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THE PLAYERS

Henry VIII	PATRICK O'LEARY
Katarina of Aragon	KATHERINE A. RUSSELL
Anne Boleyn	
Jane Seymour	WENDI NAPLIN
Anna of Cleves	SCARLETT H. McCANN
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INTRODUCING THE DIRECTOR AND HIS GROUP, REAL WORLD PLAYERS

As Executive Director of the Real World Players (RWP), GERRY IANUZZI is very excited as the group enters its fifth year. Without a theatre of their own, they called many places "home" on a temporary basis, and concentrated on producing big, joyful musicals in the off-season of summer. "Camelot" at Wilson High was RWP's opener, followed by "Brigadoon" at TCC and "My Fair Lady" in the Sumner High auditorium, as part of the annual Sumner Arts Festival. Gerry himself directed those three musicals.

Next the group did a full season at a small "dessert theatre" called The Attic, with Gerry directing three of the plays. "Fiddler On The Roof" was their second contribution to the Sumner Arts Festival. Now Sumner is home, and the small town has rallied behind the Real World Players with such enthusiasm that a real home is being built for them, with completion expected a year from this June.

No stranger to Tacoma theatres, Gerry got his start in theatre at Fort Lewis' Chinook Dinner Theatre as director of "Apple Tree." Here at TLT, Gerry was Technical Director for a season and has directed "Finishing Touches," "6 Rms Riv Vu" and "Carousel." He has also been a Scenic Designer, both here and at Ballet Tacoma, and is even a playwright. His one-act drama, "My People," premiered at UPS several years ago.

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LORETTA GENNA

After eight years of playing "funny old men" (among them, Lord Elrood earlier this season in "Wild Goose Chase"), PATRICK O'LEARY was more than ready to take on a challenge, and HENRY VIII is certainly that. While appreciative of that famous monarch's drive and ambition, Patrick does not care for his insensitivity and is "disturbed by Henry's inability to recognize other people's viewpoints." Believing that his talent (which is considerable) is a gift which he must develop and use, Patrick still finds time to do other things in theatre. His specialties are lighting and sound, but he's no slouch in the box office, either! He works as a computer programmer and systems analyst.

KATHERINE RUSSELL's avocation is acting; her vocation is acting and dance. She is one of the lucky - and talented - ones. Most recently, TLT audiences have enjoyed Katherine as the drunken Mrs. Daigle in "Bad Seed." Now she's KATARINA OF ARAGON - "a great lady. I admire her strength of character; her ability to carry on no matter what." She teaches ballet for the Metropolitan Park District, continues her study of dance and choreographs musical productions (such as our Christmas show, "Scrooge"). Being part of a repertory company and playing many different roles is Katherine's dream and plan for the future.

Whenever she watched shows about Henry VIII, DEBBIE COX found herself drawn to one of his wives in particular - the one she now portrays, ANNE

BOLEYN. Calling it "a dream of a role," Debbie understands her character and describes her as "a victim of her own charm. She is strong yet vulnerable; she has a power over men, yet her weakness is any power they possess." The actress and the historical figure share a desire to get the most out of life. Debbie's acting experience includes a TV movie, along with local plays at the People's Church and TLT. (In "Scrooge," she was Sarah, Scrooge's nephew's young wife.)

This is WENDI NAPLIN's (JANE SEYMOUR) first acting role. A music student at UPS and accompanist at Jan Collum School of Ballet, Wendi was Music Director and accompanist for "Scrooge" and does musicals for The Real World Players. She also does technical work - and is responsible for the beautiful, historically accurate costumes you're admiring in this production. Why go into acting too? "I want to be involved and educated in all aspects of theatre and this is part of that education." While she herself is "not as simple" as Jane, Wendi adds that "It's my first role and therefore special."

SCARLETT McCANN has always known that she wanted to act. She has no specific goals in mind, but plans to "expand my experience as much as possible and play as many roles as I can." The traits which Scarlett and ANNA OF CLEVES hold in common are a strong will, frankness and a matter-of-fact attitude. Scarlett also admires her character's self-determination and confidence. She hopes, however, that the similarity ends at physical appearance. (We think it does!) You saw her earlier this year as the maid, Annie, in "Heaven Can Wait." Acting will be Scarlett's vocation in life.

Being "addicted" to performing on stage is not uncommon among theatre people, but BONNIE HICKS describes the feeling uncommonly well: "It's not so much wanting to become an actress, but *needing* to." The closeness engendered between cast members appeals to her, too, since she is "normally a solitary person." She played many roles during high school, has been an extra in several movies, and finds her present character, KATHRYN HOWARD, likeable. After studying her history, Bonnie thinks that perhaps Kathryn was "a victim of circumstances." She is also involved backstage, doing set construction, lighting and make-up.

How did a former Music Department Head at St. Leo's High discover acting? LORETTA (LORI) GENNA says that "it was a natural outgrowth of being 'on stage' as a pianist for singing groups." Her experience includes performing in "segmented" Broadway musicals with the group "On Stage" and playing

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roles at the Falstaf Dinner Theatre, where she also helps with costumes and sets. Lori and KATE PARR are both independent thinkers with a compassionate nature. The "high calibre of content" in this play attracted her; she knew it would be a challenge. A realtor and insurance agent in "real life," she considers acting a "marvelous avocation" and dreams of playing Anne Sullivan in "Helen Keller."

TIME: 16th Century to Present Day PLACE: England

ACT I

Katarina of Aragon Anne Boleyn Jane Seymour

ACT II

Anna of Cleves Kathryn Howard Kate Parr

BACKGROUND

"Royal Gambit" was presented for the first time in English by David Ellis on March 4, 1959 at the Sullivan Street Playhouse, New York City. The director was Philip Lawrence; set design was by Glenn Hill; lighting by Nicola Cernovich and costumes by Michael DeMarco.

NOTES:

In this play, Henry VIII represents one type of modern man. The aspects of the modern age develop through the erotic and moral tragi-comedy of his life. The historical affairs with the six wives transcend history. But it is not suggested that Henry stalks through history or through the centuries; merely that he and his wives are aware of the further developments and the logical conclusions of what he began. Thus, the sweep into the future occurs effortlessly in the dialogue only.

Throughout the play, Henry remains constant while the women, through their dialogue, discreetly mark the passage of time from the Rennaissance to the present.

By direction of the author, the play should be presented as simply as possible. Props are not to be used, and it is essential that no other characters than Henry and his wives are ever brought on stage.

* Please do not use flash cameras in the auditorium.

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We have a special treat for the art lovers in our audience this month; something different. Northwest Carvers, a group of over 150 wood-carvers from Pierce and King Counties, is displaying some of the finest examples of this three-dimensional art form available today. Established about ten years ago to revive awareness of and perpetuate what was a disappearing art, the group meets monthly and holds organized shows. Members of Northwest Carvers work in every conceivable style of woodcarving, from Ozark primitive to classical nudes and portraits. Their show at TLT, an annual event since 1977, will emphasize relief carving in plaques and other hangings, including seascapes, landscapes, portraits, etc. in a wide variety of styles.

The Real World Players are proud of the association that has begun with the Tacoma Little Theatre. The cooperation extended to us as guests in that theatre has made this a most pleasurable experience for all involved. At this time, we would like to extend our personal thanks to Mark Lewington, President of TLT, and Martin Larson, member of the Executive Board, for their energy and hard work in making our production a reality.

Gerry Ianuzzi Executive Director Real World Players, Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHILE WE'VE GOT YOUR ATTENTION . . . TLT exists because of the volunteer commitment of people like yourselves - people who believe that live theatre is an essential part of our community. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Can't act your way out of a paper bag? Fine! We also need budding artists, those who are handy with a hammer and nails - and people who need people! In return, we promise you good fellowship with some very interesting people. You'll thank yourself for it - and so will we!!

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GET ON OUR MAILING LIST! Season ticket holders are automatically added to the list, but single ticket buyers can be, too - simply by signing our guest book in the lobby. You will then receive all TLT mailings, including SEASON BROCHURES and special notices on upcoming events. LET US HELP YOU KEEP IN TOUCH WITH TLT!

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COMING UP IN THE STAGE DOOR GALLERY! Open to the public during our regular office hours as well as during performances, the Stage Door Gallery is another way TLT can add to your enjoyment of the Arts in Tacoma. Please note that all artwork is for sale. Featured artists will be as follows:

WESTERN SHOW - March 16 - April 8 SCHOOL ART DISPLAY - April 10 - 25 STUDIO ARTISTS - May 1-31 PACIFIC GALLERY ARTIST - June 5-20

UPCOMING SHOWS: How to change your love life from flat to fun in just two hours: come to a performance of TLT's production of "LOVE RIDES THE RAILS; or: WILL THE MAIL TRAIN RUN TONIGHT?"!! Morland Cary's melodrama is one of the all-time great old-timers, just begging for audience participation. Boo the villain and cheer the hero to your heart's content on April 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 or 25 at 8:00, or on the 26th at 2:00. (Please Note: the date of the matinee is listed as the 19th on your brochure, but since that is Easter Sunday, the matinee has been changed to the 26th.) The director will be none other than Dick Storholt, of "Scrooge" fame! Reservations are now open.

Where would you shop for a "what-not" for the man who has everything. a "thingamajig" for a high school or college grad, a "whatchamacallit" for whozit's wedding, a "something-or-other" for somebody's birthday, a "you-know-what" for an important anniversary, or a little "knickknack" for youknow-who? DICK TALCOTT, CERTIFIED GEMOLOGISTS Member AMERICAN GEM SOCIETY 764 BROADWAY : TACOMA, WA 9840 Saturdays 10 AM to 4 PM Telephone 272-4295





AUDITIONS: Sunday and Monday, March 1st and 2nd at 7:30 p.m.: auditions for "LOVE RIDES THE RAILS; or WILL THE MAIL TRAIN RUN TONIGHT?" by Morland Cary. The cast list calls for 7 men and 5 women, and the show will be directed by Dick Storholt. The dates of the run will be as follows: April 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and 26.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 8th, 9th and 10th at 7:30 p.m.: auditions for our Spring musical, "KISS ME KATE," book by Sam and Bella Spewack, music and lyrics by Cole Porter. Director Martin Larson needs 9 men and 3 women - and singers for his chorus. Those auditioning for the chorus should bring a prepared song with them (bring the music as well); a pianist will be provided. "Kate" dance numbers will be choreographed by Tacoma favorite Jan Collum. The show dates are: June 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19 and 20.

Sunday and Monday, March 15th and 16th at 7:30 p.m.: auditions for TLT's One-Act Play Festival. Three one-act plays will be performed the nights of May 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th. The plays chosen and their directors are as follows: "THE VALIANT" by Hall and Middlemass, to be directed by Julia Mueller; "A PHOENIX TOO FREQUENT" by Christopher Fry, to be directed by Nora Douglass; Edward Albee's "ZOO STORY," with Madge Montgomery directing. "VALIANT" calls for 4 men, 1 woman and 1 young girl approx. age 16; 'PHOENIX" calls for 1 man and 2 women; "ZOO" calls for 2 men only.

THE REAL WORLD PLAYERS, in association with JAN COLLUM and BALLET TACOMA will be holding auditions for "CAMELOT" on May 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th. Performances will be held in the town of Sumner on July 23, 24, 25 and 31, and on August 1, 7 and 8. For further information, please call 272-6392.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENTS LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE CONTACT TLT PERSONNEL BEFORE CURTAIN, DURING INTERMISSION OR DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS - USUALLY 1:00 TO 7:00 TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY...OR CALL 272-2481.





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