

The Rome Savoyards and Plays in Rome

Present

She Stoops to Conquer

by

Oliver Goldsmith directed by Sandra Provost

in English

Cast

(in order of appearance)

Shelagh Stuchbery, Michael Fitzpatrick, Eddie Zengeni, Anna Butterworth, Fabiana De Rose, Harry McCrory, Rick Breco, Edoardo Camponeschi, Rishad Noorani, Jim McManus

About the Play

She Stoops to Conquer by Anglo-Irish author Oliver Goldsmith was first performed in London in 1773. The play is a favourite for study by English literature and theatre classes in the English-speaking world. It is one of the few plays from the 18th century to have an enduring appeal and is still regularly performed today. It has been adapted into a film several times. Initially the play was titled Mistakes of a Night, and indeed, the events within the play take place in one long night. Perhaps one of the most famous modern incarnations of She Stoops to Conquer was Peter Hall's version, staged in 1993. The most famous TV production is the 1971 version featuring Ralph Richardson, Tom Courtenay, Juliet Mills and Brian Cox, with Trevor Peacock as Tony Lumpkin, is part of the BBC archive.

The type of "style" which *She Stoops to Conquer* represents has been much disputed by audience and critics. Generally described as a play of manners, there is comedy in the text but also satire, dramatic unity and timeless themes related to human nature. Among the themes addressed and questioned are the value of social customs and roles, self-exploration and identity, the extent of compromise and trickstering in order to succeed. A seemingly classic comedy of deception and seduction, there is indeed much more in the style and meaning of the play.

Performances

Tue to Fri 1, 2, 3, 4 November 2016 at 20.30 Sat and Sun 5 and 6 November 2016 at 17.30

Teatro San Genesio

Via Podgora 1 (near Viale Mazzini; nearest metro stop Lepanto)

Tickets

full 15€, reduced 13€ (groups and seniors, members of Plays in Rome association), reduced 10€ (students and children)

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