

Dear Patrons:

It all began in 1947 and this production marks our thirtieth birthday. Like most people who turn thirty, realizing that we are no longer young, but not yet too old, we find that this is a time for reflection and decision making.

Your Little Theatre Board of Directors has approached this event with a bold determination to have a new facility. Planning toward this goal has begun and the family of John Hernreich has established a Memorial Fund dedicated to this purpose. John was a former Little Theatre Director and our dear friend. This fund is a fitting tribute to his enthusiasm for the theatre. If you would like to contribute, please send your check to the John Hernreich Memorial Fund, c/o Fort Smith Little Theatre.

Our first fund-raising activity will be a presentation of our own "Magic of Musical Broadway". A song filled evening featuring selections from every Little Theatre musical plus many familiar and new musical comedy numbers. This revue will be presented at the Municipal Auditorium on October 7 and 8. Patron and general admission tickets will go on sale September 1 at the Auditorium box office. Don't miss this highlight of the fall season.

Finally our hats are off to you, our patrons, for making this possible. Thank you for 30 years of support and please continue helping us build for the future of your community theatre.

Sincerely,

Rick Foti

Rick Foti, President

Congratulations

on your

30th

Anniversary Production



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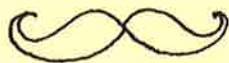
PRODUCED by JANIE GLOVER

Cast In Order of Appearance

BETTY	Theresa Brammer
BILLY BRIGHT	David Conaway
BIG GULCH	Clark Davis
CLAUDE HOPPER	Bruce Gammill
ALMA PUMPERNICKLE	Jana Gallagher
WOLFGANG VON WOLFPACK	Brad Kidder
LILY LIVERSPOT	Janet Corbin
MADAM VIOLETTA	Marcia Webb
CINDY LOU	Linda Brothers
CAP'N ALKALI	Jim Baker
INDIAN	Roger Day
WOMAN IN SHAWL	Carolyn Baker
CHILDREN:	Cheryl Baker • Jason Baker Jeffrey Baker • Jennifer King • Mike Ayers

Olio Performers :

HELLO CENTRAL	Kim Brown
BILL BAILEY	Nancy Lewis
ONLY A BIRD	Miriam Sisk
GOOD SHIP	Cher Hodelka
SISTERS	Gretchen B. Tucker and Jeannie B. Peterson
ARIA	Nathan Josenberger



PLACE - The Town of Desert Rat
Arizona Territory

TIME - 1890

ACT I

SCENE 1. Hotel Suite of Billy Bright
Early Morning

OLIO

SCENE 2. Stage of Op'ry House and
Cattle Auction

OLIO

SCENE 3. Dressing Room of Alma
Pumpnickle

OLIO

SCENE 4. On Stage at the Op'ry
House

Intermission

POPCORN and LEMONADE
in the Lobby

ACT II

SCENE 1. Street in Desert Rat
OLIO

SCENE 2. The Hotel Suite
OLIO

SCENE 3. Alley Outside Op'ry House
OLIO

SCENE 4. Backstage Wings of Op'ry House
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Crew

PIANIST and MUSICAL COORDINATOR: Bill McMurry

STAGE MANAGER: Jed Miller

SET: Sammie Johnson • Gary Black • Frank Frisby

PROPS: Phanita Williams • Margaret Moseley • Jammy Finsel

WARDROBE: Roberta Goodman • Wilma McCauley •

Carolyn Baker • Darlene Garner • Brookline Kidder

Stella Williams • Phyllis Martin • Virginia Gisher

Debe Dahlem • Sheila Dahlem

LIGHTS: Charles Song • Gail Beckman • Roger Day

HAIRSTYLISTS: Pat Ulrick • Janet Corbin

HOSPITALITY: Melinda Williamson • Angela Covey

BOX OFFICE: June Ross • Shelly English • Paula Sharum

MAKE-UP: Connie Freeman • Marilyn Kay

Credits

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