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At The Manoel Theatre

Monday 13th to Sunday 19th February 1984



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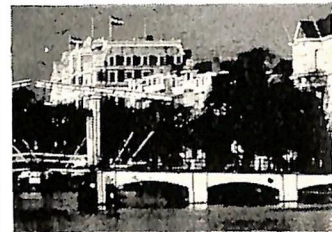
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Monday 13th and Friday 17th February

## IL PAESE DEI CAMPANELLI

Operetta in due tempi di Lombardo e Ranzato

Bon Bon  
Nela  
La Gaffe  
Hans  
Attanasio  
Pomerania  
Tarquinio  
Basilio  
Nansen  
Tom  
Ethel

NADIA FURLON  
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ANGELO MEMI  
EDGARDO CORALLI  
KATALIN MURANYI

The action unrolls in the country of the Belfries.

**QUADRILLES AND DANCES:**

The Milkmaids — The Violets — The Cadets — The English girls.

### THE STORY

Once upon a time, there was a dear little village in Holland, in which all the houses had a miniature belfry on the roof and every time a village girl betrayed her husband or her fiancée, the little bells pealed out. One fine day, a battleship entered the harbour of this village and the cadets lost no time in going ashore to court the fisherman's wives and sweethearts. This caused a lot of trouble in the once tranquil village: but when the battleship leaves the harbour peace returns again to the charming "Village of the Bells".



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Tuesday 14th and Saturday 18th February

## SCUGNIZZA

Operetta in due tempi di  
COSTA — LOMBARDO

Salome  
Gaby Gutter  
Maria Grazia  
Totò  
Chic  
Toby Gutter  
Un Domestico

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MARIA RICCI  
ALDA MURER  
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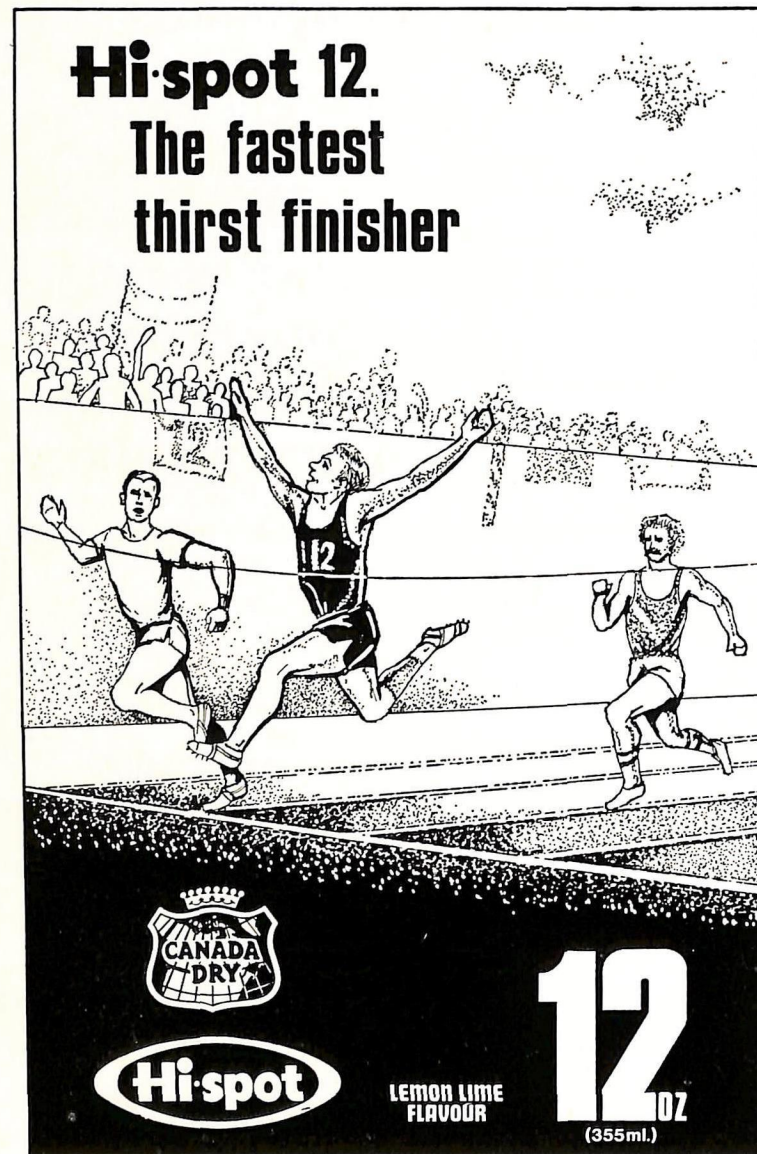
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### THE STORY

SALOME', the bewitching queen of the Scugnizzi and her young and handsome friend totò attract the attention of a rich American widower, Mr. Toby Gutter, who is visiting Naples with his daughter Gaby and his secretary Chic. Mr. Gutter falls in love with Salome and wishes to marry her and take her home with him to America, but Salome refuses because she loves her way of life. She and totò are in love with each other, without realising it. After a quarrel with Totò, Salome accepts Mr. Gutter's offer of marriage although she and Totò are both deeply unhappy. However, soon the Neapolitan sun returns to shine brighter than ever. Sensing where her heart lies, Mr. Gutter settles a handsome dowry on Salome so that she may marry her beloved Scugnizzo and Gaby, at last, discovers Chic's love for her which she happily accepts.





Wednesday 15th and Sunday 19th February

## CIN CI LA'

Operetta in Tre Atti di  
CARLO LOMBARDO e VIRGILIO RANZATO

Cin Ci Là

NADIA FURLON

Petit Gris

PAOLO PIERI

Il Principe Funchi

PAOLO MENEGOLLI

Myosotis

MARIA RICCI

Ciclamino

SANDRO GALLUZZI

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KATALIN MURANYI

Un Cinese

ANGELO MEMI

The action takes place in Macao.

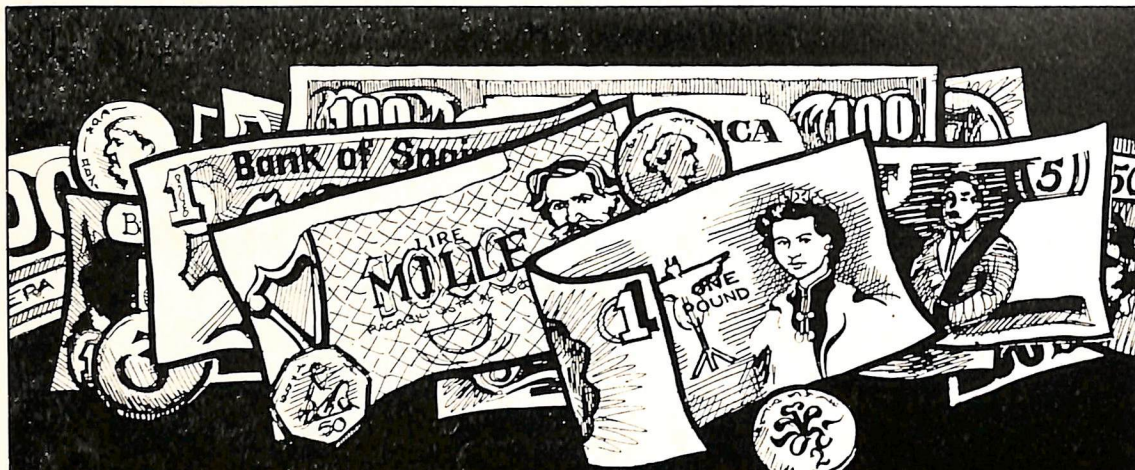
QUADRILLES AND DANCES :

The Chinese — The Rose — The Flower Garden — The Film  
— The Lanterns.

### THE STORY

The inhabitants of Macao are distressed by the fact that the young and timid Princess Myosotis and her cousin Prince Ciclamino, who are engaged to be married, are both so reluctant to give up their childish ways. Funchi, the Princess's father decides to introduce the disinterested couple to the beautiful French film-star, Cin Ci Là, who has just arrived in Macao accompanied by her manager Petit-Gris who is in love with her, Cin Ci Là's love lessons to Ciclamino provoke Petit-Gris's jealousy. But soon Princess Myosotis is ready to forget her dolls and dreams, and longs to marry Prince Ciclamino. At this good news there is great rejoicing in all Macao.





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Thursday 16th and Sunday 19th February

## LA VEDOVA ALLEGRA

Opera in tre atti — Musica di Franz Lehar

Anna Glavari  
Valencienne  
Danilo Danilowic  
Camillo de Rossillon  
Niegus  
Barone Zeta  
Conte Kromov  
Contessa Bogdanovich  
Conte Bogdanovich  
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The action takes place in Paris.

Act I At the Embassy of Pontevedro in Paris

Act II In the garden of Anna Glavari's villa

Act III Chez Maxim

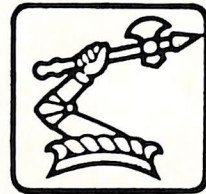
QUADRILLES AND DANCES:

The Sirens — La Vilia — Chez Maxim — The Great Waltz

### THE STORY

The King of Monrovia is afraid that Anna Glavari, a rich enchanting widow, might marry a foreigner and as a consequence her fabulous fortune would be lost to her country. He sends an order to the chancellor of his Embassy in Paris, Niegus, telling him to do everything in his power to persuade Anna to marry one of her compatriots. After many headaches and heartaches, Niegus succeeds in bringing together the Embassy's secretary Count Danilo and the rich widow — thus rekindling an old flame. The couple avow their mutual love and decide to get married, thus saving the Bank of Monrovia from ruin.





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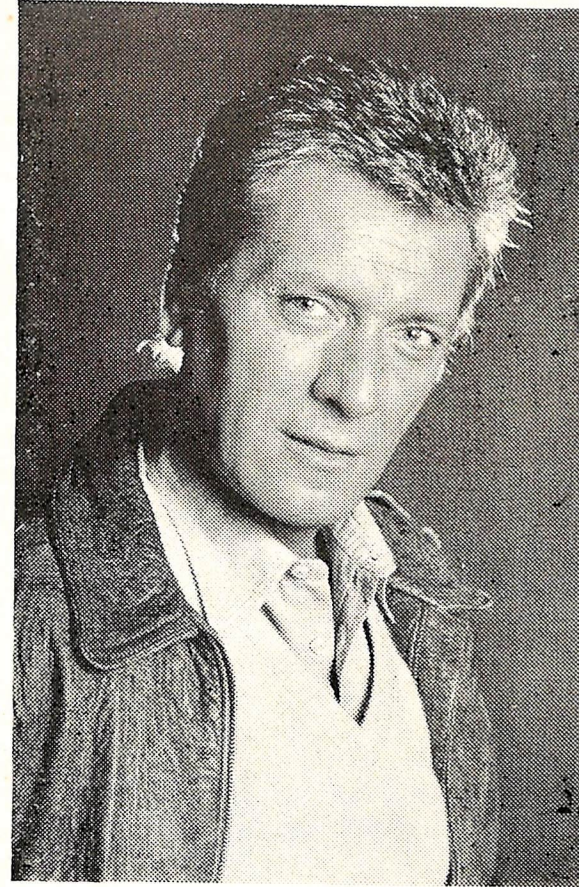
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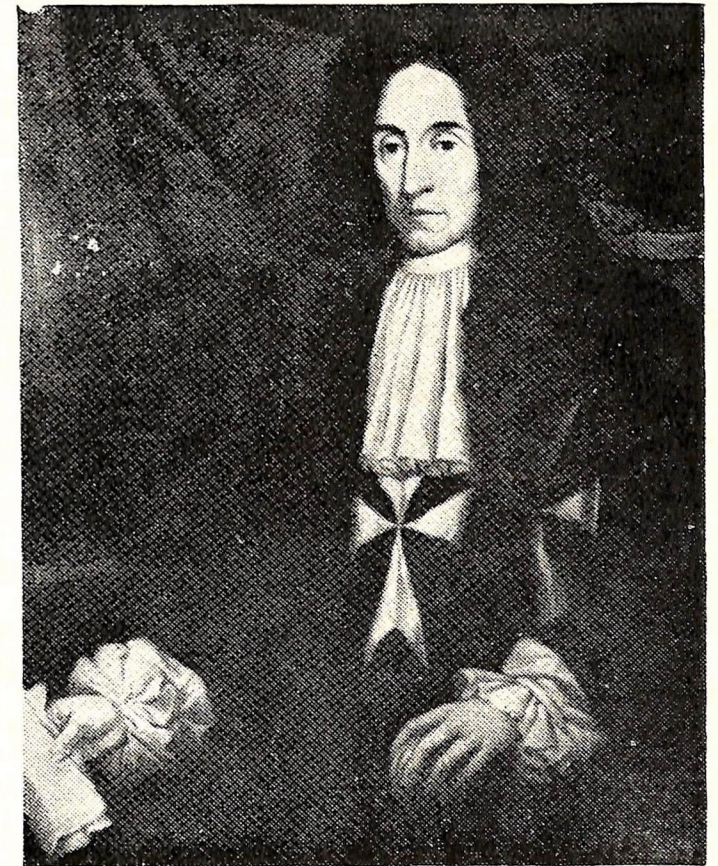
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De Vilhena



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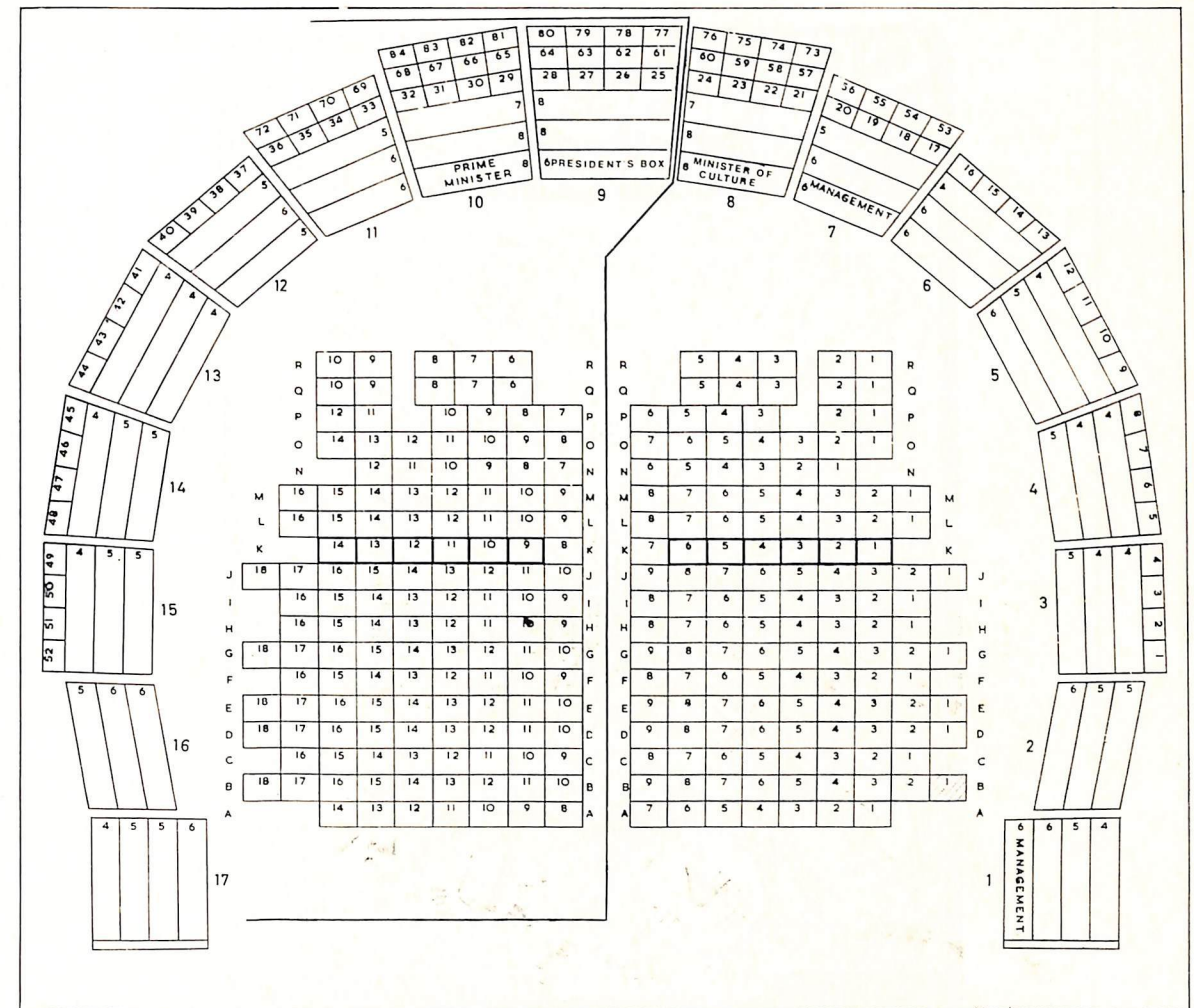
Having fortified the Island, he began to find ways and means of encouraging civil enterprise, and in the political field he managed to negotiate a treaty of peace with the Sultan of Constantinople.

As a befitting gesture towards the People of Malta, he built in 1732 the Manoel Theatre which is a living monument to his achievements. It keeps his memory fresh and glorious in all those who cultivate the Arts and all those who seek an honest recreation, as is implied by the Theatre's motto: "*Ad honestatem populi oblectationem.*"





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### MANOEL THEATRE BOOKING PLAN

Late comers will not be admitted to the Auditorium.

Smoking is not permitted in the Auditorium, in the Boxes and in the Gallery.

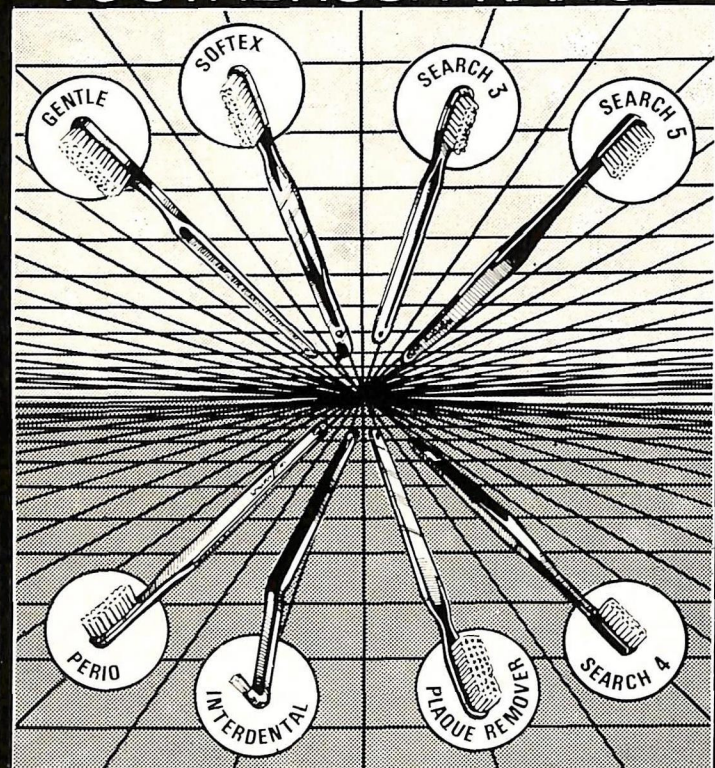
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RUSTICANA AND AN OPERATIC CONCERT — Saturday  
25th and Sunday 26th February 1984.

CHARLES THAKE ID-DI W ID-DO — Saturday 3rd and  
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## THE MANOEL THEATRE FOYER

The Bonici Palace on the corner of Old Bakery Street, acquired by the Manoel Theatre two decades ago, has been completely restored and now constitutes its foyer. It can be approached from the auditorium, the level of your box, or from the original courtyard. Climbing the staircase with its shallow steps of white Carrara marble you see at every turn shell-shaped niches in one of which you may find the bust of your favourite composer. Further up, double doors inset with bevelled-edged mirrors lead to impeccable cloakrooms.

There are wall brackets and chandeliers from Vienna, heavy silk curtains in bluey/green and gold, a pair of candelabra and, at the top of the stairs, a truly magnificent chandelier once the property of the Messina family.

You will see engravings depicting characters and scenes from famous operas and show-cases in which are to be found *memorabilia* of the Theatre collected throughout the years. An antique mirror hangs above the eighteenth century mantelpiece. Beautiful furniture has been collected from the Auberges and carefully restored. The ceiling is a particular delight, the newly hand-painted beams, so near in colour to the curtains, are decorated with the Maltese Cross and small crowns picked out in gold.

Keeping guard over all this splendour stands the bust of Grand Master Antonio Manoel de Vilhena which was recovered from Manoel Island.

A visit to the Manoel Theatre Foyer is a must for every art lover, this splendid old house, restored to its pristine glory, makes a marvellous venue for any art Exhibition. The setting and accoustics are perfect for recitals and poetry reading.

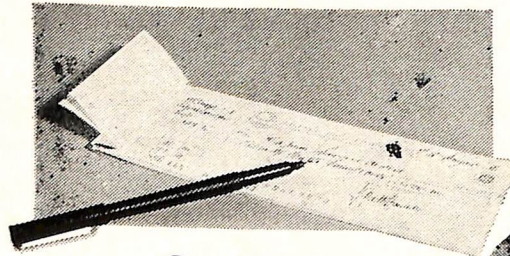


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