



present

MAMIE



November 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1977
Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8 p.m.
Sunday 7 p.m.

THE GROVE PLAYERS PRESENT

MAME

Based on *Auntie Mame* by Patrick Dennis. Book by Lawrence and Lee. Music and lyrics by Jerry Herman. Produced by arrangement with Tams-Witmark, Inc.

Ron Holous - Director
Mary K. Barnickel - Musical Director
Renee Gelish - Choreographer
Elizabeth Jacot - Assistant Musical Director
Emma Berrill - Producer

CAST

(in order of appearance)

Young Patrick	John Murphy*
Agnes Gooch	Barbara Holous
Vera Charles	Pat Domer
Mame Dennis	Paulette Sarussi
Ralph Devine	Bob Vonderohe
M. Lindsay Woolsey	Carter Lamb
Ito	Dale Irvin*
Messenger	Robert McGee
Dwight Babcock	Joe Schiavo
Stage Manager	Jim Kukielski
Lady Shopper	Samantha Woerz*
Mr. Loomis	Richard Albright
Beauregard Burnside	George Hansen
Uncle Jeff	Fred Moore
Cousin Fan	Judith Seeley
Sally Cato	Ginger Jelf*
Mother Burnside	Irma Mallin Balch
Patrick Dennis	Jim Liesz
Junior Babcock	Matt Lukitsh
Mrs. Upson	Carleen VanderKoy
Mr. Upson	Chuck Balch
Gloria Upson	Marge Uhlarik
Pegeen Ryan	Chris Higdon
Peter Dennis	Joe Albright*

CHORUS AND DANCERS

Elaine Albright
Janet Bobek*
Lorle Buehl†
Holly Capek*†
Doris Ceszyk
John Choyce
Lori Davis*†
Gail Domert
Maribeth Duffy*
Rich Gannon†
Chris Graves
Mildred Graves

Judy Hamontret
Dorothy Kesl
Susan Kesl†
Jim Kukielski†
Wally Kurtz
Matt Lukitsh†
Kevin McCoy†
Bob McGee†
Sunni McGee†
Judith McKenzie*
Laura Miller

Fred Moore†
Robin Moore*†
Peg Murphy*
Trishia Murphy
Maggie Opal*
Rick Russo*†
Roxanne Schiavo*
Marilyn Schmutzler
Stephen Sieg†
Marge Uhlarik†
Bob Vonderohe†
Karen Weber*

*New to our cast

†Also dancer

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

The action takes place in Mame's Beekman Place Apartment and various locales in which she becomes involved during a period from 1928 to 1946.

ACT ONE

- Scene 1: Somewhere in New York, 1928
St. Bridget Agnes, Young Patrick
- Scene 2: Mame's Beekman Place Apartment
It's Today Mame and All
- Scene 3: Beekman Place Entrance Hall
- Scene 4: Mame's Bedroom
- Scene 5: Beekman Place
Open A New Window Mame and All
- Scene 6: Beekman Place
- Scene 7: Shubert Theatre
The Moon Song Vera, Mame, and Moon People
My Best Girl Young Patrick, Mame
- Scene 8: Law Office and Macy's
- Scene 9: Beekman Place
We Need A Little Christmas Mame, Young Patrick, Agnes, Ito, Beau
- Scene 10: Peckèrwood
The Fox Hunt
Mame Beau and All

INTERMISSION

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

ACT TWO

- Scene 1: Prep School and College Dorm
Reprise: My Best Girl Young Patrick, Older Patrick
- Scene 2: Beekman Place, six months later
Bosom Buddies Mame, Vera
- Scene 3: Beekman Place, six months later
Gooch's Song Agnes
- Scene 4: Upsons' Barn
That's How Young I Feel Mame and All
If He Walked into My Life Mame
- Scene 5: Beekman Place
Reprise: It's Today Mame and All
Reprise: My Best Girl Patrick
- Scene 6: Beekman Place, 1946

Thank you for not taking flash photos during the performance.

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

PRODUCTION STAFF

Box Office LaVada (Sam) Fron
 Cast Parties Anita Findorff, Grace Manville, Barbara Murphy
 Costumes Tibby Tobey*, Darlene Johnson, Elaine Albright, Patti Albaugh,
 Judy Hamontre, Irma Balch, Karen Weber, Marlene Schiavo
 House Managers Janet and Bill Schneider
 Lighting Jim Buehl, Jim McLaughlin
 Makeup Mary McLaughlin
 Properties Mardelle Vonderohe*, Barbara Murphy*, Mike Brewer, Maureen Findorff
 Bill Robson, Tom Seeley, Mike Walsh
 Playbill Pat Blaufuss, Donn Briner

*Chairperson

.....and a host of Grove Players' members who assisted in all activities.

Publicity Pat Blaufuss
 Rehearsal Pianist Elizabeth Jacot
 Set Construction Chuck Budach, Chuck Balch, Ed Berrill, George Hansen, Ed Jacot,
 Emma Berrill, Hank Kupper, Irv Sarussi, Tom Seeley, Rich Gannon
 Set Design Mike Walsh
 Sound Mike Brewer
 Stage Manager Irv Sarussi
 Assistant Stage Manager Lyle Domer
 Ushers Downers Grove South High School Ushers' Club

ORCHESTRA

Violin Margaret Thompson*, Concertmistress, Lisa Nelson, Jan Shekelle
 Cello Merna McDonald*, Tracy Nelson
 Bass Dave Humphreys
 Flute Mary Ellingson*, Nancy Lauffenberger
 Oboe Jerry Hallett
 Clarinet Connie Pawelczyk
 Tenor Saxophone Al Freels
 Trumpet Lou DiProspero*, Bob Weber, Jackie Cook
 French Horn Donna Oselka
 Trombone Gary Kurbis*, Ken Bluder
 Percussion Clay Cook
 Piano Elizabeth Jacot

*Principal Players

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GROVE PLAYERS' ROAD SHOWS

The Grove Players can provide a variety of entertainment programs for your business, social, or community organizations. Contact Marge Uhlarik, 352-1347.

FUND RAISER

If your organization is conducting a fund raising campaign, consider a theater party or benefit night at a Grove Players' performance. Grove Players offer tickets in blocks at discount rates to organizations or groups for member use or re-sale. Contact Paulette Sarussi, 482-7617.

BECOME A CP MEMBER

Are you interested in becoming an active member of Grove Players? Contact Lorle Buehl, 964-3528.

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WHO'S WHO

Ron Holous (Director) - A member of Grove Players for 25 years and serving in his eleventh term as president, Ron has directed GP's **Barefoot in the Park**, **Sweet Charity**, **Applause**, **The Sound of Music**, **Hello, Dolly!**, **Fiddler on the Roof**, and **Picnic**, as well as many road shows. Ron co-founded GP's Theatre Two, for which he directed **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, **Gypsy**, and **Company**. He served as director of **The Odd Couple** for Second Story Theatre, Villa Park, and has directed three **Pizazz** shows for St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs, with **Pizazz '78** in the planning stages. Ron, who studied at the Goodman Theatre, has appeared in over 30 musicals and straight plays, including summer stock productions, in which he met his wife, Barbara. The Holous' live in Downers Grove.

Mary K. Barnickel (Musical Director) - Mary K., of Downers Grove, earned her B.A. in vocal and keyboard performance, musicology, conducting, and music education from Clarke College, Iowa. A member of a USO troupe which toured the Orient, she also traveled Europe as a soprano soloist with her college choir. This past summer she studied vocal performance and conducting in Eisenstadt, Austria. A school teacher, she was Hodel in **Fiddler on the Roof**, and a principal character in **Godspell** for GP, and has sung with the Downers Grove Oratorio Society.

Renee Gelish (Choreographer) - Renee, of Downers Grove, began dance classes at age seven with Laura H. Grant, and has been pursuing the art ever since. For GP, she was choreographer of **Company**, assistant choreographer of **Hello, Dolly!**, and appeared as Dainty June in **Gypsy**. She has also danced in productions at Naperville's Summer Place. A member of the Chicago Alliance of the Performing Arts, she is currently choreographing **You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown** and **The Sound of Music** at Wheaton Central High School.

Elizabeth Jacot (Assistant Musical Director) - Beginning as the stage band pianist in **Cabaret**, Liz, of Downers Grove, has been at the keyboard for rehearsals and performances of 11 GP musicals. She has a bachelor of music degree from Cornell College, Iowa. A piano teacher, church organist, and children's choir director at St. Paul's Church, she has served as musical director for Theatre Two's **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum** and **Gypsy**.

Emma Berrill (Producer) - Emma, of Downers Grove, joined Grove Players as a "behind the scenes" worker during **Pajama Game** in 1966, and has been a valuable asset in producing shows ever since. She was properties chairman for several productions, served on house and makeup committees, and helped many leading performers make quick costume changes. She especially enjoys painting sets, making props, and sharing the camaraderie of the other workers at the GP "barn," where the major set construction takes place.

John Murphy (Young Patrick) - John's list of theatrical experience includes roles in **A Christmas Carol**, **Midsummer Night's Dream**, and **Medea** with the Albright Theater, **Young Rip Van Winkle** and **Snow White** with Naperville's Summer Place, and **Gypsy** with Stage Company. John lives in Naperville and is in the sixth grade.

Barbara Holous (Agnes) - A GP stalwart for 18 years, Barb's many roles include Charity in GP's **Sweet Charity**, Bonnie in **Anything Goes**, and Billie in **Born Yesterday**. A graduate of the Chicago Academy of Dance Masters, she has choreographed such GP shows as **Fiddler on the Roof**, **Hello, Dolly!**, and **Cabaret**, and will choreograph **Pizazz '78** for St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs, in the spring. Barb teaches with the Laura H. Grant Dance Studio.

Pat Domer (Vera) - From co-producing GP's **6 Rms Riv Vu** last season, to performing as Susan in **Company** and Ernestina in **Hello, Dolly!**, to serving as a back-up singer in **Godspell**, Pat is a versatile GP member. She lives in Western Springs and is employed as a podiatric surgical assistant. Her daughter, Gail, is a chorus member, and her husband, Lyle, is assistant stage manager for tonight's show.

Paulette Sarussi (Mame) - Director and set designer of the recent successful Theatre Two production of **Godspell**, Paulette has also directed **6 Rms Riv Vu** for GP and **Plaza Suite** for the Hometown Theatre Guild. On the other side of the footlights, some of her roles were Madame

Rose in **Gypsy**, Joanne in **Company**, Karen in **Applause**, and Helene in **Sweet Charity** for GP. A homemaker and mother of four, Paulette, of LaGrange, has been a member of GP's board of directors since 1972 and secretary since 1973. Her husband, Irv, is stage manager for this production.

Carter Lamb (Woolsey) - Carter was Lazar Wolf in GP's **Fiddler on the Roof**. Living in Lemont and employed in sales, Carter was active in high school drama and musical productions.

Dale Irvin (Ito) - Dale attended the Forum Theater School and appeared in **Finishing Touches** with the Palos Village Players. A resident of Downers Grove, Dale is an advertising account executive.

Joe Schiavo (Babcock) - A commercial artist, Joe, of Downers Grove, designed the sets for last season's **Fiddler on the Roof**, **6 Rms Riv Vu**, and **Picnic**, and for several productions during the late 1950's. Most recently he appeared in GP's **You Can't Take It with You** as Paul Sycamore.

George Hansen (Beau) - A veteran of a realm of GP roles since 1952, George has most recently appeared in **Company** as David, **Gypsy** as Herbie, and **The Sound of Music** as Captain von Trapp. From serving as producer of **Fiddler on the Roof**, to constructing sets, running the light board, or taking photos, he has also lent his technical expertise to innumerable GP shows. George, of Westmont, is vice president of the group.

Ginger Jelf (Sally) - A fine arts teacher, Ginger, of Villa Park, has appeared in **The Odd Couple** as one of the Pidgeon sisters with Second Story Theatre; **Mame** as Gooch with the Wheaton Drama Club; and **The Chalk Garden** with the Milwaukee Players.

Irma Mallin Balch (Mother Burnside) - Marking her 25th stage performance, Irma has a realm of bit parts to her credit including appearances on the GP stage last season as the woman in 4A in **6 Rms Riv Vu**, and Shaindel in **Fiddler on the Roof**. She has also had major roles in **Picnic** as Flo and **Music Man** as the mayor's wife. Serving on many backstage committees, she has done lighting, sewed costumes, and painted scenery. Irma, of Downers Grove, is employed as a bookkeeper at Packard Instrument.

Jim Liesz (Patrick) - A fifth grade teacher in St. Charles, Jim has performed in many GP productions including **Picnic** as Hal, **Company** as Paul, **Hello, Dolly!** as Barnaby, and **The Rainmaker** as Jimmy. A graduate of North Central College, Jim directed **Impromptu** for a GP general meeting, and co-directed **Oliver** and **On Stage Tonight** for St. Hugh's, Lyons.

Carleen VanderKoy (Mrs. Upson) - An accomplished vocalist, Carleen, of Downers Grove, has been in numerous GP musicals including **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum** as Phillea, and **The Sound of Music** as Sister Margaretta. She has also appeared in **Harvey** and **Lo and Behold** with the Players of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, where she is choir director.

Chuck Balch (Mr. Upson) - A participant in nearly every GP musical over the past 10 years, including **Fiddler on the Roof** as Mordcha and **Hello, Dolly!** as Vandergelder, Chuck has also lent his talents to straight plays such as **The Rainmaker**, and is an avid worker on set construction. A resident of Downers Grove, Chuck has done over 50 productions in all, with GP and other local groups.

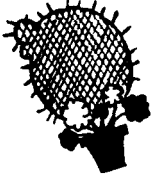
Marge Uhlarik (Gloria) - A 1977 graduate of the University of Illinois Circle Campus, Marge began her theater experience at Morton West High School. Among her roles on the GP stage are Marge in **Godspell**, Rosemary in **Picnic**, Lizzie in **The Rainmaker**, and Corie in **Barefoot in the Park**. A member of the GP board of directors, Marge, of LaGrange Park, will direct **On Stage Tonight II** for St. Hugh's Parish in Lyons in March, and GP's Theater Two production of **Our Town** in June.

Chris Higdon (Pegeen) - With extensive voice training, Chris, of Lombard, joined GP last year as a chorus member in **Fiddler on the Roof**. She appeared in the Beverly Theatre's **Man of La Mancha** as Antonia; the Beverly Hills University Club's **The King and I** as Tuptim, and **The Music Man** as Marion; and St. Xavier College's **Company** as Joanne.

DEDICATION

Our four performances are dedicated in memory of Rosalind Russell, who originated the role of Auntie Mame, and inspired the creation of the musical *Mame*.

GROVE PLAYERS' COMING ATTRACTIONS



Abe Burrows'

CACTUS FLOWER

Directed by Norman Wiegel

Fri., Sat., Jan. 20, 21 at 8 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.

Downers Grove South High School Auditorium

Tryouts Sun., Dec. 4 at 2 p.m., Hummer House

Lucille Fletcher's



Directed by Rosella Snyder

Fri., Sat., Apr. 28, 29 at 8 p.m.

Sun., Apr. 30 at 7 p.m.

Downers Grove South High School Auditorium

Tryouts Sun., Feb. 26 at 2 p.m., Hummer House

Grove Players' Theater Two

Thornton Wilder's

OUR TOWN

Directed by Marge Uhlarik

June 1978

Exact date and location to be announced

