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# STRANGE SNOW

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# Cast In Order of Appearance

Megs	Randy Clark
Martha	Lindy Simons
Davey	David Hatton

Synopsis of Scenes

# Act One

The Flanagan home

There will be a 15-minute intermission.

# Act Two

The Flanagan home, later.

# The Cast...

Randy Clark (Megs) last appeared at TLT in 'The Glass Menagerie.' He has recently returned from Los Angeles where his credits include Timothy Leary in 'St. Tim;' the old Man in 'Fool for Love;' and the Nazi in 'Hannah Seneshe.' A graduate of the University of Puget Sound, Randy has also appeared locally as Sherlock Holmes in a University production and Scrooge in Chinook Theatre's production of 'A Christmas Carol.'

David Hatton (Davey) began his career in high school, continued at Highline College and gained experience in both acting and technical aspects of theatre before joining Tears of Joy Theatre, a touring children's puppet theatre company. Since his return to the Puget Sound area, David has worked as technical director for New City Theatre's production of 'Propaganda' and carpenter for the Empty Space production 'The Big Bad Wolf (and how he got that way).'

Lindy Simons (Martha) recently appeared as Mistress Page in 'The Merry Wives of Windsor'; the Mother Superior in 'Agnes of God'; and Lady Bracknell in 'The Importance of Being Earnest," all at Performance Circle in Gig Harbor. Her degree is in theatre from the University of Washington, and Lindy has performed in educational and community theatre in the United States and in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where she won a national acting award for her performance in 'Witness for the Prosecution" for the British Council theatre. She is a psychotherapist at Purdy Women's Correction Center.

# The Director...

A native of the Northwest, Elizabeth Coward-Bryant graduated from Penn State University with a BA in Theatre Arts. She is a freelance director and designer and has worked extensively in the East as well as locally for such theatres as Civic Light Opera, New City, Auburn Avenue and others. Currently, she is the properties manager for Seattle Children's Theatre.

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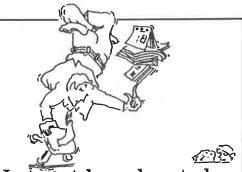
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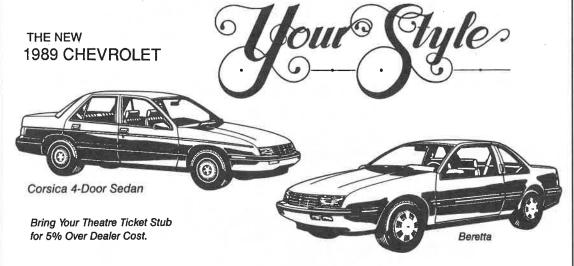
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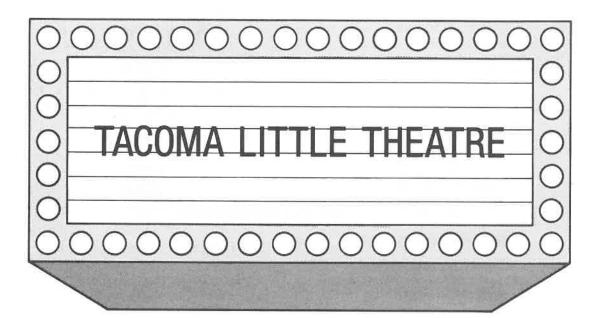
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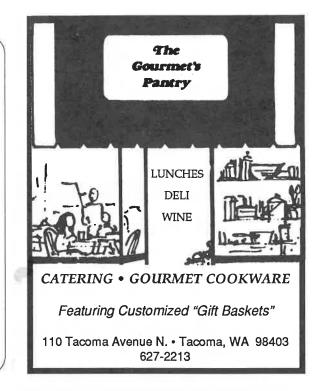
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In 1918 the Tacoma Little Theatre sprang from a devoted group called The Civic Drama League. This cultural organization wanted to promote the theatrical arts in the community and offered lectures, study groups and play reading. As they grew in numbers, 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 Slovonian Hall at the foot of the 30th Street his 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 member 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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# The Author...

Steve Metcalfe has been a playwright since 1976, when he retired as a tennis pro and moved to New York City. He wrote several one-act plays before his first full-length play 'Vikings,' which was produced by the Manhattan Theatre Club in 1981. 'Strange Snow' was produced there in 1982 and has been performed frequently at regional theatres since then. A graduate of Westminster College in New Wilmington , Pennsylvania, he is the author of 'White Linen,' 'Half A Lifetime' and 'The Incredibly Famous Willy Rivers,' as well as a collection of one-act plays. Metcalfe's sensitivity and humor in telling the story of 'Strange Snow' reflects his awareness of how people deal with crisis and the renewal.

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