#### **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

Oscar Wilde – Brilliant dialogue, beautiful men and women, elegantly dressed against the backdrop of wealthy, aristocratic homes of London Society. Pure froth and bubble. But "An Ideal Husband" is much more; just as Wilde was much more than the homosexual fop who arrogantly believed he could snap his fingers at the conventions of his time and survive.

Robert Chiltern is a young successful politician, an incorruptible icon, who has wealth, power and position through a base act. We know all about "Insider Trading" in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century; the amassing of huge personal fortunes and power whilst being seen as the brilliant corporate businessman. The social standing and adulation that goes with it.

When Chiltern is faced with exposure he justifies his position..."I would be condemned by men who every day do something of the same thing."

"Is it fair that a man's whole career be ruined by what he did nearly eighteen years ago?"

"... What this century worships is wealth...I have fought the century with its own weapons, and won."

Chiltern's bacon is saved, but for the morality that allows this to happen Lord Caversham's final words to him are chilling. "I congratulate you Chiltern. If the country does not go to the dogs or the Radicals we shall have you as Prime Minister, some day."

### **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Our next production will be



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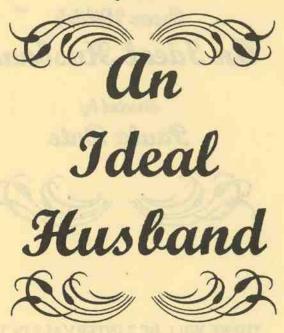
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directed by Faula Bate



THERE WILL BE 2 INTERVALS IN THE PRODUCTION...
Interval One 10 mins

Interval Two 15 mins

# An Ideal Husband The persons of the play

THE EARL OF CAVERSHAM, K.G.

Michael O'Connell

VISCOUNT GORING, his son

Dave Went.

SIR ROBERT CHILTERN. Alan Scully.

VISCOMTE DE NANJAC, Geoff. Hacker.

MR. MONTFORD.

John O'Brien-Hall

**PHIPPS** 

Geoff. Hacker.

LADY CHILTERN

Linda Young.

LADY MARKBY

Shane Bates.

THE COUNTESS OF BASILDON

Lucy-Jane McElwee

MRS. MARCHMONT

Brooke Davidson.

MISS MABEL CHILTERN Ann Williams.

Kerrie Rowe.

Helene Seddon-Glass

## An Ideal Husband CREW

Assistant to the Director Helene Seddon-Glass Stage Manager John O'Brien Hall

Assistant Stage Manager Geoff.-Hacker

Lighting Operator Glen Harman Sound Operator Rebekah Jennings

Costumes Susan Carveth

Assisted by Karen O'Brien-Hall, Diane Henderson and members of the cast

Set Design Brent Thorpe
Set Construction Brent Thorpe,

Paul Gilbert, Grant Fraser.

> John O'Brien-Hall and the cast.

Set Decoration Brent Thorpe

Alexander Rieneck

Lighting Design and setting

Grant Fraser

Properties Helene Seddon-Glass,

Kerrie Rowe

and the cast.

Musical Research Anne Power. Hair Stylist Michael Grogan.

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Meg Carroll.

