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Any good theatre, whether it be Broadway or the community playhouse, succeeds by dint of 90% perspiration and 10% inspiration. Someone has said, and correctly, that theatre is simply the organization of a thousand and one details—audience, actors, publicity, tickets, ushers, settings, lights, paintings, props, costumes—everything, in fact, from the auditorium to the decanter of port on the set. All this has been collected, rehearsed, prepared, organized and will be brought to a focal point at precisely 8:30 o'clock this evening. Furthermore, we trust, the group that brought these things together will be able to sustain and project these activities until the final curtain at about 11:00 P.M.

We have had many meetings, observed many deadlines, solved innumerable problems. All the working groups have been suffering the pangs of birth; the cast, the technicians, the promotion and production staffs stand alert; theatre is about to be born! The show is ready to start!

The electrician stands by waiting for the signal for the house lights. The actors are in place on the finished set. Backstage is organized and quiet. The stage manager is the leading man!

. . . the house lights dim . . .
Curtain!

. . . and we do hope you enjoy the show!



Community Theatre

Take X number of people (the more the better) and work them hard for two thousand hours. These people can and do include anyone in the community who has any of the following requirements: follows a script, turns up hems, likes swap shops, adores antique shops, has a station wagon (or truck); likes to hammer, saw, paint, use a typewriter, fuss with wiring and lighting; is a little bit crazy, likes to act, doesn't like to act, likes community theatre, prefers the professional stage, has had loads of theatre experience, freezes on stage; sells tickets, makes coffee, etc. ad infinitum.

Starting six weeks or so before the opening performance, lose lots of sleep, neglect your friends, your family; laugh a lot, make some friends, decide to give the whole thing up, decide to stick it out; learn something about the skills and arts which go into play production, fall in love with theatre, develop an aversion to theatre, greasepaint and footlights.

If you are a director, learn to speak softly, develop a good bluster, and take a rest cure when it's all over.

If you are a member of the cast, learn your lines quickly (Showoff), don't learn your lines quickly (the rest of the cast), move well, freeze up, fuss with the backstage crew, learn to get along with people; criticize the set, design a better one.

If you are a member of the backstage crew, do your work well, don't do it well, find something to fuss about with at least one member of the cast, get along with the cast.

Mix all these ingredients until dress rehearsal, at which time the auditorium will be a department of utter confusion, a time when best laid plans gang aft alee. Have a successful opening night, give a benefit, clip the reviews, paste them in your scrapbook, take a good long rest.

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

OVERTURE	Orchestra
Scene 1: THE WORKHOUSE (Early evening)	
"Food, Glorious Food"	Chorus (with Oliver)
"Oliver!"	Chorus, Mr. Bumble, Widow Corney
Scene 2: THE WORKHOUSE PARLOR (Later)	
"I Shall Scream"	Widow Corney, Mr. Bumble
"Boy For Sale"	Mr. Bumble
Scene 3: THE UNDERTAKER'S PARLOR	
"That's Your Funeral"	Mr. & Mrs. Sowerberry, Mr. Bumble
"Where Is Love"	Oliver
Scene 4: THE UNDERTAKER'S PARLOR (Next morning)	
Scene 5: PADDINGTON GREEN (Morning, a week later)	
"Consider Yourself"	The Artful Dodger, Oliver, Chorus
Scene 6: THE THIEVES' KITCHEN (Later)	
"Pick-a-Pocket Or Two"	Fagin, with the Boys
"It's A Fine Life"	Nancy, Bet and Boys
"I'd Do Anything"	Artful Dodger, Nancy, Oliver
	Bet, Fagin and Boys
"Be Back Soon"	Fagin, Artful Dodger and Boys

END OF ACT ONE

(15 minute intermission)

ACT TWO

Scene 1:	THE "THREE CRIPPLES" (A public house)	
	"Oom-Pah-Pah"	Nancy and Chorus
	"My Name"	Bill Sikes
	"As Long As He Needs Me"	Nancy
Scene 2:	THE BROWNLOWS' (Two weeks later)	
	"Where Is Love"	Reprise, Mrs. Bedwin
	"Who Will Buy"	Oliver, Street Criers and Chorus
Scene 3:	THE THIEVES' KITCHEN (Later)	
	"It's A Fine Life"	Reprise, Nancy, Bill Sikes, Fagin, Dodger
	"Reviewing The Situation"	Fagin
Scene 4:	THE WORKHOUSE (A few days later)	
	"Oliver!"	Reprise, Widow Corney, Mr. Bumble
Scene 5:	THE BROWLOWS' (Later)	
	"As Long As He Needs Me"	Reprise, Nancy
Scene 6:	LONDON BRIDGE (At midnight)	
	"Reviewing The Situation"	Reprise, Fagin
	FINALE	
	"Food, Glorious Food"	Reprise, Boys
	"Consider Yourself"	Reprise, Entire Company
	"I'd Do Anything"	Reprise, Oliver and Company

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Choreography by
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stage settings by: Chuck Budach & Donn Briner

CAST

(in order of appearance)

Mr. Bumble.....	Chuck Balch	Noah.....	Carl Vimtrup*
Oliver... (Fri & Sat)	Paul Shekelle*	Artful Dodger.....	Tom Wagner*
Sun) ..	David Mueller*	Fagin.....	Dave Kuester
Widow Corney.....	Layne Duerinck	Nancy.....	Verna Chalupnik*
Mr. Sowerberry.....	Richard Albright	Bet.....	Susan Meiser*
Mrs. Sowerberry.....	Mildred Mohr*	Bill Sikes.....	Don Mitchell
Charlotte.....	Chris Malmgren*	Mrs. Bedwin.....	Elaine Albright

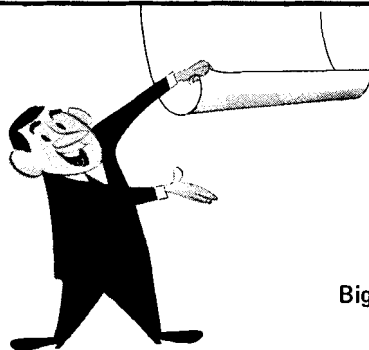
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Milkmaid	Valerie Walsh	Dr. Grimwig . . .	John Murphy
Strawberry Seller . .	John Tovelli	Old Sally	Irma Balch
Knife Grinder	Richard Albright	Old Lady	Arlene Steingraber*

BOYS

Matt Burbey*
Dean Dunham*
Larry Jacklin*
Marty Lance*
David Lusk*
Craig Mindrum*
Bob Plumb*
Joel Wadman*
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STREET KIDS

Peg Michelson*
Kimberly Skubich*
Gary Holzkopf*
David Kuester, Jr.*

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Elaine Albright
Camille Budach*
Anne Charpentier
Donna Fandrey
Johnnie Kuester
Barbara Marks
Roz Mueller
Arlene Steingraber*
Richard Albright
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WHO'S WHO
IN THE CAST OF
"OLIVER!"

PAUL SHEKELLE (Oliver Friday and Saturday) at the tender age of 11, has had 3 years of choir and has commanded lead parts in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade school plays. Paul lives in Downers Grove and will make his debut with GP.

DAVID MUELLER (Oliver Sunday) is the son of GP's treasurer, Roz Mueller, has been in school plays with 2 years experience in choir plus playing piano and baritone horn. This is David's first role on our stage.

DAVE KUESTER (Fagin) returns after his fine portrayal as a blind ancient in "Anastasia". He sang and danced as Heinzie in "Pajama Game", appeared in "Anything Goes", "Bells Are Ringing", "Meet A Body" plus many other GP productions as well as working many shows backstage.

TOM WAGNER (Artful Dodger) appeared in high school productions of "My Fair Lady", "South Pacific" and "Fiorello". This is Tom's first appearance with Grove Players.

DON MITCHELL (Bill Sikes) has had a stage and vocal career since 1946 when he appeared on the legitimate stage. Don has to his many credits plays including "Solid Gold Cadillac", Lisle Players, and "Bells Are Ringing" and "Never Too Late" with GP.

VERNA CHALUPNIK (Nancy) is new to our stage but not short on experience. A Chicagoan, she portrayed Ella in "Bells Are Ringing", Babe in "Pajama Game", Fanny in "Funny Girl", Anita in "West Side Story" and Bracknell in "Importance of Being Ernest".

CHRIS MALGREN (Charlotte) is also new to GP's stage with a background of 5 years of classical ballet, having danced in recitals and acted in a film for school.

BRIAN GILOMEN (Noah), a Freshman at South High, has 6 plays to his credit including "Doctor In Spite Of Himself", "Li'l Abner", "Peter Pan", and appeared with the Pinocchio Players in "Golden Princess". Brian will also debut with GP tonight.

ELAINE ALBRIGHT (Bedwin) has worked with the group in many backstage activities and has appeared in "Pajama Game" and "Bells Are Ringing" plus floorshows for the Players. Elaine is co-chairman of the costume committee for "Oliver!".

IRMA BALCH (Old Sally) after graduating from backstage work, debuted a few years ago with GP in "Holiday For Lovers" and went on to play Mrs. Harcourt in "Anything Goes", Miss Smithers in the one-act "Bachelor's Baby" and sang in the chorus of "Bells Are Ringing".

SUSAN MEISER (Bet) has been involved in theatre workshop, variety shows, choir, Madrigals, and competed in a state singing contest. Susan, a Western Springs resident, will make her first appearance with us tonight.

CHUCK BALCH (Mr. Bumble) has been active with the group for several years, having appeared in 13 straight GP productions including "Bells Are Ringing", "Pen Is Deadlier" plus working with Lisle Players last year in "Solid Gold Cadillac".

LAYNE DUERINCK (Widow Corney) has sung in the chorus for GP's "Anything Goes", "Pajama Game" and "Bells Are Ringing" and appeared in "Funny Girl" at St. Procopius last year.

MILDRED MOHR (Mrs. Sowerberry) has sung opera, oratorio, recitals, in "Cosi Fan Tutti", "Aida", "Madam Butterfly" and has had professional solo engagements. She holds BS, BA and MM degrees having majored in voice and piano.

RICHARD ALBRIGHT (Mr. Sowerberry) a member of 4 years standing, has appeared in "Pajama Game", "Anything Goes", "Bells Are Ringing" and was last seen as Prince Paul in "Anastasia". Dick teaches English at Lyons Township High School.

DONN BRINER (Brownlow) has been in virtually every production of GP for the past 13 years. He has designed sets, found seemingly impossible props for past productions, served as President of the Players, and is a valuable member of the Executive Board.

THE DIRECTORS

RICHARD BRICKWELL - Mr. Brickwell is a native of Downers Grove and in his second teaching year at South High. He directs 3 plays a year and has portrayed roles including the title role in "Fiorello". This is his first directoral position with the Grove Players.

LON MAY - Lon has been music director for the group since its first musical production 4 years ago. He teaches at Hillcrest and South High and is a resident of Downers Grove.

LAURA GRANT - Mrs. Grant, choreographer for "Oliver!", has been a member of GP for many years and has appeared in plays including "Solid Gold Cadillac", "Late Love", "Mousetrap", "Laura" and "Light Up The Sky". She operates 2 dance studios, is guest teacher at Northern Illinois University and has done choreography for North Central College's speech department.

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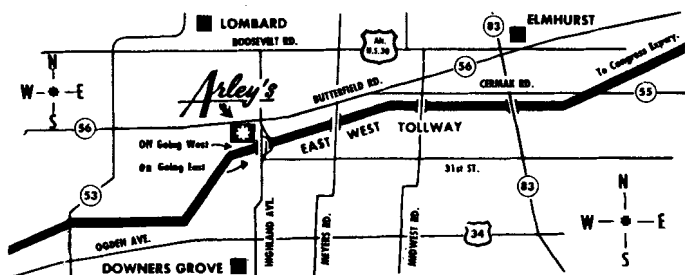
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