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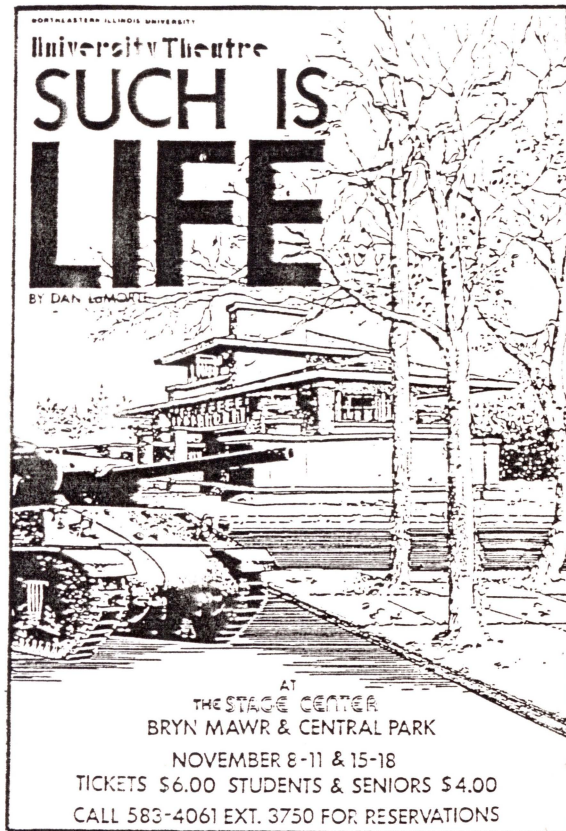
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UNIVERSITY THEATRE NEWSLETTER

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The world premiere of SUCH IS LIFE is the first production of Northeastern Illinois University Theatre's 1989-90 Season. Written by Chicago actor/director Dan La Morte, SUCH IS LIFE is the winner of the second annual Ronald Williams Playwrighting Competition.

Set in 1992, as America is facing another great depression, this domestic comedy/drama centers around the Martino family of Cicero, Illinois. Amidst the growing chaos of the outside world, the Martinos undertake plans for their daughter's upcoming wedding. Through the preparations for the traditional Italian wedding, the family discovers the relationship between life and hope, and recognizes that when life is young, hope is supreme.

Heading the cast of nine, under the direction of Dr. James Barushok, are students Lara Novey as Gram, Peter Kell as Sam, Mary Beth Burns as Mafalda and Anita Chiarenza as Diane. Joey is played by UNI alumnus Tony Muscarello. Community players Nanette Brown (Aida), Leslie Haines (Pat), Steve Silverstein (Jack) and Steve Savage (John) complete the cast.

Judy Anderson is stage manager for the production. Allen Davis is technical director and light operator. Jim Hayes and John T. Joyce are the sound operators. Robert G. Smith has designed the set and lighting and Darice DaMata-Geiger is the costumer.

PERFORMANCE DATES

Wednesdays through Saturdays, November 8-11, 15-18, 7:30pm curtain

UNI STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF are admitted FREE of charge

A reception will be held in the lobby of the Stage Center following the opening night performance.

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An exhibit of Theatres Built in America Prior to 1910 will be on display in the lobby of the Stage Center November 8 through December 19. This exhibit has been compiled by professor Durward Redd of the Speech and Performing Arts Department from data he has compiled over the past thirteen years. The exhibit focuses on theatres in states west of the Mississippi River plus Illinois and Wisconsin. The opening of the exhibit will be November 8 from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Refreshments will be served.