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The Author - Producer

Francis Ebejer is a novelist and playwright writing in both English and Maltese.

Through his prize-winning Maltese plays like "Vakanzi tas-Sajf" (1962), "Boulevard" (1964) and "Menz" (1967) the Maltese Theatrical tradition has been brought into line with advanced contemporary theatre abroad. His "Boulevard", for instance, was described by critics as a play standing alone as a theatrical experience without precedent.

He has produced all his own plays apart from others. His production of "Boulevard" won the Manoel Award for Best Producer and the Cheyney Award for overall effort. He has also written a number of plays for radio and television.

His English novels published so far in London have been "A Wreath for the Innocents" and "Evil of the King Cockroach," The latter was reissued last summer under the title of "Wild Spell of Summer".

Later this Spring, London publishers, Macdonald, will bring out Ebejer's latest novel. Called "In the Eye of the Sun" it is "a dramatic novel of real power and individuality" and in it "Malta's sun-baked countryside is brilliantly evoked". He has just finished writing another.

ABOUT THE PLAY:-

WE, THE CLIFFHANGERS...

What does it take life to hold up a mirror to you?

A car-drive up a winding hill-road? The sudden appearance of two youngsters? The view of the cemetery in the valley from the verandah of the hotel? A window banging at night? The telephone incessantly ringing? The one and only love you once turned away because you preferred the material solidity of your family's business to him?

OR

Things much deeper than that? The secret sorrow of a son? An old crime? The memory of an incapacitated child? A brother you had wilfully ruined? A family you had disrupted because of your lust? The children you could have had but did not....?

WE CLIFFHANG
BUT THE MOMENT OF TRUTH STALKS US
RELENTLESSLY

Until one day — an entertainment is devised for us?

THE CLIFFHANGERS

The Cast	in	order	of a	appear	rance	•					
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The porch and garden of a small hotel on high ground,

ACT I Scene 1 — Morning of a day in early autumn
Scene 2 — After lunch on the same day

ACT II Scene 1 — Three days later. Afternoon Scene 2 — Evening of the same day.

FRANCIS EBEJER

deep in the country

ACT III — The following morning.

(There will be two intervals of 15 minutes each)

Set and Stage decor	<u> </u>	77/	MARIO AZZOPARDI
Stage Manager		Life	SALV DEMANUELE
Asst. S.M		C.a.	MANUEL CARUANA
Audio Effects	8	2	TONY PARNIS
Lighting			VANNI LAUS, FRANCIS EBEJER
$Wardrobe \ Costume \ design \ \dots$			MADELEINE ATTARD MONTALTO
Costumes made by			OSWALD
The Eye Motif painted	d by		BETTY WUYASTYCK
Hair-stylist			ALFRED CIARLO
Make-up			PAWLU BUGEJA BARBARA EDWARDS
Dresser		Dala	BARBARA BUTLER
Prompter	<i>[</i> []	volag	MORAG THOMPSON
Set built by			MANOEL THEATRE STAFF
Box Office by	<i></i>	nı zan (JOE ZAMMIT CORDINA (for Malta Talent Artistes)
,,			Miss FRANCES REZZINA

(for the Manoel Theatre)

[★] The Company owes a debt of gratitude to Peter Allnutt Esq. British Council Representative in Malta, for providing it with facilities for rehearsals.

Thanks also go to the Dolphin Forge, Pieta, for the loan of garden chairs, table and benches, and to Reno's Tailoring, Valletta, for the loan of one men's evening outfit.

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"THE CLIFFHANGERS" HAS AN ALL-MALTESE CAST

Except for well-known actor GODWIN SCERRI (Mr. Mark), MARY ANNE SCERRI (Rafela) and MARIO PHILIP AZZOPARDI (Walter) who are making their first appearance in an Ebejer play, all the rest of the players have been associated with other plays by Francis Ebejer.

KARMEN AZZOPARDI (Miss Liza) was Lena in "Vakanzi tas-Sajf" Martiza in "Boulevard" Tereza in "Menz" Carmen in "Is-Sejha ta' Sarid"

Miss Azzopardi also won the Best Actress Manoel Award for her part as Martiza. Like nearly all the other members of the cast, she has also acted in many of Ebejer's other plays for radio.

PAUL XUEREB (Mr. Emanuel) was Hakob in "Vakanzi tas-Sajf" Raoul in "Boulevard" Razz in "Menz"

MADELEINE ATTARD MONTALTO (Miss Jean) was the Singer/Danseuse in "Boulevard"

CONNIE IZZO (Miss Casta) was one of Ludilla B's Girls in "Menz"

LINO FARRUGIA was Fernand in "Is-Sejha Ta' Sarid"

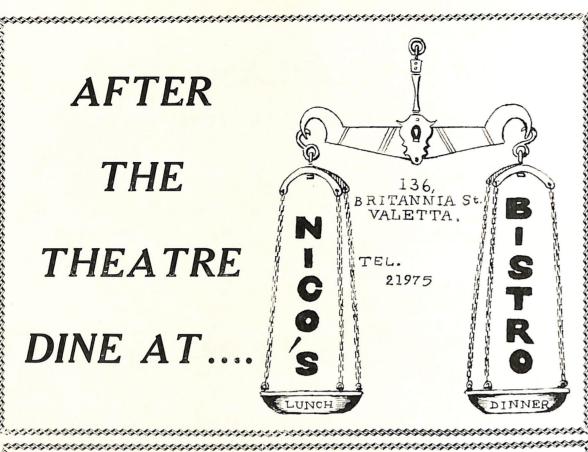
KARMENU GRUPPETTA (the gardener) played the marathon titlepart in "Menz"

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