

Dear Theatre-goer,

Velcome to The Theatre Guild's 91-92 musical, with a cast of both old and new faces. We think you will enjoy this very popular off-Broadway show.

I would like to express special thanks to all the folks at Moody AFB, who so graciously allow our troupe to use their fine facility. It certainly makes things easier when they just open their arms and allow us to do our thing. We invite anyone who has a taste for theatre to join our happy troupe. Many thanks to all our patrons; you make it possible for us to see our dreams become reality.

Jerry Ellis, President

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Membership in the LVAC Theatre Guild is open to all members of the community at the modest cost of ten dollars per year. Benefits of active membership include reduced prices on tickets for Theatre Guild shows, the right to vote on play selection and other Guild business, and the general fellowship shared by all members of the Theatre Guild. LVAC Theatre Guild meets the first Thursday of each month at the Cultural Arts Center on Patterson Street, Valdosta. Meetings, as well as participation in all aspects of the theatrical arts are open to the public, regardless of membership. Information on membership, as well as all LVAC Theatre Guild activities, is available by calling 24-STAGE.

91-92 SEASON

SOCIAL SECURITY	•											JULY
ALL MY SOMS					•						:	SEPTEMBER
WITNESS FOR THE	P	RO	SE	CU	TI	MC						DECEMBER
THE FANTASTICKS												FEBRUARY
CANES AND ABELS												. APRIL

CONTRIBUTIONS

We offer sponsorships, which allow YOU to help us realize our dream of a home of our own. These contributions go into a building fund which will be used for this purpose. We invite YOU to join hands with us in building this dream.

\$ 25.00 - 249.00	Sweet Charity
250.00 - 499.00	Auntie Mame
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	It With You

CONTRIBUTORS, 1991-92

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The The Tike

Book and Lyrics by TOM JONES

Music by
HARVEY SCHMIDT

February 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, March 1, 1992

PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL

MALCOLM RAINEY, PRODUCER

DAVID L. INCE, DIRECTOR

HOPE INCE, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

SANDRA DICKSON, CHOREOGRAPHER

Rehearsal piano provided by Sandy Campbell Music Center

Theatre Guild, in this month of hearts and flowers, salutes the Valdosta Area Florists Association.

Thank you for your support!

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THE CAST

EL GALLO				•								•		Ricardo Ipina
LUISA		•	•	•	•		•						•	Sarita Rainey
HATT			•	•		•	•		•					Tim Smith
BELLOMY .		•			•		•						•	Malcolm Rainey
HUCKLEBEE			•			•	•		•	•				Frank Kilgard
HENRY		•												Michael Fretti
MORTIMER			•						•			•	•	. Michael Lowe
THE MUTE					•		M	ere	ed:	Lt]	h	In	ce,	, Joanne Griner

THE SETTING

ACT	I	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•]	Moonlight
ACT	I	I										•				Sunligh

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

Overture					•	•				The	e Co	mpany
Try to Rememb	er	 •			•						El	Gallo
Much More											•	Luisa
Metaphor				•			•			Ma	tt,	Luisa
Never Say No	•		•				Be	1]	loı	шу, В	Huc!	klebee
It Depends On												
Soon It's Gon												
Rape Ballet .										Th	e C	ompany
Happy Ending												

ACT II

This Plum Is Too Ripe
Bellomy, Hucklebee
I Can See It
Plant A Radish Bellomy, Hucklebee
'Round and Round The Company
They Were You Matt, Luisa
Try to Remember

PRODUCTION STAFF

Producer Malcolm Rainey
Director David L. Ince
Musical Director/Pianist Hope Ince
Choreographer Sandra Dickson
Technical Director Dan Hanafar
Stage Manager Joanne Griner/Meredith Ince
Set Designer David L. Ince
Lighting Technician Davy Carter
House Manager/Box Office Manager Cheryl Paulson
Publicity Sherrie Farabee
Prop Mistress Meredith Ince/Joanne Griner
Set Construction Jerry Ellis, Malcolm Rainey
Makeup Alma Nicholson
Hair Stylist Steven Heddon, Studio One

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WHO'S WHO IN THE COMPANY

DAVID L. INCE (Director) makes his second appearance as a director for the Theatre Guild and as the Director of <u>The Fantasticks</u>. He has directed and acted for both educational and community theatre groups in Texas and has done set design and costuming work for several shows. As a note of interest, this month is the 25th anniversary of his first production of <u>The Fantasticks</u>.

HOPE INCE (Musical Director) has been an active thespian since her college days, working with collegiate, high school and community theatres in Texas, Louisiana and Georgia. She has experience in musical comedy, comedy, and drama. This is her second stint as Musical Director for The Fantasticks (see above). She has performed in several Theatre Guild productions and was Assistant Director for last summer's Theatre Guild production of Social Security.

SANDRA DICKSON (Choreographer) received her undergraduate degree in theatre from VSC. She worked professionally for the Pocket Theatre in Atlanta and has performed in educational and community theatre in Georgia. Besides numerous directing credits, she has choreographed Li'l Abner, Bye, Bye, Birdie, Dark of the Moon, Camelot and others. Sandra is normally the Secondary Curriculum Director for the Lowndes County Schools.

RICARDO IPINA (El Gallo) is a newcomer to the Theatre Guild stage but has participated in several productions such as The Mikado, Guys and Dolls, The Importance of Being Rarnest, and The Imaginary Invalid. A native of Newark, New Jersey, he is currently a teacher and choral director at Hamilton County High School.

SARITA RAINEY (Luisa), a senior at Valdosta High School, is president of the Thespian Troupe. She was a member of the crew for the first Theatre Guild production, The Mousetrap. She has appeared in four other Theatre Guild productions and was Assistant Director for All My Sons. Following graduation,

Sarita plans to continue her theatrical studies at The University of Evansville.

TIM SMITH (Matt) is a sophomore at Valdosta High School. He is a member of the Thespian Troupe and has been involved in their productions. This is Tim's first appearance for the Theatre Guild but he plans to continue work with both the TG and his high school group.

MALCOLM RAINEY (Bellomy, Producer) is a professor of Administration at Valdosta State College. He has been an active member of Theatre Guild since the beginning. His only prior acting credit was as Mr. Goldstone in Gypsy but has worked diligently behind the scenes in many productions. A trumpet student at Juilliard, he has performed in the stage band for Off-Broadway productions.

FRANK KILGARD, JR. (Hucklebee) has over 25 years experience as a pit musician, but this is his first attempt on the stage. A string player, he has performed with several orchestras in Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia and is currently under contract to the Albany (GA) Symphony. He occupies his other time as Service Manager for N&M Music.

MICHAEL FRETTI (Henry) is making his third contribution to Theatre Guild Productions. He had a small role in Gypsy and was David, the lead male, in Social Security. Mike says he is stretching (literally? figuratively?) in this "character" role. When not helping out with Theatre Guild work he is Maintenance Superintendent for S&H Fabricating and Engineering or, for a change of pace, skydiving.

MICHAEL LOWE (Mortimer) is no newcomer to Theatre Guild productions. He has appeared in four shows and won the "1991 Best Actor" for his role in <u>Brighton Beach Memoirs</u>. Nost recently he directed <u>Vitness for the Prosecution</u>. Michael is also a ventriloquist and public speaker. When not pursuing his many hobbies, he is a Nurse-Manager at Greenleaf Center.

MEREDITH INCE (Mute, Stage Mgr) is making her second stage appearance and seventh stage managing effort for Theatre Guild. She played Pegeen in <u>Auntie Mame</u> for TG and has appeared in <u>Carousel</u>, <u>The Miracle Worker</u>, and <u>The Music Man</u> at VSC. She is currently a teacher of four-year olds at Children's Friend.

JOANNE GRINER (Mute, Stage Mgr) is appearing for the 9th time on Theatre Guild's stage. She has performed in <u>Witness for the Prosecution</u>, <u>All My Sons</u>, <u>Gypsy</u>, and <u>Auntie Mame</u> to name a few. In addition she served as the Guild's first president (1989-91) and has produced four Guild productions. Joanne works in the accounting department at Patria Packaging.

DIRECTORS' NOTES

THE FANTASTICKS, originally a one-act play, opened as a full length musical at the Sullivan Street Playhouse in Greenwich Village on May 3, 1960. In the intervening 32 years it has become the longest continuous running musical comedy in theatre history. In addition, it has been performed by literally thousands of professional and amateur companies around the world. If you are wondering why this is so, just wait. At the end of the evening you will understand.

The show is both timely and timeless, simple and complex. The age-old story of star-crossed lovers: consider Romeo and Juliet, The Romancers, Vest Side Story to name but three relatively new entries, is brought to life in THE FANTASTICKS in a manner that will delight and thrill you.

Much of the music you probably already know. Who has not heard Ed Ames sing "Try to Remember" or Barbra Streisand's version of "I Can See It" and "Soon It's Gonna Rain"? These are but three of the songs which help to make this one of the most memorable musical comedies around. I dare you to not hum along with the music or sing your version on the way out of the theatre at the close of the evening.