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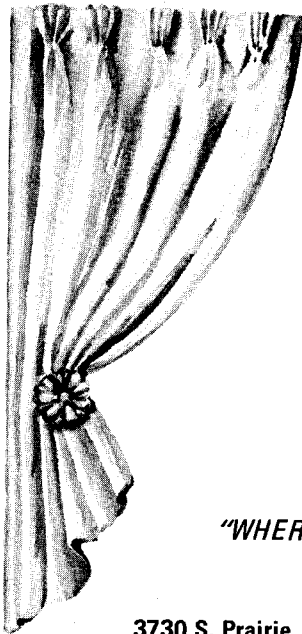
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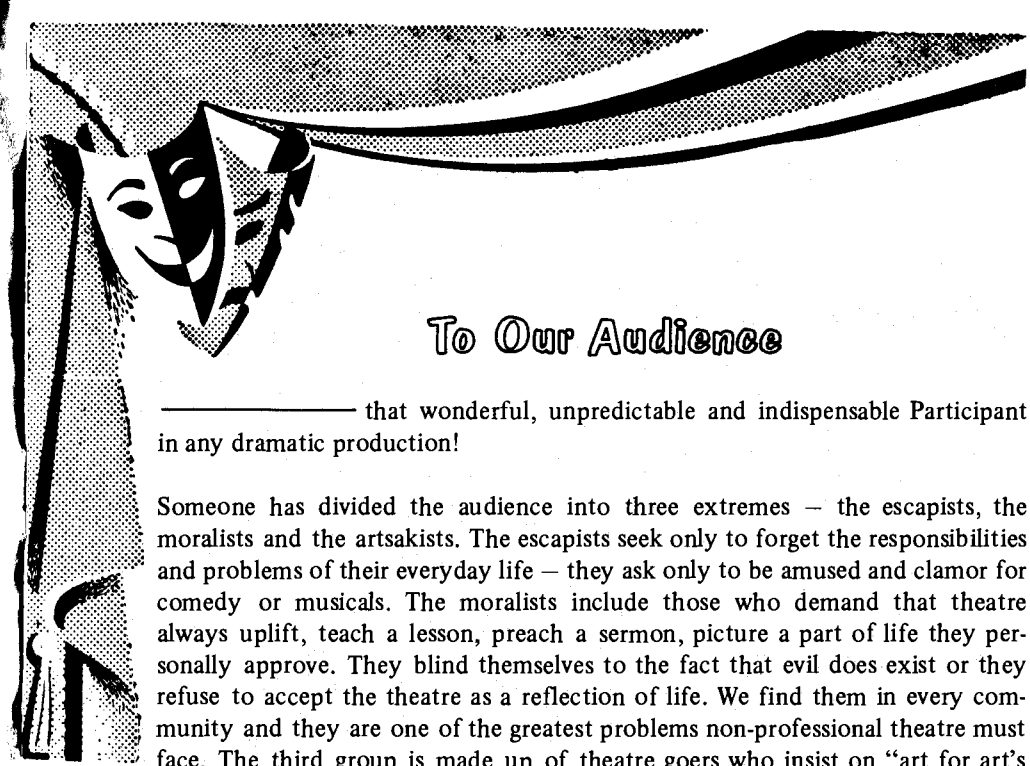
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Someone has divided the audience into three extremes — the escapists, the moralists and the artsakists. The escapists seek only to forget the responsibilities and problems of their everyday life — they ask only to be amused and clamor for comedy or musicals. The moralists include those who demand that theatre always uplift, teach a lesson, preach a sermon, picture a part of life they personally approve. They blind themselves to the fact that evil does exist or they refuse to accept the theatre as a reflection of life. We find them in every community and they are one of the greatest problems non-professional theatre must face. The third group is made up of theatre goers who insist on "art for art's sake". They smugly infer that popularity with an audience is only an ingredient of mediocrity and so beneath the true artist. They like to think of themselves as intellectuals.

To please these extremes and those who lie between is not an easy task but they all make up that audience out front for whom every player-member is working. The variety of what this audience may most appreciate is unlimited — they may be surprised, stirred, excited, amused, frightened, saddened or thrilled — the emotional content is more important, fundamentally, than the intellectual.

The good play-goer realizes that theatre is a synthesis of all the arts and that many individuals are responsible for the production he is about to witness. He realizes that he may like some part of the production and be disappointed in another; and that it is unjust to condemn or praise the whole because of some single contribution. He appreciates that the theatre can stir, excite, amuse, teach or transform, but that the whole experience is a two way proposition — a game which he, too, must play!

Finally, a unanimity of opinion regarding any performance is neither possible or probable. Even with the same set of principles (which is improbable) two persons will arrive at widely divergent opinions regarding any performance due to emotions, personal appeal and interests — the very nature of the individual.

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## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

### ACT ONE

#### Overture

- Scene 1:* THE PARK  
"You Should See Yourself" ..... Charity
- Scene 2:* HOSTESS ROOM
- Scene 3:* FAN-DANGO BALLROOM  
"Big Spender" ..... Big Spender Girls  
"Charity's Soliloquy" ..... Charity
- Scene 4:* A NEW YORK STREET
- Scene 5:* THE POMPEII CLUB  
"Rich Man's Frug" ..... Dancers, Charity, Vidal
- Scene 6:* VIDAL'S APARTMENT  
"If My Friends Could See Me Now" ..... Charity  
"Too Many Tomorrows" ..... Vidal
- Scene 7:* HOSTESS ROOM  
"There's Gotta Be Something Better" ..... Nickie, Helene, Charity
- Scene 8:* THE 92nd STREET "Y"  
"Bravest Individual" ..... Charity, Oscar

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### ACT TWO

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- Scene 2:* THE RHYTHM OF LIFE CHURCH  
"Rhythm Of Life" ..... Daddy Brubeck, Chorus & Dancers
- Scene 3:* THE SUBWAY
- Scene 4:* HOSTESS ROOM  
"Baby Dream Your Dream" ..... Nickie, Helene
- Scene 5:* CONEY ISLAND  
"Sweet Charity" ..... Oscar, Charity
- Scene 6:* FAN-DANGO BALLROOM
- Scene 7:* THE PARK  
"Where Am I Going" ..... Charity
- Scene 8:* BARNEY'S CHILE HECIENDA
- Scene 9:* TIMES SQUARE  
"I'm A Brass Band" ..... Charity, Dancers & Chorus
- Scene 10:* FAN-DANGO BALLROOM  
"I Love To Cry At Weddings" ..... Herman, Chorus & Dancers
- Scene 11:* THE PARK
- FINALE ..... Entire Company

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