Kirk Lovell, cast as a magician in "The Enchanted Tree."

### 'Enchanted Tree' is hardly haunting

# CRT concocts slipshod show

by Rick Sebak **Theatre Critic** 

The Carolina Readers' Theatre has abbreviated its name to CRT and abandoned all efforts to present readers' theatre-style offerings. The Enchanted Tree presented this weekend in cooperation with the Carolina Union was such a slipshod production that it is hard to believe that the CRT has the nerve to charge admission, let alone consider itself professional.

Because the players no longer hide behind black books in the traditional CRT style, one must assume that this show is to be judged strictly as a theatrical offering. Although one could only hope otherwise, even before The Enchanted Tree began in Gerrard Hall on Saturday night, the quality of the entire presentation was evident

cannot even be compared to the 1972 Playmaker production of Servant of Two The story is typical Commedia: Arlecchino, in love with Filis, must earn her love by helping her find her departed lover, Sireno, who has lost his memory due to the magical spells of his uncle, Maggio. Obviously, the fairy-tale plot is not sufficient to hold an audience for 45 minutes; imaginative staging and exciting performances must fill out the play if it is to be made worthwhile. The CRT has failed to provide

in the set, for which no designer took credit. Three folding screens with poorly

painted decorations were hardly adequate. The backers of the CRT must not be

The script, an original adaptation of "an authentic Commedia del Arte scenario"

by William M. Hardy, was so incredibly puerile and disgustingly trite that even the

sometimes appreciative audience groaned. Any professional attempt to redo a

Commedia script in the 1970s must surely be compared to Jim Dale's adaptation of

Les Fourberies de Scapin, and Hardy's offering falls embarrassingly short of

Scapino. In fact, this third-rate collection of hackneyed gags and silly rhymes

aware of the money which they are wasting on trash.

either commodity. Dr. Jay Davis apparently is willing to accept the credit for directing this presentation, but, despite a formidable list of past activities, he has failed to create any kind of enchanting entertainment.

The short biographies of the four cast members in the program indicate that the

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CRT has assembled a fantastic array of talent. Barbara Rowedder sings beautifully, and Fred Lloyd is packed with energy, but, unfortunately, no other theatrical abilities are displayed beyond the usual Readers' Theatre propensity for cute

Kirk Lovell, "a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians," proves such an incredibly sloppy stage magician that his feeble attempts to fool the audience as Maggio were outrageously ludicrous. It is distressing to consider that this man has spent 14 years of his life practicing magic; Someone should tell him that pulling junk out of pockets in a flowing robe has never before qualified as such.

In fact, every aspect of the production lacks any kind of magic, a quality which is essential in such a presentation. Rationalizing The Enchanted Tree as a children's play is ridiculous and unacceptable. Only foolish adults believe that children will be fooled by slapdash and uninspired theatrics.

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"Two Generations of Brubeck" opened in 1972 to standing room only crowds at Carnegie Hall. Their 1974 concert schedule

included Europe, Australia, Latin America Tickets, \$4 regular and \$3 balcony, are

available at the Union desk. DAVID ERNEST DUKE, national information director of the Ku Klux Klan, will speak at 8 p.m. Thursday in Memorial

The 24-year-old graduate of Louisana State University has been attracting publicity as head of a new splinter group

called the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Admission is free for the program which is sponsored by the Carolina Forum.

Applications to attend a reception for David Duke following the speech are available at the Union Desk. They should be completed and returned to the Union desk

by noon Wednesday. THE MERCHANT OF VENICE, Shakespeare's dark comedy of revenge, redemption and mercy, will be performed by the National Shakespeare Company at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20 in Memorial Hall.

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INTERVIEWS for members of the 1975-1976 Carolina Union ACTIVITIES BOARD will begin Monday, Jan. 20. Applications and interview sign-ups are available at the Union desk.

Interviews will be held over a 5-week period. Monday, Jan. 29, interviews will be held for operation input, forum committee and performing arts committee. Interviews will begin for film, gallery, videotape and special projects committees on Feb. 3. Interviews will begin Feb. 24 for social, current affairs and recreation committees.

Any regularly enrolled, full-time student at UNC is eligible to apply. Appointments to the board will be made by union president Lynn Mercer by Feb. 28 subject to the approval of the Union Board of Directors.

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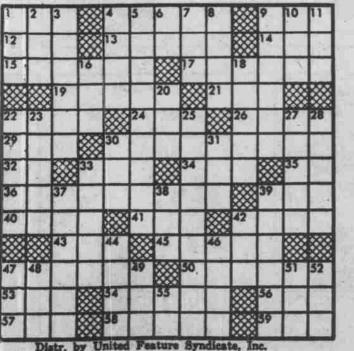
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