

1981 — 1982 Season

#### STOKE-ON-TRENT REPERTORY THEATRE

College Road, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent. Box Office: Stoke-on-Trent 44784

# TONIGHT AT 7-30

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## **About the Plays**

### 'Fumed Oak' and Still Life'

by Noël Coward

March 23rd — April 3rd, 1982

Noël Coward was a prolific writer and by 1936 had ready a handful of short plays assembled as a vehicle for Gertrude Lawrence and himself. 'Tonight at Eight-Thirty' consisted of nine one-act plays of which 'Fumed Oak' and 'Still Life' were two.

Coward said that he loved playing both. In the former he played Henry Gow to Miss Lawrence's Doris Gow, whilst in the latter he played Alec Harvey to her Laura Jesson. 'Still Life was later made into the film 'Brief Encounter' which starred Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard.





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#### An evening with Noel Coward

# Fumed Oak

Henry Gow	DEREK LANGSTON
Doris Gow	JUNE HODSON
Elsie Gow	
Mrs. Rockett	MADELEINE POINTON

Scene 1 — Morning Scene 2 — Evening

The action of the play passes in the sitting-room of the Gow's house. Time 1935

## Still Life

Laura Jesson	JUDITH FRANKLIN
Myrtle Bagot	NANCY JAMES
Beryl Waters	ALISON TOWNSEND
Stanley	PHILLIP SMITH
Albert Godby	BILL HANCOCK
Alec Harvey	GORDON H. BROOMFIELD
Bill	DAVID BERRY
Johnnie	
Mildred	
Dolly Messiter	

The action of the play takes place in the refreshment-room of Milford Junction Station.

Time: 1936

Directed by Derek G. Poulson Assistant Director Simon J. Meadon Liahting by Brian P. Hadley

#### **PRODUCTION CREDITS**

RICHARD MASTERS STEVE BROTHWELL
TINA RICHARDSON GEORGE GOODALL
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CHRISTOPHER DAVIS
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Programme designed and edited by Simon J. Meadon and Printed by Panda Press of Stone.

#### Car Park

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No responsibility is accepted by the Repertory Theatre. No charge is made for parking.

#### Refreshments

Confectionery is always on sale and coffee will be served during the interval. Coffee tickets available from the attendants.

#### Smoking is permitted during the intervals only.

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