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Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Book by Joseph Stein

Cast of Characters

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| Denise | Ellie Racek |
| Claude | Hank Payne |
| Therese | Sylvia Shaw |
| Casimir | Keith Sumers |
| Philippe | Bart Kryger |
| Barnaby | Patrick Gerrells, Tim Williams |
| Hortense | Drena Putz |
| Teacher | John Koontz |
| Priest | Paul Lyons |
| Marquis | Tom Birkeland |
| Simone | Jennifer R Bradley |
| Nicole | Kathy Cleveland |
| Inez | Heather Peterson |
| Dominique | Alex Clauson |
| Aimable | Dick Racek |
| Genevieve | Kirsten Arce-Larreta |
| Understudy for Simone | Amaya Egusquiza |

Scene

The Village of Concorde in Provence, France

Time

1935

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Musical Numbers

Act One

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| Chanson | Denise |
| If It Wasn't For You | The Villagers of Concorde |
| Merci, Madame | Aimable & Genevieve |
| Bread | Villagers |
| Gifts of Love | Genevieve |
| Proud Lady | Dominique |
| Look for the Woman | Teacher, Claude, Marquis, Casimir, Barnaby, & Philippe |
| Chanson (reprise) | Denise |
| Serenade | Dominique, Phillippe, Aimable & Genevieve |
| Meadowlark | Genevieve |

Act Two

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| Buzz-a-Buzz | Villagers |
| Chanson (reprise) | Denise |
| If It Wasn't for You (reprise) | Villagers |
| Any-Day-Now Day | Aimable & Villagers |
| Endless Delights | Dominique & Genevieve |
| Luckiest Man in the World | Claude, Casimir, Barnaby, Teacher, & Marquis |
| Feminine Companionship | Marquis, Simone, Inez & Nicole |
| If I Have to Live Alone | Aimable |
| Romance | Therese, Hortense, Simone, Inez, Nicole & Denise |
| Where is the Warmth? | Genevieve |
| Finale (Chanson) | Genevieve, Aimable, Denise & Villagers |

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Director's Bio

Mark Sheppard teaches theatre at the Northwest School and Lakeside School in Seattle and is Chair of the Washington Alliance for Arts Education. This past year he directed the Empty Space Theatre season opener, Ed Sampson and Matt Smith's Last Supper. He also participated in the NEA Summer Teacher Training Institute with Shakespeare and Company in Massachusetts. He is thrilled to be back with the gang at TLT for his 9th show.

Director's Note

Romance and Bread and Love and Food and Sex. Somehow, the French seem to know in their bones how all these essentials of life are connected. Gossip and Wine and Adventure may provide pleasurable diversions, but they just can't compare to finding someone who knows how to make your dough rise and how to keep your oven warm. I hope you each find that someone.

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Cast

Genevieve, Kirsten H. Arce-Larreta - Kirstens theatre Highlights include Sara Brown in Guys and Dolls, Pam Flinders in Saturdays Warriors, Marjorie in Extremities and Nancy in Little Mary Sunshine. She also appeared in Musical theatre of Arizona's production of My Fair Lady with Theodore Bikel. Pursuing her singing career, managed by John Whitefoot in Canada, Kirsten toured the Caribbean with Princess Cruise Lines, and looks forward to an upcoming trip to Indonesia to Sing for the Sultan of Brunes.

Marquis, Tom Birkeland - Tom has been associated with TLT for the last 37 years, as well as most of the other area theatres. He was most recently seen in Sleuth at Performance Circle and The Lion in Winter at Lakewood Players. He won TLT's Dickie Award for Best Actor in 1976 for his performance in Sleuth.

Simone, Jennifer R. Bradley - Jennifer works in Tacoma as a massage practitioner. She graduated in 1988 from Evergreen State College with a BA in management and Human Health and Behavior. She also has studied Human Physiology. Here at Tacoma Little Theatre she has performed in Camelot and Shivaree. In Olympia her credits include Kiss Me Kate, My Fair Lady, Carousel, and Sound of Music. Behind the camera, she has worked on a Soap Opera called Hope is Glory.

Nichole, Kathy E. Cleveland - This is Kathy's first show at TLT. She just finished Little Shop of Horrors with Rainer Stage Co. She has performed in Annie, Dracula, the Musical, and played Mrs. Cratchett in Scrooge the Musical at Chinook Theatre, Ft. Lewis. Living in Augsburg Germany she did numerous shows with American Community Theatre. She was

1st runner up in 1989 USURRA Competition for her portrait of Martha in Who's afraid of U.W. She won Best of Festival in 1987 FORSCOM Competition as a supporting Actress in Best Little Whore House in Texas. She lives in Tacoma with her beloved Dave and their two children.

Barnaby, Patrick Gerrells - Patrick has performed in theatre where ever the Navy has stationed him. from Lil Abner in San Antonio, TX to Camelot in Key West, FL to Shot in the Dark in Goton, CT to Fiddler on the Roof in Fairfield, CA to Light up the Sky in Benicia, CA to La Cage Aux Folles in Walnut Creek, CA to HMS Pinafore in Silverdale, just to name a few. Patrick is working towards a career in acting after retiring from the Navy. For now, it's work, practice, study, and great theatre.

Choreographer, Hunter Hale - Hunter has appeared in National Tours of Zorba the Greek and Fiddler on the Roof. He directed the dance program at UPS between 1986 and 1989. Locally, Hunter has appeared in as well as choreographed many musicals.

Teacher, John Koontz - John is a salesman for Ecolab. He performed 3 years with On Stage. This is his first play attempt in many, many years. He is thoroughly enjoying the preparation and the music. John is married to Connie and has three lovely daughters.

Philippe, Bart Kryger - Bart is making his theatrical debut in this production. He is interested in music, dance, and sports. Among his musical accomplishments are the All-State Choir, Tacoma Opera, Wilson Show Choir, and winner of the City Solo Contest. He dances with Jo Emery and danced with a hula group for six years. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family and his girlfriend Tara.

Preist, Paul Lyons - This is Paul's first experience with Tacoma Little Theatre. Hopefully, the first of many more.

Claude, Hank Payne - This is Hank's first appearance at TLT. He was most recently seen as Anthony Palazzo, the Stone Mason, in Working at the Puget Sound Musical Theatre. In addition to his recent theatrical ventures, Hank is a talented singer/songwriter and has performed for the Pierce County Summer Pops and the North West Folk-life Festival.

Inez, Heather Peterson - Heather most recently studied under the direction of Tina Packer at Shakespeare & Co in Lenox, MA where she performed Mrs. Costello in Daisy Miller, the page in As you Like It and Bassianus from Titus Andronicus. While attending UPS in Tacoma her roles included Mona from the musical Gorey Stories, Dusa in Dusa, Fish, Stas and Vi Prospero and Lady MacBeth in Shakespeare's Fantasies, and Ex-miss Copper Queen from Ex-miss Copper Queen on a Set of Pills.

Hortense, Drena Putz - Drena is making her first appearance at Tacoma Little Theatre. She has done many productions in the Puget Sound Area. One of her most rewarding was Follies at the 5th Ave Theatre, which was a charity benefit for the handicapped. Most recently she was seen as a tap dancing apple for Seneca's new Orchard Tap Apple Juice. She is excited to be going away to New York City this fall to start school at the American Musical Dramatic Academy.

Aimable, Dick Racek - Dick has been performing in the Tacoma area for over 30 years, most recently at the Chinook Theater as the Cowardly Lion in Wizard of Oz. He also sang with the "On Stage" Show Group for 12 years, and does solo and choral work

in the St. Charles Borromeo Chancel Choir. His other favorite pastimes are camping, golf, and grandchildren (not necessarily in that order).

Denise, Eleanor Racek - Elly first performed at TLT as Julie in Showboat when her eldest child was five. Now there are seven Racek grandchildren! She directed the "On Stage" Show Group for ten years, and most recently performed in Cotton Patch Gospel and Fools at the Lakewood Playhouse. Elly is particularly enjoying being in a show with her husband, Dick!

Therese, Sylvia Shaw - Sylvia last appeared at TLT as Kate Keller in All My Sons, for which she received a "Dickie" best actress award. A teacher at McCarver Elementary School, she lives in Gig Harbor with her son and daughter. She has appeared with many theatres and ensembles in the area. Her credits include Steel Magnolias, Othello, Man of LaMancha, Show Boat, South Pacific, The Mikado, Yeomen of the Guard, Side by Side, Quilters, and The Chocolate Soldier.

Casimir, Keith Summers - Keith is making his theatre debut in The Bakers Wife. He has been singing and studying voice privately and has always had an interest in theatre and hopes to do more shows in the future. In his free time he likes to sing at Karaoke clubs around the area and has won many contests.

Philippe, Tim Williams - This is Tim's first TLT production, but he has acted in many plays such as the Sound of Music, Les Miserable, Bull in a China Shop and The Butler Did It. His favorite roles include El Gallo in The Fantasticks, Pickering in My Fair Lady, Blifil in Tom Jones and Norman Thayer in On Golden Pond. In the future he plans to build a giant sculpture of a fish with cottage cheese and fruit whirls "America's breakfast Treat".

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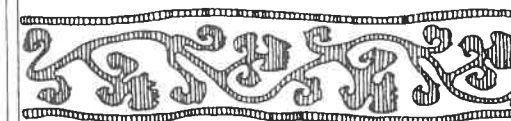
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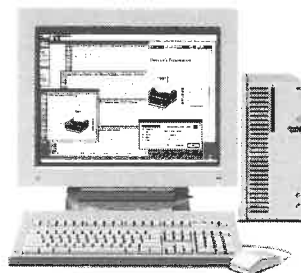


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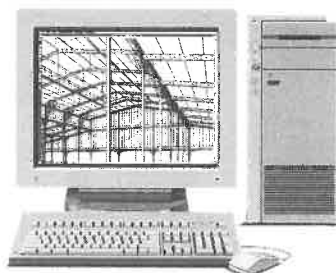
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