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The University of Houston Drama Department has announced its 1980-81 season which includes a performance by members of the Royal Shakespeare Company of England.

The season will open on October 10, 11, 17-19 with Sidney Berger's production of Michael Cristofer's THE SHADOW BOX, a gripping Pulitzer Prize winning play that manages, in spite of a serious subject, to be full of humor.

For an abrupt change of pace, Cecil Pickett will direct the intimate and romantic musical SHE LOVES ME by Bock, Harnick, and Masteroff. The NEW YORK DAILY NEWS reflected the general reaction to the show on its opening: [the music is] "so charming, so deft, so light and so right that it makes all the other music shows...look like clodhoppers." Performance dates are November 14, 15, 21-23.

MIME TIME TALES, another of the much admired and enjoyed evenings of silent theatre by Claude Caux and the UH Mime Troupe will be presented on January 30 and 31.

On February 5, members of the Royal Shakespeare Company will be seen in a special benefit for the Houston Shakespeare Festival (details to be announced at a later date) with a public performance scheduled for February 7.

The touching and now classic SUMMER AND SMOKE by Tennessee Williams will be directed by Cecil Pickett for performances on February 27, 28, March 6-8, and for the final show of the season, Sidney Berger will direct the bawdy musical version of Shakespeare's TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA by Guare, Shapiro, and MacDermot.

All productions this year will be in the Wortham Theatre (curtain at 8:30), and again season subscriptions will be offered at twenty percent savings over single ticket prices. For subscription information, call 749-1428 or write Drama Department, University of Houston Central Campus, Houston, TX 77004.