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Direction	
Scenic Design	WILL ROBERSON JAMES FOUCHARD
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PLACE: CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA EARLY 1930'S

ACT I

Scene 1	Catfish Row, a Summer Evening
A Woman is a Sometime TI:	Evening
They Pass By Singing	
Cran Came E	Jake and Company
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Scene 2	Sereng's Page and Company
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Oh I Can't Sit Down	
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What You Want With Bess	
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ACT II

	Scene 1Catfish Row, before dawn, a week later	
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The Vendors Call.	C	
	Strawberry Woman Crot	
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I Loves You Porgy
I Loves You Porgy
Scene 2
A Red-Headed Woman Company Scene 3
Clara Don't You Be DownheartedCatfish Row, the next dawn Scene 4
Scene 4
Scene 4Company There's A Boat That's Leavin' Soon for New YorkSportin' Life Scene 5
Scene 5
<i>I'm On My Way</i>
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SYNOPSIS

"PORGY AND BESS" is based on the DuP in Charleston's famed Catfish Row. It tells the mo Porgy who witnesses a murder during a dice game to the murderer's woman, the beautiful, haunted B community is opposed to the union, but Porgy and happy, and their happiness only increases when the by a hurricane. Their happiness is brief, however Crown, returns for Bess, and Porgy, defending his police detain him for questioning but never dream the killer, so Porgy returns triumphantly to the Row. tragedy, however, when he learns that, while he was the dope pusher, seduced Bess with "happy dust" New York City to resume, it is implied, her career as

Heyward novel set story of a cripple, later gives shelter The Catfish Row s make each other e a child orphaned for the murderer, ly, kills him. The a cripple could be e triumph turns to vay, Sportin' Life, took her away to rostitute.

"PORGY AND BESS" is recognized as an Americ. masterpiece, a story that entwines pride, prejudice, pathos and passion through a jazz and blues influenced score. Originally billed as a "Folk Opera," "PORGY AND BESS" introduced classic Gershwin songs like "Summertime", "I Got Plenty O' Nuttin" and "It Ain't Necessarily So", as well as magnificent and enthralling choruses that stunned music and drama critics alike at its premiere in 1935.

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The language of "PORGY and BESS", the Gullah language, is a Creole blend of English and African languages. It was born on Africa's slave coast and developed in the slave communities of the coastal south: South Carolina and Georgia. The Gullah people live in small farming and fishing communities of the coasta fishing communities along the Atlantic coastal plain and on the chain of Sea Islands, which run parallel to the coast. Because of their geographical isolation and strong and strong parallel to the coast. isolation and strong community life, the Gullah have been able to preserve their African cultural heritage through their language, music, arts, their skills and their foods.

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Milligo Gordon Eastern Eric Summers
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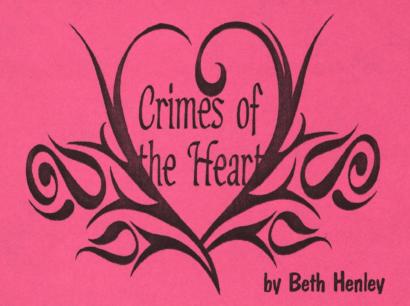
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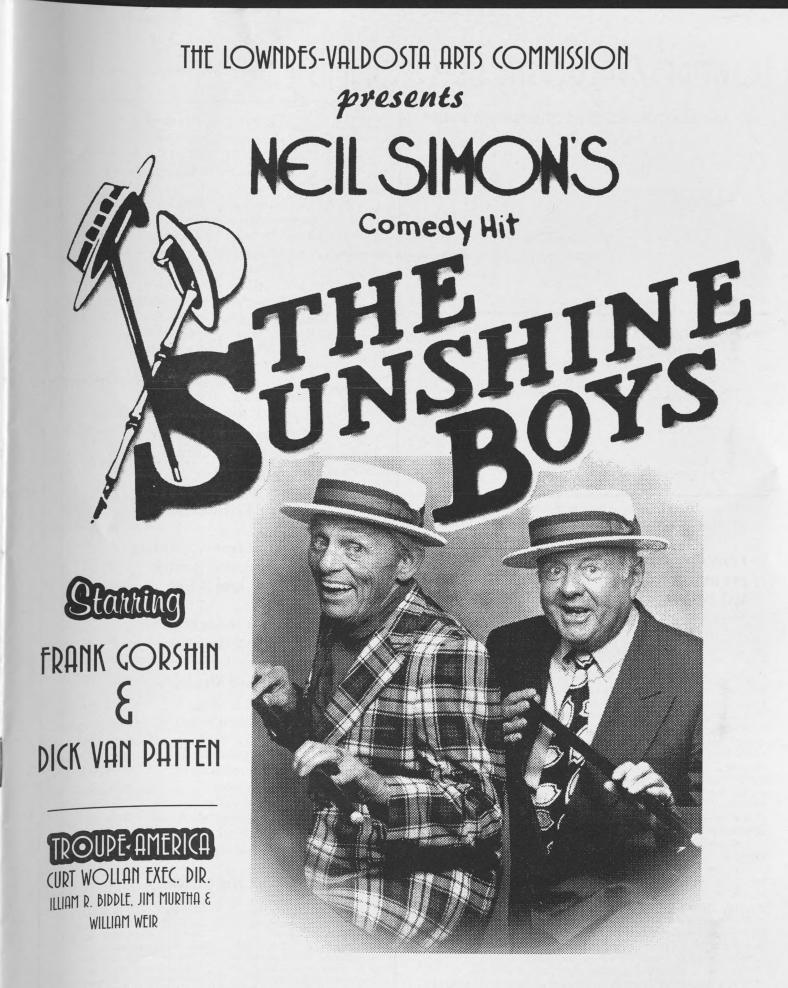
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Main Gallery Exhibit:

January 28, 2002, Reception 5-7 pm, Georgia Rowswell of Tifton & Lisa Kent of Sparks, Georgia

Georgia Rowswell, award-winning artist, uses papier-mache pulp to create her wonderfully colorful and inventive creations. During the process, she often incorporates okra pods, vines, driftwood and bark. Currently she is working on a series called Big Sky-Flat Land which focuses on the vistas of South Georgia. Nature is not only her subject matter but is often a part of her media.

Lisa Kent received her Fine Arts Degree in Fabric Design from the University of Georgia. Since then she has enjoyed a prize-winning career, which includes weaving textiles, paper making, mixed media works, jewelry design, and faux finishes. After weaving exclusively for several years, she made the transition to papermaking.

Hall Gallery Exhibit:

January 28, 2002, Reception 5-7 pm, The Jerry Tillman Collection of East African Art

In honor of Black History Month, L/VAC will be displaying a portion of the East African Makonde Art collection that will soon be on permanent display in the Annette Howell Turner Center of the Arts. Jerry Tillman of Lake Park, Georgia, gathered these impressive Makonde Art objects during his twelve years in the diplomatic service. The collection, which consists of ivory tusks, ironwood and ivory carvings, funiture, musical instruments, all give the flavor of that far-away land.

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The action takes place in New York City, 1972.

Act One Scene 1: A small apartment in an old hotel on upper Broadway. It is early afternoon in mid - winter.

Scene 2: The following Monday, late morning.

There will be one fifteen minute Intermission

Act Two

Scene 1: A Manhattan television studio.

Scene 2: The same as Act I. It is two weeks later, late afternoon.

* The Actors and Stage Managers employed in this production are members of Actors, Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actorsand Stage Managers in the United States.

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(In Order of Appearance)

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Al Lewis

Patient

Ben Silverman

James Van Patten *

Frank Gorshin *

Dick Van Patten *

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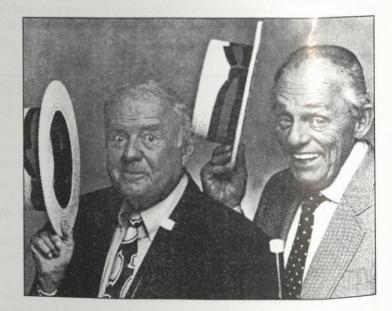
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ACTORS' BIOGRAPHIES

DICK VAN PATTEN Few actors have had as versatile and rich a background as Dick Van Patten. With a remarkable career which includes more than 600 radio shows, 27 Broadway plays, 24 feature films and 7 television series, he is still perhaps best known for his popular starring role as Tom Bradford in the long-running hit series, EIGHT IS ENOUGH. In recent years, audience interest prompted him to reprise that role in the top-rated television specials, EIGHT IS ENOUGH: A FAMILY REUNION and AN EIGHT IS ENOUGH WEDDING, both on NBC.

A one time child actor billed as Dickie Van Patten, he appeared in a continuous stream of Broadway shows starting at the age of seven. They included three Pulitzer Prize winners, ON BORROWED TIME, THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH (starring Taullah Bankhead and Frederick March), and he played Ensign Pulver opposite Henry Fonda's MISTER ROBERTS.

In 1949, at the beginning of television, Van Patten made his transition from stage to television in the award-winning I REMEMBER MAMA series, portraying Peggy Wood's son Nels, for eight years. Since then, he has made numerous guest starring appearances on almost every major television series, and has starred in such series as THE PARTNERS, ARNIE, THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW and WHEN THINGS WERE ROTTEN.

He has appeared in over 20 feature films, including Mel Brooks' HIGH ANXIETY, SPACEBALLS, and ROBIN HOOD MEN IN TIGHTS as well as having starred in seven movies for Walt Disney in just over three years.

Mr. Van Patten has also been honored with his own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

FRANK GORSHIN was born in Pittsburgh, PA. He was an impressionist who performed at night clubs whenever he got the chance. When Frank Gorshin does one of his impressions, he inhabits a celebrity's personality with an intensity that can be downright scary. His Kirk Douglas impression remains his most amazing.

One of Gorshin's greatest achievements was his portrayal of The Riddler on the BATMAN TV show. While other stars played Batman villains for cheap laughs, Gorshin approached his part with a disturbing ferocity. Combining the clench-jawed passion of Kirk Douglas in Lust for Life with the howling homicidal insanity of James Cagney in WHITE HEAT, Gorshin's Riddler was the only Batman villain who seemed dangerously unbalanced enough to have a real chance of offing those two caped do-gooders.

Some of the other televisions shows he's appeared in are STAR TREK (as Commissioner Bele in the classic LET THAT BE YOUR LAST BATTLEFIELD), BUCK ROGERS IN THE 25TH CEN-TURY, THE UNTOUCHABLES, THE MUNSTERS, and more recently he starred as Dr. Fletcher in the movie THE TWELVE MONKEYS. He also recently voiced Foghorn Leghorn and Yosemite Sam. His other TV guest appearances include such shows as LOIS AND CLARK: THE NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN, ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE DARK?, MURDER, SHE WROTE, MONSTERS, THE FALL GUY, WONDER WOMAN, CHARLIE'S ANGELS, S.W.A.T., HAWAII FIVE - O, NAKED CITY, and THE REN AND STIMPY SHOW voicing the Reverend Jack Cheese in the episode "Jack Cheese".

Mr. Gorshin has recently portrayed the late George Burns in a new one man play entitled SAY GOODNIGHT, GRACIE, and continues his comedy career appearing regularly in Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

CREATIVE TEAM BIOCRAPHIES

CURT WOLLAN - (DIRECTOR)

In past seasons, Curt directed the national tours of A CHRISTMAS CAROL, THE 1940'S RADIO HOUR, MR. PICKWICK'S CHRISTMAS, BIG RIVER, PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES, DRIVING MISS DAISY, STEEL MAGNOLIAS, OIL CITY SYMPHONY, ON GOLDEN POND and Stephen King's GHOST STORIES. He produced three national tours of FORBIDDEN BROADWAY with Big League Theatricals and Dodger Productions of New York, three tours of Dylan Thomas' A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES, five tours of Victor Herbert's classic, BABES IN TOYLAND and the world premier tours of MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET, THE MUSICAL, and SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! based on ABC's Emmy Award winning cartoon series. He also co-produced and directed the national tours of THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI with the Lamb's Theater Company in New York, THE ODD COUPLE starring Jamie Farr and William Christopher, MOON OVER BUFFALO starring Gavin MacLeod, LOST HIGHWAY (THE HANK WILLIAMS STORY) starring Jason Petty, and COTTON PATCH GOSPEL starring Gary Sandy at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium.

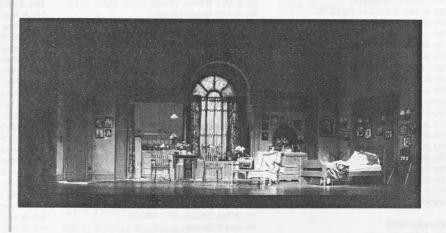
Mr. Wollan also serves as co-author and director for a series of musicals recounting the fictitious careers of THE LOVELY LIEBOWITZ SISTERS. The Liebowitz Sisters have been seen across the country from San Diego to Rochester, New York, with lengthy runs in Kansas City at Tiffany's Attic Dinner Theater, in St. Louis at the Sheldon Auditorium. Detroit at the Gem Theater, Columbus at the Capitol Theater , and in Minneapolis at various venues. Most recently THE LOVELY LIEBOWITZ SISTERS have toured the San Francisco Bay Area with Phyllis Diller, and have appeared at Harrah's Casino and The Tropicana Casino Resort in Atlantic City.

Mr. Wollan is the recipient of the Twin Cities Drama Critics Circle "Kudos" Award in Directing and is listed in Who's Who in America and American Entertainment.

GARY DECKER (SET DESIGN) has designed scenery and lighting for more than 80 professional and university theatre productions. Recent designs include projects in Manchester, England; Athens, Greece; and New York City.

SCOTT R. HERBST (LIGHTING DESIGNER) has served as Lighting Designer and Stage Manager on several in-house productions for Troupe America. Shows to his credit include: PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES, LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS and two popular original shows: THE LOVELY LIEBOWITZ SISTERS and the new hit musical HOW TO TALK MINNESOTAN, based on Howard Mohr's hilarious book.

RICH HAMSON (COSTUME DESIGNER) has been a freelance costume designer for the past thirteen years. As resident designer for both Actor's Theater in St. Paul, and the Chimera Theater company, Rich designed over thirty productions including AMADEUS, CARNIVAL, BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS, NOISES OFF, and PEG O' MY HEART. He has also designed for the Crickett Theater, Illusion Theater and the Park Square Theater in the Twin Cities, as well as the 1989/90 Minnesota Opera's tour of COSI FAN TUTTI and BEEHIVE for Hey City Limited. Currently Rich is the costume shop manager for the Chanhassen Dinner Theater in the Twin Cities.



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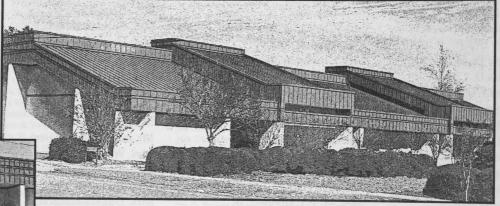
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