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Mother Teresa is Dead

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Studio 201 October 22-31, 2004 3rd Season 8th Production

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The Cast

Frances Masha Borovikova*

Mark Brandon Petty*

Srinivas Tony K. Nam*

Jane Samantha Rund*

The Production Team

Director Cathy Madden

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Stage Manager

Jenny McArthur

Running Crew Benjamin Elterman, Jennifer Hook, Ashley

Nelson, David Parker, Erin Richmond, Esprit Sager, Nicole Sandoval, Alyssa Sims, Jamie Storm, Carly Thomas

The Setting

A house, in a village near Madras, India — the living room, the garden, and the studio.

(There will be one 10-minute intermission)

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Mother Teresa Is Dead is produced by special arrangement with Helen Edmundson and The Agency.

From the Director

The company of *Mother Teresa* has taken a simple step to acknowledge and begin responding personally to the questions raised in Helen Edmundson's play. We invite you to join us in this way to contribute daily to feeding people in need. It is as simple as "clicking" on *The Hunger Site*. You can get information about this organization from their website, www.thehungersite.com.

Who Are the Poor?

The poor are the materially and the spiritually destitute

The poor are the hungry and the thirsty
The poor are those who need clothing

The poor are the homeless and the harborless

The poor are the sick

The poor are the physically and mentally handicapped

The poor are the aged

The poor are those imprisoned

The poor are the lonely

The poor are the ignorant and the doubtful

The poor are the sorrowful The poor are the comfortless The poor are the helpless The poor are the persecuted

The poor are those who suffer injustice

The poor are the ill-mannered The poor are the bad-tempered

The poor are the sinners and the scoffers
The poor are those who do us wrong

The poor are the unwanted, the outcasts of society The poor are somehow or other—we ourselves

— Mother Teresa of Calcutta, from Life in the Spirit

About the Author

Helen Edmundson's play, *Mother Teresa Is Dead*, was first produced at the Royal Court Theatre. Her previous work includes *The Clearing*, which won the John Whiting and Time Out Theatre Awards and has been widely staged around the world. She first came to notice in 1992 with her award-winning adaptation of *Anna Karenina* for Shared Experience, for whom she also adapted *The Mill on the Floss*. Both productions were twice revived and extensively toured. Her adaptation of *War and Peace* was staged with Shared Experience and at the Royal National Theatre in 1996.

Recommended Reading

Bond Between Women: A Journey to Fierce Compassion, by China Galland (New York: Riverhead Books, 1998).

The City of Joy, by Dominique Lapierre (New York: Warner Books, 1985).

Life in the Spirit: Reflections, Meditations, Prayers, Mother Teresa of Clacutta, by Kathryn Spink and Mother Teresa (London: Harper Collins, 1988).

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