



The Impromptu of Versailles	<p>The setup here is that Moliere and his troupe have been sent for by the King to come perform at Versailles. But instead of the piece they had prepared, the King has just asked for an entirely new piece - to be ready later that same day! So all the action of the play takes place backstage as Moliere has to come up with a story and the troupe has to select and prepare roles in a mad panic. Many of the comments in the banter between actors concern personages from Moliere's time - we don't necessarily know them but the biting of the satire still comes clearly through. - Summary by ToddHW</p> <p>Cast list: Moliere, a ridiculous Marquis: Thomas A. Copeland Brecourt, a man of Quality: Tomas Peter La Grange, a ridiculous Marquis: Nemo Du Croisy, a poet: alanmapstone La Thorilliere, a fidgety Marquis: Chuck Williamson Bejart and the Busybodies: ToddHW Mademoiselle Duparc, a ceremonious Marchioness: Sonia Mademoiselle Bejart, a prude: Beth Thomas Mademoiselle Debrie, a sage coquette: Eva Davis Mademoiselle Moliere, a satirical wit: Sandra Schmit Mademoiselle Du Croisy, a whining plague: Aville Mademoiselle Herve, a conceited chambermaid: Leanne Yau Stage Directions: James Curran Edited by: ToddHW Total running time: 00:51:29</p> <p>This recording is in the public domain and may be reproduced, distributed, or modified without permission. For more information or to volunteer, visit librivox.org. Cover picture etching of scene from play. Copyright expired in U.S., Canada, EU. and all countries with author's life +70 yrs laws. Cover design by Annise. This design is in the public domain.</p>	The Impromptu of Versailles
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