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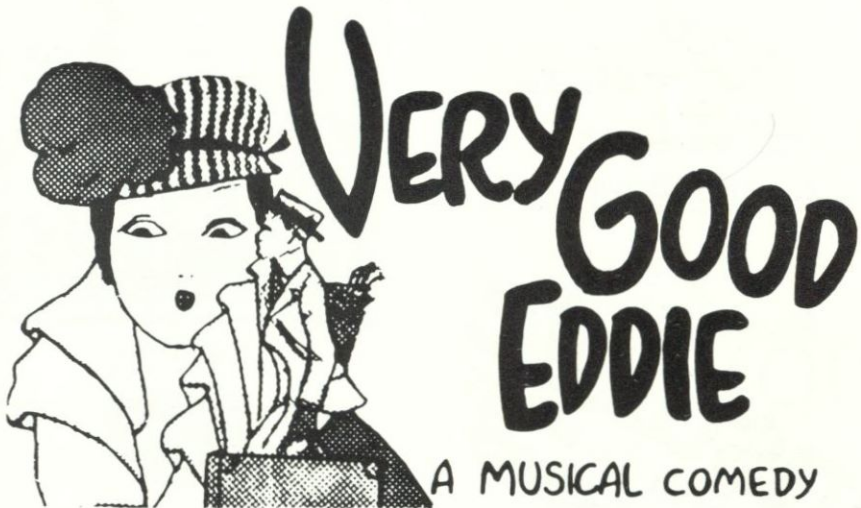


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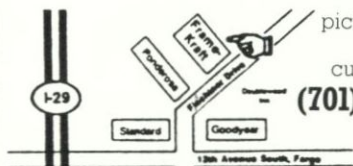
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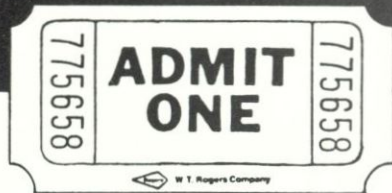
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Miss Always Innit	Sara J. Larson
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Mr. Dick Rivers	Eric J. Knutson
Mrs. Georgiana Kettle	Betsy Kruse
Mr. Eddie Kettle	Jeremy A. Simonson
Mrs. Elsie Darling	Lisa-Rose Mahaney
Mr. Percy Darling	John Lentz
Frenchman	Kevin Fox
Ship Steward/Hotel Clerk	Timothy McCracken
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Time: June, 1913

Synopsis of Scenes

ACT I

A Hudson River Dayliner

ACT II

Lobby of the Honeymoon Inn in the Catskills

Scene 1: That evening

Scene 2: The next morning

There will be one ten-minute intermission between acts.

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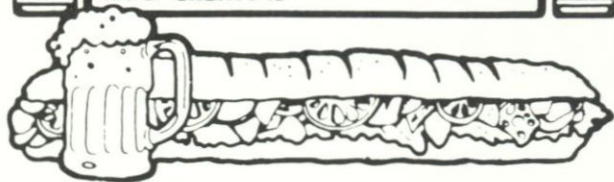
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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

OVERTURE	Orchestra
WE'RE ON OUR WAY	Lily Pond and Ensemble
SOME SORT OF SOMEBODY	Elsie Lilly and Dick Rivers
THIRTEEN COLLAR	Eddie Kettle
BUNGALOW IN QUOGUE	Percy and Elsie Darling
ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE MARRIED	Percy and Elsie Darling, Eddie and Georgiana Kettle
GOOD NIGHT BOAT	Ensemble
LEFT ALL ALONE AGAIN BLUES	Elsie Darling, Lily Pond, Crystal Poole, Carrie Closewell, Always Innit
HOT DOG!	Ensemble
IF YOU'RE A FRIEND OF MINE	Elsie Darling and Eddie Kettle
WEDDING BELLS ARE CALLING ME	Ensemble

ACT II

HONEYMOON INN	Elsie Lilly and Ensemble
I'VE GOT TO DANCE	Frenchman and Madame Matropo's Girls
MOON OF LOVE	Madame Matropo and Men's Ensemble
OLD BOY NEUTRAL	Elsie Lilly and Dick Rivers
BABES IN THE WOOD	Eddie Kettle and Elsie Darling
KATY-DID	Madame Matropo
NODDING ROSES	Elsie Lilly and Dick Rivers
FINALE	Entire Company

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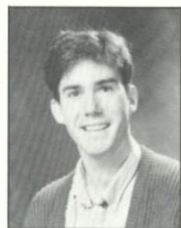
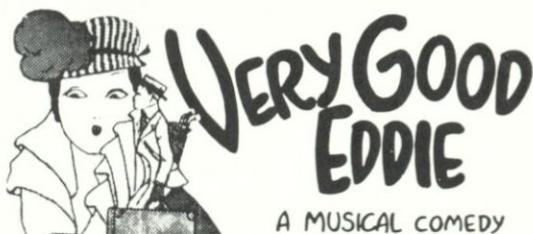
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Viola	Candace Fornes, Jenny Olson	Flute	Jill Kuntz
Cello	Kirsten Lies	Clarinet	Randy Jensen
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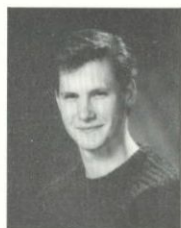
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Who's Who In The Cast



KEVIN FOX (FRENCHMAN)

Kevin Fox is a college senior studying musical theatre at the University of Arizona and plans to pursue a professional career in stage acting. Kevin is originally from El Paso, Texas, and is now living in Tuscon, Arizona. He attended the Fine Arts Magnate High School in El Paso. His experience includes having sung with the Seattle Symphony Choral as well as portraying Little Hart in *The Robber Bridegroom*, Martin Harrison in *Chicago*, Billy in *Anything Goes*, Grand Hopoe in *The Birds*, and Ralph Waldo Emerson in *The Night Thoreau Spent In Jail*. This summer is Kevin's first as a Straw Hat Player.



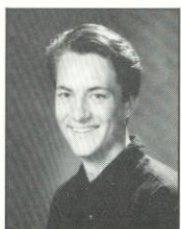
ERIC J. KNUTSON (DICK RIVERS)

Eric J. Knutson was born in North St. Paul, Minnesota, and currently resides in Stillwater, Minnesota. He began acting in high school, appearing as Richard in *Ah, Wilderness* and Judas in *Jesus Christ Superstar*. In the fall of 1987, he came to Moorhead State and is now majoring in dramatic arts. *The Mikado* was the first show in which Eric performed at Moorhead State. Following this, he played the mime in *The Arkansaw Bear*, a children's theatre play. He also portrayed Ottavio in MSU's production of *Scapino!*, Tom in *Olympus On My Mind*, Tommy Boatwright in *The Normal Heart*, and Peter Hunter in *No Sex Please, We're British*. Most recently Eric had major roles in the drama *Breaking The Code* and the musical *Tomfoolery*. He is a senior spending his third summer with The Straw Hat Players.



BETSY KRUSE (GEORGIANA KETTLE)

Betsy Kruse is a Moorhead State University senior from Aberdeen, South Dakota, studying theatre and political science. She is preparing for a career as a professional stage actress and plans to attend graduate school specializing in a study program of performance and directing. Betsy has been featured in many MSU musical productions. She appeared in *Oh Coward!*, *Nonsense*, *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *A . . . My Name Is Alice*, *Anything Goes*, and *Olympus On My Mind*. Straw Hat Players audiences saw her in last summer's production of *The Musical Comedy Murders Of 1940* and *The Robber Bridegroom*. This is her fourth Straw Hat Players season.



JOHN LENTZ (PERCY DARLING)

John Lentz was born in Virginia and grew up in Kansas City. He is now a senior at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, studying theatre and voice. After graduation, John is planning a professional career in stage performance. During his high school years, he was very active in community theatre as well as school productions. John has frequently performed for the University of Kansas theatre. Among his major roles are that of Ewart Dunlop in *The Music Man*, Henry Dummond in *Inherit The Wind*, and Linc in *Slam!* John has also appeared in stage productions of *The Wizard Of Oz*, *You Can't Take It With You*, and *The Circus Lady*. This is his first year as a member of MSU's Straw Hat Players.



LISA-ROSE MAHANEY (ELSIE DARLING)

Lisa-Rose Mahaney was born in Brooklyn, New York. She grew up in Staten Island, New York, and is presently living in Boston, Massachusetts. Lisa-Rose received her professional theatre training at The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York, and The British Theatre Association at Regents College in London, England. She has studied musical theatre with Karen Gustufson, dance with Harry Woolever, and voice with Metropolitan Opera prima donna Frances Richards. Her performance experience is extensive and varied. She's been a singer, nightclub performer, model and stage actress in productions of *Oklahoma*, *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, *On The Verge*, *A View From The Bridge*, and *As You Like It*. Lisa-Rose is spending her first summer in Straw Hat.



TIMOTHY MC CRACKEN (SHIP STEWARD/HOTEL CLERK)

Timothy McCracken is from St. Helena, California, and is now majoring in drama at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, where he received the Best Actor in a Musical Award in 1989, and Best Actor Award in 1990. After completing his college studies, Tim will attend graduate school and then pursue an acting career in New York. Last summer, Timothy participated in a summer training congress at the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco. He has played major characters in *Translations*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *Cymbeline*, *Bus Stop*, *Broadway Bound*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *A Chorus Line*, and *The Good Woman of Setzuan*. This is Timothy's first summer with the Straw Hat theatre company.



VALORI KAY NERHUS (ELSIE LILLY)

Valori Kay Nerhus is a college junior majoring in Musical Theatre at the University of Northern Iowa. Valori is from Badger, Iowa, where she grew up on a farm. She is preparing herself for a career in professional musical theatre. Her training has included a master class taught by mezzo soprano Elizabeth Manion. Valori played Maria in *The Sound Of Music*, Dorothy in *The Wizard Of Oz*, Nancy in *The Night Of January 16th*, Sarah in *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers*, and Sister Gertrude in *Dialogues Of The Carmelites*. This is her first Straw Hat Players summer.



SUSAN NICKEL (MADAME MATROPPO)

Susan Nickel is an MSU student from Fargo, North Dakota, majoring in theatre arts. She was very active in the drama program at North High school, appearing in productions of *Preppies*, *Little Mary Sunshine*, and *Phantom Of The Opera*. Following her graduation from high school in 1988, Susan was one of six students to be awarded an apprenticeship grant to The Straw Hat Players. At the MSU Theatre, she has been seen as Mrs. Harcourt in *Anything Goes*, the queen in *Cinderella*, Charis in *Olympus On My Mind*, Marjorie Baverstock in *The Musical Comedy Murders Of 1940*, and the witch in *Hansel and Gretel*. Susan is planning a performance career in theatre. This is her third season with The Straw Hat Players.



JEREMY A. SIMONSON (EDDIE KETTLE)

Jeremy A. Simonson is a college sophomore studying theatre arts at MSU and is a native of Fargo, North Dakota. He is currently preparing for a professional career in acting and directing for regional theatres. Jeremy's previous credits include productions at Trollwood Park as well as in the Red River Dance and Performing Company. He attended Fargo North High School where he appeared as Andre in *The Phantom of the Opera*, Joe in *Preppies*, and Buzz in *Rebel Without A Cause*. At MSU Jeremy has had leading roles in *Hansel and Gretel* and *Tomfoolery*. This is his third summer in The Straw Hat Players.

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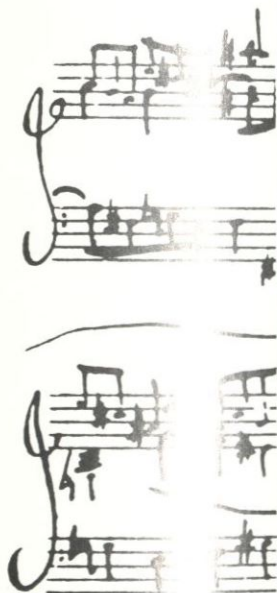
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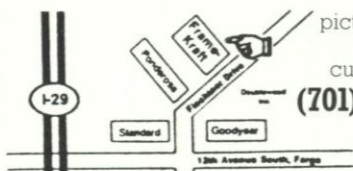
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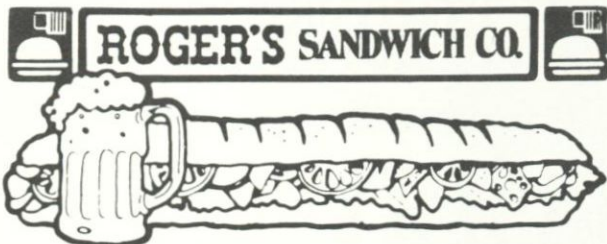
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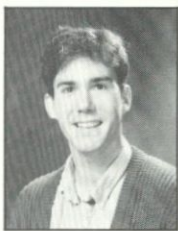
TAMARA BELLER (OLIVE MADISON)

Tamara Beller grew up in Phoenix, Arizona. She has been living in Tucson for the past three years while attending college. This spring Tamara graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in acting and directing. She plans to move to Los Angeles, California, after her Straw Hat summer to continue her professional career in stage, television, and film. Tamara's previous stage roles include Dorine in *Tartuffe*, June in *Chicago*, Bianca in *Othello*, Lucy in *The Rivals*, and Audrey West in *End Of The World*. She has done extra work in a number of motion pictures filmed in Arizona: *Just One Of The Guys* (1985) with Joyce Hyser and Clayton Rohner, *Third Degree Burn* (1989) with Treat Williams and Virginia Madsen, and *Mad House* (1989) with Kirstie Allie and John Laroquette. This is Tamara's first season in The Straw Hat Players.



BETH CASH (FLORENCE UNGER)

Beth Cash is a 1989 MSU Theatre Arts cum laude graduate from Bismarck, North Dakota. Her interest in acting goes back to her high school days when she was cast in many productions and her elementary school years in Crookston, Minnesota, when she appeared in a number of community theatre plays. She is now preparing to pursue a Master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre. Her performances for the MSU Theatre display variety and skill. She was Poppy-Norton Taylor in *Noises Off*, Sister Hubert in *Nunsense*, Celia in *As You Like It*, Pitti-Sing in *The Mikado*, Ella in *Curse Of The Starving Class*, Marigold Watson in *The Common Pursuit*, Teresa Phillips in *How The Other Half Loves*, Reno Sweeney in *Anything Goes*, Meg Brockie in *Brigadoon*, Helsa Wenzel in *The Musical Comedy Murders Of 1940*, and Clotilde Lombaste in *New Moon*. Beth is a five-year veteran of The Straw Hat Players.



KEVIN FOX (MANOLA COSTAZUELA)

Kevin Fox is a college senior studying musical theatre at the University of Arizona and plans to pursue a professional career in stage acting. Kevin is originally from El Paso, Texas, and is now living in Tucson, Arizona. He attended the Fine Arts Magnate High School in El Paso. His experience includes having sung with the Seattle Symphony Choral as well as portraying Little Harp in *The Robber Bridegroom*, Martin Harrison in *Chicago*, Billy in *Anything Goes*, Grand Hopoe in *The Birds*, and Ralph Waldo Emerson in *The Night Thoreau Spent In Jail*. Kevin appeared as the Frenchman in *Very Good Eddie*, the opening show of the season. This summer is Kevin's first as a Straw Hat Player.



BETSY KRUSE (RENEE)

Betsy Kruse is a Moorhead State University senior from Aberdeen, South Dakota, studying theatre and political science. She is preparing for a career as a professional stage actress and plans to attend graduate school specializing in a study program of performance and directing. Betsy has been featured in many MSU musical productions. She appeared in *Oh Coward!*, *Nunsense*, *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *A . . . My Name Is Alice*, *Anything Goes*, and *Olympus On My Mind*. Straw Hat Players audiences saw her in last summer's production of *The Musical Comedy Murders Of 1940* and *The Robber Bridegroom*. Betsy played Georgianna Kettle in our first show of this season, *Very Good Eddie*. This is her fourth Straw Hat Players season.



SARA J. LARSON (SYLVIE)

Sara J. Larson is a Moorhead State University senior majoring in Theatre Arts. She's a native of Glenwood, Minnesota, who was chosen to be a high school apprentice with The Straw Hat Players in 1986. In addition to her MSU Theatre appearances, Sara performed with the Minnewaska Showstoppers in Glenwood where she acted in five plays. Sara has appeared in MSU's musical productions of *Destry Rides Again*, *Sweeney Todd*, *The Mikado*, *Anything Goes*, *The Robber Bridegroom*, *New Moon*, and played Jane Ashton in *Brigadoon*. She was Barbara in *No Sex Please, We're British* and the Wicked Stepsister in the children's theatre play *Cinderella*. Most recently she had a major role in *Tomfoolery*, the musical tribute to humorist Tom Lehrer. Sara's career plans include acting, singing, and modeling. This is Sara's third Straw Hat Players summer.



SUSAN NICKEL (MICKEY)

Susan Nickel is an MSU student from Fargo, North Dakota, majoring in Theatre Arts. She was very active in the drama program at North High School, appearing in productions of *Preppies*, *Little Mary Sunshine*, and *Phantom Of The Opera*. Following her graduation from high school in 1988, Susan was one of six students to be awarded an apprenticeship grant to The Straw Hat Players. At the MSU Theatre, she has been seen as Mrs. Harcourt in *Anything Goes*, the queen in *Cinderella*, Charis in *Olympus On My Mind*, Marjorie Baverstock in *The Musical Comedy Murders Of 1940*, and the witch in *Hansel and Gretel*. This summer she was Madame Matropo in *Very Good Eddie*. Susan is planning on a performance career in theatre. This is her third season with The Straw Hat Players.



MARY PURDY (VERA)

Mary Purdy was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has been living in New York City for the past seventeen years. She is currently a junior at Oberlin College in Ohio, studying a theatre arts curriculum. Earlier this year Mary worked and studied with Chicago City Limits, an improvisational theatre group from New York. Some of her stage credits include playing Chick in *Crimes Of The Heart*, Anita in *West Side Story*, as well as roles in the musical *Chicago* and *Feiffer's People*. Mary appeared in productions at the Brown Ledge Theatre in Vermont, portraying Tessie in *Gypsy*, Mrs. Sowerberry in *Oliver*, and Mrs. Webb in *Our Town*. In the Hall and Oates music video "Love Train," Mary can be seen as a background dancer. This marks her first summer as a member of MSU's Straw Hat company.



CHARLIE SHAHNAIAN (JESUS COSTAZUELA)

Charlie Shahnaian was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and graduated from Boston College in 1987. He attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City, where he played Alan in *Magic Time*, James Buchannon, Jr. in *Eccentricities Of A Nightengale*, Jimmy in *Jimmy Shine*, and Victor-Emanuelle in *A Flea In Her Ear*. He has been on national tours of *The Three-Cornered Hat* for Biggs/Rosati Productions and *The Clue That Burned Blue* for the Small Change Theatre of Minneapolis, Minnesota. At the New London Barn Playhouse in New London, New Hampshire, Charlie appeared as the Baker/Asher in *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Rod in *Singin' In The Rain*, Pawnee Bill in *Annie Get Your Gun*, and Jeff Douglas in *Brigadoon*. This is Charlie's first year with The Straw Hat Players.

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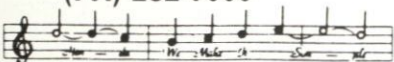


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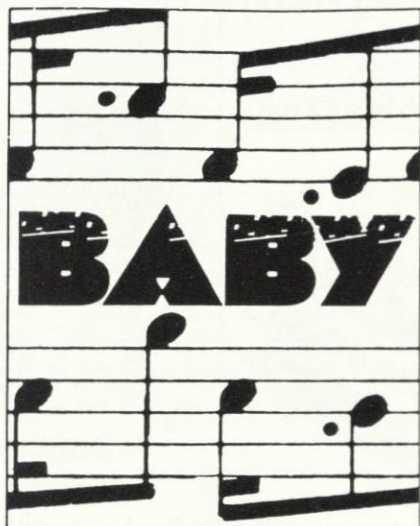
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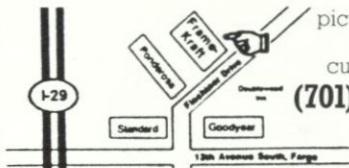
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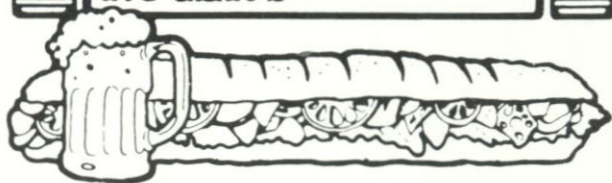
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MARK BRODIN (PROFESSOR WEISS)

Mark Brodin was born in Windom, Minnesota, and now lives in Moorhead where he is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Music. Mark also has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and he did advanced study at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. Mark was cast in major roles at Augustana, playing Lionel Toope in *See How They Run* and Paul in *To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday* for which he won a Best Acting Award in 1988. In MSU's spring play production of *Tomfoolery*, Mark had a leading singing role. His professional career plans are to continue writing music as well as producing record albums and music videos. Mark is spending his first summer as a company member of The Straw Hat Players.



BETH CASH (DOCTOR)

Beth Cash is a 1989 MSU Theatre Arts cum laude graduate from Bismarck, North Dakota. Her interest in acting goes back to her high school days when she was cast in many productions and her elementary school years in Crookston, Minnesota, when she appeared in a number of community theatre plays. She is now preparing to pursue a Master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre. Her performances for the MSU Theatre display variety and skill. She was Poppy-Norton Taylor in *Noises Off*, Sister Hubert in *Nonsense*, Celia in *As You Like It*, Pitti-Sing in *The Mikado*, Ella in *Curse Of The Starving Class*, Marigold Watson in *The Common Pursuit*, Teresa Phillips in *How The Other Half Loves*, Reno Sweeney in *Anything Goes*, Meg Brockie in *Brigadoon*, Helsa Wenzel in *The Musical Comedy Murders Of 1940*, and Clotilde Lombaste in *New Moon*. She appeared as Florence Unger in this summer's second production, *The Odd Couple*. Beth is a five-year veteran of The Straw Hat Players.



BETTY CRAIG (ARLENE MAC NALLY)

Betty Craig holds a Master of Education degree from the University of Arizona. She is a sixth grade teacher and peer evaluator for the Career Ladder program in Tucson, combining her professional educational career with a second career in theatre performance. Betty has appeared in many of Tucson's prominent theatres including The Plaza Dinner Theatre, The Invisible Theatre, and the Southern Arizona Light Opera Company. She has played Anna in *The King and I*, Babe in *The Pajama Game*, Artie in *Eleemosynary*, and Auntie Mame in *Mame* as well as roles in *A...My Name Is Alice*, *Jacques Brel Is Alive And Well And Living In Paris*, and *Once And Forever*, a tribute to Irving Berlin. For ten years Betty was a jazz vocalist in night clubs, performing with the Mickey Greco Trio. This is her first appearance in a Straw Hat Players production.



PETER HALVERSON (ALAN MAC NALLY)

Peter Halverson's theatrical background has been primarily in opera productions. He has toured with the Midwest Opera Theatre of Minnesota and the Western Opera Theatre of San Francisco and appeared with regional opera companies in Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, Madison, Minneapolis, Chattanooga, Peoria, and Minot. Fargo-Moorhead audiences have enjoyed his performances in such F-M Civic Opera productions as *La Boheme*, *The Marriage Of Figaro*, *Carmen*, *Madame Butterfly*, *Martha*, *The Barber Of Seville*, *Eugene Onegin*, and most recently *Cavalleria Rusticana*. Peter holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Wisconsin. He has been an instructor of voice at Concordia College for the past seven years. This production marks his third appearance with the MSU Straw Hat Players. During our 1988 season he was Don Quixote in *Man Of La Mancha*, and last year he portrayed Robert Mission in *New Moon*.



MICHAEL J. KING (DEAN WEBBER)

Michael King was born in Joliet, Illinois, and has attended Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa, where he studied performing arts. Michael is preparing for a career in professional theatre and plans to continue his education at the Circle in the Square Theatre School in New York City immediately following this season of Straw Hat. He has performed extensively in college and community theatre productions. Michael was Ariel in *The Tempest*, Judas in *Godspell*, Fancourt Babberly in *Charley's Aunt*, Big Jule in *Guys and Dolls*, Evil Eye Fleagle in *Li'l Abner*, Alphonse in *The Boyfriend*, Gestas in *The Wall*, Baron Bolligrew in *The Thwarting Of Baron Bolligrew*, Michael in *Key Exchange*, Fred Casely in *Chicago*, and Geoffrey in *Stepping Out*. Michael is spending his second summer in The Straw Hat Players. Last year's audiences will remember him as Goat in *The Robber Bridegroom*.



BETSY KRUSE (PAM SAKARIAN)

Betsy Kruse is a Moorhead State University senior from Aberdeen, South Dakota, studying theatre and political science. She is preparing for a career as a professional stage actress and plans to attend graduate school specializing in a study program of performance and directing. Betsy has been featured in many MSU musical productions. She appeared in *Oh Coward!*, *Nonsense*, *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *A . . . My Name Is Alice*, *Anything Goes*, and *Olympus On My Mind*. Straw Hat Players audiences saw her in last summer's production of *The Musical Comedy Murders Of 1940* and *The Robber Bridegroom*. Betsy played Georgianna Kettle in our first show of this season, *Very Good Eddie* and Renee in the second show, *The Odd Couple*. This is her fourth Straw Hat Players season.



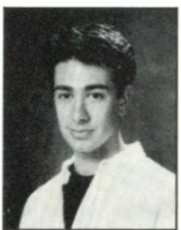
TIMOTHY MC CRACKEN (DANNY HOOPER)

Timothy McCracken is from St. Helena, California, and is now majoring in drama at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, where he received the Best Actor in a Musical Award in 1989, and Best Actor Award in 1990. After completing his college studies, Tim will attend graduate school and then pursue an acting career in New York. Last summer, Timothy participated in a summer training congress at the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco. He has played major characters in *Translations*, *The Mystery Of Edwin Drood*, *Cymbeline*, *Bus Stop*, *Broadway Bound*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *A Chorus Line*, and *The Good Woman Of Setzuan*. He played the roles of the Ship Steward and the Hotel Clerk in our first production of the summer, *Very Good Eddie*. This is Timothy's first summer with the Straw Hat theatre company.



NATANYA ROSE (LIZZIE FIELDS)

Natanya Rose was born in San Francisco, California, growing up there and in Los Angeles. She is now a junior at the University of Arizona in Tucson, working toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Musical Theatre. She is preparing for a professional acting career in stage, film, and television. Natanya has appeared in productions at the University of Arizona theatre as well as at the Peninsula Civic Light Opera and with the musical touring group "Encore." Her stage performances include the roles of Agnes in *Gypsy*, Hunyak in *Chicago*, Vicky in *Flight Of The Waco*, Lucy in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and parts in *The Robber Bridegroom* and *As You Like It*. This summer is Natanya's first with MSU's Straw Hat Players.



CHARLIE SHAHNAIAN (NICK SAKARIAN)

Charlie Shahnaian was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and graduated from Boston College in 1987. He attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City, where he played Alan in *Magic Time*, James Buchannon, Jr. in *Eccentricities Of A Nightengale*, Jimmy in *Jimmy Shine*, and Victor-Emanuelle in *A Flea In Her Ear*. He has been on national tours of *The Three-Cornered Hat* for Biggs/Rosati Productions and *The Clue That Burned Blue* for the Small Change Theatre of Minneapolis, Minnesota. At the New London Barn Playhouse in New London, New Hampshire, Charlie appeared as the Baker/Asher in *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Rod in *Singin' In The Rain*, Pawnee Bill in *Annie Get Your Gun*, and Jeff Douglas in *Brigadoon*. In our second show of the summer, *The Odd Couple*, Charlie played Jesus Costazuella. This is Charlie's first year with The Straw Hat Players.

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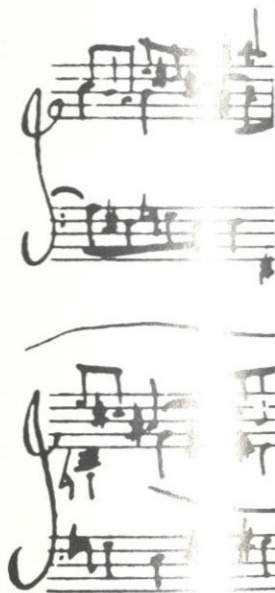
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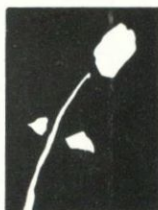
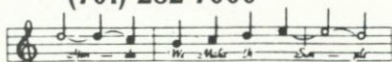


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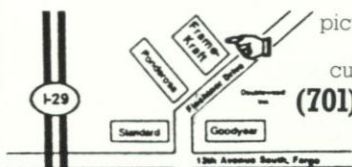
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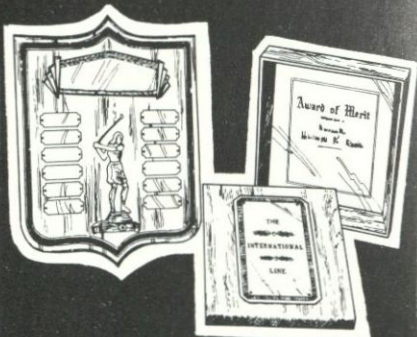
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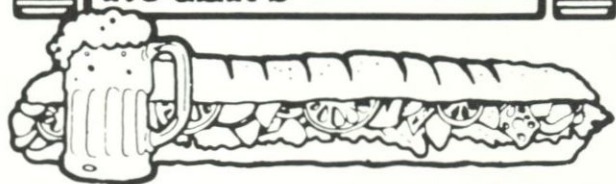
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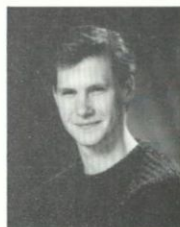
DANIEL ANDERSON (THOR WALDGRAVE)

Daniel Anderson is eight years old and in the fourth grade at Probstfield Elementary School in Moorhead where he played an Arabian dancer in a 1989 production of *The Nutcracker*. His hobbies include bike riding, drawing blueprints for buildings, and constructing model theatre sets complete with scenery. Daniel enjoys jazz and easy listening music. His favorite actors are Michael J. Fox and Madonna. Daniel's future goal is to become a pilot for a commercial airline, a flight attendant, or a film and television actor. His mother is Dr. Terrie Manno, a Professor of Music at Moorhead State University. This is Daniel's first appearance with The Straw Hat Players.



MICHAEL KING (WARNOCK WALDGRAVE)

Michael King was born in Joliet, Illinois, and has attended Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa, where he studied performing arts. Michael is preparing for a career in professional theatre and plans to continue his education at the Circle in the Square Theatre School in New York City immediately following this season of Straw Hat. He has performed extensively in college and community theatre productions. Michael was Ariel in *The Tempest*, Judas in *Godspell*, Fancourt Babberly in *Charley's Aunt*, Big Jule in *Guys And Dolls*, Evil Eye Fleagle in *Li'l Abner*, Alphonse in *The Boyfriend*, Gestas in *The Wall*, Baron Bolligrew in *The Thwarting Of Baron Bolligrew*, Michael in *Key Exchange*, Fred Casely in *Chicago*, and Geoffrey in *Stepping Out*. Michael is spending his second year in The Straw Hat Players. Last year's audiences will remember him as Goat in *The Robber Bridegroom*. Earlier this summer he played Dean Webber in the musical *Baby*.



ERIC J. KNUTSON (WILLUM CUBBERT)

Eric J. Knutson was born in North St. Paul, Minnesota, and currently resides in Stillwater, Minnesota. He began acting in high school, appearing as Richard in *Ah, Wilderness* and Judas in *Jesus Christ Superstar*. In the fall of 1987, he came to Moorhead State and is now majoring in dramatic arts. *The Mikado* was the first show in which Eric performed at MSU. Following this, he played the mime in *The Arkansaw Bear*, a children's theatre play. He also portrayed Ottavio in our production of *Scapino!*, Tom in *Olympus On My Mind*, Tommy Boatwright in *The Normal Heart*, and Peter Hunter in *No Sex Please, We're British*. Most recently Eric had major roles in the drama *Breaking The Code* and the musical *Tomfoolery*, and he appeared as Dick Rivers in the opening production of the summer, *Very Good Eddie*. Eric is a senior spending his third summer with The Straw Hat Players.



TIMOTHY MC CRACKEN (ALEX HAMMOND)

Timothy McCracken is from St. Helena, California, and is now majoring in drama at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, where he received the Best Actor in a Musical Award in 1989, and Best Actor Award in 1990. After completing his college studies, Tim will attend graduate school and then pursue an acting career in New York. Last summer, Timothy participated in a summer training congress at the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco. He has played major characters in *Translations*, *The Mystery Of Edwin Drood*, *Cymbeline*, *Bus Stop*, *Broadway Bound*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *A Chorus Line*, and *The Good Woman Of Setzuan*. He played the roles of the Ship Steward and the Hotel Clerk in the first production of the summer, *Very Good Eddie*, and Danny Hooper in our third show, *Baby*. This is Timothy's first summer with the Straw Hat theatre company.



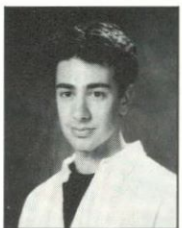
MARY PURDY (CLELIA WALDGRAVE)

Mary Purdy was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has been living in New York City for the past seventeen years. She is currently a junior at Oberlin College in Ohio, studying a theatre arts curriculum. Earlier this year Mary worked and studied with Chicago City Limits, an improvisational theatre group from New York. Some of her stage credits include playing Chick in *Crimes Of The Heart*, Anita in *West Side Story*, as well as roles in the musical *Chicago* and *Feiffer's People*. Mary appeared in productions at the Brown Ledge Theatre in Vermont, portraying Tessie in *Gypsy*, Mrs. Sowerberry in *Oliver*, and Mrs. Webb in *Our Town*. In the Hall and Oates music video "Love Train," Mary can be seen as a background dancer. She appeared as Vera in this summer's production of *The Odd Couple*. This is Mary's first summer as a member of MSU's Straw Hat company.



NATANYA ROSE (TANSY MC GINNIS)

Natanya Rose was born in San Francisco, California, growing up there and in Los Angeles. She is now a junior at the University of Arizona in Tucson, working toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theatre. She is preparing for a professional acting career in stage, film, and television. Natanya has appeared in productions at the University of Arizona Theatre as well as at the Peninsula Civic Light Opera and with the musical touring group "Encore." Her stage performances include the roles of Agnes in *Gypsy*, Hunyak in *Chicago*, Vicky in *Flight Of The Waco*, Lucy in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and parts in *The Robber Bridegroom* and *As You Like It*. She appeared as Lizzie Fields in the third show of the season, *Baby*. This summer is Natanya's first with MSU's Straw Hat Players.



CHARLIE SHAHNAIAN (RICK STEADMAN)

Charlie Shahnaian was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and graduated from Boston College in 1987. He attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City, where he played Alan in *Magic Time*, James Buchannon, Jr. in *Eccentricities Of A Nightengale*, Jimmy in *Jimmy Shine*, and Victor-Emanuelle in *A Flea In Her Ear*. He has been on national tours of *The Three-Cornered Hat* for Biggs/Rosati Productions and *The Clue That Burned Blue* for the Small Change Theatre of Minneapolis, Minnesota. At the New London Barn Playhouse in New London, New Hampshire, Charlie appeared as the Baker/Asher in *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Rod in *Singin' In The Rain*, Pawnee Bill in *Annie Get Your Gun*, and Jeff Douglas in *Brigadoon*. Charlie portrayed Jesus Costazuela in this summer's *The Odd Couple* and Nick Sakarian in our production of *Baby*. This is Charlie's first year with The Straw Hat Players.

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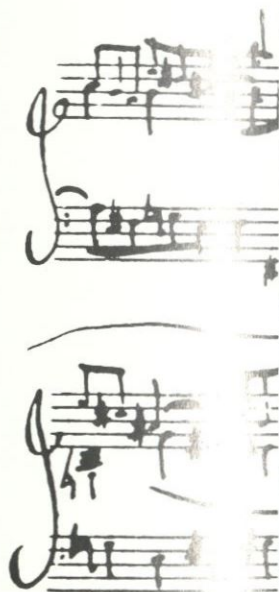
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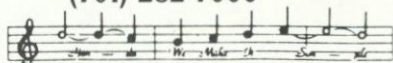


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