

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm MOOT HOUSE PLAYERS

present

# Romand and Saltet

by Peter Ostinov directed by Rosemary Caswell



At Moot Hall, The Stow, Harlow CM20 3AG Tickets £8 (Concessions £6) from the Box Office on 01279 639170

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Joseph Weinberger Limited

# **ROMANOFF & JULIET**

#### BY PETER USTINOV

# Cast in order of appearance:

First Soldier Monica Albinson
Second Soldier Biddy McAlpine
The General Michael Branwell
The Clock of St Ambrose Michael Caswell

Hooper Moulsworth,

the United States Ambassador Alan Hodgson

Beulah Moulsworth Angela Hodgson

Vadim Arturovich Romanoff,

the Russian Ambassador Tony Edwards

Evdokia Yelenovna Romanova Henrietta Branwell

Igor Vadimovich Romanoff Dan Powell

Juliet Moulsworth Kerry Rowland

The Spy Michael Rees

Marfa Vassilievna Zlotochienko Claire Quley

Freddie Matthew Truman

The Archbishop David Albinson

Lighting - Phil Waite and Amy Waite Set - Paul Regeli and Bett Hewlett

Prompt - Anne Farr

Sound - Michael Branwell

**Props - Michael Caswell** 

Costumes - Cranwell

F.O.H. - Tom Quley

Music composed by Jirí Wehle

There will be two intervals during which refreshments may be bought in the Moot House bar - your tickets allow you to use this club facility before, during and after the performance.

Act One: Early morning in the main square of the capital of the smallest country in Europe.

Act Two: The afternoon the same day.

Act Three: The evening of the same day.

Picture the scene - a starry night in a tiny, middle-European country which is governed by coalition.

Boy meets girl, they fall in love.

Both sets of parents object. Does this sound familiar?

Now add the genius of Mr Ustinov and the complications and comedy cascade into the cooking pot.

Girl already has a fiancé.

Boy's parents are, unknown to him, finalising an arranged marriage for him with a ship's captain.

Our lovers' chances of happy-ever-after look remote but, when the President himself decides to take a hand, anything is possible.

We learn that Miss Juliet's father is the Ambassador of the United States of America and Mr Romanoff, senior, is the Russian Ambassador, the Cold War is in full swing and both are pushing for an alliance with this insignificant country.

Peter Ustinov's take on the Romeo and Juliet theme is never predictable and as full of twists as a corkscrew and is a lighthearted version of Shakespeare's great tragedy.

We hope that any GCSE students will enjoy this foray into the old, old theme of "Romeo and Juliet" which has survived being made into a ballet by several choreographers, a musical - "West Side Story" - and bowdlerised in the name of "decency" in the 1950s!

#### DATES FOR THE REST OF THE 2010 - 2011 SEASON:

### FEBRUARY 3rd-5th 2011 - "Toad of Toad Hall"

Ratty, Mole, Badger and, of course Toad's adventures in the Wild, Wild Woods. Directed by Bett Hewlett. This perennial favourite by A.A. Milne has been a staple of the Players' repertoire and we hope you will enjoy seeing it again with a fresh cast.

# MARCH 23rd-25th - "Murder In Company"

Jon Macnamara directs this ever popular who-dun-it. Set in a hall where amateur actors are rehearsing for a play, it's the ideal showcase for a group of like-minded people but not, we hope, so murderously inclined!

MAY 12th-14th - "Whose Life Is It Anyway?" by ex-MHP member Brian Clark. Tony Edwards will direct this still topical and thought-provoking play. It may be 30 years since it was written, but it resonates even more with the reports of war casualties we are so used to nowadays.

JULY 7th-9th -- an International Festival of one-act plays presented by small groups we have met during our own overseas tours, supported by one-act plays in English. Language will be no barrier to your appreciation of this event.

Moot House Players acknowledges with thanks the help of their parent organisation, the Mark Hall and Netteswell Community Association.

Moot House Players can be contacted at moothouse.players@ntlworld.com

Details of past and future productions can be found on the Company's website www.moothouseplayers.com

If you are not on our mailing list, please leave your name and address at the Box Office - if you have an e-mail address we can use, please let us have it, as we can, more easily, reach everyone by e-mail in advance of each production.