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George Haimsohn & Robin Miller*

*Music by
Jim Wise*

CAST

(In Order of Appearance)

MONA KENT	Cherry Elessa Edwards
JOAN	Eileen Newton
HENNESSY	Joseph Woodland
RUBY	Kay Peterson
DICK	Andrew L. Hoffman
LUCKY	Derek Birne
THE CAPTAIN	Joseph Woodland
CHORUS	Annette K. Miles

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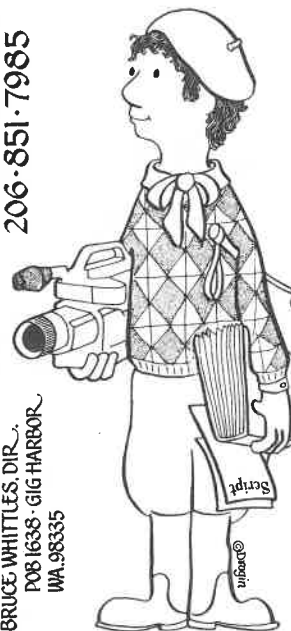
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JAMES VANLEISHOUT holds a Master of Fine Arts in Directing from Brigham Young University and has over five years of professional directing experience. James was associated with MARK TAPER FORUM in Los Angeles and directed two years with the South Western Washington Shakespearean Festival. He lives in Olympia and has directed for The Olympia Little Theatre, Capitol Playhouse '24, and the Capitol Repertory Theatre. We welcome James to TLT.

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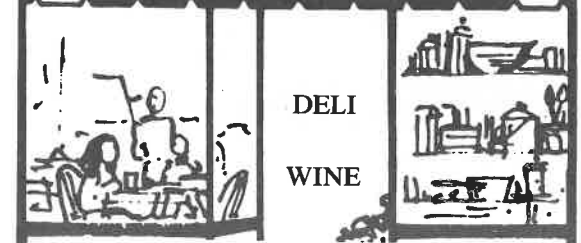
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In 1918 the Tacoma Little Theatre sprang from a devoted group called The Civic Drama League. This cultural organization wanted to promote the theatrical arts in the community and offered lectures, study groups and play readings. As they grew in numbers, the need for a theatre became imperative.

During the 1920's, the Annie Wright Seminary was located at Tacoma Avenue and Division Street. They had a small stage and auditorium they made available to the drama league for the production of plays.

As Tacoma grew, the seminary sold this property and relocated to North Tacoma Avenue, where Annie Wright is today. Of course, this left The Civic Drama League without a theatre. The old Slovenian Hall at the foot of the 30th Street hill was available and the group proceeded to build a stage and auditorium, all volunteer. They were so successful that soon The Civic Drama League outgrew this facility and began searching for a new home. It was during this time they added the name of Tacoma Little Theatre as their production company, eventually to drop the name of The Civic Drama League from public use.

In 1939 and 1940 theatre members held endless benefits, parties and sales in order to purchase our present building at 210 North 'I' Street. The building was an auto repair garage that became the stage and auditorium area. The lobby of today was added about 1950. This garage required extensive remodeling. Improvements consisted of a trussed roof, a revolving stage (building on a Northern Pacific Railroad track), dressing rooms, heating plant, lavatories, and special wiring for productions. Used seats were secured from the University of Washington.

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Broadway Baby..... Dick	Raining in My Heart.... Ruby & Chorus
That Mister Man of Mine . Mona & Chorus	There's Something About You..... Dick & Ruby
Choo-Choo Honeymoon.... Joan & Lucky	Raining in My Heart(Reprise)..... Ruby
*The Sailor of My Dreams..... Ruby	*The Echo Waltz..... Mona, Joan, Ruby & Company
* Singapore Sue..... Lucky & Company	Star Tar..... Ruby & Chorus
**Broadway Baby(Reprise)	Let's Have a Simple Wedding... Company
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CHERRY ELESSA EDWARDS (Mona) This Equity gypsy is a graduate of the University of Utah and has leading roles in PATIENCE, LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE, CARNIVAL, 110 IN THE SHADE and CABARET. When Cherry is not on stage she is an account executive for the Good Health Plan of Washington and a busy mother of 2 sons. Ambition: To sing the "Star Spangled Banner" at the Super Bowl!

EILEEN NEWTON (Joan) We welcome Eileen to her Tacoma Little Theatre stage debut in the role of Joan. Eileen is from Portland where she attended Jefferson High School for Performing Arts. Some of her favorite roles have been "The Evil Witch" in TO BURN A WITCH, "Mae Peterson" in BYE BYE BIRDIE and "Raja" in I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY.

JOSEPH WOODLAND (Hennessy and The Captain) Joseph first appeared before Tacoma audiences as "John Adams" in Freighthouse Theatre's, 1776. He has played roles in OKLAHOMA, BELLS ARE RINGING and SWEET CHARITY. DAMES AT SEA is his first production with TLT. Joseph resides in Olympia where he is a research lawyer for Lawyer Research Services of Olympia.

KAY PETERSON (Ruby) New to TLT but no newcomer to musical theater. Kay has had roles in many shows, her favorite being, "Dream Laurie" in OKLAHOMA and "The Mute" in THE FANTASTICKS. Kay also choreographs for community theatre groups and high schools, most recently JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT for Puget Sound Musical Theatre.

ANDREW L. HOFFMAN (Dick) Andy is currently a senior at Stadium High School and this is his first production for TLT. Previously he has played "Tony" in WEST SIDE STORY with Green River Community College, "Sky Masterson" in Stadium's GUYS AND DOLLS, and most recently he played "tony" in Annie Wright's production of YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU.

DEREK BIRNE (Lucky) Derek, a Tacoma resident for the middle 20 of his 22 years recently returned from Antarctica and New Zealand to re-enter his neglected high school passions of drama and music. At Bellarmine Prep he performed in OKLAHOMA, CAMELOT, DAMN YANKEES and ARSENIC AND OLD LACE. He is delighted to begin community theatre at TLT in DAMES AT SEA.

ANNETTE K. MILES (Chorus Girl) TLT audiences will remember Annette as "Jane Hopcroft" in this season's ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR. Her favorite roles include "Lettie" in TLT's musical, SOMETHINGS AFOOT and "Gertie Cummings" in OKLAHOMA. Annette spends her days rehearsing her theatrical talent in front of her German students (tough critics indeed).

CHOREOGRAPHER . . .

KAY ENGLERT (Choreographer) TLT is proud to have the talents of Miss Kay Englert with us for the second time. Her first production was THE FANTASTICKS in the spring of 1986. Kay has culminated her 20 years of dance experience to establish and direct THE DANCE STUDIO, Lakewood's newest contribution to the arts.

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