

KUP Drama Club and
The Department of Speech & Theatre Presents

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Euripides

March 29, 30*, 31, 1984
8:00 p.m.

* Matinee - March 30 - 12 Noon

Rickenbach T.V. Auditorium

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by Euripides

translated by J. D. Denniston

Dramatis Personnae (in order of appearance)

Farmer, Husband of Electra	Bill Wilson
Electra	Wendy West
Orestes	Jeffery Brown
Pylades	Mark Lacava
Servant	John Meridionale
Chorus of Argive Women	Laura Facciponti Johanna Wishengrad Tina Koubek
Old Servant to Agamemnon	Michael Reed
Aegisthus	David Hawk
Clytemnestra	Leslie MacLelland
Slave	Margie Hughes
Castor	Jeff Schroeder
Polydeuces	Tom Becker

Place: Near the hut of Electra, at a crossroads outside Mycenae

Time: An entire day, centuries before the birth of Christ.

The play will proceed without intermission.

NO SMOKING OR TAKING PICTURES IN THE AUDITORIUM

ELECTRA by Euripides

Electra, by Euripides, is the story of a daughter rejected and humiliated by her mother. Moreover, she has lost her place in society and her material well-being. Her brother, Orestes, has been forced to live in exile. We are in the world of the ancient Greeks. Wrongs demand retribution.

PLOT

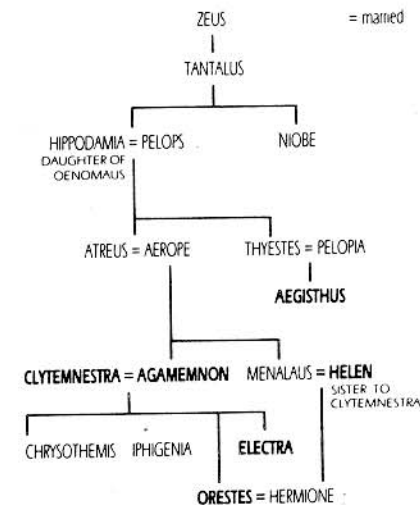
At the end of the Trojan war, victorious King Agamemnon returns to Argos in triumph. There he meets his fate at the hands of his wife, Clytemnestra, and her lover, Aegisthus, who murder him while he is taking his bath.

But the story does not end there. Since Clytemnestra wants no rivals to her throne, she marries her daughter, Electra, to a peasant farmer and attempts to kill her son, Orestes. A family servant saves Orestes, who flees to a neighboring country.

As the plot progresses, the children are reunited and proceed to take revenge against their mother and her lover. With the help of the old servant, Orestes murders Aegisthus. But Electra is not satisfied and she convinces Orestes that Clytemnestra must also die.

Now that Clytemnestra and Aegisthus are both dead, Electra and Orestes assume that their problems are solved. This is not the case. Their suffering continues. But two Greek Gods, Castor and Polydeuces, arrive to resolve the situation.

The House of Atreus



WHO'S WHO

Thomas Becker Polydeuces
Tom, a Telecommunications major, hails from Cedar Crest High School in Lebanon, where he is best known for his performances as Jimmy Curry in **The Rainmaker**, Vandergelder in **Hello Dolly** and Dan King in **Plain and Fancy**. This is Tom's third show at KU, having first appeared in Sunshine Players' **Two By Grimm** and more recently played the Butler in **Sweet Charity**. A disc jockey for WKSC, Tom also works on the Keystone newspaper.

Jeffery Brown Orestes
Jeffery is a junior Related Arts/Theatre major. He is the President of the KU Drama Club as well as an active Readers' Theatre member. While at KU he has been very involved in productions. His experience includes **The Miser**, **The World of Carl Sandburg**, Woody Mahone in **Finian's Rainbow**, Don Baker in **Butterflies Are Free**, Matt in **The Fantasticks**, and Mark in **The Shadow Box**. Jeffery was also involved in Upper Darby Summer Stage, where he played various roles including Charlie in **Brigadoon**, Matthew Mugg in **Dr. Doolittle**, and Smea in **Peter Pan**.

Cheryl Chatten Makeup Coordinator
Cheryl is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Art. While working on her Master's Degree in Art Education here at KU, she has just finished an Independent Study as Lighting Designer for **Sweet Charity**. Cheryl is on sabbatical from the Southeast Delco School District where she has been involved in many areas of dramatic and musical production.

Signe Domaas Costume Design
Signe is a senior Communication Design major who was seen in the chorus in **Finian's Rainbow** at KU in the Spring of '82. While this is her first experience designing costumes, Signe was prop mistress for the Drama Club's **Butterflies Are Free** and she worked on the costumes for **The Word of Carl Sandburg**, **Modern Noh Plays** and **The Fantasticks**.

Laura Facciponti Leader of the Chorus
Laura is a sophomore Related Arts major. Her previous performance experience includes Jitsuko in **Modern Noh Plays** and Maggie in **The Shadow Box**. She also assisted in the direction of **No Exit** in her first year at KU.

Joanne Fasciana Assistant to the Director
Joanne is a senior Speech and Theatre major. She has enjoyed performing in many KU productions, but this semester she is concentrating on the technical aspects of the show. Working with Dr. Mazzaferri has been a pleasure for her and she extends her special thanks to Mr. Reinecke.

David A. Hawk Aegisthus
David is a sophomore Computer Science major with a minor in music. He was seen in **Pippin** last year and has helped with several other KU productions, as he is vice-president of the Drama Club. In

Margie Hughes Slave
Margie is a junior majoring in Elementary Education. She has been involved in many productions including the roles of Domina in **A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum**, Yenta in **Fiddler On The Roof**, and a secretary in **How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying**. Margie is excited to be seen on a KU stage for the first time.

Tina Koubek Chorus
Tina is a freshman majoring in Telecommunications. This is her first stage appearance at KU, although she worked behind the scenes as stage manager of **The Shadow Box**. At home in Philadelphia, Tina has appeared as Anne in **The Diary of Anne Frank**, and was seen in **The Children's Hour**, **Wonderful Town**, **Cinderella**, and **I Ought To Be In Pictures** at Studio Y Players Community Theatre.

Mark Lacava Pylades
Mark started his acting career as a freshman in the role of Yussel in **Fiddler On The Roof**. From there he moved on to non-musical roles, including Cleanthes in **The Miser** and Leo Hubbard in **The Little Foxes**. During Mark's junior year he studied in England at Crewe and Alsager College. He continued to be active in productions upon his return, and was seen as Brian in **The Shadow Box** and the Poet in **Modern Noh Plays**.

Leslie J. MacLelland Clytemnestra
Leslie is a junior Theatre Major, and has been involved in many aspects of production at KU. Most recently she was costume designer for **The Fantasticks**, and designed the lighting for Children's Theatre. Leslie has performed in **The Exception And The Rule** and the Advanced Oral Interpretation Recital. She is also an active member of the Drama Club and the Varsity Lacrosse team.

John Meridionale Servant to Orestes
John is an Elementary Education major from Palmyra, where he worked on the lighting in many high school productions such as **Dracula**. He has also acted in **Don't Drink the Water** and **Jabberwocky**. His college performances include **Alice in Wonderland** and **Two By Grimm**. John is also a member of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Sherry Newton Choreographer
In high school, Sherry danced and sang in several shows including **No, No, Nanette**, **Hello Dolly** and **Oklahoma**. Having participated in a variety of talent shows, holiday celebrations and dance recitals while growing up, Sherry has belonged to the Performing Dance Portmanteau for four years. With the Williamsport Players she has performed in **Oklahoma**, **Grease**, **A Broadway Revue**, **Amahl And The Night Visitors**, **The Wiz**, **Shenandoah** and **South Pacific**.

Michele M. H. Reed Old Servant
A freshman, Michael holds the part of the old man as he has in past productions of **A Christmas Carol**, **The Wizard of Oz** and **Dark of the Moon** at Hempfield High in Lancaster.

Jeff Schroeder Castor

A junior Business Management major, Jeff is making his college debut in **Electra**. While rehearsing, Jeff has enjoyed college involvement with the Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity and the University radio station, WKSC. Jeff is also a dorm hall council representative and a campus tour guide.

Melinda Scheel Props

Melinda is a 1982 graduate of Easton High School. Since enrolling at KU, she has been very involved in theatre. Her list of credits include performing in **Modern Noh Plays**, stage directing **Aladdin** and helping with sets and props for both **The Fantasticks** and **The Shadow Box**. Melinda is also the treasurer of the Sunshine Players and hopes to assist in the direction of next year's musical.

Victoria B. Scott Stage Manager

A senior Speech and Theatre major, Vicky is interested mostly in the technical aspects of the theatre. She has worked on props, sets, makeup, costumes and lighting for such diverse shows as **The Miser**, **Butterflies Are Free**, **Pippin** and **The Shadow Box**.

Beth Ann Weber Choreographer

Beth has been involved in dance for many years before coming to KU. She was choreographer of four high school plays, including **Annie Get Your Gun**, **Wizard of Oz**, **Carnival** and **Bye, Bye Birdie**. While studying at Wyomissing Institute of Fine Arts, Beth was instructed by teachers from the Royal Ballet School of England. As a student at KU, Beth has been involved in Performing Dance Portmanteau for three years.

Wendy West Electra

A Telecommunications major, Wendy's concomitant area of study is in Speech and Theatre. She appeared in all the plays and musicals while a student at Northampton High School. **Electra** marks Wendy's debut in a KU production. She has been seen previously in **Twelfth Night** at Allentown College, **Godspell** at the Roxy Theatre in Northampton and the **J.I. Rodale Birthday Celebration** at the Rodale Theatre in Allentown.

Bill Wilson Farmer, Husband to Electra

Bill is a freshman Theatre major from Lancaster. At Manheim Township H.S. he performed in the chorus in **Anything Goes** and **Oklahoma**. Last semester Bill was seen as Hucklebee in **The Fantasticks**. He has had roles in **Life With Father**, **The Creature Creeps** and **Out of the Frying Pan**. Bill is also a disc jockey at WKSC.

Johanna Wishengrad Chorus

Joby is a Related Arts major and holds interests in music, dance, theatre and the visual arts. She enjoys involvement in college theatre and has played the roles of the Colleague and the Police in **The Exception And The Rule**.

Director Annette Mazzaferri

Assistant to the Director Joanne Fasciana

Music and Voice Laree Trollinger

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Beth Weber

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* Designates crew head.

Coming Events:

Reader's Theatre Showcase
*"Of Pigeon Feathers &
Other Flights of Fancy"*
April 26, 27, 28 — 8 p.m.
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Sunshine Players
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