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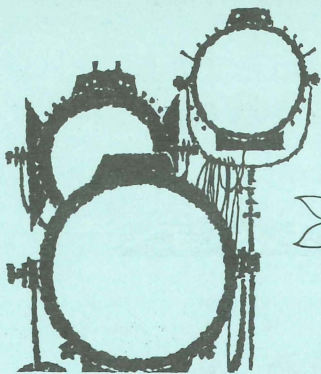
by **LUIGI PIRANDELLO**



**FEBRUARY 6-7-8-9, 1974**

**DIRECTOR – JOSEPH EPOLITO  
DESIGNER-TECHNICAL DIRECTOR – FRED J. THAYER  
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Tonight's production is Pirandello's play about six characters who were created by an author, but left incomplete. They now intrude upon a theatre rehearsal demanding that they be given life. At first, the troupe of players share their Director's view that they are mad. But as the pathetic dilemma of this wayward, disturbing family is unfolded, their reality imposes itself and commands consideration. Are they "real"? What is "real"? Is a person's role his identity? Eventually the Director and his company, you and I, are made to question some of our previously assumed certainties . . .

Joseph Epolito

## ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

JOSEPH EPOLITO is currently a doctoral candidate at Ohio State University, where he is writing on characterization in the full-length plays of the American playwright, William Inge.

A former actor, he has toured in *Look Back in Anger*, and *Tea House of the August Moon*. He has an acting background with work in television as well as on the stage. His most recent performance was the pivotal role of "Joe" in the Players Theatre, Columbus, production of *The Time of Your Life*, directed by Dr. Roy Bowen.

Mr. Epolito is a director with professional, stock, college and civic credits. Shows directed by him have included *Dark of the Moon*, *Hello Dolly*, *The Flies*, *Marathon '33*, *Canterbury Tales*, *Where's Charley*, *Merton of the Movies* and *The Tempest*. *Six Characters in Search of an Author* is his 30th production and is written by one of his favorite playwrights. Last summer, he directed *The Mousetrap* for the '73 Otterbein Summer Theatre.

He has published two one-act plays, *Ride to the Beach* and *Dark Nite of the Soul*, poetry and several theatre-journal reviews and articles. *Dark Nite* played the LaMama Theatre and then Cafe Cino in New York City. His most recent writing is as co-author with Roger Hall of another one-acter, *Roommates*.

## ANNOUNCEMENT GUEST STAR AND CHANGE OF PLAY

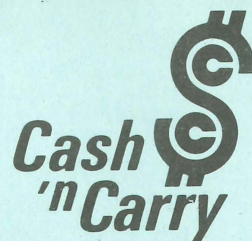
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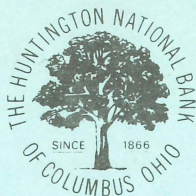
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THE STEP DAUGHTER .....	PAM HILL**
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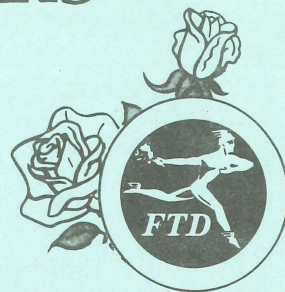


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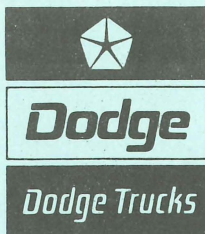
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