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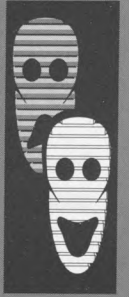
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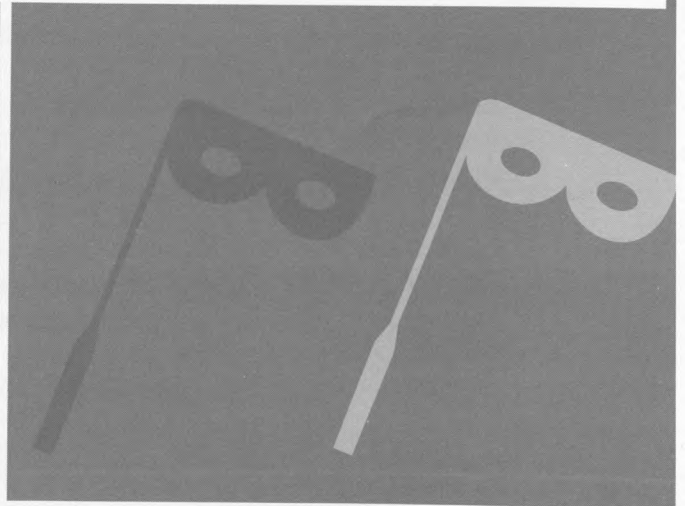
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THE JIMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA

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## **Touring Programs:**

Sponsored by Levi Strauss, the Junior Service League, the Georgia Council for the Arts, Georgia Power, the Cultural Arts Guild, Hunt Construction Company, and Lee and Archie Griffin, L/VAC's Touring Programs will be bringing MacBeth to Mathis Auditorium on October 21, at 7PM for only \$5.

Witches, spellbinding sorcery, and a scheming wife propel a great and noble man to ambition, murder and revenge--Shakespeare's most riveting play! Ghosts, sword fights, and great acting are guaranteed to keep all audiences on the edge of their seats. Be sure to see this enduring classic.

## **Exhibits and Activities at the Center:**

The **Artoberfest Exhibition** is up at the Center. L/VAC's annual theme show had a great response, with local artists taking the "Bubba" theme and emphasizing brothers and brotherhood. Wilby Coleman's shocking pink flamingo metal sculpture was the hit of the evening along with Bob Harrison's painting of "Red-Neck Riviera", and Ted Sauls' painting of a John Wayne poster that originally cost 49 cents. Don "Hubba Bubba" music by Compton Coleman and Company, bar-be-que by Publix, and beverages by Warehouse Liquors made for a great evening.

In the **Hall Gallery** are the bewitching line drawings of Aprille Best Glover, an award winning artist from Jacksonville, Florida. Drop by and see both shows until October 30.

## **Coming in November:**

The next **Presenter Series Program** at Mathis is on November 26. Find yourself transported back in time to an era when romance and honor were all the rage with **Can-Can**. The Broadway production you don't want to miss! Call for individual tickets, 247-ARTS.

L/VAC will be hosting the Seventh Annual High School Art Competition, reception on Sunday, November 3, from 2-4PM, giving area high school art teachers a chance to show what their students are doing. Prizes of \$250 go to winning art work.

On **Monday, November 18**, reception 5-7PM, two well-known Tallahassee artists, Julie Bowland and Lynn Priestly, will have a two-woman show of their work. Brilliant impasto landscapes and still life paintings in acrylic make this a "must see" exhibit. The show will stay up through December.

In the **Hall Gallery**, from November 3-15, there will be an historic exhibit of **Georgia Living History** that depicts family owned businesses on **Valdosta's Southside** from the 1930's through the 1950's. During this time there will be a play at the new VSU theatre that was born out of this historic project.

On **December 18**, the Southern Artists League, Betty Smith President, will open its Christmas gift shop in the Hall Gallery. Come by and buy original art for Christmas gifts.

## **Don't Forget:**

The **Heiress**, presented by Theatre Guild Valdosta, will run from Oct. 31 to Nov. 3, and from Nov. 7-9. Tickets are \$10. Come by the Center for tickets.

The **Valdosta Choral Guild** will be performing their Christmas Concert with their new Choral Directors, Tony and Carla Carroll, on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3PM and Monday, Dec. 16 at 8PM.



THE JIMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA



*Jim Miller*

# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

## The Fabulous JIMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA

*Directed by Jim Miller*  
*Featuring Nancy Knorr*

*Green Eyes, Amapola, Yours, Tangerine, I Understand, I'm Glad There Is You, I Get Along Without You Very Well and Maria Elena*—all great songs, and all "Hits" of the Fabulous Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra.

In the spring of 1934, the Dorsey Brothers Orchestra was born at Nuttings-On-The-Charles, in Waltham, Massachusetts. Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey were now on the scene to stay. Unfortunately, this was not to be. In early June 1935, at the Glen Island Casino, Jimmy and Tommy had an argument over the tempo of a tune and Tommy walked off the bandstand. Now Jimmy was the leader.

Jimmy Dorsey was considered one of the finest clarinet and alto saxophone players of his day, and was always playing solos that simply amazed his fellow musicians as well as his audiences. For eighteen years after Jimmy departed the band, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra had many hits. Jimmy's greatest hit, and the last instrumental hit by any artist, was *So Rare*. Jimmy was given a Gold Record for *So Rare* two days before his death on June 2, 1957.

The Fabulous Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra continued for the next 33 years under the leadership of the great trumpeter Lee Castle. Then in 1990, with the passing of Lee Castle, Jim Miller became the leader.

Jim Miller—truly one of the old pros whose musical life began in the heyday of the Big Band Era, is a trombonist's trombonist. With the rich, mellow sound of Tommy Dorsey (he uses one of Tommy's mutes), Jim continues today a career of over 40 years playing with and leading some of America's great big bands.

As a 15-year-old Phoenix, Arizona teenager, Jim's first break came with a local Latin group. Joining the U.S. Navy in 1955, he spent the next 24 years playing in and leading Navy bands before audiences that included five U.S. Presidents and leaders of every South American country. In 1970, Jim was selected to lead the NORAD Commanders, the only multi-service, bi-national band ever formed in the U.S., with band members from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Canadian Armed Forces. This incredible 18-piece band was featured on the Johnny Carson *Tonight Show* and performed at Carnegie Hall.

Jim has written for and performed with the Glenn Miller/Tex Beneke Orchestra, the Les and Larry Elgart Orchestra, the Guy Lombardo Orchestra, and with such performers as Bob Hope, the Modernaires, Pied Pipers, Mimi Hynes, Red Skelton, and Liberace. In 1980, Jim became the assistant leader of Lee Castle's Fabulous Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra and became the leader and owner of the Fabulous Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra on December 1, 1990.

On June 2, 1992, Nancy Knorr, formerly the lead singer with the Pied Pipers, became the featured vocalist with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, thus uniting the sounds of two of the most popular groups of an era that is still going strong.

## CURRENT SONG LIST...

THEME - Contrasts	Auld Lang Syne
The Bells of St. Marys	Goodnight Medley
Maria Elena	Night Life
Just Friends	Don't Worry Bout Me
Satin Doll	It Had To Be You
Little Cha Cha Cha	Moonglow
June Night	Ellington Medley
Johnson Rag	That Old Black Magic
Jersey Bounce	My Foolish Heart
Deep Purple	Jimmy Dorsey Medley
Woodchopper's Ball	My Prayer, I Hear A
Cuba Libre'	Rhapsody, Serenade In
Dorsey Brother's Tribute	Blue
Tangerine, Long John	That's A Plenty
Silver, Amapola, Green	In A Little Spanish Town
Eyes, Marie, Sunny Side of	Cha Cha Cha
the Street, Song of India,	Polka Medley
Opus Number One	You Are My Lucky Star
Mame	Yellow Bird
Jimmy Dorsey's	I Remember You
Boogie Woogie	Sweetie Cakes
In The Mood	Nevada
September Song	The Way You Look Tonight
In A Mellow Tune	What I Did For Love
Swanee River	You Are So Beautiful
Anniversary Waltz	The Iron Maiden Blues
Emily-Dear Heart	Cuddles & Freckles
(Waltz Medley)	A Closer Walk With Thee
So Rare	New York, New York
Begin The Beguine	Moten Swing
Have Yourself A Merry	Pennsylvania 6-5000
Little Christmas	Cha Cha Cha For Judy
Santa Claus Is Coming To	There! I've Said It Again
Town	Home On The Range -
Sleigh Ride	Medley
White Christmas	Charmaine
Jingle Bells	La Comparsita
Happy Birthday To You	Compadre' Pedro Juan

## NANCY'S SONG LIST...

Girl From Ipanema	Your Nobody Til Somebody
Georgia On My Mind	Loves You
Satin Doll	People (Concert Only)
When Sunny Gets Blue	Vocal Medley
Tangerine	The Nearness Of You
Green Eyes	Sentimental Journey
The More I See You	If He Walked Into My Life
Taking A Chance On Love	Today
Watch What Happens	What Are You Doing The
How Do You Keep The Music	Rest Of Your Life?
Playing? (Concert Only)	I Remember You
Mean To Me	(Concert Only)
Have Yourself A Merry	Those Eyes
Little Christmas	The Song Is You
The Very Thought Of You	(Concert Only)
Here's That Rainy Day	Orange Colored Sky
Dixie Melody	The Christmas Song
Ain't Misbehavin'	When The Sun Comes Out
Embraceable You	Bows (Tangerine)
Makin' Whoopee	

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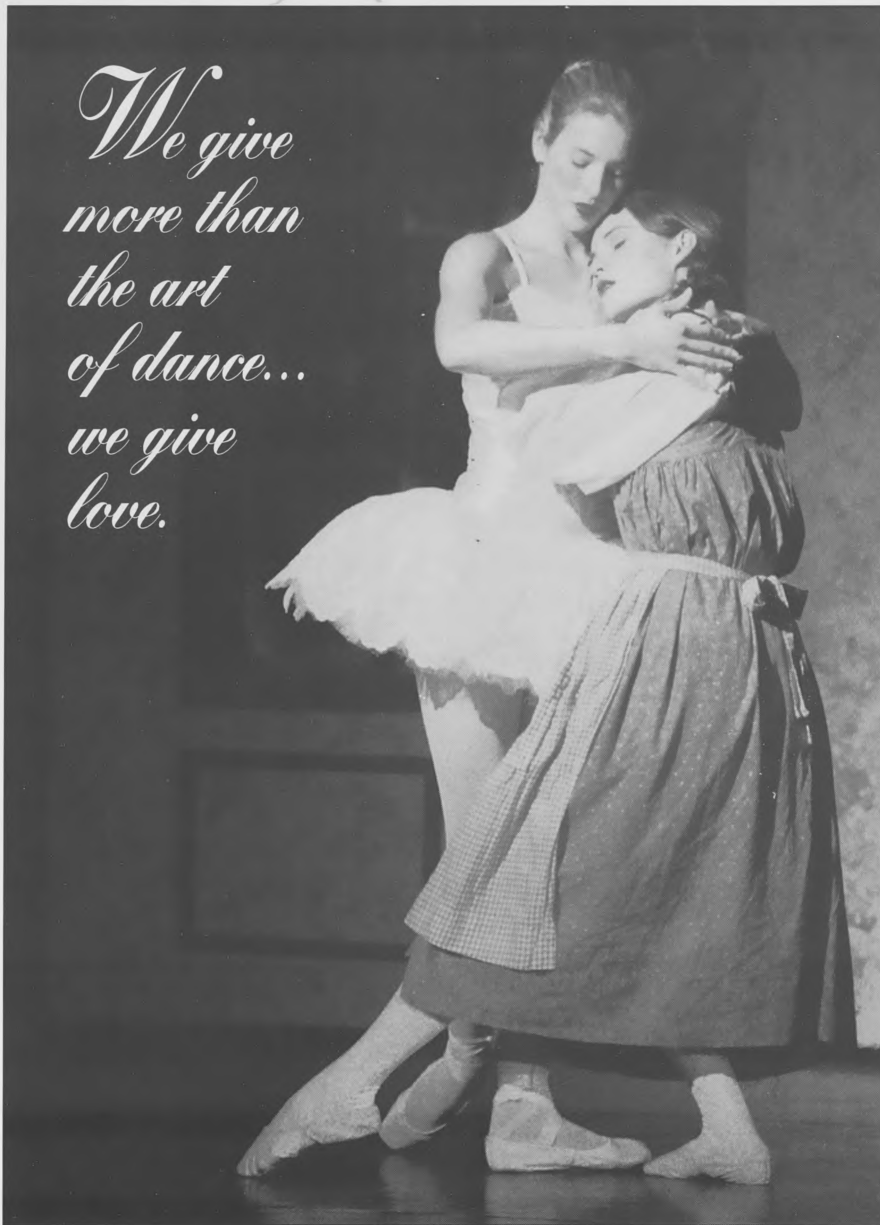
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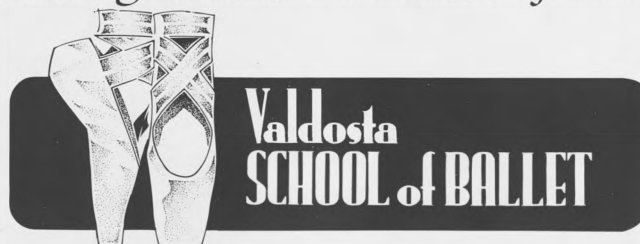
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we give  
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Coming soon in November of 1997*



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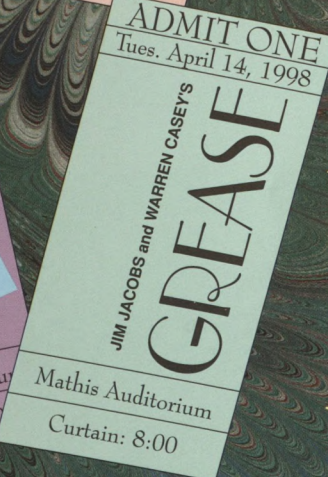
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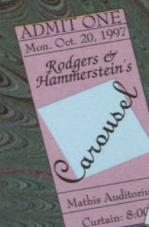
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**THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA** Nov. 15, 1994

You'll reminisce and certainly be "In The Mood" for all the great hits of this legendary band. This touring orchestra complete with vocalists was begun by the Glenn Miller family following the tragic death of this remarkable band leader. You'll enjoy!

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Haunt me with orchid azaleas,  
float dogwood blossoms overhead,  
the flowering cherry, Flemish lace  
against a pewter sky. Then,  
at its peak, the grand Magnolia.  
Give me the durable marigolds,  
the zinnias of high noon,  
the inevitable lasting asters  
and September's mums.  
Give me the briefest purples

lilacs, rosy plum,  
gossiping pink and nearly blue,  
the whispering whites and creams,  
the flowering virgins who  
stand about and dream,  
their wide-brimmed hats haloed  
against a wide blue sky.  
There, for all eternity,  
dig me in and let me lie.

--Barbara Van Noord

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**Grassroots High School Art Show**, \$250 in prizes to the winners of this seven county (Brooks, Berrien, Echols, Clinch, Cook, Lanier, and Lowndes) area high school exhibit. Reception on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2-4 PM. Nov. 2-Nov. 14.

### A Lee Bennett Retrospective

The collected works of noted local artist, Lee Bennett (deceased), curated by her husband, Harold Bennett, and sponsored by the Langdale Foundation. In addition to seeing many of Mrs. Bennett's, life's works a print of "Wisembaker's Field", one of Mrs. Bennett's Loch Laurel Series, will be on sale. The original is in the private collection of Mrs. Gil (Katherine) Autrey, who graciously agreed to its use. Reception Nov. 17, 5-7PM. Guided tours available to groups, call 247-2787.

### Out of Town:

An exhibition of sculpture by Wilby Coleman at the Gwinnett Fine Arts Center, which runs from Sept. 25 to Jan. 11. Mr. Coleman's work is also a part of the **Marking the Modern Era Exhibit**, which features an exciting array of contemporary artists, Miro, Picasso, Kandinsky, Lichtenstein, Leger, Neel, and Crull. Would you like to be part of a group to go to Atlanta to see the Picasso Exhibit at the High Museum and Wilby Coleman's Exhibit at the Guinnett Arts Center? Plans are in the making. Call 247-2787 and make a reservation. Remember: many of our local artists exhibit their work, receive awards, judge shows, obtain grants, and sell their art, bringing recognition and prestige to our south Georgia Community.

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# CAROUSEL



## CAST in order of appearance

Julie Jordan	CASSANDRA McCONNELL
Carrie Pimperidge	SARAH ANNE LEWIS
Billy Bigelow	BRIAN E. LONG
Mrs. Mullin	SANDRA HARTMAN
Policeman	DANIEL STANTON
Mr. Bascombe	TOM HERBER
Nettie Fowler	MARY GRACE RIDGEWAY
Mr. Snow	MATTHEW PERI
Jigger Craigin	JOSEPH FREDERICK
Army	KARA POWERS
Heavenly Friend	RICHARD MARTIN
Starkeeper	AL PARKER
Louise Bigelow	KARINA E. RINGEISEN
Enoch Snow, Jr.	KEITH ANDREWS
Carnival Boy	JAY RALSTON
Ensemble	KEITH ANDREWS, STEPHEN BROCKWAY, JOSHUA COHEN, KYRA HIMMELBAUM, RACHEL LAFER, JARED LEAL, SASHA MACKELS, RICHARD MARTIN, MICHELE McCONNELL, STEPHANIE PEFFLEY, KARA POWERS, DANIEL STANTON, LAUREN WAGNER

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## SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBER

### ACT ONE

Prelude:	An amusement park on the New England Coast. Day "Carousel Waltz" .....Company
Scene 1:	Near the amusement park "Mister Snow" .....Carrie "If I Loved You" .....Julie and Billy
Scene 2:	Nettie Fowler's spa on the ocean front. June. "June is Bustin' Out All Over" .....Nettie, Carrie, and Ensemble "Mister Snow" (Reprise) ..Carrie, Mr. Snow, and Girls "When the Children are Asleep" ..Carrie and Mr. Snow "Blow High, Blow Low" .....Jigger and Sailors "Soliloquy" .....Billy Act I Finale .....Nettie and Company

### ACT TWO

Scene 1:	On an island across the bay. That night. "A Real Nice Clambake" .....Nettie, Mr. Snow, Carrie, Julie and Ensemble "Geraniums In the Winder / Stonecutters Cut It On Stone" .....Mr. Snow, Jigger, and Ensemble "What's the Use of Wonderin'" .....Julie and Girls
Scene 2:	Mainland waterfront. An hour later. "You'll Never Walk Alone" .....Nettie and Company
Scene 3:	Up there.
Scene 4:	Down here. Fifteen years later. Ballet.....Louise, Carnival Boy, and Company
Scene 5:	Outside Julie's cottage. "If I Loved You" (Reprise) .....Billy
Scene 6:	Outside a schoolhouse. Same day. "You'll Never Walk Alone" (Reprise) .....Company

## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

**BRIAN E. LONG** (*Billy Bigelow*) recently completed The Troika Organization's national tour of *Grease!* where he covered the roles of Danny Zuko and Roger. Last winter he sword-danced his way through *Brigadoon* as the dissident Harry Beaton for Rockwell Productions in Media, PA. Other favorites include: Dr. Neville Craven (*The Secret Garden*), Captain Hook (*Peter Pan*), John (*Accomplice*), Rev. Parris (*The Crucible*), and Perchik (*Fiddler on the Roof*). Brian has also performed with the Springfield Regional Opera (*La Bohème* and *The Magic Flute*) in Missouri. He gives thanks to God for His many blessings and sends his love to his family in Seattle.

**CASSANDRA McCONNELL** (*Julie Jordan*) received her Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University School of Music where she studied opera with Vera Scammon. There she was featured as Giulietta in *The Tales of Hoffmann*, Bessie in *Melody Songspiel*, and the Announcer in *Gallantry*. Her recent opera and musical theatre credits include *The Music Man* (Marian) with Bigfork Summer Playhouse, *The Desert Song* (Clementina) with Rockwell Productions, *Brigadoon* (Fiona) with Gateway Playhouse, and *Madame Butterfly* (Kate Pinkerton) with the Utah Festival Opera Company. Other roles she has enjoyed are Anna in *The King and I*, Madame Gazaza in *Sugar Babies*, and the title role in *Cinderella*.

**SARAH ANNE LEWIS** (*Carrie*) is making her first national tour with *CAROUSEL*. She is a twenty year old graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. Previous roles include Laurie (*Oklahoma!*), Maria (*West Side Story*), Lili (*Carnival*), Cinderella (*Cinderella*), Leisl (*The Sound of Music*), Kim (*Bye Bye Birdie*), and numerous children's theatre productions. She would like to thank Helène Guilet for her outstanding vocal training and support, and Mom, Grandma, and Jason for all their love and support. This tour is dedicated to Grandpa – whom I will always love.

**KARINA E. RINGEISEN** (*Louise*) was recently seen in the National Tour of the 50th Anniversary of *Annie Get Your Gun*. Other credits include Kari in Ibsen's *Peer Gynt* with the Boston Conservatory Theatre and solo and featured roles with The Boston Dance Theatre Company, The Boston Symphony Orchestra, and The Boston Conservatory Dance Theatre. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from The Boston Conservatory of Music.

**MATTHEW PERI** (*Mr. Snow*) appeared off-Broadway in the world premiere of the opera *Terra Incognita*. Other theatre credits include *The Music Man* at North Shore Music Theatre, *Jesus Christ Superstar* at Theatre-by-the-Sea, and Moose in *Crazy for You* at The Hampton Playhouse. Matt also has professional experience as a musical director, composer, and arranger. His one act opera, *Jacob's Grace*, was produced by Ocean State Light Opera in December of 1994. Matt, a native of South Kingstown, R.I., received a B.M. in jazz piano from New York University.

**JOSEPH FREDERICK** (*Jigger*) is making his debut in the professional world of theatre with his first national tour. A recent graduate from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, he is excited to be on the road and would like to thank The Troika Organization for the chance to perform. He would also like to thank his family for all their trust and support.

**MARY GRACE RIDGEWAY** (*Nettie*) is no stranger to the role of leading lady, having appeared as Abigail in *1776*, Meg in *Damn Yankees*, Anna in *The King and I*, Marion in *The Music Man*, Maria in *The Sound of Music*, Guenevere in *Camelot*, Julie in *CAROUSEL*, Fiona in *Brigadoon*, Eliza in *My Fair Lady*, Mabel in *Pirates of Penzance*, and Laurey in *Oklahoma!*. She has also played Anna in *Anastasia*, Corie in *Barefoot in the Park*, Chelsea in *On Golden Pond*, and Tracy in *Philadelphia Story*. Mary Grace has portrayed every female role in five productions of *CAROUSEL*, including the show where she met her real life leading man, Dan, when they played Enoch and Carrie. Among her proudest accomplishments are performing the role of Laurie in *The Tenderland* conducted by its composer, Aaron Copeland, singing for Presidents Carter and Reagan, and being a finalist in the Florida Metropolitan Opera Auditions. She also appeared as guest soloist on the concert series of the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra and for the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the Dolphin Resort, Walt Disney World. Mary holds a Master of Music from Florida State University.

**KEITH ANDREWS** (*Enoch Snow, Jr., Ensemble*) is touring nationally for the third time in as many years. He has performed the role of Ephraim in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and Junior Babcock in *Mame*. Regional theatre credits include Harry in *Brigadoon*, Mike and Mark in *A Chorus Line*, Hortensio in *Kiss Me Kate*, and Guiseppe in *Most Happy Fella*. Keith has also toured Europe with *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Love and forever to Theresa.

**SANDRA HARTMAN** (*Mrs. Mullin*) received her training in Philadelphia at the University of the Arts. She was engaged for seven years at Theatre des Westens in West Berlin, Germany where she performed extensively in musical theater and operetta. Recent American credits include: Aldonza in *Man of La Mancha* (National Tour), Blue Fairy in *Pinocchio* (Philadelphia Theatre Caravan), Fiametta in *The Gondoliers* (Colonial Theatre), and Marguerite in *The Scarlet Pimpernel* (Hedgerow Theatre). Sandra also performed at Carnegie Hall in The 100th Birthday Celebration of Cole Porter.

**TOM HERBER** (*Bascombe*) is pleased to be joining the cast of *CAROUSEL* for his fourth go-around with The Troika Organization. A recent transplant to New York City, he was previously seen in *Oklahoma!*, *Oliver!*, and *Camelot*. He's done a whole lot of other stuff. If you want to hear about it, just ask! Love to the family, Suzy, Alex. and Lucy.



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