

Cast

Nurse Rose V. Michel

Zerbinetta Phara Souffrant

Arganta Shannon White

Geronte Charlie Oniszczuk

Scapino Samara Graham

Leandro Gabriel Harris

Ottavio Denis Zepeda

Sylvestro Matthew Durnin

Giacinta/Waiter Samantha Rivera

Ottavio understudy Antionio Aguirre

Atganta understudy Kareen Brown

Director

Christopher Swift

Production Team

Scenic Design Ekaterina Golovinskaya

Lighting Design David Winnick*

Costume Design Anne Marie Sowder

Sound Design Robinson Taveras*

Stage Manager Ben Sternhell

Technical Director Irene Iarochevitch

Choreographer John Sannuto

* Culmination Project

Collaboration

This production was produced in collaboration with the Humanities Department and the Entertainment Technology Department

Directors notes

Prof. Christopher Swift, Department of Humanities

Scapino! is an English-language version of the Molière play Les Fourberies de Scapin, adapted for the modern stage by Jim Dale and Frank Dunlop. The 1974 adaptation was conceived as a comic vehicle for the multi-talented Dale and ran for 176 performances on Broadway. The Molière version is rarely performed in the United States; audiences will be more familiar with Molière's classic plays Tartuffe, The Imaginary Invalid, and The Misanthrope. Molière drew concepts and scenarios from the popular improvisational style called commedia dell'arte when composing his comedies, and more than his canonical plays, Scapin bears a close resemblance to the Italian source material. Commedia is known for its stock characters, lazzi (short comic routines), stunts, slapstick, ribald humor, and songs—



all of which are basic elements of Scap-in/Scapino! In fact, the sadistic "beating in the sack" scene in Scapino! was a popular routine in commedia, first recorded in performance in 1568 in Bavaria. The stock character "Zanni" (a trick-ster servant, like Scapino herself) is often the perpetrator of crimes (such as lazzi of 'interruption,' 'servant's will,' and 'tooth extraction') against his guileless masters, the comedic impulse deriving from role reversals and social rebellion.

In many ways, laughter in *commedia* is a corrective to rigid behavior (the miserliness of the parental figures in *Scapino!*, for instance) and is what Henri Bergson called a "social gesture":

Society will therefore be suspicious of all inelasticity of character, of mind and even of body, because it is the possible sign of [...] an activity with separatist tendencies that inclines to swerve from the common centre around which society gravitates. [Society] is confronted with something that makes it uneasy, but only as a symptom—scarcely a threat, at the very most a gesture. A gesture, therefore, will be its reply. Laughter must be something of this kind, a sort of social gesture. (Bergson, 1900/2002)

However, this quote does not entirely explain the comedy of Scapino! During rehearsals over the past couple of months, I had a sense that much of the laughter arising from the throats of the actors, stage managers, and director was simply a form of emotional and/or physiological release. All of us experience deception, confinement, violence, and mechanistic tedium in our modern metropolitan lives. Scapino! is an opportunity to throw off the numbing drudgery of routine in order to experience a few moments of silliness.

Student Production Supervisors

Lighting: Traian Margan

Management: Marcos Lamberty

Props: Nathalie Gomez

Rigging: Vincente Gil

Scenery, Sharon Miller

Sound: Peter Grancio and Kenneth Silver

Video Production: Daniel Gordon

Crew Members

Lighting: Artiom Kolomboyets, Nestor Leon, Ellington Smith, Timothy Hottinger, Tae Jin Kim, Sabin Visan, Danny Sena, Itohan Edoloyi, Adreen Maxwell-Scott, Michael Sbrocchi, Andre Gabriel

Management: Kelly Castro, Alexis Shuffler, Virgilio Samo lii, Harry Attilio, Jack Tan

Props: Ben Rothenberg, , Gary Jean-Juste, Kimarley Hall, Miguel Maldenado, Jean-Michel Chavriacouty, Ryan Husband, Sergio-Isidoro Lombardo

Rigging: Briana Torres, Ryan Husband, Itohan Edoloyi

Scenery: Spencer Emile, Yadira Maldonado, Esdras Sejour, Luis Payero, Erick Solano, Vincente Gil, Briana Torres, Jonathan Burcin, Erik Fortunato

Sound: Robert Andrejco, Antoine Charles, James Pellizzi, Gregory Scott, Tonio Ramsay, Christian Garcia, Ruth Monereau, Bernardo Couloote Jr, Jad Atoui, Steven Hazel

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Theatreworks

The Collaboration Continues:

Theatreworks is now accepting proposals from producing organizations for live performance-based events that show a compelling and well integrated use of technology for our spring 2016 residency. Examples might include, but are not limited to: theatre, dance, music, or interactive media. To apply visit our website: www.theatreworkscitytech.org. We are accepting applications through June 1, 2015.

Theatreworks

Prof. John Huntington, Artistic Director

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Theatreworkscitytech.org.

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Performance Crew

Student Production Manager Marcos Lamberty

Stage Manager Ben Sternhell

Assistant Stage Manager Kelly Castro

Virgilio Samo Lii

Harry Attilio

Jack Tan

Properties Nathalie Gomez

Light Board Operator Danny Sena

Programmer Timothy Hottinger

Back up light board operator Sabin Vison

Sound Board Operator Antoine Charles

Back up Sound Board Operator Kenny Silver

Box Office Manager Harry Attilio

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