

Private Lives Author had well-timed humor

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Private Lives, by Noel Coward, is the final offering of Georgetown Little Theatre this season. The play was first produced in 1939 with Coward himself playing Elyot Chase, and Gertrude Lawrence playing Amanda.

Ned Sherrin, in his book, Theatrical Anecdotes, says, "Coward always wrote in his own voice and was always quotable, even if some of the shafts of wit owed more to his exquisite timing and impeccable delivery than to a special sparkle of their own."

He was the master of the clipped one-word reply, especially to the over-deferential reporters of pre-war days: "Mr. Coward, have you anything to say to the Star?" - "Twinkle." "...to the Sun?" - "Shine." "... to the Times?" - "Change."

Some other famous Noel Coward quips: On Hollywood: "I'm not so keen on Hollywood. I'd rather have a nice cup of cocoa." On being told his accountant had blown his brains out: "I'm amazed. I had no idea he was such a good shot." To actresses who had not done their homework: "Will you call me, Noel?" "I certainly will - many things." "I had my lines backwards last night." "That's the way you're saying them this morning." "If you go on like that, Noel, I shall throw something." "Why not start with my cues?"

Coward always believed that "work is so much more fun than fun." As he grew older he claimed that the first thing he did each morning was to read the obituaries to see if he was still alive, and then proceed to enjoy his day.

Performances of Private Lives, by Sir Noel Pierce Coward, are scheduled for April 16, 17, 21-24 at the John Elliott Theatre. Friday and Saturday tickets are \$10 while Wednesday and Thursday are \$8. Remember, there is no GST with GLT, so call the box office now at 877-3700.

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The Mikado tickets
The Mikado, Georgetown Globe Productions' spring show, will open at the John Elliott Theatre on May 6 with a Gala Evening to benefit the North Halton Distress and Information Centre. There will be a reception in the Gallery after the performance. Tickets are \$12 and are obtainable from Royal LePage Real Estate, 170 Guelph Street, Georgetown. The show runs until May 15.

Classical Brunch
Arts Alive will present a Classical Brunch on Sunday, April 25 in the Gallery at the Cultural Centre. Following brunch there will be recital by Stephen Green, cellist and Yuri Meyrowitz, pianist. Tickets are \$15 and available at the Georgetown Library.

Mexican exhibit
Guelph Museum presents the "Mexico: Culture, Craft and Costume" exhibition at Guelph Civic Museum, 6 Dublin St. South, until April 25. Explore the culture, crafts and costumes of Mexico; lectures on the art and archaeology of Mexico; demonstration of global weaving and spinning techniques complementing textiles on display. For more information call (519) 836-1221.

Spring Festival
The Halton Hills Musical Teachers' Association announces a Spring Festival to take place on

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May 8. For more information call Sharon Dutton, 873-1177.

Oklahoma!
Brampton Musical Society will present Oklahoma! at the Lester B. Pearson Theatre, Bramalea, April 15-24. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for seniors and students. For reservations please call the Box Office at 793-4600.

Weaver open house
The Heritage Hand Weavers and Spinners will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 28 from 1-4 p.m. at Cedarvale Cottage. Demonstrations of computer designing, microwave dyeing, basket weaving, spinning and weaving. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

Private Lives
Georgetown Little Theatre will present the Noel Coward classic comedy Private Lives at the John Elliott Theatre April 16, 17 and April 21-24. For tickets and/or information call the Box Office at 877-3700.

Any additions to Arts Alive call Margaret Eggleton-Kaye at 877-7309.

Debbie Storey speaks

The Rotary Club of Guelph sponsored a forum for 4-H and Junior Achievement members at College Royal on Sunday, March 14. Debbie Storey of Eramosa, spoke on rural-urban conflicts and later fielded questions from the audience on farm severances and problems created by urban people who like to live in the country but object to noises and smells associated with agriculture.

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Look for a close friend to point you in the right direction. You would be wise to heed their advice.

TAURUS Apr. 20-May 20
You may not be able to acquire the assets you hoped for, but be a good sport and rejoice in others good fortune.

GEMINI May 21-June 20
A get-away weekend would work wonders for your spirits. You are very close to burnout, so don't wait too long.

CANCER June 21-July 22
Voicing your anger will not make matters better; neither will holding it in. Talk to someone who will understand.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22
You are being over-sensitive when it comes to your spouse or friend. Don't take to heart every little thing that is said.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22
A sudden change at work may mean nothing. Don't take chances with your career, though. Work carefully and cautiously.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Don't worry about bad dreams - they are just that. Don't read more into them than is necessary.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21
You know what happens to all good plans of mice and men, so expect the unexpected.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Therapy will help you understand and accept circumstances that are beyond your control. It is nothing to be ashamed of.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Shopping trip will revive your spirits. Do not overspend. Buying impulse items will only make you feel worse.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Use your creative gifts to help philanthropic organization. Your time and talent could help those in need.

PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20
A joint financial enterprise is apt to be more lucrative than if you go it alone. Expect big dividends.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Word of woe
5. Memorize
9. Quayle
12. Ms. Barrett
13. Thermometer type
14. "All About ____"
15. ____ gai pan
17. Error (slang)
19. Peruse
20. Shrimp
21. West Russian city
23. Bards
25. Begleys
26. Black
28. Bench
31. Ferber's "____ Big"
32. Snouts
34. NC neighbor
35. Sluggish
38. Aerie
39. Mr. Hodges
40. Globules
42. Obliterate
44. Actress Drew
46. Baseball's Slaughter
47. Hex
49. Attention getter
52. Overnight pad
53. Challenge
55. Wither
56. Support
57. Gofs
58. Czar

DOWN
1. Fortify
2. Brit. bathroom
3. Bedecks
4. Wisemen
5. Cross
6. Connective
7. Tally
8. Go to
Gretna Green
9. Reduce
10. Profess
11. Bright light
16. Like an old bucket
18. Crumbs
21. Sergeant type
22. Image
23. Sits
24. Till items
27. James or Ward
29. Car rental
30. Legend
33. Office employee
36. Elongated
37. Tare
39. Cuts
41. Electron tube
43. Perch
44. Corrupt
45. Solitary
46. "The ____ of Texas are..."
48. Paddle
50. A man ____ mouse
51. "...the fields we go..."
54. B.R. & e.g.

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3. Cult	"Pure cult"	18. Various	"2 Awesome Hits"
4. Lenny Kravitz	"Are You Gonna Go My Way"	19. Alice In Chains	"Dirt"
5. Eric Clapton	"Unplugged"	20. Coverdale/Page	"Coverdale/Page"
6. Arrested Development	"3 Yrs., 5 Months, 2 Days"	21. Sting	"Ten Summoned"
7. Lemonheads	"It's A Shame About Ray"	22. Mick Jagger	"Wandering Spirit"
8. Pursuit of Happiness	"Downward Road"	23. Leonard Cohen	"The Future"
9. Poison	"Native Tongue"	24. N2Deep	"Back To The Hotel"
10. Dan Baird	"Love Songs For The Hearing Impaired"	25. Keith Richards	"Main Offender"
11. Snow	"12 Inches Of Snow"	26. Neil Young	"Harvest Moon"
12. Utah Saints	"Utah Saints"	27. Nirvana	"Incesticide"
13. R.E.M.	"Automobile For The People"	28. Jesus Jones	"Perverse"
14. Soundtrack	"Bodyguard"	29. Duran Duran	"Duran Duran"
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