

## STRATFORD WELCOMES...



Elizabeth Shepherd



Edward Atienza



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The following artists have joined the Stratford Festival Company for the 1972 season:

Elizabeth Shepherd – a leading stage and television actress whose roles include three of Shakespeare's most charming heroines, Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*, Viola in *Twelfth Night* and Beatrice in *Much Ado About Nothing*. Her appearances with England's major repertory companies and in the West End also included major roles in Ibsen's *Brand*, Brecht's *Mother Courage, War and Peace, Period of Adjustment* and *Inherit the Wind*. In the United States, she first did a season of Shakespearean productions with the Actors Company for WNDT-TV in New York, for which she won an Emmy Award nomination for her performance as Hermione in *A Winter's Tale*. She was featured on Broadway in *Conduct Unbecoming* during the 1970-71 season and at the Arena Stage in Washington in *What the Butler Saw*, directed by David William. Film appearances include *The Queen's Guards* with Raymond Massey, her first film, and *Hellboats*, her latest, in which she appears with James Franciscus. She counts as her favourite screen role a film made with Vincent Price titled *The Tomb of Ligeia*. At Stratford, she will play Countess Cibo in *Lorenzaccio*, Cordelia in *King Lear*, and Audrey in *As You Like It*.

Edward Atienza – a talented English actor whose numerous appearances in the West End and on Broadway have won him both critical and public acclaim. Mr. Atienza will be seen as Touchstone in *As You Like It*, both on tour this spring and at the Festival this summer, and as the fool in *King Lear*. Among his acting credits are such roles as the archbishop in Peter Ustinov's *Romanoff and Juliet*, which he played both in London and New York; Mercutio in Zeffirelli's American tour production of *Romeo and Juliet*; Shabelsky in John Gielgud's *Ivanov*, both in the West End and Broadway productions, Firs in *The Cherry Orchard*, in London and at the Edinburgh Festival. Featured in *Vivat, Vivat*

*Regina* at the 1970 Chichester Festival, he remained with the show for a year when it transferred to London. Canadian television audiences have seen him as Chapuys in the popular BBC-TV production *Henry VIII*. His film work includes *Lock Up Your Daughters* and *Say Hello to Yesterday*.

Carole Shelley – the girl who was the lovable, slightly befuddled Gwendolyn Pigeon to millions of television viewers who each week faithfully tuned in to the ABC-TV series *The Odd Couple*. She originally played Miss Pigeon for two years in Neil Simon's long-running Broadway hit, later recreating the role for film and television. Broadway appearances also include a leading role in *The Astrakhan Coat*, co-starring roles in Noel Coward's *Sweet Potato* and *Hay Fever* and a starring role in *Loot*. Canadian audiences have seen Miss Shelley at the Shaw Festival last summer, where she was featured in Coward's *Tonight at Eight-Thirty* and Shaw's *Press Cuttings*. Having made her screen debut at the age of three, she has appeared in more than 20 British films since then and has recently completed work on a Walt Disney Studio production, a feature length animated version of *Robin Hood*, in which she does one of the major voice characterizations. Her first Stratford role will be the delightful Rosalind in *As You Like It* and she will also be seen as Regan in *King Lear* and Miss Neville in *She Stoops to Conquer*.

Nicholas Pennell – a young actor who brings to his initial Stratford engagement experience in more than 150 television productions, including *The Forsyte Saga*, in which he played Michael Mont. On stage, he has acted with the Bristol Old Vic Company in *Three Sisters* and *As You Like It*, and with the Oxford Players, playing the role of Dapper in *The Alchemist*. His films include *Isadora Duncan, David Copperfield* and the *Battle of Britain*. At Stratford, he will be seen as Orlando in *As You Like It*, Tebaldeo in *Lorenzaccio* and young Marlow in *She Stoops to Conquer*.