

THE READERS' THEATRE  
GUILD

The Readers' Theatre Guild is a production group, sponsored by the Speech Department, for all students interested in the "theatre of the imagination." Its staging format features characterized readings of great literature, enhanced by theatrical effects.

It is our belief that a university group should offer a repertory of plays, poetry, short stories, and cuttings from larger literary works. Our programs are selected so that student and audience may grow in appreciation and enjoyment of the best of classical and modern writing.

As a part of our plan to obtain these objectives, we are presenting this playbill.

"...He hath disgraced me, and hindered me half a million, laughed at my losses, mocked at my gains, scorned my nation, thwarted my bargains, cooled my friends, heated mine enemies, and what's his reason? .....I am a Jew."

The Merchant of Venice on the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare.

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## THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

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by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Adapted for Readers' Theatre by  
R. J. Schneider

CAST

(in order of appearance)

Antonio, a merchant of Venice-----Terry Walsh  
Gratiano, friend of Antonio-----Bob Boyer  
Solanio, friend of Antonio-----Dwight Ashby  
Bassanio, a kinsman of Antonio-----Rick Bayles  
Portia, a rich heiress-----Karen Eyrse  
Nerissa, her waiting maid-----Barbara Fritze  
Shylock, a rich Jew-----Rodger Hudson  
Prince of Morocco-----Leroy Blackful  
Lancelot, a servant to Shylock-----Danny Selivon  
Jessica, daughter to Shylock-----Loralee Coleman  
Lorenzo, in love with Jessica-----Chuck Greenwood  
Prince of Arragon }  
Tubal, a Jew } -----John Rhodes  
Duke of Venice }

Scenes

Part One: Act I, Scene 1 through  
Act III, Scene 1

INTERMISSION: Ten Minutes

Part Two: Act III, Scene 2 through  
Act V, Scene 1

Setting

The Merchant of Venice is a tale of two cities:  
the busy merchant town of Venice, and the rich  
country seat of Belmont.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director-----R. J. Schneider  
Scene Designer-----J. Bielenberg  
Costumer-----Ann Smith  
Assistant to the Director-----Martha Ridge  
Special Assistants to Mr. Bielenberg-----Mark Handley and  
Gary Price  
Assistants to Miss Smith-----Charlou Baker, Jeannette  
Bellock, Alice Bradley, Scotty Brubach,  
Loralee Coleman, Betty Eisenprice, Devorah  
Genovese, Mark Handley, Douglas Koertge,  
Shelby Krohn, Martha Ridge, Sue Sheppard.  
Special Assistant to Miss Smith-----Mary Alice Reasor  
Stage Crew-----Members of Dr. Gabbard's Acting Class  
Promotional Director-----Sally Golinveaux  
House Manager-----Kathleen McCormack  
Head Usher-----Carol Wolk  
Posters and Program Design-----Dave Dickerson

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