

Monty/Lady Salome

Seats still available!

*(The flamboyantly awful actress, LADY SALOME D'YSQUITH PUMPHREY, brandishes a pistol. SHE shoots into the air.)*

LADY SALOME

*(As HEDDA:)*

"Bang! Oh, dear me, I didn't hit you, did I?"

1ST ACTOR

*(As BRACK:)*

"What are you shooting at?"

LADY SALOME

"Oh, I just stand and shoot up into the blue, into the big blue sky! Bang!"

MONTY (Recorded V-O)

*(To AUDIENCE:)*

If justice had prevailed, Lady Salome would have been slaughtered by the critics, thus relieving me of the job.

*(Later in the play, as viewed by MONTY from the wings: LADY SALOME'S performance is all grand gestures and playing to the balcony.)*

LADY SALOME

*(As HEDDA:)*

"When I think about it now... there was a kind of courage about it, this hidden intimacy! It was our secret, shared by no other living soul! Oh, you brute!"

MONTY (Recorded V-O)

*(To AUDIENCE:)*

Remembering the climax of the play, I managed to slip real bullets into Lady Salome's gun.

*(Later in the play, as viewed by the AUDIENCE now: A loud gunshot is heard behind a drawn curtain.)*

LADY SALOME

*(From offstage:)*

BANG!

*(A gust of SALOME'S feathers shoots in from offstage.)*

2ND ACTOR

*(As TESMAN, shrieking:)*

"Shot herself!"