

## **"What the Butler Saw" to be presented at UCSD Theatre**

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"What the Butler Saw," an English comedy by Joe Orton, will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the University of California, San Diego in the UCSD Theatre, Building 203, Matthews campus.

Members of the UC Riverside Department of Theatre will appear in the production which is touring three Southern California campuses. Other performances have been given at UC Santa Barbara and Chaffey Junior College in Alta Loma.

Tickets at \$2 for the general public and \$1 for students are available at the UCSD Drama Department, Building 407, Matthews.

"What the Butler Saw" was first performed in 1969 at the Queen's Theatre in London and its American premiere came the following year in New York.

The underlying theme of the farce is the madness of the modern world. In the play, the government is mad, the police are mad and the psychiatrists are mad.

The author was born in Leicester, England in 1933 and entered the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art at 18. His first play, "Entertaining Mr. Sloane," won the London Critics Variety Award as the best play of 1964. Among Orton's last works were two television plays, "The Good and Faithful Servant" and "Funeral Games." The playwright died in 1967.

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