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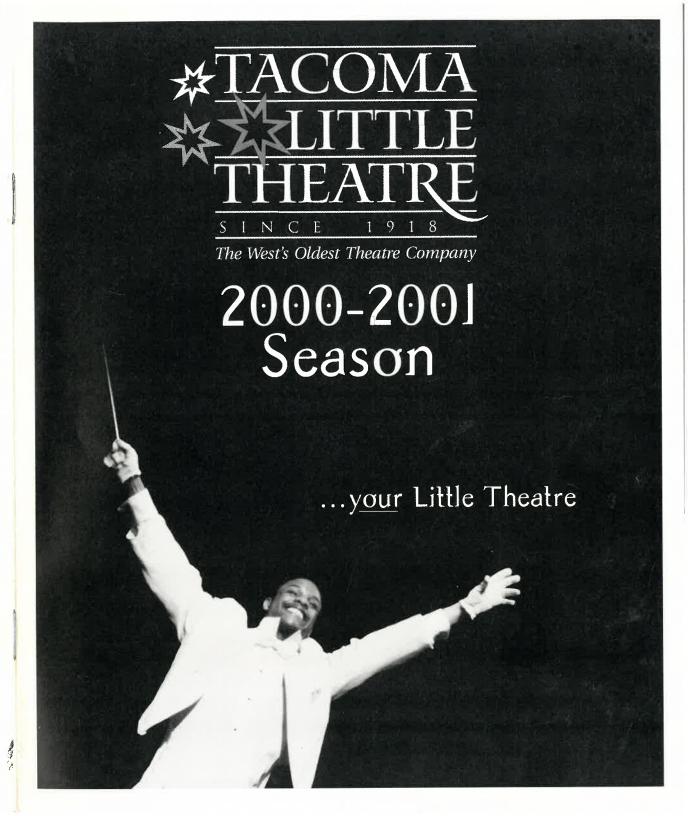
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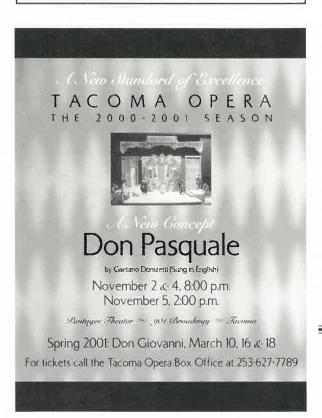
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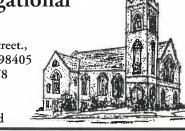
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Mark Hockman, Sgt. Michael Kelly Mark has been involved in many stage productions, most recently in improvisational murder mysteries. This is his first stage appearance in twenty years. "Thanks Donna and Katie!"

Jay Iseli, Roger Hopewell Last seen in TLT's Pump Boys & Dinettes, Jay has been involved in theatre for the last twenty years. Thanks for the opportunity, John! Thanks Pook!

Marilyn Mauer, Marjorie Baverstock Marilyn last appeared at Tacoma Little Theatre in Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will. "This one's for Larry - my Eddie McCuen.'

Mikel Michener, Eddie McCuen TLT audiences will remember Mikel as Jimmy Curry in The Rainmaker and Juror #5 in Twelve Angry Men. He just played Edgar Evans in Terra Nova for Tacoma Actor's Guild, and Snug the Joiner in TAG's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Annette Kathryn Miles, Elsa Von Grossenknueten After a two year absence. Annette is excited to be back at TLT. Audiences may remember her as Grandma Kurnitz in Lost in Yonkers. Performing in theatres from Bremerton to Renton, she has been involved in community theatre for sixteen years. Annette teaches German at Hunt Middle School in Tacoma.

Deva Ozburn, Nikki Crandall

Deva made her Tacoma Little Theatre debut in last season's My Fair Lady. Favorite shows she did in California include State Fair and The Music Man. "Love to Mom & Sis!"

Jeanne Ross, Bernice Roth

Jeanne was most recently seen as Helene Hanff in Lakewood's 84 Charing Cross Road. She's thrilled to be at TLT again. "Thanks everyone - as always, it's been a hoot!"

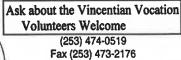
Bethany Steele, Helsa Wenzel

Double majoring in Theatre and English, Bethany graduated from PLU in May 2000. Her favorite roles include Cassie in Rumors and Rebecca in Elegies. She also enjoyed designing costumes for The Ride Down Mt. Morgan.

Mike Storslee, Patrick O'Reilly

Mike appeared last season as Anne Frank's father and as Nana, the dog, in Peter Pan...quite a range! "Thank you, John, for casting me. Thank you, cast, for tolerating me. Thank you, TLT, for being here. And thank you, audience, for making TLT possible."

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John Munn, Director

John has directed Witness for the Prosecution and Sherlock's Last Case for the Lakewood Players, and Lost in Yonkers and The Mousetrap for TLT. Next, he will direct Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile opening March 23rd at the Lakewood Playhouse.

Dean & Robbie Lapin, Stage Managers

This very successful stage management team returns to Tacoma Little Theatre for their 10th show together. "Okay, so we didn't take a year off! TLT is in our blood and we're not afraid to admit it".

Tracy Berryman, Properties

In the past ten years at TLT, Tracy has enjoyed set designing, painting, sewing and propping! "Thanks to my indulgent husband Chris, my best friend Alex and the Tacoma Little Theatre family."

Erin O'Donnell, Properties

Erin came our way from San Diego. Locally, she has worked for TAG, and Tacoma Repertory where she also directed their popular 1999 production of Scrooge Revisited. She is the proud mom of Rachel and Rebecca. This is Erin's fifth TLT production. Dawn Lanphier-Simon, Scenic Designer Scenic designer for My Fair Lady and Lost In Yonkers, Dawn returns for her third show with TLT. She has shifted out of freelance design and painting to project managing at Pacific Studio, an exhibit design and fabrication firm in Seattle.

Alex Lewington, Costume Designer

Alex is a stalwart veteran of TLT, her last show here being The Mousetrap, and most recent at the Rialto for The Christmas Revels. She says it wouldn't be half the fun without the perennial assistance of her best friend, Tracy B. Alex is also deeply grateful to her patient and eversupportive hubby and son. "Thanks, loveys!"

Scott O'Donnell, Lighting Designer

Scott has desinged lights for several productions at Tacoma Little Theatre, including The Mousetrap and Twelve Angry Men. He is also the staff designer at Tacoma Actor's Guild. A Colorado native, Scott is happy to be part of the great Pacific Northwest theatre scene.

Avery D. Hill, Assistant Stage Manager

This is Avery's first production with TLT, after four years of drama experience at Stadium High School. "Many thanks to all involved for an unforgetable welcoming to community theatre.'

Stage Door Gallery Note

The setting of this play brought to mind a building like Tacoma's Stadium High School. The historic photographs and other artistic renditions in the gallery space provide a visual tour through time of the building and grounds. Some of the artwork was created by present and former Stadium students. Unless otherwise labeled, the exhibit is on loan courtesy of Stadium High School

> ~Susan Sekoyta-Smith, Gallery Coordinator

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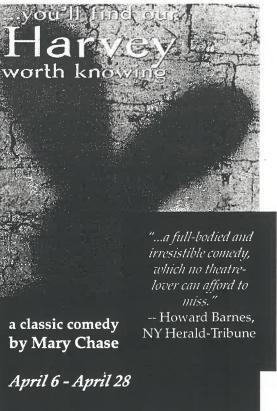
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This show has been a joy to be a part of, and it certainly could not have been possible without the hard work of each and every member of the cast, crew and the many artisans it takes to put on a show like this. To them, individually, I give my sincere thanks; and to them all, collectively, my complete admiration.

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