

sub theatre

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA



ONE WEEK ONLY The Decameron

25 sat

21 tues

SEPTEMBER



Using little more than their clothing and a few crates the performers create the decors for several dozen characters. Hausvater, the director, chose to have them perform in a *commedia del'arte* style, inspired by the fact that, during the 1940s, an Italian troupe, directed by Ernesto and Maria Cavale, was imprisoned for political reasons by Mussolini.

The five weakened prisoners, in their striped prison garb, perform against the desolate backdrop of barbed wire, transforming themselves into Italian peasants, playing the tales with the diminished, but still considerable, craft of their trade. A guard's harsh, amplified voice, however, constantly interrupts their play, barking out orders, forcing them to humiliate each other, ordering them to be more realistic, more brutal, more sexual. "That's the trouble with you spaghettis," he says at one point, "you're not realistic enough."

These constant defeats are both moving and resonant. The literal-mindedness of the guard reminds us of what is at the root of both pornography and propaganda: a need to control others in order to get specific gratifications and pre-determined effects.

The tales, though at times funny, are not memorable. What stays in the mind are the five prisoners who live in constant fear for their lives. They never know what to expect from one moment to the next.

Shocking, powerful, realistic. Alexander Hausvater's adaptation and direction of Boccaccio's *Decameron Tales* is all of those things and more.

8:00 pm.

SUB Theatre presents
The Decameron

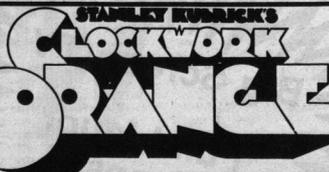
Tickets: \$11.00
\$9.00 and \$7.00
Available at all BASS outlets.

14 tues



8:00 pm. — CONAN, THE BARBARIAN — 1982, USA, 115 min. Dir: John Milius Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Earl Jones. **Restricted Adult**

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8:00 pm. — A CLOCKWORK ORANGE — 1971, Great Britain, 137 min. Dir: Stanley Kubrick Cast: Malcolm McDowell, Patrick Magee. **Restricted Adult** THE SHINING — 1978, USA, 145 min. Dir: Stanley Kubrick Cast: Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall. **Restricted Adult**

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THE JAZZ QUINTET



October 15 (2 shows)

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Canadian Classical Guitar Virtuosa

Liona Boyd

Jubilee Auditorium
Wednesday, Nov 3-8 p.m.

Tickets: SUB Box Office and all BASS outlets.

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Canadian Brass
"Marx Brothers of Brass"

Jubilee Auditorium
November 6 Tickets: BASS

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