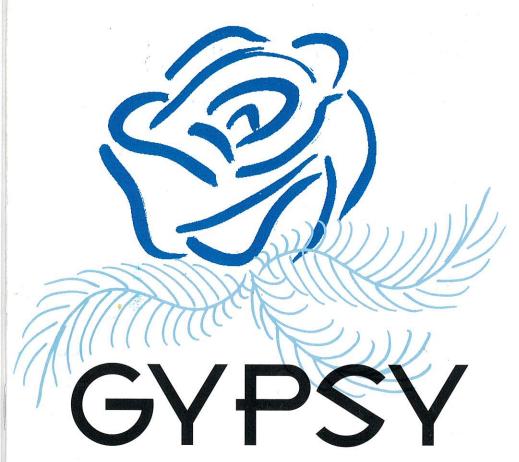
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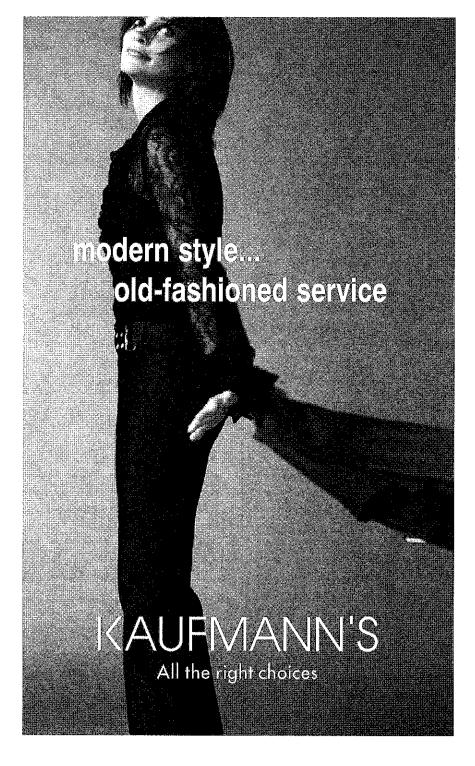
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The Chosen

Drama by Aaron Posner & Chaim Potok Based on the novel by Chaim Potok

October 16 - November 3, 2002

The Wiz

Musical based on L. Frank Baum's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz Music & Lyrics by Charlie Small

January 15 - February 9, 2003

Arsenic and Old Lace

Comedy by Joseph Kesselring

February 26 - March 16, 2003

The Laramie Project

Drama by Moises Kaufman & The Members of the Tectonic Theater Project

April 2 - 19. 2003

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

Comedy by Jess Borgeson, Adam Long & Daniel Singer

> June 18 - July 20, 2003 *Gypsy*

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YOUTH/FAMILY PRODUCTIONS

July 27 - August 11, 2002

The Emperor's New Clothes
by Charlotte Chorpenning
Story by Hans Christian Anderson

November 23 - December 22, 2002

Joseph and the

Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber

March 15 - 30, 2003 *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare



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- * Restrooms are found just off the entrance lobby ramp at the rear of the auditorium. Both men's and women's restrooms are wheelchair accessible.
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- ★ Latecomers will be quietly seated at the rear of the auditorium during a suitable break in the play if space is available and may take their reserved seats after intermission.
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- ★ Smoking Weathervane Playhouse is a smoke-free facility. Smoking is permitted outside the building.
- ★ Lost and Found items will be held at the Ticket Office until claimed. Please inquire about them during business hours.
- ★ Comments from audience members are always welcomed with interest. Please feel free to write to Weathervane or call us to express your views and opinions about our productions, play selection or other matters. We appreciate hearing from you and will respond. Please send your comments to: Executive Director, Weathervane Community Playhouse, 1301 Weathervane Lane, Akron, OH 44313-5186.

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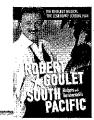


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From the Barn to the Valley A Brief Weathervane History



From 1935 until 1951, Weathervane was housed in a modest carriage house barn on Marshall Avenue in Akron. The

Barn, as it was known, has long since been destroyed but there are still a few people who recall its cramped quarters and especially the energy and devotion of the four ladies, Grace Hower Crawford, Laurine Schwan, Helen Troesch and Muriel MacLachlan, who believed that Akron deserved the best in theater and that volunteers could make it all happen. The plaque in our lobby lists the names of the other founders who shared their commitment and who joined their ambitious mission, producing everything from light comedy to Shakespeare and opera.

Though the Barn is now only a memory, its rooftop weathervane gave the theater its name and logotype character, the Chanticleer.

Except in 1948 when located at the Pythian Temple, the Barn was home to Weathervane until 1951. Then the organization renovated a building on Copley Road and became a more accommodating 100-seat facility. In 1960, Weathervane hired its first professional director, Bob Belfance, who served until 1992. Along with long-time custodian/ticket office manager, Nora Scott, the two-person staff relied on volunteer support. Paid guest directors and children's theater instructors served in part-time positions and Weathervane existed on a lean budget. Ticket office receipts, along with donations and community support, helped Weathervane meet expenses and created a modest endowment fund. Volunteers still nourish all of Weathervane's activities.

In the mid-1960s, a fund-raising drive resulted in construction of the present 263-seat facility which opened in 1970, one of the first enterprises at the head of the corridor into the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. Thanks to Grace Crawford's legacy, the mortgage has since been paid off. Growing audience demand for live entertainment and theater education continues to underscore Weathervane's needs for increased community support.

In its nearly seven decades, Weathervane has constructed, torn down, recycled, painted and refitted stage settings for more than 500 productions (when Stage Two and Youth Theater productions are included). We've stitched up hundreds of costumes, created lighting magic by the multi-watt, crafted reality out of scores of stage properties and, most of all, shared the talents of well over a thousand amateur performers, who take their performance curtain calls to the applause of more than a hundred thousand theater goers. This effort is the result of volunteer dedication based on the founders' original philosophy that "all who can contribute are welcome."

Our volunteer archivist, Cue Fleming, has compiled the impressive list of productions back to 1935, a record of the dedication of those who have given their time to present each show to please the audiences who seek entertainment excellence each time the lights go up. Share the link to Weathervane's past by joining in the applause for today's performance.

NOTE: Weathervane always appreciates donations of past programs, photographs or other theater memorabilia which can be added to our archives kept at the University of Akron. Thank you.



Ticket Information

- ★ Tickets may be purchased by telephone when you call 330-836-2626 Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You may also purchase tickets in person during these hours. On performance Saturdays only, the Ticket Office is open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Ticket Office is also open one hour prior to all performances and remains open through the first intermission.
- * Telephone reservations must be charged to a Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card. Reservations are also required when using coupons from your Weathervane Super Coupon book, complimentary tickets or coupons offered from any other cooperating arts organization. Please arrive at the Ticket Office at least 20 minutes before curtain time to pick up your tickets. Any unclaimed tickets will be released for sale to waiting ticket buyers five minutes prior to curtain at the discretion of the Ticket Office Manager and volunteers.
- ★ Special seating Please inform us if you have seating preferences, or require special attention due to visual, auditory or other physical needs. We'll do our best to accommodate you, but please remember orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis with season subscribers and advanced group sales taking first priority.
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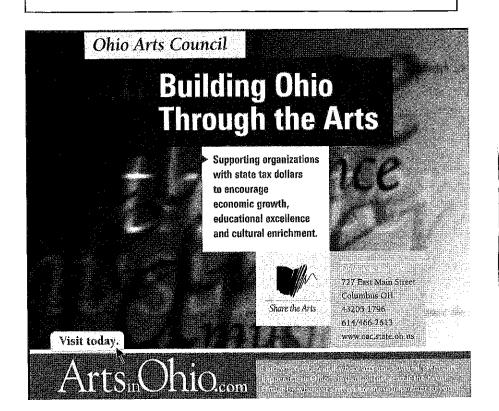
- scheduled performance. We can't always guarantee the same seats but we'll give you the closest available replacements. An upgrade fee will be charged when changing subscription seats from a Preview Night to any other performance. If you cannot use your subscription seats, please call us at least 24 hours in advance to release them. We will recognize this as a donation to Weathervane.
- * Student Rush Tickets go on sale 30 minutes before curtain time allowing students with valid ID to purchase remaining tickets for half price on the night of performance, pending ticket availability. These tickets cannot be reserved in advance.
- * Complimentary Tickets for cast members and production volunteers require reservations and may be used only on designated performances. Complimentary tickets distributed to special donors also require reservations but may not be restricted to specific performances. Please let us know you wish to use a complimentary ticket when you telephone for a reservation.
- ★ Discounted Group Reservations are available for groups of 15 or more. Call Weathervane at 330-836-2626 to learn how you can entertain friends, associates, or clients with a night at the theater or to plan a fund-raising event for larger groups. ★ Gift Certificates are available through the Ticket Office at any time in any
- * Recycle your playbills Anyone who doesn't wish to keep the playbill as a souvenir may drop it in our recycling box near the main entrance. We request that you do not bend, fold or deface the playbills as we will use them again for subsequent performances. Thank you.

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Women's Board

The Women's Board was formed in 1938 to "offer voluntary service and financial assistance to the Playhouse" and has been a vital part of Weathervane functions ever since. Women's Board has energized the youth education program, sponsored productions, spearheaded fund raisers and paid for many of the amenities audiences and production volunteers continue to appreciate in the Green Room and kitchen. Members of this active group are invaluable as hostesses, office helpers and hard workers on backstage projects. The Women's Board sponsors an annual puppet presentation for children and also operates the Gift Boutique and art gallery as on-going fund sources.

Weathervane Women's Board welcomes new members who serve an apprenticeship allowing them to explore the full spectrum of Weathervane activities in which they may wish to participate. Membership is open to all. If you are interested in becoming part of this vibrant organization, please let us know. Leave your name at the Ticket Office or write: Weathervane Women's Board, c/o Weathervane Community Playhouse, 1301 Weathervane Lane, Akron, OH 44313-5186.

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Weathervane appreciates the continuing strong support of individuals, corporations, foundations and other donors who help finance the theater's operations, capital improvements and endowment program. Weathervane is classified as a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax deductible. Following are some of the many ways in which you can take pride in your support of the art of theater in our community.

- * Become a Weathervane Member. Your annual support makes you a voting member of Weathervane Community Playhouse. You'll receive discounts on educational programs and other benefits, based on the membership level you choose. Members are invited to Weathervane's annual meeting and to other special events such as the Chanticleer Awards Banquet. Memberships are renewable annually, beginning at \$50 (Contributing), and continuing at Sustaining, Patron, Silver, Gold and Platinum Levels. Membership is actively solicited in the fall but is accepted at any time. Members are recognized in the Playbill.
- ★ Give a Special Gift To Say You Care. Special donations may be made at any time to memorialize a friend or relative whose interest in Weathervane was significant to his or her life. You may also recognize and celebrate important dates or current achievements of relatives, friends or associates.
- *Remember Weathervane in Your Heart and in Your Will. What better way to carry on your tradition of support to Weathervane than by a planned gift. By taking advantage of the tax laws which encourage charitable giving, the U.S. Government will share in the cost of your gift to Weathervane. Your gift can fulfill a specific purpose or project while providing your estate with tax savings. To help ensure that Weathervane will continue, please contact our Executive Director for more information.
- ★ Check For Matching Gifts. Many national and local corporations will match your donations to Weathervane,

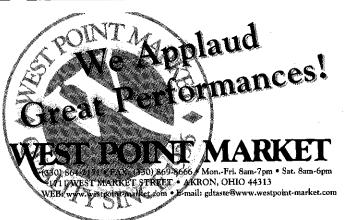
- increasing your generosity to the theater. Please check whether or not your company participates in such a program.
- * Designate Gifts To Local Foundations. Several of this area's larger foundations accept memorial and tribute gifts in the name of specific organizations such as Weathervane Community Playhouse. Such gifts help assure continuing grants to the theater's operations and special projects. We are enormously grateful for the impressive history of foundation support in this community.
- ** Sponsor or Underwrite a Production. Our productions may be underwritten by local corporations or foundations. Benefits can include private "command performances" and special receptions for employees and friends when your business chooses this important method of support. Please call 330-836-2626. We'd like to discuss this kind of opportunity with your executive officers.
- ★ Capital Project. The new construction segment of the Capital Project included a scene shop with basement storage, a 2nd-floor classroom, a 2nd-floor rehearsal hall, soundproof corral with construction of a production booth and office, elevator and fly gallery pocket above the stage. Donations for Stage Two of the project continue to purchase classroom furnishings, update the lighting system, purchase and install the rigging system for the fly gallery, renovate the lobby and replenish the Capital Fund for maintenance and repairs through 2010.



Dress Up With Weathervane

Churches, schools, individuals and other theater groups may find rentable costumes or theater properties and stage dressing for their own productions in the Weathervane wardrobe and set storage areas. Please call 330-836-2626 to arrange for a consultation on your special production needs.





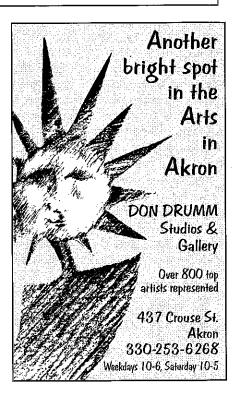


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Theater Education at Weathervane



Youth Education

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Children from throughout the community may also audition for roles in Youth/Family productions. Casting is not dependent upon class enrollment. Participation is an extension of valuable training in every facet of production from the audition process to technical and performance experience. Family members may also have learning opportunities by participating in such productions.

Weathervane works with area schools by providing outreach information and study guides in our **Project STAGE** program, which brings public and private school students to see as many as three productions each season. This season, *The*

Chosen, The Wiz, The Laramie Project and Hamlet will be featured in the Project STAGE events. Tickets are only \$8.

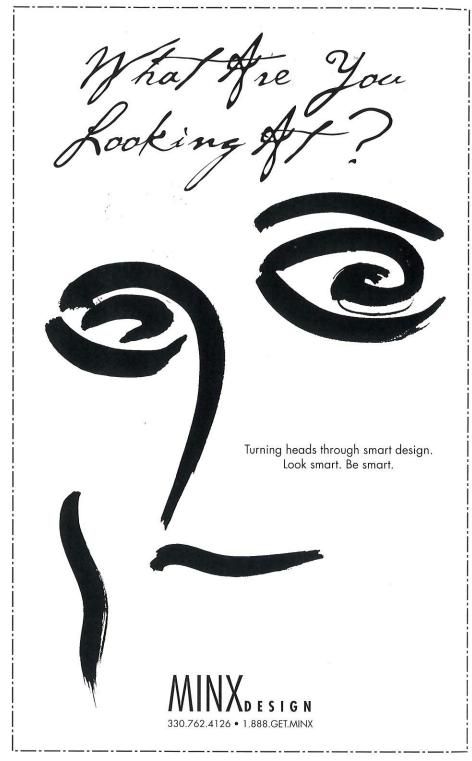
For information about classes or audition schedules for Youth Theater productions, please call our Education Coordinator at 330-836-2323.

Adult Classes and Theater Training

Professionally taught fall and spring Adult Theatre Education classes include Scenic Design, Stage Lighting, Directing, Improvisation and Classical Drama. These classes help both new and experienced actors to expand their own performance and public speaking skills. Classes are held at the theater and costs are affordable. Call 330-836-2323 ext. 17 for details.

Learning On the Job

Every volunteer participant in a production actually becomes part of Weathervane's continuing education process. You'll learn from more experienced actors and technical helpers who share the creation of production and performance. If you don't have time for structured classes, sign on to become a crew member or performer. We'll help you expand your knowledge of backstage and onstage responsibilities along with your own talents and imagination. Please call us at 330-836-2626 and let us show you how to give new wings to your talent and new meaning to your time.

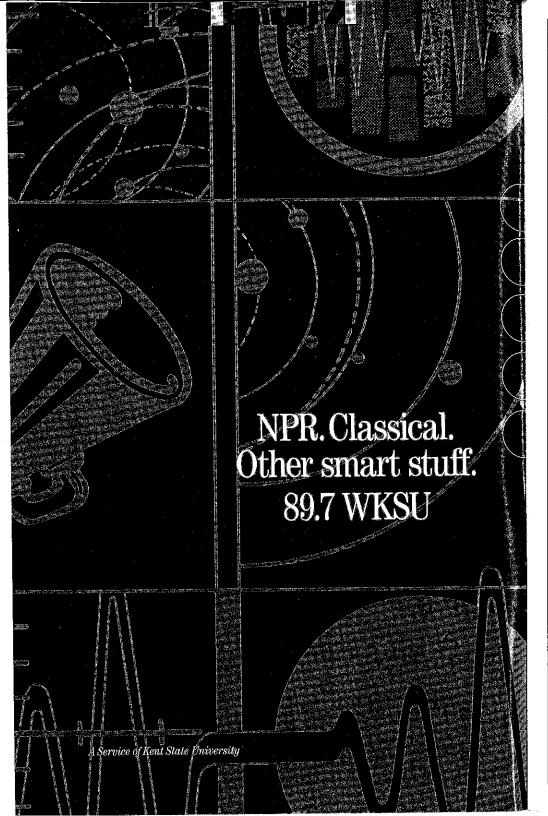


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The Mikado by The Carl Rosa Opera Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., EJ

Fosse, 5 shows! March 19-21, EU

George Winston Saturday, April 3, CT

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ELYNMARIE KAZLE (Executive Director) begins her sixth season for WCP. She has spent 25 years in theater first as a stage manager then in producing, fundraising and as a public relations rep for theaters across the US. She's had the pleasure of working with a wide range of artists from Mikhail Baryshnikov to Michael Korie, Ed Asner to Chita Rivera in theaters such as San Diego's Old Globe, Sacramento Theater Company, LA Classical Ballet, Opera Columbus, Great Lakes (Shakespeare) and Brooklyn Academy of Music. Akron was important to Elynmarie early in her career when she served as lighting apprentice to Tom Skelton and Ohio Ballet in the early 1980s. Her diverse experience in Marketing/PR includes a stint with the Wall Street Journal. She is currently VP of Membership and Development of USITT, VP of the Akron Area Arts Alliance and the founder of the nationally-known Stage Management Mentoring Project. She lives in Akron with her husband Mark and son Banno.

JANIS L. HARCAR (Director of Marketing & Development) holds an M.A. in Arts Administration from The University of Akron and a B.S. in Music Education from Kent State University and has been a Weathervane staff member since 1993. She serves as the Artistic Director of the Ravenna Community Choir and Director of St. Paul Lutheran Church Choir also in Ravenna. Jan occasionally serves as Musical Director for local productions.

ALAN SCOTT FERRALL (Scenic Designer/Technical Director) began at Weathervane under the tutelage of John R. Thomas. Learning the skills necessary to work full-time in the theater, Scott was hired at Cuyahoga Falls High School as auditorium manager, where he spent the next six years. During that time, he was awarded a Design Excellence citation from USITT for Carousel, and a place in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He has also designed for many local high schools as well as for The Players Guild, Cleveland Signstage and Channels 45/49. Scott has earned two Chanticleer Awards, one as stage manager for Fences, the other as lighting co-designer for A Man for All Seasons. Scott also takes great pleasure in writing the end-of-the-season revue for the Not-Ready-for-Mainstage Players who appear at our annual Chanticleer Awards Dinner.

SEAN McCONAHA (Director of Education and Producer of Youth/Family Productions) holds a dual major in Theater Performance and Pre-Law from West Virginia Wesleyan College and an M.A. in Theater from The University of Akron. He is a free-lance actor and director throughout Northeastern Ohio. Sean directed the OCTA award-winning production of Romeo and Juliet as well as the 1999-2000 season's Chanticleer winner for Best Production, The King of the Kosher Grocers. He lives in Canton with wife, Beth, daughters, Leda and Delaney and twins born June 4, 2003, Zoe Grace and Grifiin Dean.

KEITH D. CAMPBELL (Supervisor Front-of-House & Patron Services) holds a B.A. in English from The University of Akron, where he served as editor of The Buchtelite and sang with the Akron Symphony Chorus. During the summers of 1995 and 1996, he interned in the box office at Porthouse Theatre Company. Keith has done post-baccalaureate studies in Arts Administration at The University of Akron. This is his seventh season at WCP.

IOHN COTTER (Business and Public Relations Assistant) has the duties that come with helping Jan and Keith in the Marketing and Box Office areas. He also serves on Weathervane's Production Board as Co-



Professional Staff continued

Chair of Auditions. John is a retiree of 36 vears with Ohio Edison and has been a longtime volunteer of the Playhouse serving on the Production Board as its President and Co-Chair of Properties. He has also worked backstage for many productions and has won Chanticleers for Properties Design for four productions, his most recent being codesign of The Philadelphia Story. He is, however, most proud of his three grandchildren, Dana, Nicholas and Kristin.

KATHRYN A. KOHL (Assistant Technical Director) holds a degree in Elementary Education from BGSU and a Master of Business Management Degree from Aurora College in Aurora, IL. She began her volunteer career on the lighting crew of Oliver! and, since, has been on many lighting and set construction crews. She served as Properties Designer for Dracula and won a Chanticleer for properties co-design of The Philadelphia Story. Kathy also volunteers as Resident Master Carpenter and Master Painter for the Theatre Department at Firestone High School where she recently was awarded the Helping Hands Award, and with the Show Choir program at Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts. Kathy lives in West Akron with husband Doug and their three children, Stephanie. Zachary, and Katie.

DREAJEAN L. BROWN (Data Services Manager) rejoined the staff in August. She holds a Master of Science Degree in Technical Education and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from The University of Akron. She retired from the field of education sall years ago and now is the Office Manager for the Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition. She is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Akron Alumnae Chapter. Drea spends her spare time with family and friends and enjoys reading, crocheting and traveling. DIRECTOR OF AdmINIST

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Welcome Back! For those of you attending a Weathervane show for the first time, WELCOME!



You may have noticed that we have taken a production break this spring — the longest break in 10 years - to do a little housekeeping and improvements to our facility. We have added a fly rigging system to our stage house thanks to Northern Ohio Golf Charities, the GAR Foundation and Bridgestone Firestone.

This system, installed by Tiffin Scenic, enables us to use a system of weights and pulleys to easily raise and lower scenery and lighting for the first time in our 68-year history (33 in this building).

You might notice our stage curtains hanging again. Even though this threeyear period has been an interesting experiment in scenic, sound, and lighting technology, we are glad things are back to normal. Thanks to the City of Akron, Mayor Don Plusquellic and Councilman Daniel Horrigan, we have improved and expanded parking. This came in quite handy when our parking lot was the host to the recent, first-ever Valley Faire. It was a weekend full of music, entertainment and fun. I hope you did not miss out.

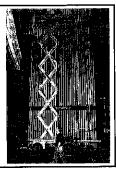
Not a group to stand still during a hiatus, we also hosted the Northeast Region OCTAFest (Ohio Community Theater Association). Twelve area theaters presented excerpts of their very best work during a weekend that featured workshops, business meetings and awards. Our excerpt of The Laramie **Project** (Weathervane's 500th Production) was selected as an outstanding example of theater from our region and has been invited to be presented as part of OCTA's 50th Anniversary Conference, to be held in Columbus over Labor Day weekend. Weathervane was also selected as the Northeast Region's Theater of the Year. What a fitting tribute to our founders and a great cap to our Season of Celebration!

Now sit back and enjoy the work of director Nancy Cates and company as we present to you our final play of the season, a fitting cap to the tribute to our four women founders, the theatrical story of vaudeville babies Mama Rose, Dainty June and Gypsy Rose Lee.

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This photo shows the pulleys which make it function. Anyone interested in learning how to make all those ropes work may call Scott Ferrall for more information.





Weathervane Community Playhouse 68th Season – 2002-2003 – Production # 502 June 18 - July 20, 2003

Book by Arthur Laurents Music by Jule Styne Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

suggested by the memoir of Gypsy Rose Lee

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The director is a member of the Society of Stage Directors and ssdc Choreographers, Inc. an independent national labor union.

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The origin of *Gypsy* follows the real life experience of Gypsy Rose Lee, who was born Rose Louise Hovick, and of her sister, June, who became famous later as actress June Havoc. The two were pushed by the ultimate stage mother into being child vaude-ville performers. One chapter of Gypsy's memoir was published in early 1957 in Harper's magazine where it caught the eye of Broadway producer David Merrick, who immediately secured rights to the book with the intention of turning it into a musical. The show opened in New York City in 1959 and was a smash hit. It ran for 702 performances and the original company toured for eight months.

Gypsy's ultimate triumph on the stage is the culmination of her aggressive stage mother's dream of success for her daughters and through them for herself. Only Gypsy succeeds. The journey is the story as Rose, June and Louise traipse across the United States when vaudeville is dying and burlesque is born. Rose feels daughter June is most likely to become a star because Louise is plainer and stands quietly in the shadows. Rose develops an act titled Baby June and her Newsboys which plays in Los Angeles, Dallas, Akron, New York, Buffalo and Omaha. As the act begins to lose its luster, June elopes with Tulsa, one of the newsboys. Herbie, their manager, proposes to Rose and is rejected. Having hit bottom, all efforts turn toward making Louise into a star as a lady-like burlesque stripper.

About the Librettist, Composer and Lyricist

Arthur Laurents, Librettist, got his start as a writer and playwright following World War II with production of *Home of the Brave*. He received an award from the National Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Sidney Howard Award as the most promising new playwright. The prize allowed him to write *The Bird Cage* and travel to Italy where he produced *Time of the Cuckoo*. In 1955 it was presented as the film, *Summertime*, starring Katherine Hepburn. Perhaps his greatest triumph was in cooperation with Stephen Sondheim for *West Side Story*.

Jule Styne (1906-1994), Composer, was three years old when his parents took him to see a performance by famed Scottish entertainer, Harry Lauder. He leaped onto the stage and sang a song. As an eight-year-old, Styne studied at the Chicago College of Music, winning a medal in a Chicago Symphony piano competition for children. When he was told that his hands were too small for him to become a concert artist, he turned to show business which led him to Hollywood where he received an Oscar for *Three Coins in the Fountain*. He returned to Broadway where his *High Button Shoes* and *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* were huge successes.

Stephen Sondheim, Lyricist, began his musical career by providing the words for Leonard Bernstein's music in *West Side Story* and for Jule Styne's *Gypsy*. He too started as a pianist, absorbing shop-talk, advice and techniques from the family neighbor Oscar Hammerstein II. He went to college at Williams, then on to Princeton where he studied with famed composer Milton Babbitt. Sondheim's first Broadway score with lyrics was for *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Sondheim himself won three Tony Awards for *Company* in 1970, for *Follies* in 1972, and for *A Little Night Music* in 1973. These successes were followed by *Pacific Overtures*, *Side by Side by Sondheim* and *Sweeney Todd*. Sondheim received a Kennedy Center Honor in 1993 and in 1997 received the New York magazine's New York Award for lifetime achievement.

Gypsy, a musical fable onlined

Cast (in order of appearance)

Uncle Jocko, Pastey	Mark A. Zimmerman
Angie, Farmboy	Nigel Ian C. Hujar
Balloon Girl, Newsboy 1	
Baby Louise	
Baby June	Emily Nader Schrader
Rose	
Pop, Weber, Kringelein, Phil	Irv Korman
Newsboy 2 \bigcirc	, Darren McArthur
Tommy, Newsboy 3	. Brandon Kline
Newsboy 2 Tommy, Newsboy 3 Herbie	Henry C. Bishop
Louise	
June, Showgirl	
Tulsa, Bougeron-Cochon	Gabriel K. Riazi
Mr. Goldstone, Cigar	Ron Hazelett
Miss Cratchitt, Mazeppa	Karen L. Wood
Farmboy	David O. Barnes
Farmboy	Joe Bologna
Georgie, Farmboy	James Smith III
Yonkers, Farmboy	
L.A., Farmboy	
Tessie Tura	Lisa Shay
Electra	
Gladiator Stripper, Showgirl, Delores, Renee	
Waitress, Showgirl, Marjorie May	Kathleen Rooney
Gladiator Stripper, Showgirl, Thelma	
Gladiator Stripper, Showgirl, Thelma Showgirl, Agnes	Shannon Houser

**For your safety, we request that you remain seated until the house lights have come up at intermission and after the curtain call.

*The use of cameras, recording equipment and laser pointers is forbidden during this performance.

#As a courtesy to fellow audience members, please make sure that cell phones and pagers are turned off during the performance.

*Please do not bring food or drink in the auditorium.

**NOTE: In case of an emergency in which the performance cannot continue, Calamity Vouchers will be issued for a future performance. Thank you.



Musical Numbers -- Act I

Overture	•
May We Entertain You	Baby June and Baby Louise
Some People	
Small World	
	Baby June and her Newsboys
Mr. Goldstone, I Love You	
Little Lamb	Louise
You'll Never Get Away From Me	
	Dainty June and her Farmboys
If Momma Was Married	Louise and June
All I Need Is the Girl	Tulsa and Louise
Everything's Coming Up Roses	

There will be a 15-minute intermission between the acts. Musical Numbers -- Act II

Entr'acte
Madame Rose's ToreadorablesLouise and the Toreadorables
Together, Wherever We Go
You Gotta Get a Gimmick
Small World-Reprise
Let Me Entertain YouLouise and Company
Rose's Turn

The action of the play covers a period in the early Twenties to the early Thirties and takes place in various cities throughout the country.

ACTI

Scene 1: Vaudeville theatre stage, Seattle
Scene 2: Kitchen of a frame house, Seattle
Scene 3: Backstage of a Vaudeville house, Dallas
Scene 4: On stage of a Vaudeville theatre, Los Angeles
Scene 5: Hotel rooms, Akron
Scene 6: Chinese restaurant, New York
Scene 7: Stage of Grantziger's Palace, New York
Scene 8: Grantziger's Office
Scene 9: Theatre Alley, Buffalo
Scene 10: Railroad platform, Omaha

ACT II

Scene 1: Desert country, Texas
Scene 2: Backstage of a Burlesque house, Wichita
Scene 3: Backstage corridor
Scene 4: Backstage and on stage:
Wichita, Detroit, Philadelphia, Minsky's
Scene 5: Louise's dressing room
Scene 6: Bare stage after the show



Nancy Cates -- Director Gypsy is Nancy's fifth show at Weathervane, following Communicating Doors, The Two Gentlemen of Verona, A Man for All Seasons and Blithe Spirit. Nancy has collaborated with Gypsy's late, great Jule Styne recently, by writing the book for his music (with lyrics by Bob Merrill) to a now published version of A Christmas Carol, which she has directed in Cincinnati and Richmond, VA. Nancy has directed more than a hundred productions in regional, LORT, university and community theaters including, locally, Ain't Misbehavin', Pump Boys and Dinettes and The Foreigner for Porthouse Theatre Company at Blossom Music Center and Oh, Coward! as a collaboration with the Ohio Ballet. She and her husband Terry Burgler are the Artistic Directors of the Ohio Shakespeare Festival, which opened its first season last summer with The Taming of the Shrew at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, and which is currently producing *The Tempest* on a new OSF stage at Stan Hywet's lagoon. In August, Nancy will be directing OSF's first musical, Oh, Coward! Other favorite shows include the regional premiere of a country-western musical, Cowgirls, five earlier productions of, naturally, Oh, Coward!, three of the 1960's girl-group review Beehive, two of both Greater Tuna and The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, and one each of The King and I, Tomfoolery, The Road to Mecca and On the Verge. An honors graduate of the University of Virginia, Nancy has received five sets of regional and critics' awards for excellence in directing.

Ron Hazelett -- Music Director made a memorable appearance on Weathervane's stage as *Dick Deadeye* in the 1980 production of *HMS Pinafore*. He began his professional career as a pianist, receiving a Bachelor's degree from Kent State University. While studying at Kent, Ron toured with National Rocks Acts, Heart and Mahogany Rush, creating and performing in high tech theater rock shows. He received a Master's degree in vocal performance from Marshall University where he won both district and regional awards in the Metropolitan Opera National Council audition. As a professional singer/actor, Ron has appeared with the Ohio Light Opera, the National Light Opera, Kenley Players, Carousel Dinner Theater, Cleveland Opera Theater and the Blossom Festival Opera. As a soloist, he has performed with the Cleveland Orchestra, Akron Symphony, Canton Symphony, Huntington Chamber Orchestra and the Spoletto Festival Orchestra. As music director, he has worked with Goodyear Community Theater, The Players Guild, Hudson Players, Stow Players, Brecksville Little Theater, Katfish Productions, Pointe West Studios and is presently the music director for the Peggy Lee Opera, produced and filmed by the Sundance Film Studio in New York City. He teaches private voice at the West Side Vocal Academy and in the Akron Public Schools Magnet Arts Program.

Jeffrey Graham Hughes -- Choreographer As Artistic Director of the Ohio Ballet, he has overseen productions of more than forty ballets during his five-year tenure. Ohio Ballet, in 2001-2002, collaborated with Dayton Ballet for presentations of *Peter Pan* and *Hamlet*, toured thirteen states and visited twenty cities. Hughes most recently served as rehearsal director with the Hong Kong Ballet where he was on the faculty and choreographed for the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. He was associate director at Ballet de Monterey, Mexico; ballet master for Alonzo King's Lines Contemporary Ballet in San Francisco, and artistic associate for Ballet Arts/Ballet Tucson in Tucson, AZ. In June 2001, he created two ballets for the Chautauqua Ballet Company's *Salon Evening*. He was also a contributing choreographer for the initial three seasons of Festival of Life, a benefit for children and adults with AIDS in Atlanta. His choreographic awards include Emerging Choreographer at the Southeastern Ballet Festival and Best Choreography Ballet Division at the Tao Li Bei dance competition held in mainland China. He and wife, Pamela Reyman, Ohio Ballet's ballet mistress, are the proud parents of Maya Esperanze Hughes, born in November 2002.



Callboard Cast Biographies

MARK A. ZIMMERMAN (Uncle Jocko, Pastey) See Backstage Callboard NIGEL IAN C. HUJAR (Angie, Farmboy) is in the ninth grade at St. Anthony School in Akron. He played Judah, a brother, in Weathervane's 2002 presentation of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. In 1997 he was a royal child in The King and I.

HAYLEY HINELINE (Balloon Girl, Newsboy) will enter grade five at the Miller-South Visual and Performing Arts School where she will study drama. Hayley takes musical theater classes at Weathervane, loves drama and hanging with friends. Her goal is to be on Broadway some day.

KENZIE KAYE NOTHNAGEL (Baby Louise), a sixth grader at Our Lady of the Elms, is on the honor roll and has had an original poem published. She is a basketball player and has studied piano for nine years, dance for four, and voice for one.

EMILY NADER SCHRADER (Baby June) will be a sixth-grader at St. Stephen School in Niles. She played the Princess in *The Princess and the Pea* with the Kent State Traveling Company and the Queen of Sprats in *Jack in the Beanstalk* at Youngstown Playhouse. Last year she appeared in productions for Galaxy Dinner Theater, The Players Guild, Kent State Traveling Company, Trumbull New Theater and Youngstown Playhouse. She received the DaVinci Award, Renaissance Award and is an Honor Student.

CYNTHIA P. JAHN (Rose) lives in Parkman and teaches English, Yearbook, Drama and the Academy of Theatrical Arts and Performance at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. She is a graduate of Adrian College and has done graduate studies at Kent State University and The

University of Akron. This year she directed *West Side Story* and, in previous years, directed *Barnum, Footloose* and *Fiddler on the Roof* at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. She has been a Weathervane stalwart since 1987 when she played Sarah Goode in *The Crucible*. She also appeared in *Jerry's Girls, A Little Night Music* (for which she won a Chanticleer) and *Pygmalion*. She has also performed and directed for Stow Players and Hudson Players. Cynthia has an understanding and wonderful spouse, Doug, and two sons, Scott, 26, and Ben, 22.

IRV KORMAN (Pop, Weber, Kringelein and Phil) has been writing play reviews and entertainment articles for 25 years, currently for Focus and The Montrose Sun. He played Gibbs and Witherspoon in our Arsenic and Old Lace. Other WCP productions include Fiddler on the Roof, The Fantasticks and ... Forum. His preparation for comedy continues with creation of his character, Marlowe the Magic Clown. In 2002 he portrayed the Russian General in The Nutcracker for the Akron Children's Ballet. He is an associate lecturer in the School of Communications at The University of Akron from which he received both Bachelors and Masters of Arts degrees. He is writing a book on famous entertainers he has interviewed. Wife Francine and daughters Julie and Melanie are his staunchest supporters, as is cat, Bucky.

DARREN MCARTHUR (Newsboy 2) is a sixth grader at St. Stephen School in Niles. His home is in Warren where he performed in 2002 in *Eleanor: An American Love Story*. He also appeared in *The Prince and the Pauper* at the Youngstown Playhouse for which he received a commendation for outstanding achievement by an actor in a major role.



Callboard Continued

He studied at the Butler Institute of American Art and has received many art awards. He takes dance lessons at the Performing Arts Center in McDonald and won a gold award in Starbound dance and Star Systems dance competitions.

BRANDON KLINE (Tommy, Newsboy 3) is a first grader at St. Hilary School in Fairlawn. He sang in the children's chorus for *The Music Man* at Carousel Dinner Theater this year. He has taken five years of dance in jazz and tap and won many dance competition awards. He loves to go to Walt Disney World, enjoys his little brother Bryan and being in the spotlight.

HENRY C. BISHOP (Herbie) is always a welcome actor on the Weathervane stage where he has given many fine and/or hilarious performances. Most recently he portrayed Lazar Wolf in Fiddler on the Roof. In 2001, he was Pseudolous in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. He has been seen as Fagan in Oliver!, as Hector in The Golden Apple, as the Major General in The Pirates of Penzance, as Finian in Finian's Rainbow, as Woolsey in A Man for All Seasons, and as Henry Ford in Camping with Henry and Tom. Henry is married to Karen Wood.

ALANA RADER (Louise) of Fleetwood, PA, transferred to Kent State University from American University in Washington D.C. and played trumpet in Kent's pit for *Chicago* last spring. She's a junior at KSU working on her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theater and appeared in *Measure for Measure*. Elsewhere, she has performed in *Guys and Dolls, Joseph... Dreamcoat, Peter Pan, Titanic, Fiddler on the Roof* and *Cinderella*. Alana also skis and writes poetry and hopes to backpack through Europe someday.

MARISSA MONTIGNEY (Dainty June) has made eleven appearances on

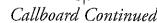
Weathervane's stage. She was the narrator in *Joseph...* all three years and portrayed Hodel in *Fiddler on the Roof*. She won a Chanticleer for best supporting actress for that role. She has been on the Palace Theater stage in Cleveland and sang the National Anthem for the Cavaliers.

GABRIEL K. RIAZI (Tulsa, Bougeron-Cochon) is a sophomore at Marshall University in Huntington, WV. He won a Chanticleer for his portrayal of the Artful Dodger in Oliver! and an Ohio Community Theater Association Award for Excellence in Acting for his portrayal of Mercutio in Romeo and Juliet. His other credits include Judah/Dance Captain in Joseph... for the Halle Theater; Sid Sorkin in Pajama Game and Steven Kodaly in She Loves Me, both at Firestone High School. He also appeared in The Kentucky Cycle for Ensemble Theater.

RON HAZELETT (Mr. Goldstone, Cigar)-See Musical Director

KAREN L. WOOD (Miss Cratchitt, Mazeppa) was most recently seen on Weathervane's stage as Abby in Arsenic and Old Lace. She played Golde in Fiddler on the Roof and Domina in ...Forum. She has also been seen in Oliver!, Cabaret, Guys and Dolls, and She Loves Me, all for Weathervane. She has also appeared at other area theaters for the past 25 years. Karen holds three Chanticleers among her accolades. She has taught for 32 years and is an intervention specialist for the North Central Local Schools in Wayne County. In 2001, she received the Franklin Walter Outstanding Special Educator Award.

DAVID O. BARNES (Farmboy) was seen as the Scarecrow in this season's *The Wiz.* He'll be a senior at Firestone High School this fall where he is a member of the Symphonic Choir, Madrigals, Men's



Chorus, Gospel Choir, Spanish Club and Peer Mediators.

JOE BOLOGNA (Farmboy) makes his first appearance on Weathervane's stage. He is a ninth grader at St. Vincent-St. Mary's High School, where he was a member of the *Brigadoon* chorus this year. He played Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* and Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls*, both productions at St. Hilary School.

JAMES SMITH III (Georgie, Farmboy 3), a senior at Firestone H. S., appeared in four productions in 2002: Canker Sores and Other Distractions at Firestone, Asylum for Northeast Ohio Thespians and Our Town and The Wiz at Weathervane. He is interested in photography, writing, illustrating, sculpting, and acting.

MATTHEW DEVUS (Yonkers, Farmboy), a tenth grader at Green High School, has an impressive resume beginning in 1996 when he played the first pickpocket in *Oliver!* for Theater 8:15. This year he was seen in 42nd Street at Green High. He has also appeared in productions of Godspell, Juneteenth, Merry Christmas O'Henry, Annie, Noah the Musical and Suzie's Got a Crush. He would like to dedicate his performance in Gypsy to Richard Moore, a dear friend who passed away but who excited his interest in theater.

ALEX DEVUS (L.A., Farmboy) is a sophomore at Green High School and is a soccer referee. He was seen in 42nd Street at Green High this year. In 2002 he was a soloist, ensemble singer and dancer in Godspell for Streetsboro Theater and the Slave Catcher in Juneteenth. He has also been seen in productions at Stow Players, Dynamics in Tallmadge and Theater 8:15. LISA SHAY (Tessie Tura, Assistant Stage Manager)-See Backstage Callboard

MEGAN MCCOY (Electra) expects to graduate from Bowling Green State

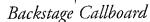
University in May 2004. Her home is in South Euclid where she attended Brush High School was seen in *Grease, Wizard of Oz, Squad Room* and *Bye, Bye Birdie*.

HAYLEY YOUNG (Gladiator Stripper, Showgirl, Delores, Renee) is a tenth grader at Firestone High School. She was seen in *The Wiz* at Firestone High School and Weathervane and as the leading female role in *Edgar Allan Poe* at Miller South.

KATHLEEN ROONEY (Showgirl, Marjorie May, Waitress) will be a sophomore at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. She studies voice and acting at West Side Vocal Academy and studies dance at the Christine Jones-Meneer School of Dance. Kathleen was seen in her high school production of West Side Story. Other credits include A Chorus Line and Bye, Bye Birdie. Kathleen thanks all of her instructors for their guidance and especially her parents for their love and support.

AMY L. AYERS (Thelma, Showgirl, Gladiator Stripper) was seen in *The Wiz* and in the cast of several youth productions. She was stage manager for *Joseph...* and assistant stage manager for *The Philadelphia Story*. She is currently a junior at Firestone High School where she is a member of the Magnet Arts Theatre Program and Thespian Troupe #5570. She was the recipient of Weathervane's "Valley Chicken" Youth recognition award for 300+ volunteer hours.

SHANNON HOUSER (Showgirl, Agnes) was a chorus member and dancer for St. Vincent-St. Mary's High School production of *Brigadoon* where she was also an Angel in *Anything Goes*. For Weathervane she has been seen in *Joseph..., Babes in Toyland, Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party, The Velveteen Rabbit* and *Cinderella*. She is a scholarship student at the West Side Vocal Academy.



BUDDY TAYLOR (Stage Manager) was Assistant Stage Manager for The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged). He comes from Florida where he has been stage manager, lighting designer and technical advisor for eighteen plays at the Pensacola Little Theatre. He studied theater arts at the University of West Florida and worked backstage for 19 productions. MICHELLE OWEN (Assistant Stage Manager) received a B.S. in engineering degree from Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, TN and is an engineer with Advanced Elastomer Systems. She served as assistant stage manager for Complete Works,.. and worked backstage in thirteen productions at the Pensacola Little Theatre. LISA SHAY (Tessie Tura, Assistant Stage Manager) is an engineer at Advanced Elastomer Systems with a B.S. degree from Auburn University. She served as assistant stage manager for The Chosen and as costumer for The Fantasticks. She costumed Collected Stories and Play It Again, Sam at Coach House and was seen on stage as Panacea in ... Forum. Lisa and husband Bryon live in Akron.

MARK A. ZIMMERMAN (Lighting Designer, Uncle Jocko, Pastey) is theater director at Firestone High School and chairman of our Production Board and FirstEnergy Lighting Department. He lit WCP shows including *The Wiz, Fiddler...*

and The Fantasticks and recently directed Collected Stories at Coach House. He holds an MA from The UA where he is a part-time instructor in the School of Dance, Theatre, and Arts Administration. Mark has directed over forty productions at Weathervane, Coach House, Stan Hywet, The UA and Firestone H.S. He has been named for the second time to Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

JANET HEILMEIER (Costume Designer) is dressing her tenth Weathervane production. Trained as a dancer and choreographer, she appeared on our stage in *Kiss Me, Kate* and *Annie* and choreographed shows for Firestone High School and the May Festival. She has dancing grand-daughters and soccer-playing grandsons, offspring of her four children. With a degree in communications from The UofA, she is now the "voice of Sumners butter" on local radio stations. She thanks the wonderful ladies of the costume shop for their countless hours of work.

connie velotta (Costume Designer) enjoys working on period costumes as she did for *Dracula*, *The Glass Menagerie* and *A Man for All Seasons*. She has earned three Chanticleers for her designs of *Romance*, *Romance*; *The Miracle Worker*; and *A Man for All Seasons*. Connie divides her time between Ohio and golf seasons in Florida with husband, Bob.

DR. DAVID SPONDIKE (Pit Conductor) teaches music theory and music history at Firestone High School He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from The Ohio State University, a Master's degree in Music Education from The University of Akron, and a Ph.D. in Music Theory and Composition from Kent State University. Dr. Spondike is active locally as a bassist and a composer. He was our pit conductor for *The Wiz*.

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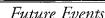
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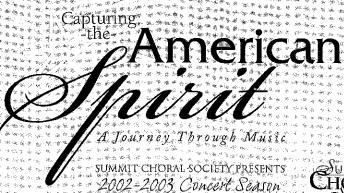
*Sundays at Seven: Salon Play Readings are held in Weathervane's lobby at 7 p.m. on selected Sundays with light refreshments and discussions following presentations. Free of charge. All welcome.

In the Bank One Visual Arts Gallery

Marci Paolucci, Gallery exhibits chairman, has assembled this fascinating display about burlesque and Gypsy Rose Lee with major assistance from Roger Durbin, Ph.D., Associate Dean of University Libraries, The University of Akron, and the loan by Geoffrey Hewitt, Clinton, Ohio, of the sixteen photographic images thought to be an original Christmas card sent to Alexander Woollcott by his friend, Gypsy Rose Lee.

Durbin brought together old programs from burlesque productions, a history of burlesque (for those who aren't old enough to know all about it!), photos of burlesque stars in addition to Gypsy, and other memorabilia which he assembled as a public service to Weathervane audiences and to the community.

The Gypsy Rose Lee Christmas card grouping was formed from a filmstrip found in a box left in the Neshobe Island, Vermont, summer home of Woollcott, playwright, drama critic, radio broadcaster, New Yorker magazine writer and founding member of the famed Algonquin Round Table. Hewitt became acquainted with the owners of Woollcott's home and was on hand when the film was unearthed from a box of "stuff." Hewitt, a photographer, printed the individual frames, making two sets, one for the home's owners, and one for himself. Weathervaners may enjoy this circa 1924 view of burlesque's most famous diva.



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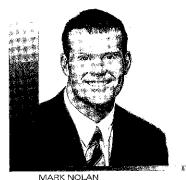
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Weathervane Community Playhouse is a member of the **Akron Area Arts Alliance**. Its mission statement is "to utilize its collective resources to

- 1) foster communication and coordination among area cultural groups
- 2) generate greater awareness and participation in the arts and humanities in all segments of the community
- 3) promote the value of the arts and humanities to local governments and advocate its financial investment in the community's cultural activities."

Season Coupons

Seats for Weathervane's most popular shows, especially those late in the season, often sell out fast. Saturday night seating is frequently difficult to obtain, so it's smart to call for reservations early. Please remember that coupons don't guarantee your seats. You must call for reservations. Check the production schedule in your Super Coupon book and plan to use as many coupons as you wish for the shows you plan to see. We hope you'll use your convenient coupons frequently and won't find yourself missing out on sold-out shows or ending the season with unused coupons. Performances and schedules are subject to change so, for the most up-todate information, call our ticket office at 330-836-2626.

Remember, you can always buy a new Super Coupon book at the Ticket Office any time you want to treat yourself and several friends to a Weathervane show. Books of eight coupons provide a modest savings over regular admission prices.

Mission Statement Weathervane Community Playhouse

The mission of the Weathervane Community Playhouse is to entertain, inform and educate, thereby enriching the cultural life of the Greater Akron area. Weathervane shall provide area residents the opportunities both to attend and to participate in quality presentations of a cross-section of the finest theatrical works available. Weathervane shall provide education in the theater arts to adults and children. In meeting these goals, Weathervane shall be mindful of the standards of its audiences and shall maintain fiscally sound management.



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Weathervane can often make good use of used furniture and household items so please think of us when you're redecorating, cleaning or moving. Small rugs, carpet remnants, draperies or curtains are also appreciated.

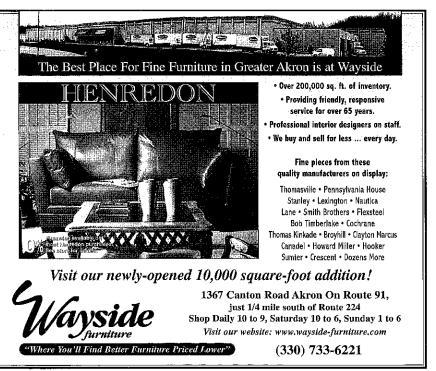
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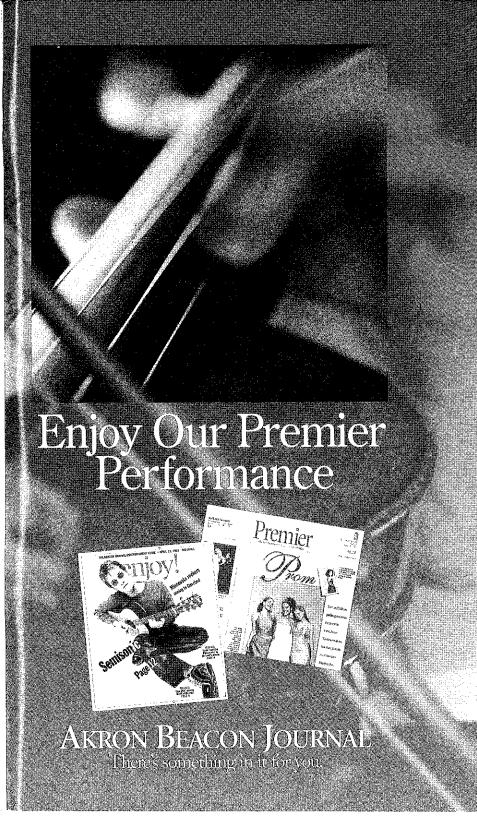
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We're Proud Of Weathervane Volunteers

Weathervane began as a volunteer organization and continues its growth thanks to the time and talent members of our community continue to invest in it. Our on-stage performers have worked long and hard to earn your applause. But their work is supported by many other unseen men and women who've helped build and paint sets, run the lights and sound, make sure that properties and set dressing items are in their proper places and do other backstage labor from stage managing to costuming and make-up. Supporting those who are actively involved in putting on each show are still more volunteers who usher, house manage, sell tickets, keep our office running and serve on our Board of Trustees, Board committees and Women's Board.

Their spirit is the backbone of our continuing operations, a valued support on which our professional staff relies.

Each month, we acknowledge the outstanding Volunteers of the Month in our lobby, but those volunteers represent all who commit their time and interest to create a great theater experience for everyone who's come to see this show.

If you have friends or relatives who volunteer generously at Weathervane, we hope you'll take a moment to thank them for their help and their support of the cultural enrichment of our community. Better yet, join them! Call us and we'll help you win your own share of the applause for a "jolly good show," an experience that offers unique challenges with every performance.

Share the Annual Chanticleer Celebration

Shortly after the final production of each season, Weathervane volunteers and friends share an exciting party to acknowledge outstanding performances by performers and technical volunteers. The top performers are awarded rooster statuettes— Chanticleers—in recognition of their work, as voted by Chanticleer "judges" who have seen all productions during the season. It's a great night to get together, share hopes, fun and festivities and is open to all.

If you'd like to take an additional part in Chanticleer night and serve as a juror to vote for the award winners, all that is required is your affidavit that you have seen all seven shows during the season, and your choices for outstanding lead performances by a male or female in a drama or comedy, outstanding support performances, and outstanding lead and support in a musical as well as choices in technical achievement. Chanticleers are also awarded for Properties, Lights, Costumes and Sound Design, plus Best Production of the season. In addition to performance and production awards, the event also recognizes outstanding volunteers of the year.

Chanticleer ballots are available during the run of the season's final show in July or August each year. We welcome regular theater-goers who'd like to take part in the jurying and join us for the biggest nail-biting party of the year. For information, please call our office.



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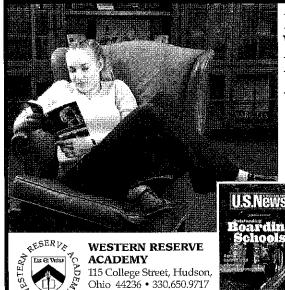
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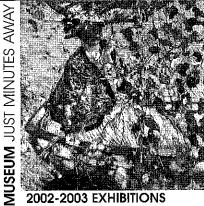
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Intermission Tea is served with our compliments by our volunteer hosts and host-esses. Please enjoy a cup with us. Soft drinks are available at a nominal cost.

Opening Night Receptions welcome our audiences on the first Friday night of each production. We'll provide light snacks and refreshments after the show so you can share that "first-nighter" feeling.

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If you truly enjoy live theater, you'll be playing a vital part every time the lights go up for each show on the Weathervane stage and we can honestly say that the show couldn't go on without you.



Who Gets On Stage at Weathervane?

The performers you see on the Weathervane stage come from throughout the greater Akron and surrounding areas. They're volunteers, just like the many men and women who supply backstage talent to make sure the show goes on performance after performance. They've committed themselves to four to six weeks of rehearsals plus perfor-

mances, and their greatest reward is your applause.

Many performers come to our shows with substantial theatrical experience. Others may be new to the stage. Frequently we find that talented newcomers to our area find that Weathervane is a great way to make new friends especially if they've been involved with community productions in their former home town.

Auditions are open to all and our non-traditional casting policy opens the way for performance opportunities for ethnic minority actors and others who may be physically or mentally challenged. Except in cases where race, gender, age or disability is essential to the play, all roles are cast on the basis of talent and sincerity of purpose.

To find out how you can get on stage, check the newspaper for audition dates and times or call Weathervane at 330-836-2626 if you are interested in auditioning for a role in one of our upcoming productions or in a Youth

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Weathervane shows are never "precast." When you've been in a show or auditioned, your name will be included in our file so we can send you future audition notices. Some guest directors prefer to set appointments for audition times and may ask that you come pre-

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What Can You Do as a Weathervane Volunteer

Here's a quick introduction to the responsibilities volunteers undertake to make our shows work night after night. If you'd like to try your hand at any of these jobs, please call our Production and Volunteer Coordinator, Maryanne Cotter, at 330-836-2323. Volunteers with 100 hours or more of service are eligible for a special Weathervane membership!

- ★ Stage Management Duties include assisting the director throughout the rehearsal period, calling cues, keeping backstage safe and orderly, and coordinating the technical needs of the show with the actors. A fulfilling responsibility for those who enjoy planning, communicating and taking charge. Once the director's work is done, it's the Stage Manager who runs each performance.
- ★ Set Construction Use your building skills, carpentry or painting techniques to help make illusion come to life. We appreciate all the help we can find to design and build sets, move them and tear them down after a show to make new ones.
- ★ Costumes Designers and workers are vital. We need skilled and even unskilled seamstresses to make or alter costumes, create patterns, care for costumes during a show and keep our wardrobe department organized. Add your design ideas or learn from other hard-working volunteers.
- ★ Lighting Experience is a plus, but you can learn by assisting others who know computers and electrical requirements. We'll train eager volunteers to help hang, focus, and add color to lighting instruments. We'll also teach you how to run the light board and follow spots. You'll take pride in knowing that nobody can see the show without you.
- ★ Sound Create the music and sound effects tapes that enrich the aural environment for each show or add "live" backstage sound. Run the sound system

for technical rehearsals and productions. We'll help you learn.

- * Properties All the items that help "dress" a set and all those used by actors in rehearsal and performance (from tea sandwiches to "deadly" weapons and "shattering" windowpanes) must be borrowed, built or cooked. We need many volunteers to work on each performance. If you are clever at building things or have friends with "neat stuff" they'll loan, volunteer here.
- ★ Box Office If you enjoy dealing with the public, we can use your help during office hours and on show nights to assist in taking money and answering the phone to take reservations.
- ★ Ushering Welcome audience members with your smile, showing them to their seats, passing out programs, and serving refreshments at intermission. Your help is always welcome.
- * House Manager The theater's unofficial representative greets the audience, tears tickets and guides theater-goers to ushers for seating. You'll work with the stage manager to coordinate the timing of intermissions and remain in the lobby throughout the show to handle any emergency.
- ★ Office Volunteer Put a few morning or afternoon hours to good use answering phones, taking reservations, helping with mailings, working with staff, and greeting customers and visitors. Many friendly people are needed to help.



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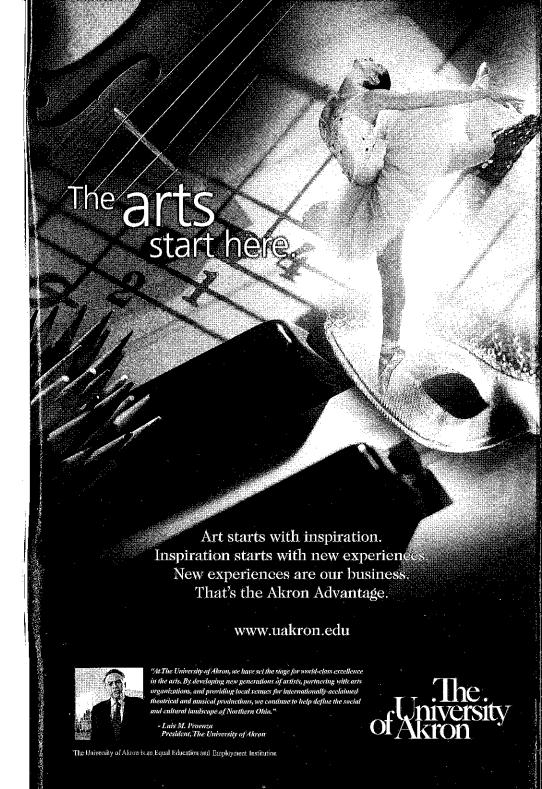
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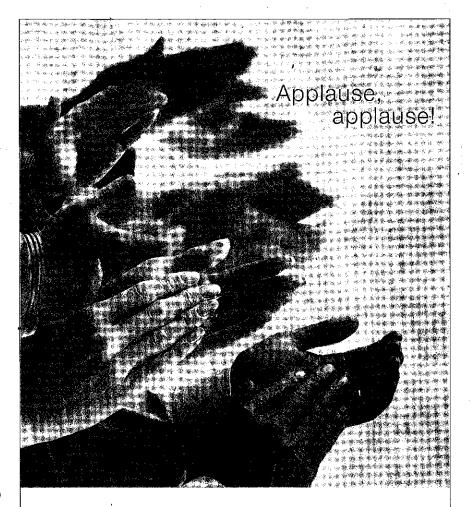


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