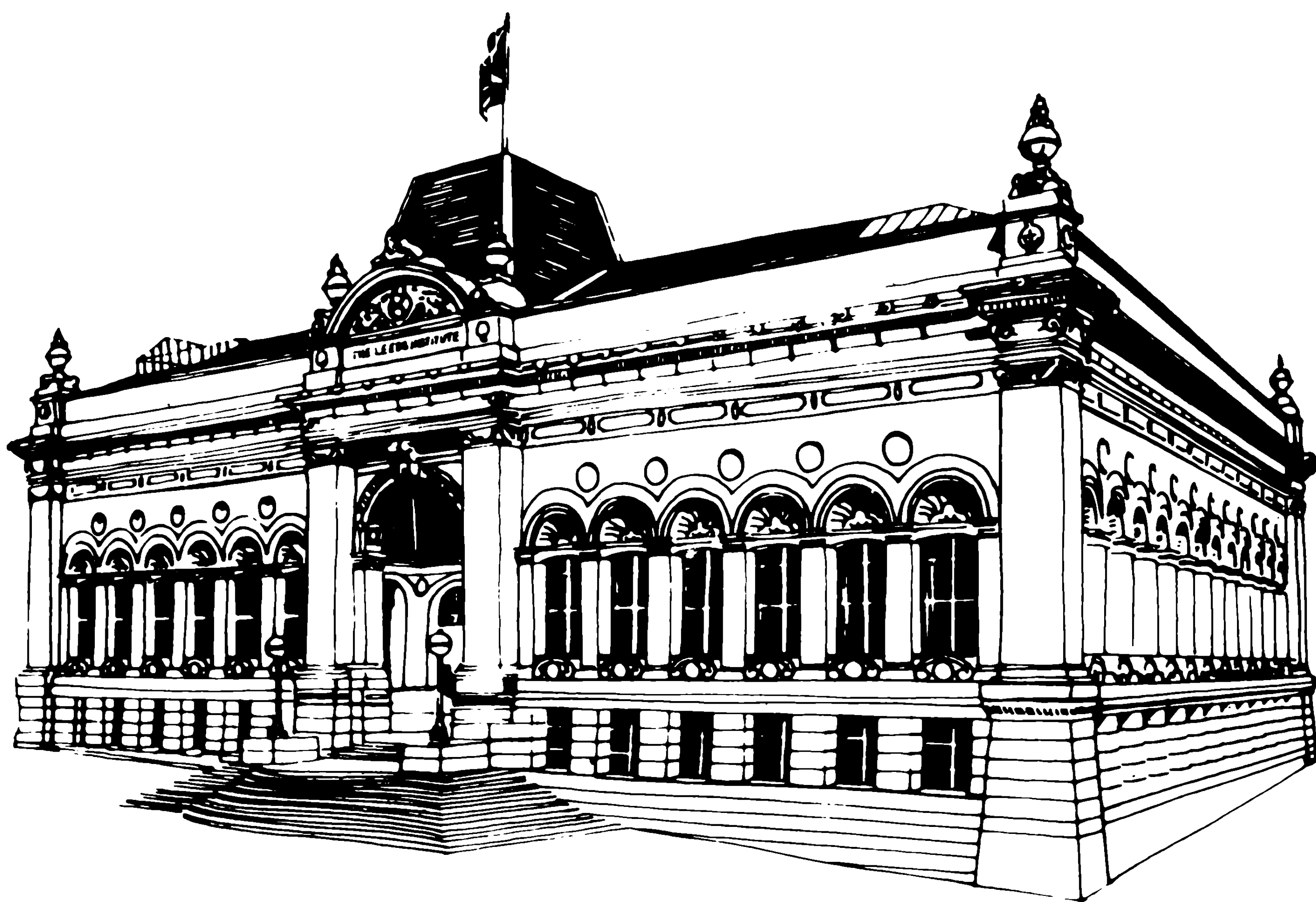


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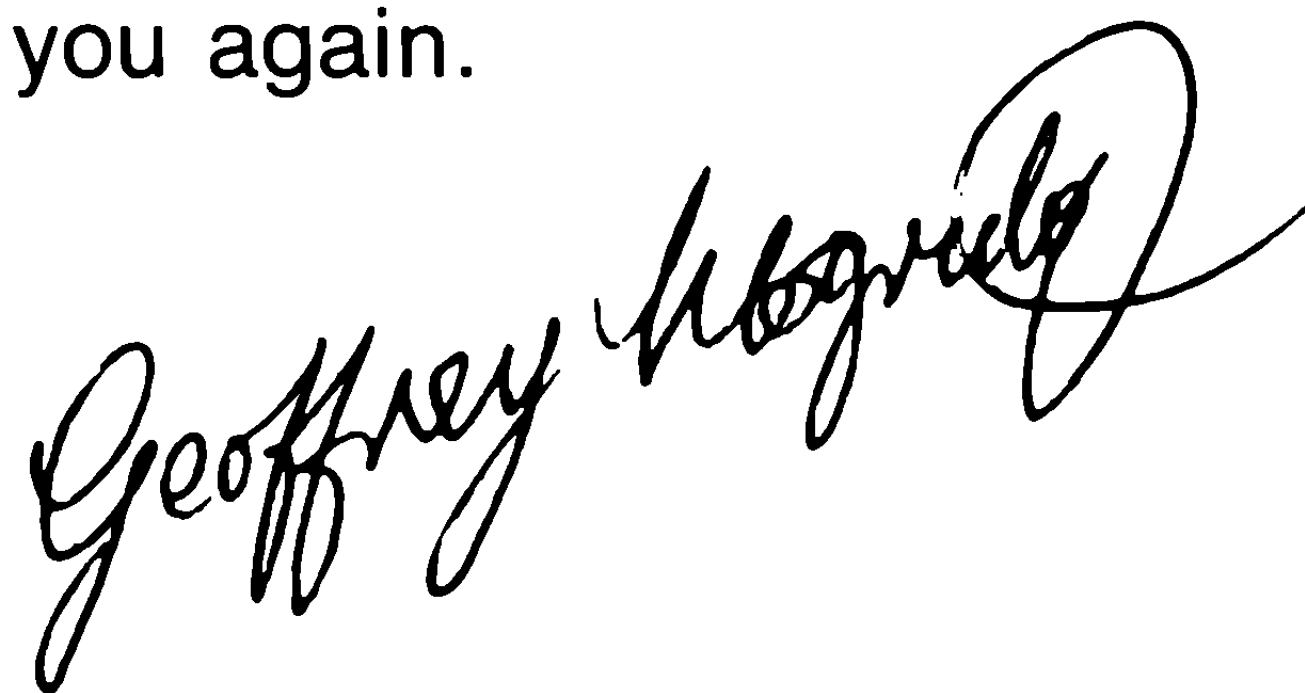
Welcome to the Civic Theatre!

We hope that you will enjoy tonight's performance.

In addition to the Leeds Civic Arts Guild productions, we are fortunate in being able to present a full programme of concerts and shows by national and international artistes and companies.

Full details are given in our brochure which is available in the Theatre Foyer or from the Tourist Information Centre.

We look forward to seeing you again.



Geoffrey Mogridge  
General Manager

General Manager & Licensee	<b>Geoffrey Mogridge</b>
Assistant Managers	Steven Cartwright Shirley Tarran
Chief Technician	Peter Waddicor
Assistant Technician	Robert Williamson
Deputy Stage Manager	Pauline Mower

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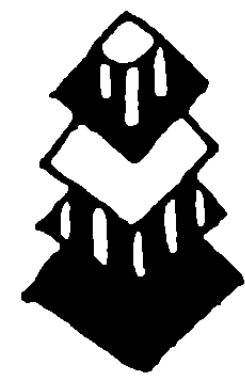
**HAY  
FEVER**

by  
Noël Coward

Directed by Dennis Stevenson

23-27 February 1988

at 7.30 pm



# HAY FEVER

## CAST

*(in order of appearance)*

Sorel Bliss . . . . .	MARGARET SAVAGE
Simon Bliss . . . . .	CHRIS McADAM
Clara, a maid . . . . .	BETTY TRIGGS
Judith Bliss . . . . .	JUNE STEVENSON
David Bliss . . . . .	MALCOLM BROWN
Sandy Tyrell . . . . .	RICHARD FRANCIS
Myra Arundel . . . . .	DENISE FORTON
Richard Greatheam . . . . .	PHILIP WESTON
Jackie Coryton . . . . .	SHIRLEY HAMER

**Directed by  
DENNIS STEVENSON**

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The action takes place during Saturday and Sunday at the Bliss family residence near Cookham, Berks. The time June 1925.

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**ACT I**  
Saturday Afternoon  
*Interval of 15 minutes*

**ACT II**  
Saturday Evening  
*Interval of 15 minutes*

**ACT III**  
Sunday Morning

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Leeds Arts Centre would like to thank of those who have kindly contributed towards this production including Bookless Bros. (Rossfish Ltd.) Leeds and the Leeds Co-op for the supply of food and Keep Electrical Ltd., Leeds for the loan of lamps and wall lights.

*HAY FEVER* was described by the late Sir Tyrone Guthrie as one of the great plays of the twentieth century.

It was first produced in June 1925 at the Ambassador's Theatre and later transferred to the Criterion Theatre for a total of 337 performances (a long run in those days).

*Hay Fever* established Noel Coward as one of the great playwrights of the century. *The Vortex* had been produced the year before to much critical acclaim and some condemnation by the guardians of public morality in its references to drug taking. 1925 and 1926 had, in fact, four of his plays running in London at virtually the same time, *Hay Fever*, *The Vortex*, *Fallen Angels* and *Easy Virtue*.

In 1921 whilst in New York Noel Coward became friendly with Laurette Taylor, a famous actress of the day, and her husband whose practice it was to give parties on Sunday evenings for family, friends and a few theatrical people. These evenings would invariably include word games which were always theatre orientated.

The guests would shrink with horror as some poor beast had to pick up a box and place it somewhere else at which Laurette would say "No, no, no; that's not the way to do it at all". Then she would do it beautifully. Her relatives would applaud leaving the rest of the company dreading that they might be the next victim. The evenings got such a reputation for embarrassment that finally hardly anyone went at all.

Thus was the idea for *Hay Fever* born.

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Stage Manager	..... Laurie Ball
Assistant Stage Manager	..... Mel Harvey
Sound	..... Jim Marshall
Lighting	..... Peter Waddicor
Prompt	..... Joyce King
Costumes	..... George Judd and L.A.C. Wardrobe Team
Coiffeur	..... Jean Blundell
Properties and Set Arrangement	..... Doreen Parker and Dorothy Money
Set Construction and Painting	..... Laurie Ball, Edwin Barraclough George Teale, George Westmoreland, Stuart Wilton
Box Office	..... Maggie Rhodes, Doriene Pemberton
Front of House	..... George and Audrey Barker

Cigarettes by Abdulla

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Next week **Cosmopolitan Players**  
*present*  
**COME BLOW YOUR HORN**  
*by Neil Simon*

# LEEDS ARTS CENTRE

**Leeds Arts Centre** was formed in 1945 as an amateur Society to encourage and foster interest in the arts.

**The Drama Group** mounts five productions – usually including a musical or revue type show – at the Civic Theatre.

**The Green Room Group** puts on plays and other forms of entertainment in the rehearsal rooms to give members valuable experience of acting and producing before tackling major parts or productions in the Civic Theatre. Season ticket holders are welcome to attend these performances.

**The Fine Arts Group** meets twice each week throughout the year for drawing, painting and other creative work.

In addition there is a variety of social activities for members, such as theatre visits, outings, parties, etc.

**New Members** are always welcome so if you are interested in acting, drawing, painting (pictures or scenery), set building, making costumes, helping back stage, front of house or even with publicity and think you might like to join the Centre, or would like more information please write to:

*The Secretary, Leeds Arts Centre, Stansfeld Chambers,  
Great George Street, Leeds 1.*

**costume hire**

You may not realise that the costumes you have seen tonight and countless others from different periods are available for hire from the Leeds Arts Centre costume collection at reasonable rates.

If you are interested please telephone Leeds 756796 and discuss your requirements with Mrs. Margaret Rhodes, our wardrobe mistress.



# General Information

## Theatre Bar and Buffet

Good food and drinks are always available in the comfort of the Civic Theatre Bar.

The Bar is open from

11.30am—2.30pm (Mon—Fri)

6.15pm—10.30pm (Mon—Thurs)

6.45pm—11.00pm (Fri—Sat)

And from 7.00pm on Sundays when there is a performance

## Facilities for Disabled People

We are pleased to accommodate patrons in wheelchairs. The Theatre has special toilet facilities and there is a ramp entrance to the building in Vernon Street. Please book in advance as space is limited. Telephone 456343 for further details.

## Free Mailing List

If you would like to receive regular details of future events, please write to: **The Mailing List, Civic Theatre, Cookridge Street, Leeds LS2 8BH.**

## Interval Drinks

Avoid the interval rush by placing your drinks order at the bar before the performance commences.

In accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Sub-Committee of Leeds City Council:

- (a) The public may leave at the end of the performance by all exit and entrance doors, and such doors must at that time be open.
- (b) All gangways, passages and staircases must be kept entirely free from chairs or any other obstruction.
- (c) Persons shall not be permitted to stand or sit in any of the intersecting gangways, or stand in any unseated space in the auditorium, unless standing in such a space as been specially allowed by the Licensing Committee. A notice is exhibited in that part of the auditorium in which standing has been sanctioned.
- (d) The safety curtain must be lowered and raised once immediately before the commencement of each performance so as to ensure it being in proper working order.

The Leeds Civic Theatre shares the Institute Buildings with the Leeds College of Music. This may mean that occasionally performances may be subject to slight acoustic problems. Whilst both parties do everything within their power to keep this to a minimum, we cannot prevent it completely. We apologise, therefore, for any inconvenience which may be caused.

**STRICTLY NO SMOKING IN THE AUDITORIUM**  
**The Taking of Photographs in the Auditorium is prohibited.**

# **Civic** LEEDS · LEISURE · SERVICES **Theatre**

*Good food at down to earth prices  
in the Civic Theatre Bar*

*9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.*

*5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.*

*TEA ● COFFEE ● CAKES ● SANDWICHES*

## **HOT ROAST DISH OF THE DAY**

*Roast Pork with two vegetables and stuffing or  
or*

*Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and two vegetables  
For Less than £2.00*

*BAKED POTATO with Various Fillings  
CHICKEN & Chips, STEAK & KIDNEY PIE with Chips  
QUICHE – HAM – BEEF – TUNA – EGG  
or CHEESE SALAD*

*Ploughmans Lunch ● Vegetarian Dish of the Day  
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DESSERT SELECTION: Fresh Fruit Salad and Cream  
TRIFLE – FRUIT PIE – GATEAU – FUDGE CAKE*

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