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The Moot House Players

A musical play by Wolf Mankowitz and Julian More with music by David Heneker and Monty Norman

Characters in order of appearance:				
JOHNNIE, an agent				Don Henderson
HERBERT RUDGE				Peter Banyard
LEON, proprietor of the To	m-Tom coffe	e bar		David Hughes
MAISIE KING, a chorus giri				Janet Nelson
K. ARNOLD KATZ, "Kakk	cy," a somet	ime film pr	oducei	William Taylor
MR. MAYER, head of Garr	ick Records			Charles Banyard
	•••			John Donovan
RECORDING ENGINEER		***	***	Victor Moody
MRS. RUDGE, Herbert's m	other		***	Enid Davey
MR. RUDGE, Herbert's fat				Peter Spraggon
EDNA RUDGE, Herbert's si				Alexandra Kersley
CHARLIE, stage manager as	t the Intime	Non-Stop 1	Revue	Peter Graves
FLEET STREET EDITOR		•••		John Sargent
LADY COLUMNIST				Jackie Brock
A PSYCHIATRIST	•••	***		Bettina Hewlett
A PARSON				John Donovan
CAPTAIN CYRIL MAVORS				Charles Hill
manager of the Diplomatique Restaurant				
HEAD WAITER				John Sargent
LINDA LAVERICK, a society	v columnist			Brenda Llewellin
DIXIE COLLINS, a musical		ess		Yvonne Mitchley
LADY ROSEMARY, her frien			000	Frances Hughes
CYNTHIA, her daughter	***			Stephanie Lewis
MARCUS, Cynthia's escort				Brian Hart
COMMISSIONAIRE				Geoffrey Marshall
AIRPORT BARMAID				Angela Parkin
TEENAGERS, INTIME GIRLS, DEBUTANTES, ESCORTS, ETC.				
Angela Parkin, Susan Ring, Jenny Smart, Jill Williams, Danny Killick				

The play produced by Kenneth Collins

The action takes place in the entertainment places of Soho, with excursions to Majorca

At the piano-Trevor Sykes. At the drums-Stanley Porter Lead guitar—Barry Hayes. Bass guitar—Malcom Boreham and Keith Ford

Music supervised by Frank Burkhill Dances arranged by Cheryl St. Clair

Settings by Gordon and Bettina Hewlett. Costumes supervised by Laws. Lighting by Harry Edwards and Jean Walls Microphone by S.T.C. Nylon Stockings by Kayser. King Six Cigars by J. R. Freeman & Son. Champagne by Veuve Clicquot. Oliver Cigarettes by Benson & Hedges. Canned Tennants Lager provided by Rayments & Co. Ltd. Guinness by Guinness. Nescafe Instant Coffee by courtesy of the Nestle Co. Ltd. Telephone by kind permission of G.P.O. Stage Staff under the direction of Gordon Hewlett: Danny Killick, Victor Moody, David Hughes, Peter Graves, William Taylor, Geoffrey Marshall, Joan Arnold.

The play will be given in two parts with one interval during which refreshments will be available in the fover and Moot House Bar

NOTES

THE PLAY and the PRODUCTION

EXPRESSO BONGO was first presented in London in 1958 with Paul Scofield in the part of Johnnie, Hy Hazel as Dixie and an almost unknown young singer, Millicent Martin, as Masie. It was the first British musical to break away from the between-the-wars tradition of the happy-ever-after story line and to attempt any kind of realism in the depiction of character and situation. At times it is a biting satire on the rat-race of the 'pop' music industry but the difficulties of satirising something which virtually satirises itself are indicated by the fact that "The Shrine on the Second Floor"—a very vicious comment on sentimentality—actually became a 'hit' and reached the "top twenty" lists! The production has stretched the company to its limits and has only been made possible by the fact that it is basically a 'play with music' rather than a minor operetta! We are particularly grateful to Frank Burkhill for supervising the early singing rehearsals and to Trevor Sykes for his unfailing energy at the piano and last, but by no means least, to Kenneth Collins for taking over this complicated production only some ten days before rehearsals commenced.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

The next production in Moot Hall will be—

CHARLEY'S AUNT by Jevan Brandon-Thomas

Directed by Charles Hill

on April 23rd-25th, 1964

followed immediately on Sunday, April 26th, by the Moot House Players celebration of the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth-"MERELY PLAYERS ..."

A programme of verse, prose, music and extracts from the Elizabethan drama given informally by a group of actors and musicians under the joint direction of Jack Mitchley and John Genower.

This programme will be available only to members of the Mark Hall and Netteswell Community Association and their guests and the price of admission will include a glass of mead or "sack." Tickets will be available very shortly.