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# The Blackfriars Theatre

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Providence, R.I. - Thornton Wilder's hilarious comedy, The Matchmaker, will complete the 1987-'88 Season of the Blackfriars Theatre at Providence College. Performances for this American classic are scheduled April 15-17 and 22-24. Written by one of the world's best-loved playwrights, the story, which focuses on the adventures of matchmaker Dolly Levi, is familiar to many in its musical version, Hello Dolly.

Dolly Levi is an animated busybody who is employed by Horace Vandergelder, an old merchant of Yonkers, to secure him a wife. Dolly becomes involved with two of his clerks, a number of young ladies, and a headwaiter at an elegant restaurant where the intrigue of her profession leads headlong into a hilarious web of complications. Vandergelder is duped by everyone in a series of hilarious hide-and-seek episodes. When the traps of love and laughter are sorted, Horace finds himself "affianced" to none other than the matchmaker herself!

The Blackfriars production of The Matchmaker is under the direction of Matthew D. Powell, O.P. who directed last season's production of Once Upon A Mattress. Blackfriars Resident Designers, Don Hirsch and David Cabral, will create the scenery and costumes respectively, and lighting will be designed by visiting artist Charlene Hall, whose past Blackfriars productions

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on the campus of Providence College — Providence, R.I. 02918



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include last summer's Quilters and Sunday in the Park with George.

Performances of The Matchmaker will run from April 15-17 and 22-24, 1988. Tickets are \$5.00 regular admission and \$3.00 students/senior citizens. Curtain times are 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings and 2:00 p.m. for Sunday matinees. For ticket reservations and information, call (401) 865-2218.

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