



present



March 19, 20 and 21, 1976

Friday, Saturday 8 p.m.

Sunday 7 p.m.

The Grove Players present

You Can't Take It with You

by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman

Produced by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Cast

(in order of appearance)

Penelope Sycamore	Barbara Murphy
Essie Carmichael	Carolyn Burnham*
Rheba	Pat Domer
Paul Sycamore	Joe Schiavo
Mr. DePinna	Bill Schneider*
Ed Carmichael	Fred Gardner*
Donald	Wayne Mullen
Martin Vanderhof	Max Weber
Alice Sycamore	Trisha Murphy
Wilbur Henderson	Bill Robson
Tony Kirby	Jim Liesz
Boris Kolenkhov	Chuck Budach
Gay Wellington	Suzanne Wiedder
Mr. Kirby	Chuck Balch
Mrs. Kirby	Irma Balch
The Man	John Murphy
G-Men	Jim Buehl, John Frazier
Olga	Doris Ceszyk

*New to our cast

Synopsis of Scenes

The action takes place in the home of Martin Vanderhof, just around the corner from Columbia University, New York.

Act I

Scene 1: A Wednesday evening

Scene 2: Late the same night

Act II

A week later

Act III

The next day

There will be an intermission between each act.

Refreshments are served in the lobby. Smoking in lobby only please.

The audience is invited on stage to meet the cast and crew after the performance.

Who's Who

Elisabeth Morrison (Director) — A part-time instructor in theater at George Williams College, Lizzi, of Lombard, has directed for the college, Banner Players, Village Theatre Guild of Glen Ellyn, and the University of Richmond. A choreographer for Glenbard East High School and Sioux City Civic Ballet, she studied dance at the Northwestern Orchestral Society, art at the Art Institute of Chicago, and drama at Morningside College. Lizzi is also an accomplished set and costume designer.

Barbara Murphy (Penny) — A graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in teaching speech and drama, Barb has served both backstage and on stage during her 20 years with Grove Players. She has portrayed Lizzie in *The Rainmaker*, Martha in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and Judge Wargrave in *Ten Little Indians*. She was assistant director of *Applause* and *The Sound of Music*. A resident of Westmont, she is a teacher.

Carolyn Burnham (Essie) — Making her debut with Grove Players, Carolyn, of Downers Grove, has participated in high school plays and choral groups. She is a pianist and writer of short stories.

Pat Domer (Rheba) — A member of the GP board of directors, Pat, of Brookfield, portrayed Ernestina Money in *Hello, Dolly!* last fall. She was a chorus member in GP's *Music Man*, *Sweet Charity*, *Applause*, and *The Sound of Music*, and has also sung with the Handel Choir, Baltimore, Md.

Joe Schiavo (Paul) — Joe, of Downers Grove, appeared in two GP productions in the late 1950's — *The Tender Trap* as Sol Schwartz and *The Rainmaker* as File. A commercial artist, he has also done set design for the group. With the Boulder Hill Playhouse, Joe performed in *The Reluctant Debutante* and *Teahouse of the August Moon*.

Bill Schneider (Mr. DePinna) — Making his first appearance with Grove Players, Bill, of Downers Grove, was a music major at Wesleyan University and has played trumpet with Les Elgart's orchestra. A professional magician, he is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Fred Gardner (Ed) — A member of the chorus for Orchestra Hall's 1968 "American Youth Performs" concert, and the Illinois Music Educators' Association's 1969 music festival, Fred, of Woodridge, has worked both on stage and behind the scenes in Downers Grove High School South's drama department productions, and was also a musician in the school's concert and marching band.

Wayne Mullen (Donald) — Wayne, of Downers Grove, is remembered for his GP roles in the early 1960's, including appearances in *Monique*, *Man Alive*, *Harvey*, *Light Up the Sky*, and *Meet A Body*.

Max Weber (Martin Venderhof) — A participant in amateur theater productions from New Jersey to New Mexico over some 35 years, Max has appeared in many GP productions, including *Ten Little Indians* and *See How They Run*. A resident of

Downers Grove, Max has also performed with the Argonne Thespians at Argonne National Laboratory, where he is employed, and the Theatre of Western Springs.

Trisha Murphy (Alice) — A teacher of junior high language arts, Trisha is a versatile Grove Players' member. She was stage manager for **See How They Run**, makeup chairman for **The Rainmaker**, a member of the light crew for **Hello, Dolly!**, a chorus member in **The Sound of Music**, and played Amanda in **Gypsy**.

Bill Robson (Henderson) — Bill, of LaGrange, has appeared in many GP productions, including **Wait Until Dark** as Roat, **Applause** as Duane, and **See How They Run** as Rev. Toop. A graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, he served as music director for GP's **The Sound of Music** and **Hello, Dolly!**, and will direct the music for the spring '76 presentation, **Company**.

Jim Liesz (Tony) — A senior at North Central College majoring in elementary education, Jim has appeared in GP's **Hello, Dolly!** as Barnaby, **The Rainmaker** as Jimmy, **The Sound of Music** as Rolf, and **The Fantasticks** as Matt. He directed a one-act play, **Impromptu**, for a GP membership meeting, and is currently directing two scenes from **You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running** at North Central.

Chuck Budach (Kolenkhov) — An active member of Grove Players for 18 years, Chuck's talents range from designing the sets for nearly every GP production, to performing in a realm of shows, including **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, **See How They Run**, **Sweet Charity**, **Laura**, and **Born Yesterday**. Chuck, of Downers Grove, is also vice president of Grove Players.

Suzanne Wiedder (Gay) — Suzanne has written, co-directed, and performed in four variety shows for Westchester Community Church. A homemaker and hairdresser from LaGrange Park, she has appeared in the GP road show, **Broadway International**.

Chuck Balch (Mr. Kirby) — A participant in every GP musical over the past 10 years, including **Hello, Dolly!** as Vandergelder, and **Music Man** as Mayor Shinn, Chuck has also lent his talents to straight plays, such as **The Rainmaker** and **Arsenic and Old Lace**. He has done nearly 50 productions in all, including concerts with the Downers Grove Oratorio Society and the IBC Community Chorus, as well as IBC theatrical productions.

Irma Balch (Mrs. Kirby) — From the role of the mayor's wife in GP's **Music Man** to the portrayal of Emily Brent in **Ten Little Indians**, Irma, of Downers Grove, has a realm of comedy and dramatic roles to her credit. Serving on many backstage committees, she has sewed costumes, painted miles of scenery, and compiled the group's monthly newsletter.

John Murphy (The Man) — Remembered for his cameo role in **Anything Goes** as an expert hooper, John has also been in **The Sound of Music**, **Gypsy**, and is an active member of the set construction crew.

Doris Ceszyk (Olga) — A chorus member in GP's **Hello, Dolly!** and the road show, **My Fair Lady**, Doris, a resident of Downers Grove, is a writer and pianist.

