

A Network Theatre Company production

at Network Theatre, Lower Road

A Family Affair

by Alexander Ostrovsky / directed by Nigel Williams

Performances:

27/10/2005 - 29/10/2005

A nouveau riche merchant with a superbly vulgar wife and daughter decides to rip off his creditors by declaring bankruptcy and offering them only 10 percent of what he owes. To pull off the scheme, he signs over everything he owns to his assistant, temporarily, he thinks. But the assistant, who has learnt the old man's trade brilliantly, marries the daughter and goes into business with the old man's money, permanently. When last seen, the merchant is on his way to Siberia.

Everyone in "A Family Affair" is corrupt, including a lawyer, a matchmaker and a couple of peasant servants. Ostrovsky was angry when he wrote, but he made his characters funny and the audience should enjoy watching these terrible people do one another in.

Bolshov	<i>a merchant</i>	Keith Wait
Agrafena	<i>his wife</i>	Hannah Tasker
Lipochka	<i>their daughter</i>	Kate Cottam
Lazar	<i>assistant to Bolshov</i>	Anthony Lewis
Ustinya	<i>a match-maker</i>	Marian Cooke
Rispolozhensky	<i>a solicitor</i>	Michael Mayne
Fominishna	<i>a housekeeper</i>	Kay Murray
Tishka	<i>a boy</i>	Daniel Wait