

# **ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY THEATRE GUILD**

## ***PROGRAMME FOR 1961***

**February 17 - 25 — THE LYSISTRATA OF ARISTOPHANES**

Producer: Prof. Brian Coghlan

Aristophanes is probably the greatest comedy playwright who ever lived—he was the master of Greek Old Comedy. The *Lysistrata*, probably his greatest comedy, was written in 412 B.C. at the height of the Athens-Sparta war, and was presented at the annual festival of the fertility god Dionysus (Bacchus). The play is vigorously bawdy and exploits fantasy, personal abuse and choral lyric to offer government by women and the war of Love as a solution to the Spartan war.

Negotiations are in progress with Miss Dinah Shearing to play the title role.

**May 17 - 20 — SWAMP CREATURES, by Alan Seymour**

Producer: Jean Marshall

A prizewinning play by the author of "The One Day of the Year", which has recently been produced by the A.B.C., and deals with two sisters who live with their memories in a swamp, and the weird happenings which are brought to light at the return of a long-departed son.

**July 21 - 29 — THE RIVALS, by R. B. Sheridan**

Producer: Dr. Ralph Elliot

This classic Restoration comedy will follow the success of "School for Scandal", presented by the Guild in 1960.

**September 8 - 16**

Negotiations are under way to obtain the rights of a play which has completed a successful run on the London stage.

**November 15 - 18 — THE MIDNIGHT FAMILY, by Charles Dorat**

A young man is visited in his rooms by a mysterious family at midnight, and enters into a fantastic relationship with them.

**ALL PERFORMANCES WILL BE IN THE UNIVERSITY UNION HALL**

Theatre Guild members are entitled to free admission and preferential bookings at all Guild productions. This represents a saving of 15/- on a single membership and 38/- on a double membership, when compared with current admission charges. In addition, members are entitled to a reduction for productions of the Elizabethan Theatre Trust presented in conjunction with the Theatre Guild, as was "Murder in the Cathedral". Memberships for 1961 are available to all discriminating theatregoers at Cawthornes, or by completing the accompanying application card and forwarding it with a cheque for the required amount to Cawthornes, or the Theatre Guild Secretary at the University.

**Single Membership: £1 - 5 - 6**

**Double Membership: £2 - 2 - 6**