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Otterbein College Theatre

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A FLEA IN HER EAR

by Georges Feydeau

Translated by John Mortimer



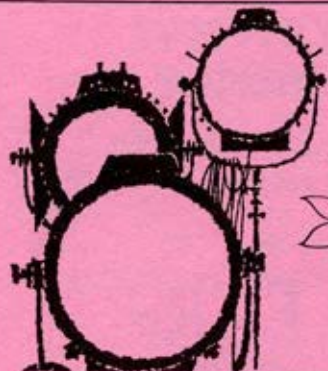
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For seven years he served as director of the Ohio Arts Council, bringing the fledgling organization from a modest \$25,000 a year budget to more than \$1 million in 1973.

A graduate of Heidelberg College with a M.A. in theatre from Bowling Green State University, Streibig worked 15 years with the Special Services Agency for the U.S. Army in Munich producing soldier shows for troops in France, Italy and Germany. He also appeared in a film with Robert Redford and Alec Guinness: *Situation Hopeless, but Not Serious*.

He has directed more than 75 full-length dramatic productions, including a teaching stint at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He has directed plays locally for Otterbein College, The Players Club and the Jewish Center. Previous Otterbein directorial assignments include *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *You Can't Take It with You*, and *Night Must Fall*.

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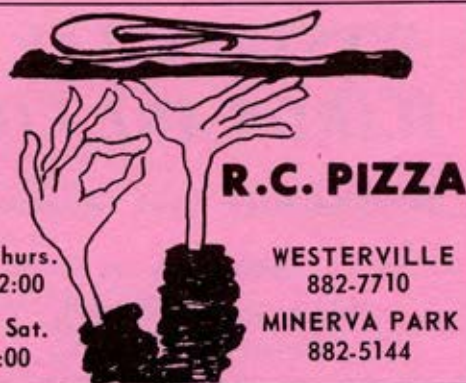
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NOTES — ABOUT THE PLAY AND AUTHOR

Georges Feydeau, whom Marcel Achard calls "the greatest French comic dramatist after Molière," was born in Paris in 1862, a direct descendent of the Marquis de Feydeau de Marville. He wrote his first comedy at the age of twenty-one, a mild success, but about ten years later began an era of uninterrupted triumphs. With success came money, but Feydeau began to play the stock market and one day found himself several millions in debt. As a result he was forced to contrive plays, and more plays. It is to this reverse that we owe such works as *A Flea in Her Ear* and a total output of thirty-nine plays.

Just before he died in 1921, Feydeau confided to one of his sons, "Of all that I've written, nothing will survive except perhaps *Feu la Mere de Madame* — and that only if it's played at the Comédie Francaise!" This and three others have entered the repertoire of the Comédie Francaise. Now *A Flea in Her Ear* is in the repertoire of the National Theatre of Great Britain and the Comédie Francaise. Always too scornful of his own talent, Georges Feydeau underrated himself to the last. Eric Bentley calls Feydeau "possibly the greatest writer of farce of any country at any time. He has not had worthy successors. The era of modern farce ended with his death."

Tragedy is the farce that involves our sympathies; farce, the tragedy that happens to outsiders.

— Aldous Huxley

Feydeau is a true precursor of the Marx Brothers and other American comedians, in whose work everything starts with apparent casualness, only to end up in a state of demented precipitation — which may well be an accurate caricature of our own agitation, our gallop towards the abyss.

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November 5 – ARTIST SERIES: Niki Flacks, actress, 8:15 p.m., Barlow Studio Theatre

November 7 – MUSIC DEPARTMENT: Otterbein Concert Choir and Orchestra, 8:15 p.m., Cowan Hall

November 19-20-21 – THEATRE: Children's Theatre, *Peter Pan*, Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Sunday at 1:30 p.m.



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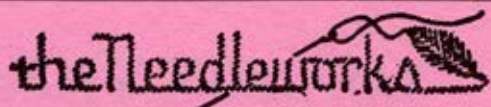
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