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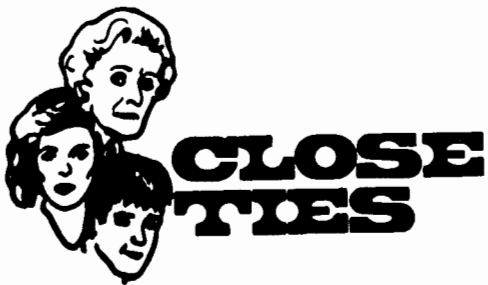
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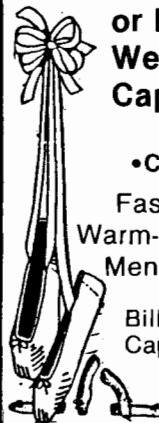
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Director/Choreographer Michael Hildebrand
 Musical Director Clifford W. Reims
 Assistant Director Joan C. Nielsen-Ralph
 Assistant Director Theresa A. Lauder
 Producer Carter Lamb
 Accompanist Carolyn Olsen
 Accompanist René Rollins
 Dance Captain Maxine Wallis

Cast

In order of appearance

Major-domo Jerry Keehan
Sally Durant Plummer Gail Beckman
Young Sally Kathy Racine
Francesca Carol Hansen
Christine Donovan Elaine Albright
Stella Deems Sidni Kiely
Max Deems Richard Albright
Heidi Schiller Georgette Reims
Meredith Lane Judy Seeley
Roscoe Carter Lamb
Dee Dee West Patricia Domer
Hattie Walker Judy Hamontre
Emily Whitman Donna Yackley
Theodore Whitman John Choyce
Vincent Robert Erickson
Vanessa Maxine Wallis
Young Vincent Francis Moses Valach
Young Vanessa Valerie Zaba
Solange La Fitte Carleen VanderKoy
Carlotta Champion Karen Bronson
Phyllis Rogers Stone Jan Mahlstedt
Benjamin Stone Glen Graber
Young Phyllis Colette Hawley
Young Ben John Shelton
Buddy Plummer Thomas Manfredini
Young Buddy Bob Roost
Dimitri Weissman George Hansen
Young Stella Theresa A. Lauder
Young Heidi Melody A. Danley

Showgirls Beverly Blaa
Joanie Fitzgerald
Joan Ralph
Louise Shepard
Mardelle Vonderohe
Mary Wright

Chorus Lynn Dian
Jim Gill
Heather Grey
Donna Greer
Allen Karstens
Paul Mullen
Janet Potts
Donna Roost
Andrea Seeley
Jo Ellen Thornley
Tracy Vonderohe
Martha Yoksoulain

Too Many Mornings Dancer
Jo Ellen Thornley

Buddy's Folly Showgirls
Donna Greer
Martha Yoksoulain

Production Staff

What you see tonight is the culmination of many weeks of dedication and hard work by the production staff as well as the cast. Please give them a hand.

Set Design

Rich Gannon

Lighting

Michael Wlodarski

Costumes

Mardelle Vonderohe

Judy Hamontre

Elaine Albright

Beverly Blaa

Kari Coventry

Lynn Dian

Carol Hansen

Charlotte Karlin

Sidni Kiely

Theresa Lauder

Kathy Racine

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Musical Numbers

All musical numbers take place tonight at a party on the stage of the Weissman Theatre.

Act I

Beautiful Girls Roscoe and Company
Don't Look At Me Sally and Ben
Waiting for the Girls Upstairs Buddy, Ben, Phyllis, Sally,
Young Buddy, Young Ben,
Young Phyllis and Young Sally
Listen to the Rain on the Roof Emily and Theodore Whitman
Ah, Paris! Solange La Fitte
Broadway Baby Hattie Walker
The Road You Didn't Take Ben
Bolero D'Amour Danced by Vincent, Vanessa,
Young Vincent, Young Vanessa
and dancers
In Buddy's Eyes Sally
Who's That Woman? Stella Deems and Company
I'm Still Here Carlotta Campion

Intermission

Refreshments are served in the lobby.
No smoking in the building, please.

Act II

Too Many Mornings Buddy
One More Kiss Heidi Schiller and Young Heidi
Could I Leave You? Phyllis
LOVELAND
The Folly of Love
Loveland The Ensemble
The Folly of Youth
Scene—A Bower in Loveland
You're Gonna Love Tomorrow Young Ben and Young Phyllis
Love Will See Us Through Young Buddy and Young Sally
Buddy's Folly
Scene—A Thoroughfare in Loveland
The God-Why-Don't-You-Love-Me-Blues Buddy
Sally's Folly
Scene—A Boudoir in Loveland
Losing My Mind Sally
Phyllis' Folly
Scene—A Honky-Tonk in Loveland
The Story of Lucy and Jessie Phyllis
Ben's Folly
Scene—A Supper Club in Loveland
Live, Laugh, Love Ben

Who's Who

Michael Hildebrand *Director*

Grove Players welcomes Michael back for his third production with us. His extensive credits include **Long Day's Journey Into Night** for Pegasus Players and **Equus** for the Court Theatre as well as **Pirates of Penzance** and **The Imaginary Invalid** for Grove Players. Michael received his BFA in drama at Illinois Wesleyan University and his MFA in drama at the University of Southern California where he was assistant to John Houseman.

Clifford W. Reims *Musical Director*

Cliff has over 150 works from musicals to opera to his credit, one of which was musical director of Grove Players' **Once Upon A Mattress**. Listed in the International Who's Who of Musicians, Cliff is chairman of the Voice Department at Roosevelt University and lives in Lombard with his wife, Georgette.

Joan C. Nielsen-Ralph *Asst. Director, Showgirl*

Adding to the busy job of assistant director, Joan is performing as a showgirl. She has assisted the director in Grove Players' productions of **Pirates of Penzance** and **U.T.B.U.** and was producer for **Brigadoon**, as well as chairing committees such as costumes, properties and publicity. Joan is a resident of Downers Grove and is an engineering supervisor for General Foods.

Theresa A. Lauder *Asst. Director, Young Stella*

This is Theresa's first role with Grove Players but not her first production. She was assistant director for **Death Trap** and **Brigadoon** and produced **The Imaginary Invalid** as well as chairing various other committees. Currently she serves on the executive board as ticket chairperson. Theresa is an academic dental researcher for the University of Illinois Dental School.

Carter Lamb *Producer, Roscoe*

Carter has worked behind the scenes as well as on stage for many Grove Players' productions. Last seen in his delightful portrayal as Monsieur Argan in **The Imaginary**

Invalid, Carter was also seen as Tevye in **Fiddler On The Roof** for the Joliet Theater Guild. Carter is a salesman for Shields Chicago and lives in Lemont.

Carolyn Olsen *Accompanist*

This is Carolyn's second year in a row as accompanist for our musical. She studied piano for fourteen years and has been a church organist and piano teacher. Currently, she is a secretary at IRD Mechanalysis Inc. and lives in Naperville.

Rene Rollins *Accompanist*

This is Rene's first year as accompanist for Grove Players. She was accompanist for the Fort Defiance Players' productions of **Camelot**, **Godspell** and **I Do, I Do!** Rene has a BFA in music from Defiance College and is currently employed as an accompanist for a private voice teacher.

Gail Beckman *Sally Durant Plummer*

Gail first appeared for Grove Players as Laurie in **Oklahoma** and as Mabel in **Pirates of Penzance** the following year. She was Josephine in **HMS Pinafore** for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and was the soprano soloist in **The Messiah** with the Apollo Chorus and members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Gail is an associate for the Lease Management Corporation and lives in Wheaton.

Kathy Racine *Young Sally*

Since joining Grove Players last year in the chorus of **Brigadoon**, Kathy has proven to be very versatile. She was worked on sets, lights and costumes and was the Apothecary and stage manager for **The Imaginary Invalid**. She lives in Bolingbrook where she is a housewife and mother.

Sidni Kiely *Stella Deems*

Appearing for the first time with Grove Players, Sidni has portrayed Buttercup in **HMS Pinafore** for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Kaleidoscope Series and the Queen of Fairies in **Iolanthe** for the Gilbert and Sullivan Series of Chicago. Sidni resides in Chicago.

Who's Who

Georgette Reims *Heidi Schiller*

Georgette has over a dozen leading roles in opera to her credit including Mimi in **La Boheme** and Donna Anna in **Don Giovanni**. She is the founder and producer for Masques and Musicians, a touring opera group for the Episcopal diocese of Chicago. She is the director of music at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and maintains her own voice studio. Georgette lives in Lombard.

Judy Hamontre *Hattie Walker*

Judy has many wide-ranging talents that she has lent to Grove Players. Not only was she Minnie Fae in **Hello, Dolly** and Tzeitel in **Fiddler on the Roof**, she has also directed such Grove Players' productions as **Count Dracula** and **Brigadoon**. Judy is a teacher in the Communications and Performing Arts Department at Downers Grove South High School.

Donna Yackley *Emily Whitman*

Donna has appeared in a variety of productions. She was seen as Julie Jordan in **Carousel**, Lady Clothilde in **Many Moons** and the aunt in **Madame Butterfly**. Donna lives in Lisle and is a waitress.

John Choyce *Theodore Whitman*

John has appeared in Grove Players' musicals for 11 years and was Producer for the Performing Arts Theatre Company for three years. An insurance and tax consultant, John lives in Stickney.

Robert Erickson *Vincent*

Appearing for the first time with Grove Players, Bud has performed in many Joliet and Naperville productions. He is a member of the Naperville Community Chorus and was a dancer with the Shirley Smith Dance Company in Joliet. Bud is a Vice President at the Plainfield National Bank.

Maxine Wallis *Vanessa*

Maxine is recreating the role of Vanessa which she performed for the Joliet Drama Guild. For Grove Players, she was seen in the casts of **Annie Get Your Gun** and **Kiss Me, Kate!** Maxine has danced with the Shirley Smith Dance Company in Joliet where she is a resident and medical administrator.

Francis Moses Valach *Young Vincent*

Frank has played a wide variety of roles including Claude in **Hair** for the College of DuPage, Prince Dauntless in **Once Upon A Mattress** for Grove Players and Judas in **Godspell** for Red Daisy Productions. Frank is a Petroleum Distribution Manager and is a support vocalist for the rock band, Pictures of You.

Valerie Zaba *Young Vanessa*

Follies is Valerie's first show in the Chicago area. She studied dance in New York for 12 years where she performed in **The Music Man**, **How to Succeed in Business**, and **Kiss Me, Kate!** Valerie lives in Lisle and is a commercial artist.

Carleen VanderKoy *Solange La Fitte*

A former member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus and the Grant Park Symphony Chorus, Carleen again lends her voice to the Grove Players' stage. She has appeared as Ruth in **Pirates of Penzance**, Jenny in **Company** and Sybil Seward in **Dracula**, all for Grove Players. Carleen is a choir director and chiropractor's secretary and lives in Downers Grove.

Karen Bronson *Carlotta Campion*

Currently taking scene study classes at the Ides of March Studio of Chicago, Karen has played a variety of roles including Princess Winifred in **Once Upon A Mattress** for Grove Players and Marta in **Company** for Elmhurst College. Karen is a licensed service representative for an insurance company and resides in Elmhurst.

Who's Who

Jan Mahlstedt
Phyllis Rogers Stone

Last seen with Grove Players as Kate in **Pirates of Penzance**, Jan has also played Marie in **Most Happy Fella** for The Summer Place and Alice Moore in **A Man For All Seasons** for Ad Hoc. She is currently directing **The Music Man** for the Community Players in Naperville and is a housewife and mother.

Glen Graber
Benjamin Stone

Glen began his acting career in the national tour of **High Button Shoes** at the age of seven. He portrayed Ben Stone in the Chicago premiere of **Follies** with the Summer Comedy Theatre in 1973 and is a veteran of 30 Chicagoland amateur musicals. Glen is on the board of directors of Zethcon Corporation and lives in St. Charles.

Colette Hawley
Young Phyllis

After receiving her BA in literature in 1984, Colette decided to resurrect her desire for a stage career. This is her first performance since high school. A vocal student with Frank Winkler of the William Rush Voice Consultants, Colette lives in Chicago.

John Shelton
Young Ben

A student at Second City Player's Workshop, John has performed various roles. A diverse actor, he played 12 different chorus roles in the College of DuPage production of **Jesus Christ, Superstar**. He was also seen in **See How They Run** for Ad Hoc and as the cowardly lion in **The Wizard of Oz** for Riverwalk Players. A resident of Elmhurst, John is a videographer.

Thomas Manfredini
Buddy Plummer

This is Tom's first role for Grove Players and his return to the stage since high school where he was in **Hello, Dolly**, **Kismet** and **Fiddler on the Roof**. Tom resides in North Riverside and is an accounting manager for EESCO, Inc.

Bob Roost
Young Buddy

Last year, Bob was seen as Harry in **Brigadoon** — his first appearance with Grove Players. He has performed as Tom in **The Glass Menagerie** and Will in **Oklahoma**, both in Stuttgart, West Germany. Bob is a sales and customer service manager and lives in Woodridge.

George Hansen
Dimitri Weissman

A veteran of community theatre for 25 years, George's long list of credits for Grove Players includes Captain Von Trapp in **The Sound of Music**, Herbie in **Gypsy** and Beaugregard Jackson Pickett Burnside III in **Mame**. George is retired and lives in Westmont.

Melody A. Danley
Young Heidi

Melody, who appeared as a daughter in **Pirates of Penzance**, returns to the stage after an absence of three years. During that time she produced **Once Upon A Mattress**, designed costumes for **Brigadoon** and assistant directed **The Imaginary Invalid**. Melody is the Graphics and Display Coordinator for the Downers Grove Public Library and lives in Downers Grove.



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