



Proscenium

THE BIG KNIFE

The Big Knife by Clifford Odets is a bitter attack on the Hollywood "star system" in the heyday of the "Silver Screen".

The Play was written after Odets returned from an unhappy period as a screenwriter in one of the major Hollywood Studios.

Charlie Castle is a big star, controlled by the studio and attempting to protect the remains of his talent, integrity and personal life in the face of the demands of the sinister head of the studio, his involvement with two other women, the advice of his business managers, and a guilty secret which can destroy him, and those whom he loves.

A talented cast is led by Roderick Jones as "Charlie Castle" and includes both established Proscenium players and exciting newcomers.

THE
BIG KNIFE
BY
CLIFFORD ODETS

NOVEMBER '75

CAST

In order of appearance

RUSSELL	ALAN DAVIE
BUDDY BLISS	SAM THORNTON
CHARLIE CASTLE	RODERICK JONES
PATTY BENEDICT	KATHLEEN JONES
MARION CASTLE	ANNE GERRARD
NAT DANZIGER	COLIN HICKMAN
MARCUS HOFF	JOHN GOBEY
SMILEY COY	DAVE PEARSON
CONNIE BLISS	JANE DE'ATH
HANK TEAGLE	MICHAEL GERRARD
DIXIE EVANS	SHEILA HARVEY

DIRECTED BY

MICHAEL GERRARD

Stage Manager:
Assisted by:

Brian Fildes
Ashley Young,
John Dickenson,
Annette Gerrard.

Properties:

Karen Juraschek

Lighting:

Colin Tufnell

Sound:

Andrew Burgess

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SCENES

Act One

• A SUMMER AFTERNOON

Act Two

LATE ONE NIGHT, THE FOLLOWING WEEK

Act Three

Scene 1 LATE AFTERNOON, A FEW DAYS LATER

Scene 2 AN HOUR LATER

THE ACTION TAKES PLACE IN THE PLAYROOM
OF CHARLIE CASTLE'S BEVERLY HILLS HOUSE

1974/75 SEASON

SERGEANT MUSGRAVE'S DANCE

By JOHN ARDEN

Thurs, Fri, Sat, Jan. 8, 9, 10.

HAY FEVER

By NOEL COWARD

Thurs, Fri, Sat, Mar. 4, 5, 6.

THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND

and

AFTER MAGRITTE

By TOM STOPPARD

Thurs, Fri, Sat. May 13, 14, 15

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Proscenium was founded by George Woollands
and Margaret Rendle in 1924.

THERE WILL BE A SHORT INTERVAL AFTER
ACT 1.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DURING
THE MAIN INTERVAL AFTER ACT 2.