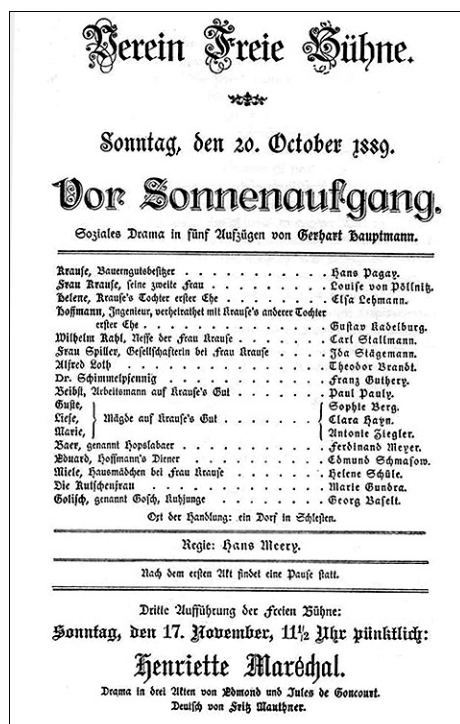


Playbill for Gerhart Hauptmann's *Before Daybreak* (October 20, 1889)

Abstract

Below is a facsimile of the playbill from Gerhart Hauptmann's social drama *Vor Sonnenaufgang* [*Before Daybreak*]. Hauptmann's naturalist work was one of the first productions staged by Theaterverein Freie Bühne or Free Stage Association. It caused a sensation at its premiere in October 1889. The play was in keeping with Hauptmann's pronouncement: "writers are the tears of history."

Source



Source: Gernot Schley, *Die Freie Bühne in Berlin. Der Vorläufer der Volksbühnenbewegung. Ein Beitrag zur Theatergeschichte in Deutschland*. Berlin: Haude & Spenersche Verlagsbuchhandlung, 1967, p. 51.

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