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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - University Theatre's "A Song at Twilight," the second offering in its summer dinner-theatre repertory, opens on Saturday, July 11, in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room.

Written by Noel Coward, "A Song at Twilight" is a semiautobiographical play, which opened to rave reviews on Broadway 20 years ago, starring Irene Worth, Lilli Palmer and Mr. C. himself!

The action features the reunion of a famous writer and his mistress of long ago, who is an actress. To get revenge, she wants to publish some love letters he had written, but not to her. Insults fly, and self-respect and public image are at stake in this spicy comedy.

In the Theatrefest '87 production of "A Song at Twilight," Mark Serman of Struthers, a YSU history graduate, portrays Hugo, the writer, Coward's alter ego. Joan L. Claypoole of Austintown, a YSU senior voice major, is Carlotta, the actress. The role of Hilde, the writer's wife, is played by Lisa Raymond of Salem, a Denison University graduate. Paul Bigby of Warren, a Hiram College student, portrays the ubiquitous butler.

The play is directed by Elsa C. Higby of Girard, a YSU senior majoring in music and theatre. Scenery and lighting were designed by Todd W. Dicken of Columbiana, a theatre major at YSU.

Costumes are by Jane Shanabarger of Boardman, YSU instructor in Speech Communication and Theatre. Chet Domitz of Struthers, a YSU business major, is the stage manager.

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"A Song at Twilight," presented dinner-theatre style, will run on July 11, 12, 16, 17, 25, 26 and Aug. 6 and 7. Show time on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays is at 8 p.m. with buffet style dinners served at 6:30 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. with buffet style brunches served at 1 p.m.

YSU's Kilcawley Center is handicapped accessible. Parking is available in surface lots close to Kilcawley Center for \$1 on Thursdays and Fridays and is free on Saturdays and Sundays.

Admission to Theatrefest productions is by reserved seat ticket only, with paid meal reservations required at least two days in advance (by noon on Thursday for Sunday brunch).

Tickets may be reserved by calling the University Theatre Box Office (216) 742-3105. Box Office hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on performance evenings; and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on performance Sundays. Because of heavy demand for tickets, advance reservations are strongly recommended.

The price for tickets to the general public is \$15 for dinner and show on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings; \$12.50 for brunch and show on Sunday afternoons. Tickets for show only are \$7 per performance. There are special rates for non-university students, senior citizens and YSU alumni.

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