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-Lic. Adolfo López Mateos, 1964

# CHAMIZAL NATIONAL MEMORIAL



26<sup>TH</sup> SIGLO DE ORO DRAMA FESTIVAL

Monday March 5, 2001 8:00 p.m.

Teatro Corsario
Valladolid, Spain

El gran teatro del mundo
By
Pedro Calderón de la Barca
Directed by Fernando Urdiales



### Cast

El Autor Pedro Vergara Luis Miguel García El Mundo Jesús Peña El Rev Olga Mansilla La Religión Susana Andrés La Ley de Gracia Rosa Manzano La Hermosura Francisco González El Rico Javier Semprún El Labrador Fernando Urdiales El Pobre Un Niño Teresa Lázaro Susana Andrés Una Voz

## The World's Greatest Theater

## **SYNOPSIS**

#### I. Prelude in heaven

- 1. The Divine Author puts the World in charge of presenting a theatrical piece in which Mankind is to be represented.
- 2. The World presents a report about its creation and what will become of the History of Humanity.
- 3. All the performers appear and the Author distributes their roles; the King, Beauty, Discretion, Poverty, Childhood, Laborer and Rich Man. Not all of them are happy with their roles. The Author, after introducing the outline, which is the law of grace, sets them free to do as they please.
- 4. The performers ask the World for their attributes and the World gives the attributes to them.

## II. Life is a comedy

1. Mankind enters one by one through the door of birth to assume their role. Everyone interprets the role by their own judgement. The Author observes from His throne.

- 2. The Poor man asks the others for charity, testing their disposition to "be good."
- 3. A voice calls them from the casket; all of them leave with different feelings.

## III. Final Judgement

- 1. The World claims all the attributes given to the performers.
- 2. All the performers appear in front of the Author.
- 3. The Author judges all of them according to their performance, and sends them to Hell, Purgatory or Heaven, and proclaims the adoration of the Bread of Life. The actors sing the "Ergo Tantrum."

## Créditos

Illuminacion	Jesús Lázaro
Tramoya	Juan de la Fuente
Vestuario	Olga Mansilla
Escenografía	Fernando Urdiales y
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The challenge to this outstanding group was to bring not one, but two different works to the Chamizal National Memorial stage. Only the best of repetory companies dare accept a challenge of such magnitude - a challenge that goes beyond the concentration of remembering different lines and different movements. Logistics are monumental in bringing international companies with their assorted costuming, staging, support and casting requirements.

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