#### CHEKOV?

Wednesday August 15 to Sunday August 19 8pm

Three men confronting the sadness, anger, and humour of a relationship and a culture marked by the complexity and the tragedy of AIDS.

with David Bateman, Paul Epstein, and Robert Widdowson

written by David Bateman

## MARAT / SADE

Wednesday August 22 to Sunday August 20

Wednesday August 29 to Sunday September 1

The persecution and assassination of Marat as performed by the inmates of the asylum of Charenton under the direction of the marquis de Sade.

This unique and powerful play uses all the elements of the stage to create an entertaining and shocking theatrical event.

directed by Robert Winslow

presented by East City Productions

### The Union

is a collectively-run, non-profit performance space. It has been in operation since October of 1989.

Events at The Union have included theatre, music, and film. The collective maintains an open-door policy in order to encourage the widest possible community participation in the programming.

**Donations Welcome!** 

# OTHER EVENTS FOR THE SUMMER OF 1990:

Every Friday and Saturday 11pm to 2:30am: Late night Coffee-House live entertainment!

Friday June 29 at 9pm,
Friday July 6 and 13 at 11pm:
Episodes 3, 4, and 5 of
One Red Shoe
An improvised drama series by
East City Productions.

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# CLARENCE DARROW:

Wednesday July 4 to Saturday July 7 8 pm Sunday July 8 1:30 pm

This play tells in dramatic first-person form the story of the life and thoughts of America's greatest legal mind. From his early childhood to his famous defenses of labour and "the weak against the strong," to historical highlights of Leopold & Leob, the Scopes Monkey Trial, the Sweet case, and his many struggles against capital punishment; the play gives us remarkable insight into this dramatic and inspiring man.

directed and performed by John Barclay

### THE YELLOW WALLPAPER

Thursday July 11 to Sunday July 15 8pm

The Yellow Wallpaper is an adaptation for performance of the short story written in 1892 by American feminist Charlotte Perkins Gilman. The first person narrative of Jane, the young wife with an "hysterical condition put away for a "rest cure" is shared with the audience in the form of the clandestine writing she is forbidden to pursue. The piece uses acting, dance, voice, and piano (the music is both composed for the piece and chosen from works contemporary with the period) to relate the story of the contradiction inherent in Jane's triumphant and defeating slip into genuine madness.

with Susan Hamer, Kate Storey, Kim Erskine, Marsh Cobden, Annie Rogers, Mary Polito, Suzette Smith, Martha Cockshutt, and Peggy Town.

**Produced through Theatre Trent** 

# WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?

Wednesday July 18 to Sunday July 22 8pm Wednesday July 25 to Sunday July 29 8pm

A new and lively interpretation of this modern classic.

with:
Philip Black, Sioux Dickson, Caron Garside, and
Robert Winslow.

presented by East City Productions

### LEAR ONE, ONE

Wednesday August 1 to Saturday August 4 8pm

A pointed reworking of King Lear, Act I scene i.

Script developed by
Mark Fortier, Ian McLachlan, and Michael
Meredith.

#### **DARKNESS AT NOON**

Wednesday August 8 to Saturday August 11 8pm Sunday August 12 1:30pm

Adapted from the famous novel by Arthur Koestler, this play evokes powerful images of alienation and oppression. It is set in a Russian prison, at the height of the Stalinist purges. Tracing the case of N.S. Rubashov, an early leader of the revolution, the play oscillates between his life in the prison and his memories of his struggles of the last twenty years. Rubashov's life embodies the various contradictions and compromises of the Revolution itself. Its emotional analysis of depersonalization and self-denial lifts the play from mere history to a level of poignant immediacy.

In this, the second production of the Rough Theatre Company, a deliberate policy of "sexblind" casting has been employed. As with "colour-blind" theatre, casting is based on merit alone. This is not to say that the production turns a blind eye to the implications and associations of gender. Instead, new shadings and nuances of character may be discovered once the production is freed of the strictures of gender-based casting.

directed by John Barclay

presented by The Rough Theatre Company