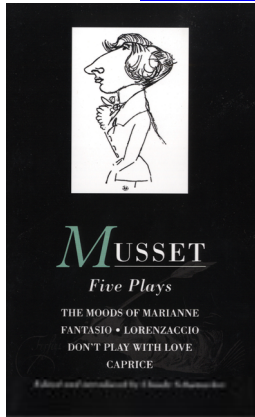


Lorenzaccio by Alfred de Musset



Widely considered Musset's best play, *Lorenzaccio* is set in sixteenth century Florence, where the idealistic Lorenzo, known as 'Lorenzaccio' swears to kill Florence's tyrant and his own cousin, Alessandro de'Medici. Lorenzo wins the trust of Alessandro, with the plan to assassinate him, but in the process loses his belief that the rebellious faction, led by the Strozzi, can ever declare a republic. Nevertheless, he carries out his plan and promptly Cosimo de'Medici is declared the new ruler of Florence. With his hopes thwarted, Lorenzo himself is finally assassinated.

This version was first presented at the University of Bristol in 1974.

'Lorenzaccio speaks to our time, loud and clear' *Washington Post*

Genre:	Historical drama	Fee:	£40 plus VAT, per performance
Cast:	m29 f6	Scripts:	ISBN 9780413692405 £14.99
Set:	Florence & Venice 1537	Length:	5 acts
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The Duke The Cibo woman's mine.

Lorenzo She's just a neighbour.

Lorenzo That's a great pity.

The Duke A neighbour I'd like to accost! Good Lord, if I'm not mistaken, it's Catherine Ginori.

The Duke Why?

Lorenzo No.

Lorenzo Because it'll disappoint the others.

The Duke Oh no, it won't! She's boring me already. But tell me, mignon, who's that beautiful woman arranging flowers at that window? I've been seeing her constantly as I go by, for a long time now.

The Duke I know it is! It's your young aunt. Plague on it! I'd forgotten how attractive she is. Why don't you bring her to supper?

Lorenzo Where's that?

Lorenzo Difficult. She's a dragon of virtue.

The Duke In the palace. Over there, opposite.

The Duke Don't you believe it! There's no such thing for men like us.

Lorenzo Oh, she's nothing.

Lorenzo I'll ask her, if you like. But I warn you she's a blue-stocking. And she talks Latin.

The Duke Nothing! You call an arm like that nothing? By the devil's guts, what a Venus!

The Duke Good for her! But you don't need Latin to make love!

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