

...as performed during their 1906 Russian tour

THE KAROLTINA BURNETSKAYA SHOW PRESENTS

CHEKHOV AND FRIENDS

Featuring "The Proposal"
and "The Bear"
by Anton Chekhov

Starring: Karoltina Burnetskaya
Garvey Kormanov
Timka Konev
& Sonny Rachmaninoff and
Her Bohemian Orchestra

A Lindenwood College **DOWNSTAGE** Studio Production

October 23, 24, 25, 1986

8:00 p.m.

THE COMPANY:

Karoltina Burnetskaya.....Gail Payne
Garvey Kormanov.....Joseph J. Golden
Timka Konev.....Tony Michalak
Sonny Rachmaninoff.....Jacquelyn Wurm
Second Assistant Deputy Minister for Audience
Information and Sound Effects.....J. Vernon Arnold

...From the Director

Not leaving well-enough alone has always been a fault of mine and so it is with tonight's presentation of Anton Chekhov's "The Proposal" and "The Bear." They have stood the test of time and of countless productions for a century. Now, in a presentation which I've been warned may cause Mr. Chekhov to roll over in his grave, The DOWNSTAGE Studio presents an all new and original approach.

Let your imagination travel back from our constant exposure to electronic entertainment to the turn of the century in Russia. The social and political pots are heating up toward a revolution and the end of Tzar Nicholas II. Out of the pervasive gloom comes a shining respite...a touring troupe and production whose only purpose is to lighten the present and provide a means for the people to forget their troubles and laugh a little (or a lot). The star is one Karoltina Burnetskaya and she is accompanied by Garvey Kormanov and Timka Konev. Sound strangely familiar? They were the early seeds, the mold, the inspiration for what became an entertainment institution some seventy years later in our world.

Okay...so we're stretching literary and historical facts. So what? And if Mr. Chekhov DOES roll over in his grave that's a pretty good trick for someone who has been dead for eighty-two years, and we gladly embrace his trying to get a better view of what we are doing.

- Matthew Schliesman

DEDICATION

The spirit of this production is dedicated to that scrappy group of survivors who are the Performing Arts Department. I am better for knowing you. Here's to a more fruitful and less troubled future.

- M.S.

Directed by Matthew Schliesman
Stage Managed by Tracy Zerwig
Costumes by Tracy Zerwig
Running Crew.....Jodi Lombardo
.....**Linda Maley**
Technical Support.....Connie Fine, Paul Gattrell,
Joe Golden, Keith Muessigmann, Tracy Zerwig

THE KAROLTINA BURNETSKAYA SHOW by Matthew Schliesman

THE PROPOSAL by Anton Chekhov
Translated by Elisaveta Fen*
Lomov, Ivan Vassilievich.....**Timka Konev**
Choobukov, Stepan Stepanovich.....**Garvey Kormanov**
Natalya Stepanovna.....**Karoltina Burnetskaya**

AN EVENT by Anton Chekhov

THE BEAR by Anton Chekhov
Translated by Elisaveta Fen*
Popova, Yeliena Ivanovna.....**Karoltina Burnetskaya**
Looka.....**Timka Konev**
Smirnov, Grigory Stepanovich.....**Garvey Kormanov**

"Death of a Linnet" by Sergi Rachmaninoff

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Connie Fine, Niki Juncker, Suzanne Mills, Bryan Reeder, Roger Tackette, Barry Wall, Kristana Weiler
& the graduate theatre students

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“A Christmas Carol”

adopted from the novel by Charles Dickens

Nov. 19, 20, 21

Dec. 4, 5, 6

8:00 p.m.

Nov. 21, 22

Dec. 6, 7

2:00 p.m.

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Madrigal Dinner Feast

Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13

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