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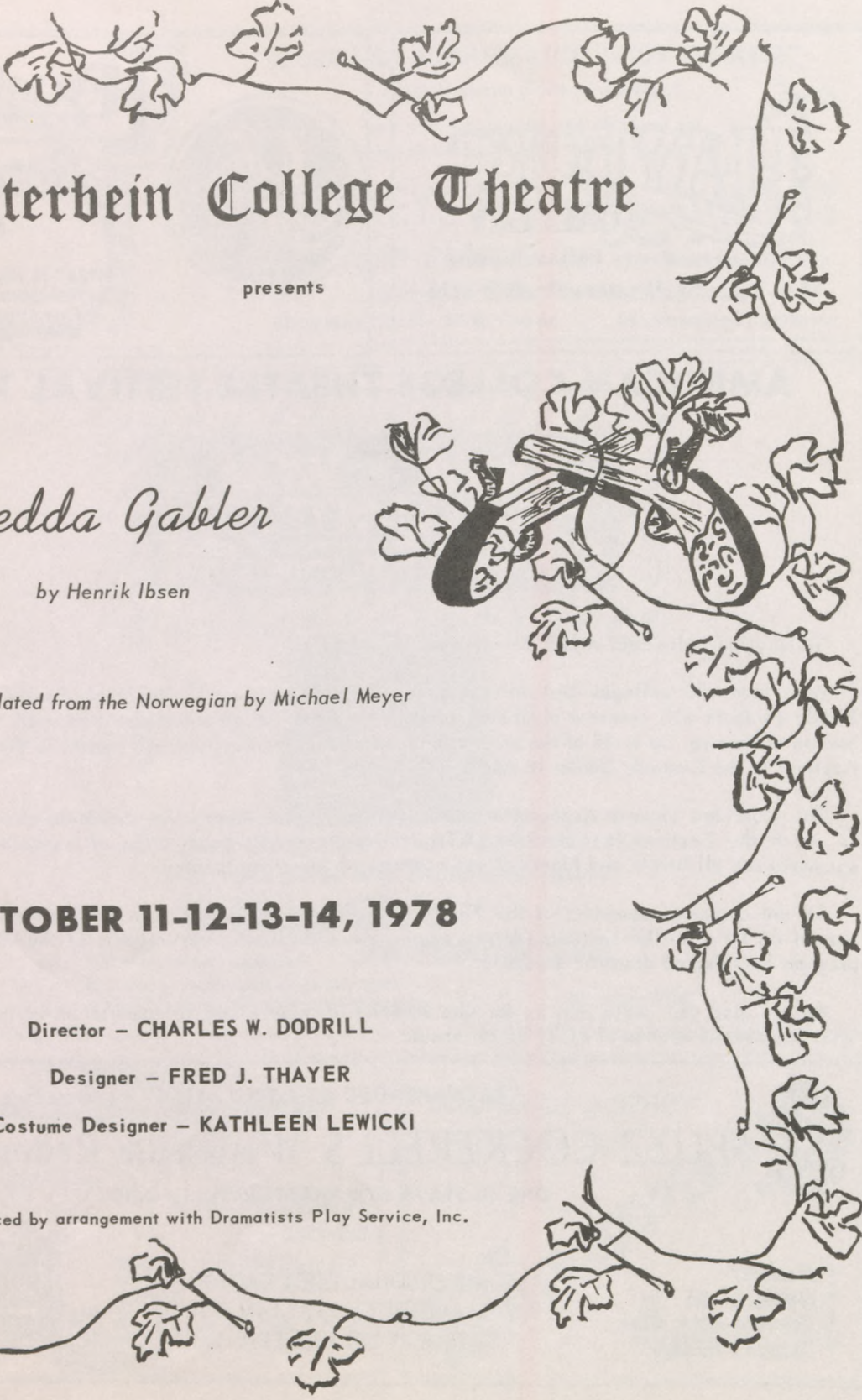


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Hedda Gabler

by Henrik Ibsen

Translated from the Norwegian by Michael Meyer

OCTOBER 11-12-13-14, 1978

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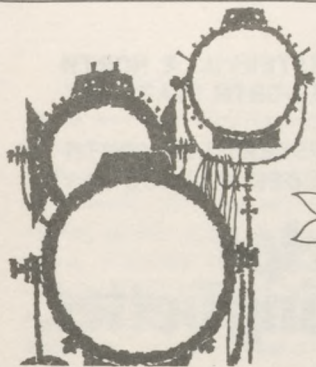
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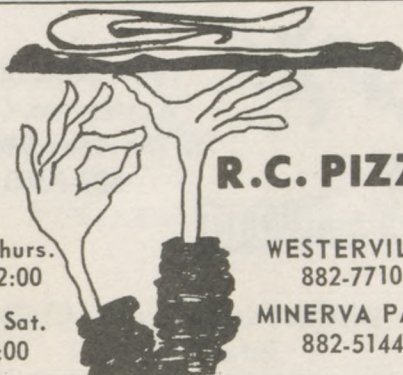
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Why *Hedda Gabler*? Written in 1890 by Henrik Ibsen (*Ghosts*, *A Doll's House*, *Peer Gynt*, *The Wild Duck*), *Hedda Gabler* is one of several plays written about the "new woman" that still holds relevance today. Ibsen much admired the true "new woman" as personified by the courageous Nora in *A Doll's House* for her great commitment to equal values and opportunity for women, but he quickly decried "young women who considered themselves emancipated without finding proper outlets for their desires or notions of themselves." Ibsen was always concerned about concepts of "self-realization" in his plays. *Hedda* became one of his most striking dramatic characters of the then "new drama" and it has been a challenge for most of the great actresses of the modern theatre. Though the craftsmanship of the play begins to suggest melodrama when considered in terms of modern drama, the play affords an enormous challenge for young actors and if it succeeds should provide a highly satisfying evening of theatre. We admire its historical value as a play from and about the Victorian period, but we are much more concerned about creating a valid portrait that provides an evening of theatrical excitement through carefully detailed scenery, costumes and performances.

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Miss Juliana Tesman, his aunt	MELISSA CAREY**
Mrs. Elvsted	ANNE KANENGEISER**
Judge Brack	ROBERT KOKAI**
Eilert Loevborg	JOHN EBNER**
Bertha, a maid	BARBARA HAWKINS*

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Intermission

ACT III – Early the next morning

ACT IV – Evening

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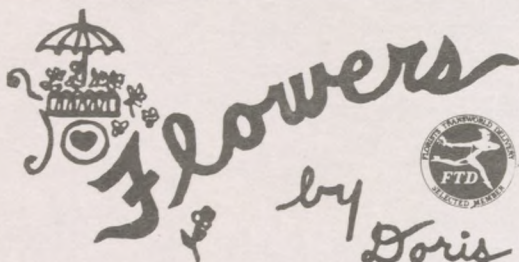
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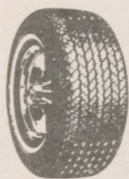
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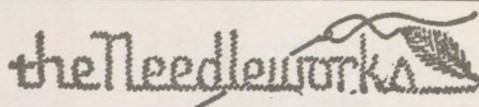
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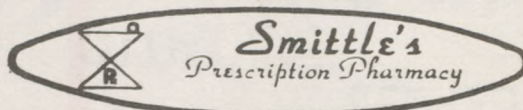
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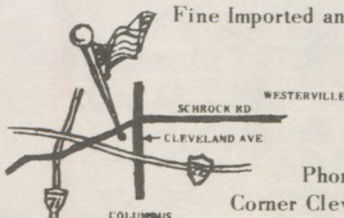
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