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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE....... 

THE LARK, a modern interpretation of the Joan of Arc story, by Jean Anouilh, will be presented by Eastern's University Theatre on two weekends in mid-February. Director Gerald Sullivan has chosen Lillian Hellman's masterful translation of the French play (L'ALOUETTE) for his production.

What makes THE LARK an especially exciting and important retelling of the Joan story, is Anouilh's very accurate sense of theatre. The playwright has removed the story from a strict adherence to chronological events. Instead, Anouilh opens his play with the trial of Joan, martyr/saint of France, and as she is questioned, the episodes of her life become the drama. Walter Kerr has described the Hellman translation of THE LARK as having "a simple, clear, timeless ring to it, and its directness is exhilarating."

THE LARK is scheduled to open Friday, February 15, 1974 and plays Saturday, February 16. Both performances will be at 8:00 pm. The production re-opens Friday, February 22 and plays Saturday, February 23, and Sunday, February 24. The Sunday performance is at 2:00 pm.

Reservations may be made by phoning 581-3110 between 1 and 5 pm. beginning February 11, 1974.