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Add to those the RSC Les Misérables at the Palace, which with Cats and Chess and Starlight and now his triumphant Glyndebourne Percy & Nell means that Trevor Nunn has more hit musicals in simultaneous production than any other director on either side of the Atlantic in recent stage history.

But in fact there are signs of life in the straight theatre as well. With Jack Lemmon now making his London stage debut at the Haymarket in Jonathan Miller's speeded-up Broadway version of Long Day's Journey Into Night, Paul Schofield at the Apollo in another if more light-hearted Broadway borrowing (the park-bench comedy I'm Not Rappaport), Alec McCowen in T.S. Eliot's The Cocktail Party at the Phoenix (mercifully not being advertised as "by the author of Cats"), Faye Dunaway in Cinerie and Bravo at Wyndhams and Joan Plowright and Glenda Jackson in Lorcâ's House of Bernarda Alba at the Lyric Hammersmith, the commercial theatre cannot be said to have abandoned itself entirely to orchestras.

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To escape the Germans advancing on Paris, Jacobowsky buys a car he can’t drive. The Colonel, enlisted as chauffeur, insists on taking them behind enemy lines to rescue his beloved Mariamne, and the episodic scenes which Behrman wrote in the manner of a screenplay then follow their picaraque adventures on the way to a British naval escape. But there is also here the story of a tight-lipped aristocratic military bully being humanized by the little man forever coming to his rescue.

Nigel Hawthorne as the Colonel and Geoffrey Hutchings as Jacobowsky form a marvelous double-act, with Gemma Craven as the girl they fight over until the arrival of some real enemies led by Frank Lazarus as an infinitely sinister Gestapo officer with a lisping accent. The other stars here are Saul Radomsky’s stunning sets.

Twenty years on from its Broadway premiere, Cabaret returns to London in a new production by Gillian Lynne which comes as a reminder of the best of the Kander & Ebb scores while underlining the show’s resilience as well as its problems. Cabaret has always been a director’s musical, but the fact that talents as hugely different as those of Hal Prince (on stage here and in New York) and Bob Fosse (on film) could both make it quintessentially their own thing suggests that it is possible for anyone to come to the cabaret and take away from it almost anything they like. The origins of Joe Masteroff’s book are themselves somewhat various. Essentially Cabaret is based on Christopher Isherwood’s stories of Berlin in 1930, but only as filtered through John van Druten’s play 1 Am a Camera which had lengthy runs on both sides of the Atlantic 30 years ago, despite the famous “Me no Leica” review.

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with papers vital to the Polish govern-
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insists on taking them behind enemy
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wrote in the manner of a screenplay then
follow their picaresque adventures on the
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is also here the story of a tight-lipped
aristocratic military bully being
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arrival of some real enemies led by Frank
Lazarus as an infinitely sinister Gestapo
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miere, Cabaret returns to London in a new
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as a reminder of the best of the Kander
& Ebb scores while underlining the
show's resilience as well as its problems.
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musical, but the fact that talents are happily
different as those of Hal Prince (on stage
here and in New York) and Bob Fosse (on
film) could both make it quintessentially
their own thing suggests that it is possible
for anyone to come to the cabaret and
take away from it almost anything they
like. The origins of Joe Masteroff's book
are themselves somewhat various. Essen-
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 Isherwood's stories of Berlin in 1930, but
only as filtered through John van Druten's
play I Am a Camera which had lengthy
runs on both sides of the Atlantic 30 years
ago, despite the famous "Me no Leica"
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My purpose here is to assert and to examine the close interrelationship between economics and the arts—to risk the charge of philistinism by artists and esotericism by economists in asserting that there is an important, necessary and reciprocally advantageous relationship between the two.

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I begin with art as capital stock. In recent times, notably in the last ten years, art has become a major object of investment. Competing with those who advise on investment in stocks, bonds and real estate—and rivalling them in both self-confidence and frequent incompetence—are those who advise on investment in objets d'art. Once the man of wealth went to the counting house of his bank safety deposit box to view the results of his financial acumen. Now very often he looks at his walls.

I see no great or solemn problems in this development as regards either the artist or the investor. Much of this investment goes to building up the capital values in established works of art. The rewards accrue, alas, not to artists but often fortuitously to those who inherited or otherwise possessed paintings, sculpture and the like. But something, in the manner of President Reagan's trickle-down effect in economic policy, does accrue to the established painter or sculptor; and some high-risk capital goes to the man or woman who still has a reputation to make or is trying something new. This is good.

It is my strong feeling that the adverse effect of money on artists has been greatly exaggerated; the cases of Raphael, Titian, Michelangelo and, ultimately, Leonardo and of others from Rubens down to Picasso show that great art can overcome the perils of great personal wealth. Nor is there need to reserve much concern for the investors. While some will gain, others will suffer loss. It is a well-established feature of our economic system that fools and their money are regularly separated. We should encourage investment in art and the arts and worry not at all about enrichment of the artists or the losses to investors.

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DREW ESHELMAN attended A.C.T.'s Advanced Training Program in 1972-73, and first appeared in the company in The Ringing Class, as well as in numerous student productions. He was seen in the extended local run of Cloud Nine at the Eureka! Memorial and Alcazar theatres, played a featured role in films The Right Stuff and Magnum Force, and made television appearances on Shannon and Partners in Crime. Other major stage productions in which he appeared were Hamlet at the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival and The Tempest and The Taming of the Shrew at San Diego's Old Globe Theatre. Additionally, Mr. Eshelman was a member of the original cast and in the Los Angeles revival of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's

RICHARD GARVIN joins the A.C.T. company this season, which includes the company and the museum's publicist in Sunday in the Park with George. During six years at the F.C.P.A. Theatrefest in Santa Maria/Solvang he appeared as Captain Von Trapp in The Sound of Music, Falcon in Doctor Zhivago, Gilbert Marshall in The Big Family, Creon in Medea, the Migrant Worker/Sailor in Working and as Senator Morgan in Indians, under the direction of Lard Williamson. A graduate of the training program led by Donovan Marley at P.C.P.A., Mr. Garvin has also appeared at the Lincoln Summer Theatre and The Western Stage, where he appeared in Romeo and Juliet, As You Like It and J. Steven

Claudia Rose Golde joins the company this season to appear in Sunday in the Park with George. She is a graduate of the Advanced Training Program at the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York, where she performed such roles as Ruth in All Summer Long, Edna in Waiting for Lefty and Lavinia in Mourning Becomes Electra. Miss Golde has appeared with P.C.P.A. Theatrefest as Birdie Sweeney in Anything Goes, Nancy in Oliver, Marta in Company and Mary Magdalene in Jesus Christ Superstar. Other theatre credits include Eurydice in Orpheus and America for the Theatre for the New City in N.Y.C., Ada Annie in Oklahoma for Woodminster in Oakland and Phoebe in Yeoman of the Guard for the Lamplighters. Miss Golde has recently returned from the European Tour of Show Boat where she performed the role of Ellie May Chipley.

Timothy Greer joins the company this year to appear in Sunday in the Park with George, A Christmas Carol and Faustus in Hell. A third-year student in the Advanced Training Program, his studio performances include the roles of Angelo in Measure for Measure, Friar Lawrence in Romeo and Juliet, Satan in Holiday and Jude Emerson in Lydia Breze. While a member of the Texas-based Park Boulevard Players, he appeared in Black Comedy, Godspell, Once Upon a Mattress and The Misanthrope. Mr. Greer holds B.F.A. in acting from the University of Texas/Austin.

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JOHN ROBERTSON returns to A.C.T. to appear in Sunday in the Park with George. His previous credits with the company include roles in the productions of The Winter’s Tale and Sammerfick, directed by Dakin Matthews and Jim Edmondson respectively, and the Geary Theatre production of Richard II. Most recently, he has appeared with the Denver Center Theatre Company in Hamlet, Don Juan and Laird Williamson’s Pericles. He has also worked with Mr. Williamson on All’s Well that Ends Well, Twelfth Night and Blood Wedding at the P.C.F.A. Theatrefest, in addition to appearing in P.C.F.A. productions of The Good Woman of Setzuan, directed by Elizabeth Huddie, Lawrence Hecht’s Major Barbara and Allen Fletcher’s The School for Scandal.

JEFF KELLER last played the role of George on Broadway, in Sunday in the Park with George. After creating the role of Sam in the hit musical A.C.T.’s 15th season, he recently appeared as Billy in the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera production of Anything Goes. Mr. Keller made his Broadway debut in Harold Prince’s Candide and went on to play Perchik with Zero Mostel in Fiddler on the Roof. Other Broadway credits include On the Twentieth Century, The Roast, One Night Stand, Dance a Little Closer and The 1940’s Radio Hour, for which he received a Drama Desk nomination. Off-Broadway he played the villain Barnaby in Charlotte Street. Along with many regional credits at Arena Stage, Kennedy Center, American Stage Festival, Kansas City Lyric Opera and Alliance Theatre, he played Tony in the Hamburg State Opera production of West Side Story. His television appearances include numerous soap operas, talk shows and commercials.

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LIAM O'BRIEN recently came to the attention of Bay Area audiences for his performance as Billy in the acclaimed production of Alan Bower's Sharon and Billy at the Maglic Theatre. Closing after six months and 150 performances, Sharon and Billy became the longest running show in the twenty year history of the Magic. Other local performances include Douglas in The Conclave at the First at Theatre Rhinoceros, Dwight in The Singing Bear at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre and the male understudy in Three Penny Opera at the Eureka Theatre. In two summers at P.C.F.A. Theatrefest he was seen in Fiddler on the Roof, Medea, The Suicide, Camelot and Machet, which was directed by the late Alan Fletcher. Further credits include Hero in A Funny Thing Happened... Andos in Philemon, and the title role in Pippin. Mr. O'Brien received his training at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and the Drama Studio in London in Berkeley.

former, she has served as the national media spokesperson for Ringling Bros-Barnum and Bailey, for which she has also performed as a dancer as well as a featured singer — the only female voice ever heard in "The Greatest Show on Earth." In addition to having the distinction of being featured soloist for the National and American League Baseball Organizations, she was Artist in Residence for the State of Alaska Concert Series for three years. Alice Lynn is a graduate in music of California State University at Hayward.
the Stars, where she played Snow White for five years, in order to complete her training at A.C.T. While a student, she performed leading roles in Heartbreak House, The Winter’s Tale, Dinner at Eight and Artichoke. In addition to commercial film and television work, Miss Padilla, a Cupertino native, has appeared with the San Jose Civic Light Opera in Oliver under the direction of Michael Lue, and in Theodore Bikel’s production of Fiddler on the Roof.

DOUGLAS SILLS returns to A.C.T. as a company member following a one-year hiatus. After receiving his Bachelor’s degree from the University of Maine in Ann Arbor, Mr. Sills enrolled in the Advanced Training Program at A.C.T. and completed his studies in 1965 when he appeared in Macbeth. He is now a Master of Fine Arts candidate. While a student at A.C.T., Mr. Sills performed leading roles in productions of Dinner at Eight, Major Barbara, The Seagull and The Winter’s Tale. At other resident theatres he has performed leading roles in Mrs. Warren’s Profession, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, A Streetcar Named Desire, and The Cherry Orchard at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C.

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LANNY STEPHENS is a new company member, a third year student in the Advanced Training Program. While at A.C.T., she performed in the productions of Othello, Three Sisters, Dorine in Tartuffe, Cowperg in King Lear and Marta Boll in The Physicists. She has appeared as leading roles in a number of productions. She is a member of the University of Texas/Austin with a B.A. in Drama. Miss Stephens has also appeared at the Golden Theatre. The company has had no productions of Texas Summer Repertory Theatre and in several university mainstage productions.

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vang in the Hartman Family Series of Shakespearean Productions. Other San Francisco credits include work as a pianist in the recent production of The Taming of the Shrew. The New York-based designer has also assisted in theatre and film in New York and Los Angeles, most recently as Aggie Rogers' assis-
tant on Batteries Not Included. Her association with Robert Blackman began six years ago as his assistant at PCPA and the Alhambra. Ms. Hanafin has an M.F.A. in theatre design from NYU.

DEREK DUARTE (Lighting) returns to A.C.T. for a second season as resident lighting designer after designing several productions last season, including Opera Comique and Passion Play. Most recently Mr. Duarte designed lighting for The Nightingale at Berkeley Repertory Theatre. His work has been seen at Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, San Jose Rep, Berkeley Shakespeare Festival, the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland and at the Kennedy Cen-
ter in Washington, D.C. His recent credits include an M.F.A. in theatre technology from U.C.L.A.

THE REGISTER MARK (Multi-Image Production) in a first time association with the American Conservatory Theatre produced the multi-image segment of 'Sunday in the Park with George.' Since 1973, the group of professional communicators has provided effective solutions to commercial communications problems of cor-
porations, advertising firms and non-profit organizations within the Bay Area. The compa-
ny has received numerous national and local awards for their productions which focus on product introductions, sales and training and public relations. Their success is based on a simple philosophy: to develop and create a multi-image production that works. Equipment for the multi-image segment was provided by Rainbow Park, San Francisco, suppliers of audio visual equipment and services.

JAMES HAIRE (Production Manager) began his career on Broadway with The Art of Shelly, Gellennie's National Repertory Theatre. Among the productions he managed were The Madman of Chaillot with the artistry of Sylivia Sydney and Leona Darn, The Rivals, John Brown's Body. She Steeps to Conquer and A Comedy of Errens. Mr. Haire also stage managed on the Broadway productions of Georgia, a new musical by Carole Bayer Sager at the Winter Garden Theatre, and Miss Saigon Drinks a Little with Julie Harris and Estelle Parsons, at the Al Hirschfeld Theatre.

EUGENE BARNONE (Stage Manager) is a charter member of A.C.T. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the famed Red Diamond Church in Europe with the Army. Mr. Barcone has directed for the Play-in-Progress program and directed the televised adaptations of Cymbeline, The Taming of the Shrew and A Christmas Carol. Recently he celebrated his 60th production with A.C.T.

KAREN VAN ZANDT (Stage Manager), now in her eighth season at A.C.T., has stage managed company productions of A Christmas Carol, The Stepping Prince, The Matchmaker's Boundaries, Electra and Another Part of the Forest. She has also worked at the Marines Memorial Theatre as production stage manager and at the Chaminade Resort, with Cary Churchill and Greater Tuna at the Alca-

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Lighting by
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Multi-Image Presentation by
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Movement Coaching by
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Wigs and Hair by
John Loschmann

Rick Echoles

The Cast

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Ruth Kobart

her Nurse
Gina Ferrall

Robert Jacobs

Frantz, a coachman
Drew Eschelman

Yvonne, his wife
Elizabeth Padilla

Louise, their daughter
Amy Hyde

Bathers
Liam O’Brien,

a Boatman
Douglas Stills, Amy Hyde

the Iollies Gentleman
Lawrence Hecht

Celeste I
Robert Jacobs

Celeste II
Anne Buchelmann

shangirls
Alice Lynn

Frieda, a housemaid
Mary Jo McConnell

Louis, a baker
Claudia Rose Golde

a Soldier
Douglas Stills

Richard Butterfield

Richard R. Garvin

Mr. 
Mary Jo McConnell

an American couple
Lannyl Stephens*

Mrs.
James Meade

a Hornplayer
Richard R. Garvin

a Man in the park
Mary Jo McConnell

a Woman in the park
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ACT-16

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ORCHESTRA

Concert Mistress - Adrienne Blackshere; Violin - Walter Ayers; Viola - Betty London; Cello - Diane Coffman; Piano - Carl Danielsen; Synthesizer - Donald Westcoat; Harp - Michael Rado; French Horn-Stuart Gronningen; Woodwinds - Bob Kuhl, Tony Pagano, Percussion - Tom Duckworth.

UNDERSTUDIES

George—Douglas Sills; Dot—Marie—Alice Lynn; Old Lady—Bei—Gina Ferrall; Nurse, Frieda, Mrs., Naomi—Lannyl Stephens; Franz—Louis—Liam O’Brien; Iules, Soldier, Mr., Greentree—James Meade; Yrno—Claudia Rose Golde; Boatman, Redmond—Richard R. Garvin; Celeste I, Celeste II—Mary Jo McConnell; Louise, Bather—Ashara M. Rowe; Hornpiper, Dennis—Timothy Greer; Harriet, Betty—Elizabeth Padilla; Alex, Billy, Randolph—Richard Butterfield

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Color and Light

Geoogy

The Day Off

George and Company

Everybody Loves Louis

Finishing the Hat

We Do Not Belong Together

Beautiful

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INTERMISSION

ACT II

It's Hot Up Here

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Children and Art

Lesson #8

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I do not minimize the role of technological achievement. I wish that more of it were directed to raising the excellence of our civilian products, less to the weaponry that promises the destruction of all civilian life and, let us not doubt, our whole artistic heritage as well. But we must cease to suppose that science and the resulting technological achievement are the only edge of industrial advance. Beyond science and engineering is, once again, the artist; he or she is not only a growing part of national product, willingly or unwillingly the artist is also vital for ordinary industrial progress in the modern world.

The basic point is a simple one, and it applies to the widest range of industrial products: After utility comes design; after things work well, people want them to look well. And design depends not alone on the availability of artists; it invokes the depth and quality of the whole artistic tradition. It is on this that modern industrial success comes to depend.

Proof is wonderfully evident once we learn to look for it. One of the miracles of modern industrial achievement has been in Italy. Since World War II, Italy has gone from one seemingly public disaster to another with one of the highest rates of economic growth of any country in the Western industrial world. No one has explained this by citing the superiority of Italian engineering or Italian science. Or her industrial management. Or the precision of Italian government policy and administration. Or the discipline and cooperativeness of the Italian unions. Italy has been an economic success over the last 35 years because Italian design is better—because its products appeal more deeply to artistic taste. And Italian design reflects, in turn, the superb commitment of Italy to artistic excellence extending over the centuries and continuing down to the present day. Such is the role of the artist in the Italian achievement.

The Italian case is only the most vivid. The industries of Paris, New York and London—textile and furniture design, building construction, dress manufacture, advertising, filmmaking and theatre—all survive in these otherwise economically inhospitable surroundings because of their juxtaposition to the arts. And there is ample indication that they survive better, in consequence—are less vulnerable both to the competition of the new lands and the devastation of modern economic policy—than the solid industrial establishments of traditional economic achieve-
port to the arts is not less than that for any other aspect of economic life. Such education and support serve equally the standard of living; they have increasing relevance to the growth in the Gross National Product. This will never be present in the advocacy of the industrialist—or the engineer or the scientist. Required is a strong, responsible expression by artists and all concerned with the arts.

One of the central themes of the Festival is the relation of artistic achievement to orthodox industrial development. It is not the wholly harmless vanity of the scientist and the engineer, as just mentioned, that they are on the cutting edge of modern industry. It is the scientist and the engineer who open the way to new lines of economic activity; it is they who achieve the improvements that make possible the progress and survival of established industry. In the older industrial countries we look with despair on the state of our older industry. And we look with hope on that which incorporates the new and higher technology. That is where our salvation lies.

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exist with a strong artistic tradition.

Nor is this all. The artistic tradition preserves and cultivates an important form of economic enterprise, the small nonbureaucratic firm. The artist, it has long been known, fits badly into organi-
ization. He is the obverse of the organization man. A professor who is resistant to the academic discipline and mold, I’ve long noticed, is always described as “too much of an artist.” In consequence, those industries that have an artistic orientation tend to be small; again a large part of the Italian success in these last 35 years has been of small artistically oriented firms.

An important weakness of the modern industrial economy, as increasing num-
bers are beginning to notice, is traceable to the unsolved problem of great organization—the immobility and fre-
quent inefficiency of the modern great private and public bureaucracy and its tendency to measure intelligence by whatever is being done, excellence by what most resembles what is already there. The arts preserve a smaller, more flexible form of enterprise. My friend and one time colleague, the late Fritz Schumacher, made memorable the phrase, “Small is Beautiful.” It could equally be “Beautiful is Small.”

I return to summarize: Art in its diverse forms is an important part of our eco-
nomic life; its share in economic product increases inductively with increasing well-
being; economic progress would be a dull, tedious and pedestrian thing were this not so. I am deeply sensitive to the feelings of the artist who is appalled to discover that he is a component of the Gross National Product. But hard econ-
omic truth, even against art, must pre-
vail. And, finally, it is on the artistic tradition not less than on engineering and scientific excellence that economic secu-
rity and progress depend. Those commu-
nities that are richest in their artistic tradition are also those that are most progressive in their economic perfor-
maince and; I think, most resilient and secure in their economic structure.

I have said that, given his contribution to economic life, the artist is no less en-
titled to speak on economic matters than the engineer, scientist or the industrial executive or entrepreneur. He or she is also a contributor and participant. But it is not only the right but the obligation of the artist to take a much stronger and more self-confident position on public issues affecting and supporting the arts than in the past.

The time has come when artists can no-
longer tolerate or defend this escape from responsibility—for that, in part, is what it is. There is no reason why the artist cannot have a serious and effectively expressed view of his relationship to modern economic life and act as to express that responsibility.

By his economic contribution the artist has earned the right to speak on behalf of his own rewarding interest. He must now recognize the need to do so. His position will always be inferior for so long as he leaves it to other, presumably less prac-
tual men to represent him to the pub-
lc and the government. As I hope will be evident from my argument, the avowedly practical men do not easily understand the contribution of the artist in modern economic society.

To have intertwined economics with art as I have done here will not be applauded by all economists or all artists. As economists, our commitment is to steel billets, bolts and tonnage. It is not the world of Rembrandt, Andy Warhol or Aaron Copland. And for artists the nexus is even worse. The artist sees himself in the service of an even higher master than Adam Smith or Karl Marx. But in this world one cannot wholly avoid guilt by association; the association between art and economics is now for all to see who would see.
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An important weakness of the modern industrial economy, as increasing numbers are beginning to notice, is traceable to the unsolved problem of great organization—of the immobility and frequent inefficiency of the modern great private and public bureaucracy and its tendency to measure intelligence by whatever is being done, excellence by what most resembles what is already there. The arts preserve a smaller, more flexible form of enterprise. My friend and one time colleague, the late Fritz Schumacher, made memorable the phrase, "Small is Beautiful." It could equally be "Beautiful is Small."

I return to summarize: Art in its diverse forms is an important part of our economic life; its share in economic product increases inductively with increasing well-being; economic progress would be a dull, tedious and pedestrian thing were this not so. I am deeply sensitive to the feelings of the artist who is appalled to discover that he is a component of the Gross National Product. But hard economic truth, even against art, must prevail. And, finally, it is on the artistic tradition not less than on engineering and scientific excellence that economic security and progress depend. Those communities that are richest in their artistic tradition are also those that are most progressive in their economic performance and, I think, most resilient and secure in their economic structure.

I have said that, given his contribution to economic life, the artist is no less entitled to speak on economic matters than the engineer, scientist or the industrial executive or entrepreneur. He or she is also a contributor and participant. But it is not only the right but the obligation of the artist to take a much stronger and more self-confident position on public issues affecting and supporting the arts than in the past.

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By his economic contribution the artist has earned the right to speak on behalf of his own rewarding interest. He must now recognize the need to do so. His position will always be inferior for so long as he leaves it to others, presumably more practical men to represent him to the public and the government. As I hope will be evident from my argument, the avowedly practical men do not easily understand the contribution of the artist in modern economic society.

To have interwoven economics with art as I have done here will not be applauded by all economists or all artists. As economists, our commitment is to steel billets, bolts and tonnage. It is not the world of Rembrandt, Andy Warhol or Aaron Copland. And for artists the nexus is even worse. The artist sees himself in the service of an even higher master than Adam Smith or Karl Marx. But in this world one cannot wholly avoid guilt by association; the association between art and economics is now for all to see who would see.
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Opening November 4 in the Magic's Southside Theatre is Visions of Beckett, an evening of theatre pieces by Samuel Beckett, the most enigmatic and admired of writers currently producing work for the stage. Directing the quartet of plays that make up this program is Stan Geonaltski, a noted Beckett interpreter who has worked closely with the reclusive Nobel laureate on the Paris premieres of many of his plays in recent years. Ohio Impromptu, Theatre I, What Where and The Old Tune are the pieces to be performed through December 14.

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PREVIEW
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RETURN TO THE MAGIC
Aunt Dan and Lemon is the play many people think should have received the Pulitzer Prize last year. In the forceful drama, which opens the Magic Theatre's new season on October 15, a young English girl recalls the eye-opening and altogether unsentimental education she received under the tutelage of her "Aunt Dan," a family friend and Oxford professor. Auntie Danielle is nothing if not opinionated in her pedantry and her pupil Leonora could hardly be more receptive to the rigorous training being offered her. Though the conversations between Aunt Dan and Lemon, to which we are privy in a series of flashbacks, are wide-ranging and possessed of their fair quotient of gossip, they somehow always end up fixed on issues of morality and ethical conduct. Aunt Dan has some rather unconventional notions of the lengths to which society may go to protect its interests and Lemon, who now passes her time reading about Nazi atrocities, takes from her teacher — and history — lessons both shocking and seductive. The conclusions arrived at by playwright Wallace Shawn in this cunningly crafted piece challenge contemporary society's moral complacency by daring to give its demons their due.

Opening November 4 in the Magic's Southside Theatre is Visions of Beckett, an evening of theatre pieces by Samuel Beckett, the most enigmatic and admired of writers currently producing work for the stage. Directing the quartet of plays that make up this program is Stan Grontarski, a noted Beckett interpreter who has worked closely with the reclusive Nobel laureate on the Paris premieres of many of his plays in recent years. Ohio Impromptu, Theatre I, What Where and The Old Tune are the pieces to be performed through December 14.

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Those who recall with affection the old Golden Eagle Restaurant on Front Street will be pleased to know that it's been resurrected by owner John Hadley. It's no longer downtown, but at 2721 Hyde St. (phone: 771-5229), a few yards from the Buena Vista Cafe. The new quarters are cheerful and cozy — quite a change from the Golden Eagle's cavernous last location in the high-rent Embarcadero Center. After Hadley closed it down, he went about looking for a more reasonably-priced site.

Golden Eagle fans should enjoy the new place, since the old specialties have remained intact, and the feeling of good, honest American home cooking prevails. The Caesar salad ($3.75) is still first-rate, as are the scallops with spinach au gratin ($6.50). The main courses include the Front Street Steak, with ground chuck and cheddar cheese ($7.75), Chicken San Joaquin, with olives, tomatoes and shal- lots ($8), Beef Vinaigrette ($8) and Fisherman's Prawns, done with orange, garlic and butter ($11.75).
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What I liked most about Goodwin's varied menu were the starters. Going with a group, I was able to taste the smoked prawns with mango and ginger vinaigrette ($7.95), chicken and basil potstickers ($4.95), Maryland lump crab cakes with vegetable slaw ($6.95), charred raw tuna with jicama salad ($5.95), and lemon fettucine with scallops and tarragon ($6.60). However, the rest of the menu was disappointing, like a Chinese chicken salad ($7.95) with more rice noodles and Napa cabbage than chicken, and a grilled yellow-fin tuna ($13.95) that came with an inappropriate pineapple salsa. Among the desserts, the lemon and pistachio tartlet ($3.50) deserved high marks.

Those who recall with affection the old Golden Eagle Restaurant on Front Street will be pleased to know that it's been resurrected by owner John Hadley. It's no longer downtown, but at 2721 Hyde St. (phone: 771-6229), a few yards from the Buena Vista Cafe. The new quarters are cheerful and cozy—quite a change from the Golden Eagle's cavernous last location in the high-rent Embarcadero Center. After Hadley closed it down, he went about looking for a more reasonably-priced site.

Golden Eagle fans should enjoy the new place, since the old specialties have remained intact, and the feeling of good, honest American home cooking prevails. The Caesar salad ($3.75) is still first-rate, as are the scallops with spinach au gratin ($6.50). The main courses include the Front Street Steak, with ground chuck and cheddar cheese ($7.75), Chicken San Joaquin, with olives, tomatoes and shallots ($8), Beef Vinaigrette ($8) and Fisherman's Prawns, done with orange, garlic and butter ($11.75).
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VINTAGE READING

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It is easier to say what this book isn't than what it is. It is not an encyclopedia, although it has the size and heft of one. Forty-four wine authorities from diverse fields have contributed 53 articles but it is not a true anthology. Nor does it contain tasting notes that would have been out-dated even as this volume reached the booksellers.

Following a preface, "Wine is Life," by M.F.K. Fisher and an essay on "California Wine from an International View" by Hugh Johnson, both fully up to your expectations, ten sections cover such diverse topics as the history of the wine in California, cultivation practices, wine-making techniques, the varietals, wine's legal and political history, economic perspectives and "evaluations."

Most likely of greatest interest would be the section on the varietals led off by Gerald Asher's insightful essay on Cabernet Sauvignon, its past and its ever-changing present. It should be required reading before one expounds upon the differences between the Bordeaux and the California approach to the grape.

Forrest Tancer tackles the problem of Pinot Noir with an admirable effort at clarifying why this is the most difficult of all wines to produce. He reminds us that not all Burgundian efforts are successful. I would add that some are not even recognizable as Pinot Noir. While a few wineries have given up on the varietal, the challenge of its potential for greatness has kept a dedicated core of winemakers in pursuit of the goal, or, Grail, of the true believers.

The bookwork "legendary" is justifiably used when mentioning Stony Hill's wines, all white varietals: Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer and White Riesling. The actual tasting of any of these requires the generosity of a friend who is on the mailing list of current offerings, an annual list that itself has a waiting list to get on. Eleanor McGuire, who, with her late husband, began the planting of Stony Hill's vineyards high on the westward hills of Napa Valley in 1948, has contributed a graceful treatise on Chardonnay, a must-read for every lover of this wine.

Another great lady of California wine, Jean Wente of the Livermore Valley winery founded by her late husband's family, begins her chapter: "California Sauvignon Blanc is always being discovered, forlorn luxury permitted by the grape's hundred years of history in the state and dictated by the uncompromising character of its wines." Flowing as easily as any
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One hundred years of winemaking in California is this book's subject. It is a long and storied period, one that has seen the rise and fall of numerous wineries, the migration of European immigrants to the California vineyards, and the development of the state's wine industry into what it is today.

The book is divided into three parts: The Early Years, The Middle Years, and The Modern Years. Each part is further divided into chapters that focus on specific aspects of California wine history, such as the role of women in winemaking or the influence of European immigrants on the industry.

The writing is clear and concise, with a wealth of facts and figures that make for an engaging read. The authors use a variety of sources, including interviews with winemakers and historians, to create a well-rounded picture of California wine.

Overall, the Book of California Wine is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of wine in California. It is well-researched, well-written, and a joy to read.
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