



THE SHUBERT ORGANIZATION
JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
ROGER BERLIND
EDDIE KULUKUNDIS
in association with SRO Productions Limited
present

ZERO MOSTEL THE MERCHANT

A new play by

**ARNOLD
WESKER**

Also Starring

**JOHN
CLEMENTS
SAM
LEVENE**

with

MARIAN SELDES

and

ROBERTA MAXWELL

Scenery and Costumes by

**JOCELYN
HERBERT**

Lighting by

**ANDY
PHILLIPS**

Lighting Supervised by

**ANDREA
WILSON**

Directed by

**JOHN
DEXTER**

IMPERIAL THEATRE
45th STREET WEST OF BROADWAY

Arnold Wesker

The Merchant

[New York: Imperial Theatre 1977]

\$1500



Broadside. Measuring 14" x 21¾". Printed image on card with white screenprinted lettering. Fine in black metal frame. A broadside for a production of the *The Merchant* at the Imperial Theatre in New York which never occurred due to the tragic death of lead actor Zero Mostel, who died after the first preview performance in Philadelphia. The production never recovered from his loss and closed one week after its New York run at The Plymouth Theatre. Although not marked in any way, this broadside comes from the collection of Tony Award-winning actress Marian Seldes, who appeared in the play as Mostel's sister. Seldes was Wesker's pillar of support during the stressful production, and the two formed a strong bond that last long after the play. We suspect this was given to her by Wesker as a memento of what could have been. A wonderful association of an unreleased broadside. Rare. [BTC#425633]