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Who's Who at TLT

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Welcome to our 80th Season!

Our 80th season starts *here* with Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers*! Next up, we have Rodgers & Hammerstein's classic *The Sound of Music*. Tickets are on sale now, so don't miss out on this timeless family classic! Later in the season we have *Twelve Angry Men*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *The Pirates of Penzance*. Be sure that your name is on our mailing list so you will receive updates on our shows and special events!

Picasso's War

Tacoma Art Museum and Tacoma Little Theatre present Dutch stage and television actor, Klaas Hofstra, in his original one-man performance, *Picasso's War*. Hofstra portrays Picasso at the age of 72, when he was at the height of his fame and had become a victim to his own success. Hofstra creates an image of an artist who gives all of himself to his art at the expense of his personal life, leaving him afraid and alone.

Tickets are available at the TLT Box Office.

Prices are \$15 general admission, \$12 for TLT & TAM members, and \$12 for TAM's Picasso Exhibit ticket holders.

One day only: October 23, 1998 at 8:00pm.

Tacoma Little Theatre
presents

Lost in Yonkers

by
Neil Simon

The Cast

Jay Colin Lapin
Arty Logan Starr
Eddie Mike Storslee
Bella Mary Jo Blumenshein
Grandma Kurnitz Annette Kathryn Miles
Louie Michael J. Griswold
Gert Jesse Star Gardner

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Lost in Yonkers produced by Special Arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

"Be Careful, It's My Heart"

Music and Lyrics by Irving Berlin. Used by special arrangement with the Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization on behalf of the Irving Berlin Music Company, 1633 Broadway, Suite 3801, New York, NY 10019

❧ *Lost in Yonkers* ❧

The action takes place in Yonkers, New York in apartment above "Kurnitz's Kandy Store" between August of 1942, and June of 1943

❧ ACT I ❧

SCENE I

A hot, sultry evening in August.

SCENE II

Late at night, less than two weeks later.

SCENE III

Sunday afternoon, weeks later.

SCENE IV

One week later, about midnight.

There will be a 15-minute intermission

❧ ACT II ❧

SCENE I

Several days later, around noon.

SCENE II

That evening.

SCENE III

Two days later.

SCENE IV

Nine months later.

❧ *Director's Notes* ❧

Understanding your parents can sometimes be a difficult thing. We tend to forget that even our parents are human and that, with love in their hearts, they really tried to make the best choices for us while we were growing up. But--right or wrong--didn't we learn *something* from them?

❧ *About the Art in our Lobby* ❧

Laura Farrington

from the Artist's Statement

"I spend a lot of time walking around my neighborhood in North Tacoma. In the summer, the flowers, shadows, hot sidewalks and deep green trees are utterly beautiful. This Spring, I took some snapshots and I've been painting from them all summer. The common theme in my work is love of nature. One way or another, everything I do in art is in response to seeing and appreciating the natural world.."

Cast Biographies

Mary Jo Blumenshein (Bella) This is MJ's reprise of 'Bella', which she first did 4 years ago. Her masters degree is in theatre, which is why she works for Boeing. She is "mom" to four kitties and a fixer-upper-house. Thanks to John for this chance to be Bella again!

Jesse Star Gardner (Gert) Jesse is elated to be part of *Lost in Yonkers*. She is a recent graduate of Pacific Lutheran University where she earned a BFA in theatre. Her favorite roles include "Constanze" in *Amadeus* and "Dora Strang" in *Equus*.

Michael J. Griswold (Louie) "For all my starry-eyed friends."

Colin Lapin (Jay) Colin is glad to be lost in Yonkers. He was last seen as an Audrey II puppeteer in *Little Shop of Horrors*, and as "Nick" in *A Thousand Clowns*. "Enjoy the show!"

Annette Kathryn Miles (Grandma Kurnitz) "No one grows old by living -- only by losing interest in living." -- Marie Benton Ray

Logan Starr (Arty) Logan has taken drama as part of the summer program at WWU and at Charles Wright Academy where he is currently a freshman. He enjoys soccer, track, and singing Monty Python tunes. He is proud to be part of this show, his first.

Mike Storslee (Eddie) Mike last appeared as the apple-toting sheriff in *The Rainmaker* and as the King with the speech-impediment in *Once Upon a Mattress*.



Company Biographies

John Munn (Director) John has directed a number of productions in both Pierce and King Counties. He would like to dedicate this production to his fiancée, Margaret Knott, who first introduced him to *Yonkers*, and whose never-ending support and love never ceases to amaze and inspire him.

Krista Silvers (Asst. Director / Stage Manager) "Thanks to John. This is for my wonderful family of friends and relatives."

Belle McCluskey (Costume Designer) Belle's background in clothing extends to both costume and fashion. She has been lucky enough to work in theatre, film, dance and magic shows. She also does custom designing of special occasion apparel.

Dawn Lanphier Simon (Scenic Designer) Dawn's previous work has been seen at NWAAT, The Annex, Open Circle, and Williamstown Theatre Festival. She also served as a studio charge artist and instructor of theatre and design.

Scott O'Donnell (Lighting Designer) Scott is pleased to making his debut in Tacoma at TLT. Scott has most recently designed for the Old Globe Theatre, the San Diego Repertory Theatre and Lamb's Players Theatre. Scott would like to thank TLT for this opportunity.

Steven E. Lippincott (Master Carpenter) Steve claims to be the long-lost illegitimate son of Lawrence Olivier, but his friends know better. He is a graduate of The Evergreen State College, and has built shows for TESC as well as several companies in Rhode Island.

Production Staff & Crew

Director	John Munn
Asst. Director / Stage Manager	Krista Silvers
Scenic Designer	Dawn Lanphier Simon
Costume Designer	Belle McCluskey
Lighting Designer	Scott O'Donnell
Sound Designer	John Munn
Light Operator	Laura Conn
Sound Operator	The Empress
Crew / Dressers	Mike Storslee, Jesse Gardner
Master Carpenter	Steve Lippincott
Scenic Construction	Carl Ritting, Gary Riley, Robbie Lapin, Dean Lapin
Properties	JD Cullen, Tracy Berryman, Loren Osier, Dawn Simon
Painting	Robbie Lapin, Dawn Simon, Carolyn Burt, Chevi Chung, Loren Osier, Jennifer Cummings, Kate Holland, Marion Moore
Costume Construction	Belle & Dan McCluskey
Master Electrician	Brian Rink
Light Hanging & Focusing	Joe & Sam Izenman, Matt Osier, Josh Nobles, Brian Rink
House Manager	Loren Osier
Dialect Coach	Loren Osier

TLC for TLT

Judy Cullen, Robbie Lapin, Loren Osier, Marion Moore, Maura Cullen,
Betty Cullen, Lynette Fairbanks, Bonnie Jean Hill, Paula Swenson,
Lauren James

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