## UNIVERSITY THEATRE GUILD

# Tuesday and Wednesday

# September 16 and 17, 1941

#### Presents:

# "EVERYMAN"

A TREATISE HOW YE HIGHE FATHER OF HEUENE SENDETH DETHE TO SVMMON EUERIE CREATURE TO COME & GIVE ACCOUNT OF THEYR LIUES IN THYS WOVRLDE & IS IN MANNER OF A MORALE PLAYE.

To be preceded by

"THE CORNISH MYSTERY OF THE THREE MARIES"

Performances by the University Students Group.

### "EVERYMAN"

This famous old play comes to us from the end of the fifteenth century. It belongs to the class of "Morality" plays, a sort of didactic dramatic literature which flourished in the late middle ages, and of which EVERYMAN is the most impressive example we possess. It is so simple in its plan that it needs little in the way of explanation: but perhaps the following brief comment may be found interesting.

"EVERYMAN treats, in all allegorical style, of the hour of death, and thus deals with a sphere of ideas which, in the devotional literature of the later Middle Ages, is one of the main subjects. The poet emleavoured to give dramatic animation to his subject by making use of a parable which is told in the legend of Balaam and Josaphat: how a man had three friends, of whom only one declared himself ready to accompany him before the throne of the judge before whom he is summoned. This friend symbolises a man's good deeds, which alone accompany him after death before the throne of God and interpose their prayers for him." (Greizenach, in the Cambridge History of English Literature).

### THE CORNISH MYSTERY OF THE THREE MARIES AND THE GARDENER.

This is an earlier play than "EVERYMAN"; it belongs to the mediaeval dramatic style called the Mystery or Miracle. It is a dramatisation of the passage in the Gospel of St. John where Mary Magdalene, weeping at the Tomb of Jesus, is met with a vision of angels, and sees a figure by her whom she takes to be the Gardener.

## Play arranged by TONY RIDDELL.

Mary Magdalene
Mary Salome
Mary Mother of James
Angels

The Gardener

Enid Petrie.
Rosemary Stretton
Marjorie Gee
(Ruth Finlayson
(Janet Paine
Tony Riddell.

INTERVAL.

"EVERYMAN".

Arranged by Brian Elliott.

CAST.

PROLOGUE

GOD: Spoken by

DEATH
FELLOWSHIP
KINDRED

COUSTN

GOODS (WORLDLY RICHES)

GOODS (WOR GOOD DEEDS KNOWLEDGE CONFESSION DISCRETION STRENGTH FIVE WITS BEAUTY ANGEL

Two Acolytes

R. S. Bray Edgar Wise Sydney Downie Murray McLean Wm. Kerr Sheila Murphy Joan Sharp Judith Murray Roma Hotten R. S. Bray Emid Petrie Murray McLean Wm. Kerr Joan Sharp Ruth Finlayson (Sheila Murphy (Roma Musman Robert Hamilton.

**EVERYMAN** 

Assistant to Producer . . . . . Bruce Williams.

Special settings arranged by . . . Allen Sierp and Iris Davis

Lighting arranged by . . . . . . . Thomas Keen Rehearsal assistant . . . . . . . . Janet Paine Costumes by . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Rona Jean