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To direct a play by Maxim Gorky in these times is a challenge for many reasons.

First, because he is a playwright and playwrights love words. This is their artistic tool, the same way the actor has his body and the musician his instrument. Yet today we live in a world in which the auditory element of the performance sinks into oblivion when placed against the powerful images of our society of spectacle.

Then, the length of the play. Here again other forms of art and entertainment have reduced the capacity of attention and interest of the spectator, forcing the drama to abandon its original scope.

Moreover we face the problem of our distance from the time and space of the original play. How to keep a story written a hundred years ago still relevant for a contemporary audience? How to grasp the peculiarities of a Russian play like the many nicknames the characters use for each other or the sudden changes of emotional states?

Philistines was Gorky's first dramatic work. By that time he was a famous writer who was considered subversive by the Tsarist regime. The government tried to censor the play so fiercely that Konstantin Stanislavsky commented in a letter about the Moscow Art Theatre tour of Philistines: “we might have thought [the police] were preparing for a battle, not a dress rehearsal.”

Nevertheless, the strength and clarity of his characters and situations supersedes all the obstacles, (coupled with how boring it is for a theater director to stage a perfect play). Philistines reminds us that there is still a lot to be done if we want to achieve a world less hypocritical and unfair, and instead more beautiful and human.

THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER
DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & DANCE
PRESENTS:

PHILISTINES

by Maxim Gorky
translated by Dusty Hughes

Directed by
P.R. Berton

Adapted by
P.R. Berton and Andrew Metzroth

Scenic Designer
MALIA MYERS

Costume Designer
CHLOE COOK

Lighting Designer
KERRY CRIBE

Sound Designer
NATHAN SPURGEON

Dramaturg
ANDREW METZROTH

Faculty Advisor
OLIVER GERLAND

Cast of Characters

Besselmenov
Mickey Alpert

Tatiana
Caroline Barry

Pyotr
Matthew Weston Beard

Nl
Evan Duggan

Tetroev
Graham Guilmette Emmons

Tsveteva/Old Woman
Kristy Gray

Illya
Barret Harper

Perchikin
Mick Lambuth

Shishkin/Doctor
Daniel Leonhard

Stepanida
Passion Lyons

Akulina
Jessica Colleen Robinson

Polya
Brittany Lynn Wolff

PHILISTINES will be played with one intermission.

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