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Illinois State University
College of Fine Arts
Department of Theatre
presents



by Lee Breuer

ALLEN THEATRE

Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 at 8 pm
Dec. 8, 9 at 3 pm

1990

B. BEAVER ANIMATION

Director
LEE BREUER

Scenic/Lighting Designer
J. WILLIAM RUYLE

Costume Designer
LORRAINE ANDERSON*

Technical Director
DAN BROWDER

*Master of Fine Arts Candidate

The *B. Beaver Animation* was written for and created by Mabou Mines. As "performance," it was originally presented at galleries and museums, including the Whitney and The Modern in New York where it shared the "Valentine for Marcel Duchamp" program with John Cage. It has toured the US and Europe extensively.

The set for *B. Beaver Animation* is based on sculpture by Tina Girouard, adapted by Thom Cathcart.

Theme for *B. Beaver Animation*
by Jimmy Harry and Steve Peabody

Program Cover Illustration
by Kathleen Garrett Sommers

• *B. Beaver Animation* will be performed without an intermission •

CAST

B.Beaver:
JEAN SCHARFENBERG

Chorus:
TRACY A. K. FINK
CURTIS GARRETT
REGINALD C. HAYES
RONALD JIU
PAWINEE KHONGKHAKUL
PAT SIMMONS*
TODD J. WINEBURNER

PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager JENNIFER S. RUDNICKE
Assistant Director SCOTT HECKMAN*
Assistant Stage Manager LARRY WISOWATY
Properties Master TIMOTHY J. MANN
Assistant Set / Lighting Designer CARRIE BLETSCHE
Scenic Artist ARMELLA N. NEFZGER*
Master Electrician ETHAN J. GOLDSPIEL
Assistant Costume Designer ERIC WEAVER
Movement Coach JOHN SIPES
Musicians GRECHEN L. WINGERTER, ROBERT KISER
Faculty Costume Advisor. FRANK VYBIRAL

PRODUCTION CREWS

Dam Operators: Sarah Doss, Brendan Hunt, Laura Steib, Larry Wisowaty
Set Crew: Justin Bitner, Hillary Gorrell, James Lehnerer, Kurt M. Reynolds, Michele Santiago
Light Crew: Daniel Cress, Katherine Flynn, Susie Harris, Teri Plemel, Roger Miner, Thomas Naujokas, Brandon O'Neal, Harvey Robinson, Steven Wojda
Light Board Operator: Thom Thomas
Costume Crew: Dawn Flood, Corey Hardin, Lara Keero, Robert Kiser, John Schultz
Costume Crew Head: Rebecca Buscher

AMERICAN COLLEGE THEATRE FESTIVAL XXIII

Presented and produced by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
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Last year approximately 800 productions and 17,000 students participated in the American College Theatre Festival nationwide. By entering this production, our department is sharing in ACTF goals to help college theater grow and to focus attention on the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.

THEATRE STAFF

General Manager Peter Guither
Costume Shop Supervisor Beverly Norcross
Scene Shop Supervisor Dennis Mays

COSTUME SHOP — Graduate Personnel: Lorraine Anderson*, Amy Khongkhakul, Jennifer Noe*, Dagne Olsberg, Teresa S. Pruitt*, Tona Schenck*;
Undergraduate TA: Debra Kay Stier; **Undergraduate Personnel:** Dawn deRohan, Karis Frenchak, DeVona Haywood, Kelly VanKirk, Jennifer Wilson, Larry Wisowaty

SCENE SHOP — Graduate Personnel: Scott Cavin*, Troy Dunn*, Armella Nefzger*, James Stauffer, Rodney Stickrod*; **Undergraduate Personnel:** Kristi Batt, Gina Diehl, Jennifer Hamblin, Seth Hible, Angela Weber

MANAGEMENT — Box Office Managers: Kati Brazda*, Mickey DiPiero;
Marketing Director: Sarah Zwick-Tapley; **Asst. Marketing Director:** Barbara Matysik; **House Managers:** Daniel Cress, Suki Schierholz; **Asst. to the General Manager:** Eric Weaver; **Photographer:** Max Gerwick

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LEE BREUER

Illinois State Theatre is proud to welcome Lee Breuer as a guest director. Breuer attended UCLA and after graduation he joined the San Francisco Actors Workshop as a director. Moving to Europe in 1965, he studied with the Berliner Ensemble and the Polish Theatre Lab and returned to New York in 1970 to become a founding director of Mabou Mines Theatre Company. Mabou Mines is internationally acclaimed as the leading experimental theatre company of this time. With Mabou Mines, Breuer works as a director, author, adaptor, producer and performer. He conceived, adapted and directed *Gospel at Colonus*, with music by Bob Telson. *Gospel* was video-taped by PBS for the "Great Performances" series, and opened on Broadway at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre in March, 1988. Breuer has taught theatre arts at Harvard and the Yale School of Drama.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

THE B.BEAVER IS SECOND IN A SERIES OF "ANIMATIONS" OR "PERFORMANCE CARTOONS" THAT I WROTE FOR MABOU MINES IN THE DECADE OF THE SEVENTIES — THE FIRST BEING THE STORY OF A RED HORSE, AND THE THIRD OF A DOG NAMED ROSE AND HER AGING HIPPIY LOVER JOHN. THE B.BEAVER ANIMATION — AFTER 10 YEARS IN THE COMPANY'S REPERTORY — WAS, THIS SPRING, RE-CREATED FOR MABOU MINES' 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

INSPIRED BY KAFKA'S ANIMAL MONOLOGUES (SUCH AS "THE BURROW," "JACKALS AND ARABS," AND HIS MASTERPIECE "THE METAMORPHOSIS"), THE BEAVER IS A METAPHOR FOR A HUMAN ARCHETYPE — THE AGING ARTIST WITH A CREATIVE BLOCK — AN ARTIST WHOSE "FLOW" IS "ALL DAMMED UP" AND LIKE KRAPP OF BECKETT'S "KRAPP'S LAST TAPE," RETREATS INTO CYNICISM AND NOSTALGIA. AS THE BEAVER — WHO BY NOW IS "OVERINDULGING" — SPEAKS TO US, WE SEE HER SELF-DEPRECATING FANTASIES PLAYED OUT BY THE CLOWN CHORUS OF HER IMAGINATION — HER "BEAVER BROOD" — AS HER "DAMMED CREATIVITY," WHICH HAS BECOME HER CLOSED WORLD, COLLAPSES BACK INTO THE "TRASH HEAP" FROM WHENCE IT CAME.

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