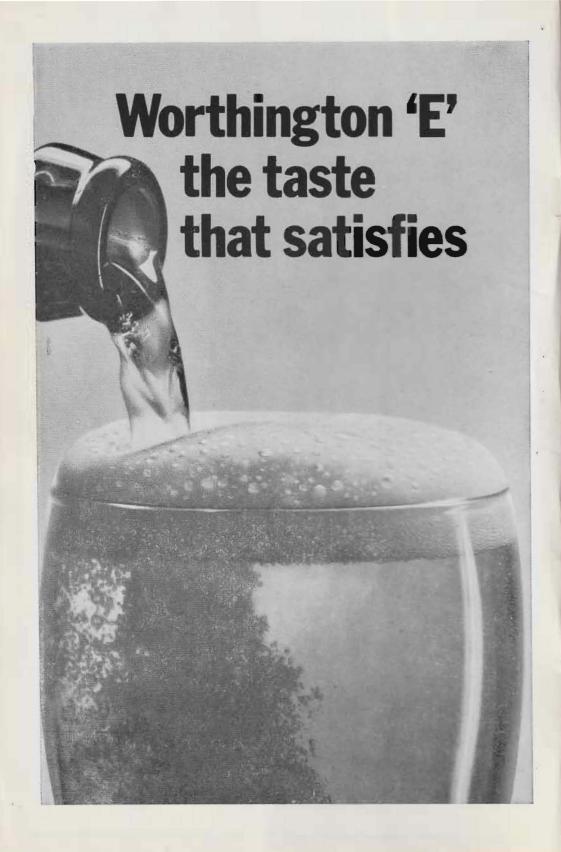




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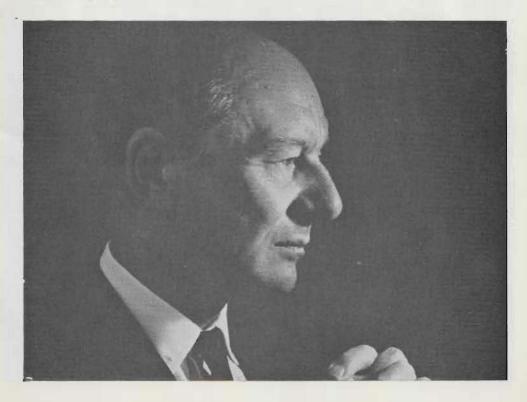
Born in 1904, Sir John Gielgud was educated at Westminster School, and studied for the stage at Lady Benson's School, also the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, gaining scholarships at both. He made his first appearance on the stage at the Old Vic in 1921 and has appeared in countless productions over the past forty-seven years.

He received the honorary degrees of Doctor of Law at St. Andrew's University in June, 1950, and Hon. D. Litt. of Oxford University in June, 1953. He was created a Knight Bachelor in the Coronation and Birthday Honours, 1953, and made a Companion of the Legion of Honour in 1960.

Sir John directed "Big Fish, Little Fish" in New York, and the award-winning "Five Finger Exercise" in London and New York; directed and played Joseph in "School for Scandal" in New York and London; acted in "The Cherry Orchard" in Stratford and London, and "Ides of March" in London. He toured Australia and New Zealand and later, Scandinavia, Finland, USSR, Poland and appeared in Dublin in "Ages of Man"; directed Richard Burton's "Hamlet" in Canada and the USA; starred in "Tiny Alice" in New York and "Ivanov" in London and New York; directed "Halfway Up the Tree" with Robert Morley for H. M. Tennent Ltd., and appeared in "Tartuffe" and "Oedipus" at the National Theatre last year.

During the last six years, Sir John has appeared in many outstanding films including "Becket" and "Chimes at Midnight" (1963); "The Loved One" (1964); "The Assignment" (1966); "Mr. Sebastian" and "The Charge of the Light Brigade" (1967); and "Shoes of the Fisherman" and "Oh, What a Lovely War" (1968).

Recent television appearances include the ATV series "Conflict" and "The Mayfly and the Frog" (1966); "Alice in Wonderland" and "From Chekhov with Love" (1967): and "St. Joan" (1968).



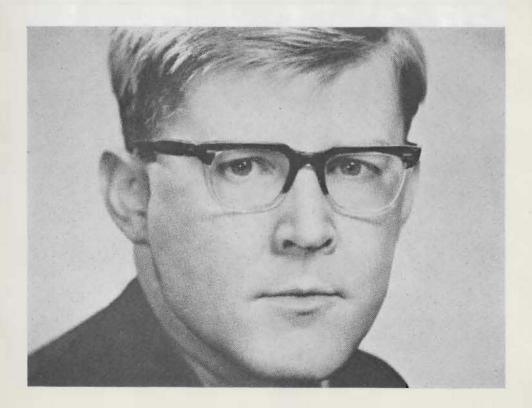


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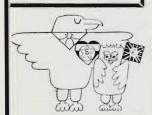
ALAN BENNETT

Alan Bennett, author of "40 Years On" first appeared on the stage with the Oxford Theatre Group at Edinburgh in 1959. The following year he was one of the co-authors and performers in "Beyond the Fringe", in which he played in London and New York. Since then he has worked mainly in BBC television. He played 'Augustus Hare' in Patrick Garland's series "Famous Gossips" and his own television series, "On the Margin" won the Guild of Television Light Entertainment Award for 1967. He lives partly in London, partly in Yorkshire and writes regularly for "The Listener".



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Dorothy Reynolds first appeared on the stage at the Festival Theatre, Cambridge, in 1936. She first appeared in London at the Arts Theatre during Alec Clune's directorship and played leading parts there for three years. After the war she led the company in repertory seasons at Liverpool, the Glasgow Citizens', the Salisbury Playhouse and the Bristol Old Vic, and then returned to London to play in "Salad Days" and "Free as Air" of which she was part author. In 1962 she played 'Volumnia' in Sir Tyrone Guthrie's production of "Coriolanus" which opened the Nottingham Playhouse. Recent West End appearances include Noel Coward's "Sail Away", "A Heritage and its History", the Headmistress in "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie", 'Sophie' in "The White Liars" and 'Miss Furnivall' in 'Black Comedy', a double bill by Peter Shaffer. She is married to Angus Mackay and lives in Clapham and Sussex.



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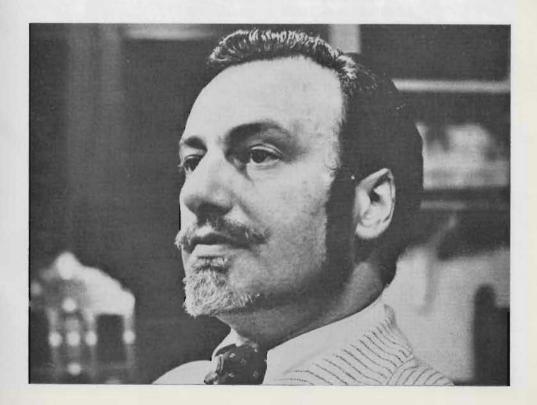
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Paul Eddington was last seen in the West End as 'Captain Doleful' in the musical "Jorrocks" for which he received the Clarence Derwent Award for the best supporting actor of 1966. The parts he has played in London have been varied in the extreme, ranging from the 'Rabbi' in "The Tenth Man" to 'Prince Andre' in "War and Peace", 'Disraeli' in "Portrait of a Queen", and the strange half-American psychiatrist 'Palmer Anderson' in "A Severed Head" both at the Criterion and on Broadway. Early in 1966 he was at the Bristol Old Vic to appear in "60,000 Nights", a special production for their 200th anniversary season. He had previously spent two seasons at this theatre playing 'Brutus' in "Julius Caesar", 'Elliott' in "Private Lives" and 'Mr. Puff' in "The Critic" amongst many others. He has acted in over one-hundred television productions, among them the "Robin Hood" series in which he played 'Will Scarlet'. He is married and has four children.



NORA NICHOLSON

Nora Nicholson trained at Sir Frank Benson's stage school and then toured with his company. After a period with Fred Terry and Julia Nielson she first came to the West End in a Christmas play, "Once Upon a Time", at the St. Martins. Since then she has appeared in many plays in London including "Ivanov", "The Lady's Not For Burning" at the Globe, "Sunset in Knightsbridge" at the Westminster, "The Millionairess" at the New and "Trial and Error" at the Vaudeville. She has appeared in New York, in "Rope", "The Lady's Not For Burning" and other plays, including many with Sir John, the first being "The Insect Play". Her television plays include "Walk in the Sea" and she also played 'Juley' in "The Forsyte Saga". Her most recent film is "Diamonds for Breakfast".





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PATRICK GARLAND

After leaving Oxford University in 1959, Mr. Garland was an actor with the Bristol Old Vic, and appeared in Peter Dews' television production of "The Age of Kings". He worked as production assistant on the BBC programme "Monitor", under Huw Wheldon and later, Jonathan Miller, where he wrote and directed films, frequently about poets. At the BBC, he produced three television series, "Talking About Shakespeare", "Famous Gossips" (all designed by Julia Trevelyan Oman), and Alan Bennett's programmes, called "On the Margin", In the summer of 1967, Mr. Garland was responsible for the International Poetry Festival, and later in the year, he wrote and directed "Brief Lives", with Roy Dotrice, in both London and on Broadway. "40 Years On" is his first West End production.

JULIA TREVELYAN OMAN

Following the Royal College of Art, where she studied under Sir Hugh Casson, Miss Oman joined the BBC TV where she became senior designer. Her main productions there included Wednesday Plays, Theatre 625's, Patrick Garland's series of six "Famous Gossips", Gore Vidal's "On the March of the Sea", Denis Potter's "Vote, Vote, Vote for Nigel Barton". In addition she also designed Jonathan Miller's "Alice in Wonderland" for which she received the 1967 "Designer of the Year Award" from the Guild of television producers and directors.

Immediately after leaving the Corporation she designed "Brief Lives" at the Hampstead Theatre Club and subsequently redesigned this for Broadway, where it opened in December last year. Her other theatre credit includes James Kennaway's play "Country Dance" which had a short run at the Hampstead Theatre Club and was done at the Edinburgh Festival last year.

Miss Oman has also worked on films. She was the English Art Director for United Artists/Woodfall Films "Charge of the Light Brigade" and just recently she has completed Tony Richardson's latest film "Laughter in the Dark" starring Nicol Williamson.

As well as designing Alan Bennett's play "40 Years On" Miss Oman has designed and co-written the scenario for Sir Frederick Ashton's new ballet based on Elgar's Enigma Variations, which opened recently at Covent Garden.

ROBERT SWANN

Robert Swann, who was born in Hampshire in 1945, originally trained for a career in the Royal Navy, having won a scholarship to Dartmouth. He went to RADA for two years, and then played with various repertory companies including Ipswich, Canterbury, Hornchurch, and the Welsh Theatre Company. He was in "Rafferty's Chant" at the Mermaid Theatre; has appeared in music hall in St. Louis, USA; in the film "If"; late night revue at Belfast festival; and in cabaret at the Carousel, Piccadilly.

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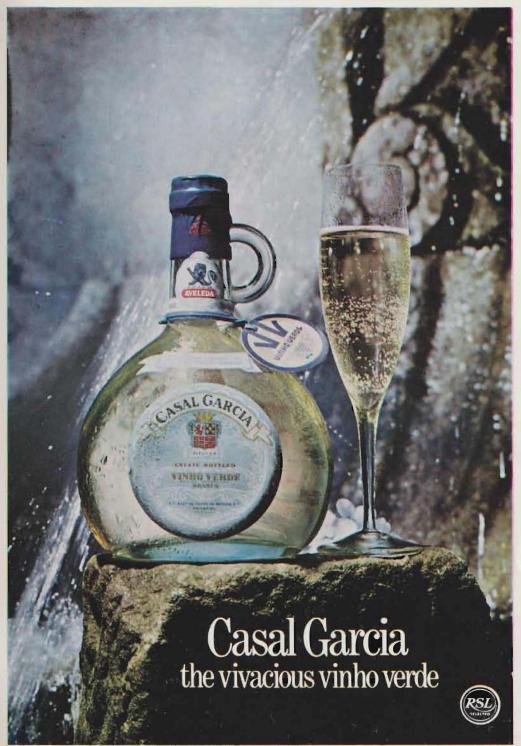


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