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FIU Theatre Presents

Vanities

By Jack Heifner
Directed By Danny Moraguez



Performances

FIU University Park DM-150

Nov 29 - Dec 2, 2001

Showtimes Th - Sa at 8:00 pm

Sunday Matinee at 2:00 pm

A laugh-out-loud comedy about the friendship of three small town women coming of age during the 1960's and 70's. "Unnervingly funny and fast-moving"-Newsweek

Director's Notes

I would like to welcome everyone to our production of "Vanities". The obvious goal tonight is to entertain, but a more important one is to stimulate your thoughts and your emotions. Certainly you have been on one end of the vanity stick at one point in your life. Whether you were the popular cheerleader or the nerdy band member, this show is for you. We can learn a lot about ourselves when we are on the outside looking in. In the spirit of Brechtian theatre, Jack Heifner has provided us the canvas to produce a stirring, provocative, and hilarious view of society's influence on how we turn out. Heifner intended his play to be done in a theatrical manner in which the audience is engaged yet alienated from the action. The theatre is not hidden. Instead our statement is 'you are in a theatre, what we are doing is not real, so sit back, relax and have fun.' It has been a privilege to be part of this experience. I would like to thank the actresses for putting so much energy into this play, and this process. It has been long and difficult, but their commitment never faltered. I have to thank my stage manager for being the best right hand a director ever had. And to the entire cast and crew, I can only hope this journey was as special for you as it was for me. Thank you. As students in a learning institution, it is our job to employ what our instructors have instilled in us. As an actor-turned- director (this would be my directorial debut), I acknowledge mistakes happen, and we may have made some tonight, but they must be embraced and used to make us better in the end. This opportunity has humbled and enlightened everyone involved. We are glad you can be a part of it. Let me also take this opportunity to thank the theatre faculty for all the knowledge and guidance they have provided throughout the years. And to JV, you've been a pleasant surprise and your being here makes it all the more special. Enjoy the show.

-Daniel Moraguez

FIU Theatre Presents
a Second Stage Production

Vanities

By Jack Heifner

Directed by Daniel Moraguez

Cast

KATHY.....Karen M. Garcia
MARY.....Jenni Pierre
JOANNE.....Crystal Edn

Artistic Team

Set Designer.....Rachel Carbonell
Costume Designer.....Arnold Bueso
Lighting Designer.....Lucia McArthur
Sound Designer.....Gustavo David Ortiz
Promotion Designer.....Daniel Suarez

Production Staff

Stage Manager.....Cindy Cu
Assistant Stage Manager.....Hikmat Kilzi, Irma Reyes
Assistant Lighting Designer.....Irma Reyes
Light Board Operator.....Jacquelyn Joyce
Sound Board Operator.....Megan Teske
Prop Master.....Matt Szymanski
Prop Construction.....Julia LaVault, Dana Cohen
Wigs and Makeup.....Rosy Morales
Costume Crew.....Minette Perez, Marina Pareja
Set Crew Supervisor..... Rachel Carbonell, Marion Toscano
Set Crew.....Meshawn Arnold, Lauren Hardie, Minette Perez
Paint Crew.....Larae Brown, Gina Piedra, Alma Suarez, Ivan Lopez
Light Prep.....Kris Cardenas
House Staff.....Olga Christodoulou, Daniel Gutierrez
Giselle Melendez

Acknowledgements

"Vanities" is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

From the Company

Crystal Edn (JOANNE) would like to thank all the theatre department students for the incredible amount of support they have given this Second Stage production. She also thanks her dialect coach "LoneStar". That said, Crystal is a still double major in History and Theatre at FIU. Last year, she was seen as Rennie in "The Most Massive Woman Wins" for She's Got Issues and was assistant stage manager for "Electra" at New Theatre. She hopes everyone enjoys this production as much as she has enjoyed working on it. *Love you, Cops.*

Karen M. Garcia (KATHY) has returned to FIU to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Theatre. She received her first degree from FIU in 1994. (B.A. in Liberal Studies with a minor in Political Science) After several years of working in sales and marketing, she started her own sign company in Doral. This year she decided to leave the business in her partner's hands and pursue her dream of having a career in the theatre. This is her first semester in the department and her first performance in a play. Karen would like to thank the entire company for making this a memorable experience.

Jenni Pierre (MARY) is once again delighted to be working on a Second Stage Production. She made her acting debut with FIU Theatre last Spring, when she played the role of Midge in "Dinner with Durang". Jenni has also been seen in MadCat Production's "Helluva Halloween" where she portrayed Prudence. Along with acting, she also enjoys being involved in Production work and because of her love for Children's Theatre, recently helped direct "West Side Story" at Glades Middle School. Jenni is very grateful to Danny for giving her this wonderful opportunity to expand as an actress. She would like to thank the girls for making this show a memorable one. She also thanks the crew and La Heva, as well as her mother for being understanding, Jamil for being such a great person and the Loo's for coming to see the show. She would also like to add CINDY CU Rocks!

Cindy Cu (Stage Manager) would like to thank the Director and the entire cast for their patience and understanding as this is her first show as a stage manager. Cindy would also like to extend a special thanks to Abel Cornejo, Ana Andreu, Arnold Bueso and her family for their influence and guidance. She looks forward to a continued and loving relationship with theatre...sorry Javier!