

'Rosencrantz And Guildenstern' Is Alive

A last-minute cast change in the lead role of the Provincetown Theatre Company's production of "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" has postponed the play's opening date for three days.

The play will open Saturday, December 1.

The decision was made following the departure of co-star Richard Cromley last week. Cromley was replaced by the play's prompter and recent member of the company, Chip Bailey.

Theatre Company director Edmond DiStasi said last Tuesday night that despite the change in leads the production was in good shape. He said Bailey, who started rehearsing last Saturday, was doing well. "He was the play's prompter and offered to play the part for the good of the company. Fortunately he has a lot of experience," DiStasi said.

Bailey's professional background includes performances in productions of "Auntie Mame," "Cheaper by the Dozen," "The King And I," "South Pacific," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "The Imaginary Invalid," "The Crucible," and two operas by Benjamin Britten.

Constant Rehearsals

To compensate for the change over in casting, DiStasi said the company has been rehearsing day and night at the Provincetown Art Association where the production will be held.

"What's really been marvelous is the cooperation we've gotten from the Art Association. They've been more than helpful throughout this," DiStasi said.

Good of the Company

If Bailey took the part at the last minute



Provincetown Theatre Company Director Edmond DiStasi with the Cast of "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern."

for the "good of the company," Cromley apparently left for the same reason.

DiStasi said there were no hard feelings over Cromley's decision to leave. "There's no animosity. He just became indisposed and left for the good of the company," DiStasi concluded.

"Cromley left because he didn't think his performance could grow," one actor in the

cast said. "He was a fine actor but Bailey is doing a good job in his place."

DiStasi said he hoped to do "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" again during January in repertory with "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

Saturday night's opening begins the Provincetown Theatre Company's season. Three plays are planned, the last being a

musical version of "Alice in Wonderland" from an original adaption of the play by Charles Horne with a score by Richard Busch.

Reservations for "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern" can be called in to the Art Association at 487-1750. Seats are two dollars apiece, and curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

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