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Guy S. Little, Jr. Presents

Tab Hunter in "Barefoot in the Park"

May 20 - June 4, 1967

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TAB HUNTER

in

"BAREFOOT IN THE PARK"

By NEIL SIMON

with

PATTI HEIDER, ART KASSUL
and GERALDINE POWER

Directed by ROBERT BAKER

Scenery Designed by KENNETH E. LEWIS

Production Stage Manager
RICHARD GIBSON

Assistant Stage Manager
E. JAMES ROSS

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Act I

The top floor of a brownstone on East 48th Street, New York City.
About 5:30 on a cold February afternoon.

Act II

Scene 1: Four days later. About 7:00 P.M.
Scene 2: Later that night. About 2 A.M.

Act III

The following day. About 5:00 P.M.

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Producer Guy S. Little, Jr.

With the opening on May 20th of *Barefoot In The Park* starring Tab Hunter, Producer Guy S. Little, Jr. is proud to begin his second decade of live theatre for central Illinois audiences. Long before Mr. Little opened the Grand Theatre back in 1957, he hoped and planned that someday he would have a theatre where musicals and plays could be presented. He got his first job in professional theatre as an apprentice at the Keene, New Hampshire Summer Theatre in 1951 and worked the two following summers at the Gateway Musical Playhouse near Atlantic City.

After graduation from the University of Miami, Mr. Little took graduate courses at Columbia University and The American Theatre Wing before returning to central Illinois in the spring of 1957 to look for a theatre location.

Not having success locating a suitable theatre in any of the larger cities in downstate Illinois, Mr. Little decided to lease the movie house in his native Sullivan. Since the opening of *Brigadoon* on July 3, 1957, Mr. Little has presented 100 major productions—both plays and musicals—featuring many outstanding stars and supporting casts from Broadway, Hollywood, TV and Opera. The first season ran nine weeks and had an attendance of 8,000. The Little Theatre-On The Square was open for twenty-five weeks last year and had an attendance of 80,000 . . . a most gratifying increase! In addition to his productions in Sullivan, Mr. Little managed the Piccolo Playhouse in Joliet and has had touring productions that have played theatres in Michigan, Ohio and the Chicago area. Mr. Little is often asked to open and manage other theatres in the midwest, but his devotion is to The Little Theatre-On The Square and its loyal audiences. Mr. Little works year around booking outstanding stars such as June Allyson, John Carradine, Peter Palmer, Rosemary Prinz, Dennis Weaver, Robert Reed, John Payne, Margaret O'Brien, Julia Meade, Pat O'Brien, Linda Darnell, Marie Wilson, Eddie Bracken, Joe E. Brown, Marjorie Lord, Margaret Truman, Edward Everett Horton, Annamary Dickey, Jack Haskell, Margaret Hamilton and Cesar Romero.

Mr. Little has directed many of the productions, designed and built the scenery, and has appeared in many of the shows. Last season, in addition to supervising all the productions, he appeared as Mr. Snow in *Carousel*, Joe Taylor, Jr. in *Allegro*, Mr. Foley in *Never Too Late* and Michael O'Neill in *The Moon Is Blue*.

Guy met his wife, Jerilli, when they were both studying theatre at the University of Miami. They have been married thirteen years and have two children, Vanessa, age eleven, and Sean, age five. Both children have been active in the Sullivan productions.

The operation of a star theatre for ten years in a town with a population of less than 4,000 has been called "the miracle of Sullivan" by theatre historians. Guy S. Little, Jr. gratefully salutes the faithful central Illinois audiences who have patronized The Little Theatre-On The Square since 1957.



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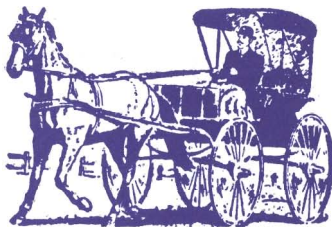
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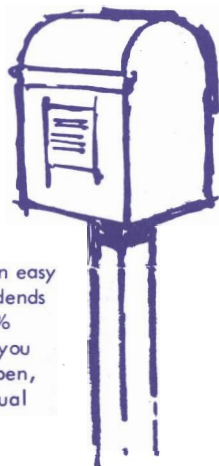
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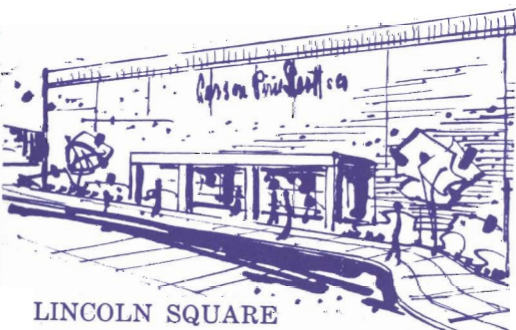
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**ROBERT
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(Director)

Robert Baker staged *Oliver!* with John Carradine and *Allegro* with Annamary Dickey in Sullivan last season. Mr. Baker, who holds a B.A. from the University of Iowa and a M.F.A. from Carnegie Tech, was the advance director for the tours of *The Grass Is Greener* with Celeste Holm and Maurice Evans and *God Bless Our Bank* with Ann Sothern. He has been the guest director for Memphis' Front Street Theatre and a member of the staff at the Pittsburgh Playhouse. As a production stage manager, he has worked at Paramus, New Jersey's Playhouse-On-The-Mall. Before returning to Sullivan, Mr. Baker directed *Barefoot In The Park* in Pittsburgh and has served as director for eight productions at the Youngstown, Ohio Playhouse.

RICHARD GIBSON (Stage Manager)

Richard Gibson appeared last season as Charlie in *Never Too Late* with Andy Devine, in addition to serving three months as stage manager. Dick has been associated as stage manager at many leading theatres including Shady Lane Playhouse, Gateway Musical Playhouse, Crystal Palace and Highland Park Music Tent. He received his B.S. from Southern Illinois University and his M.A. from the University of Kansas. Off-Broadway, he stage managed *Beebe Benster-maker* at The Sheridan Square Playhouse and this past winter, he was stage manager for the Virginia Museum Theatre in Richmond, Virginia. Dick will be featured as Ed in *You Can't Take It With You* this season at The Little Theatre-On The Square.

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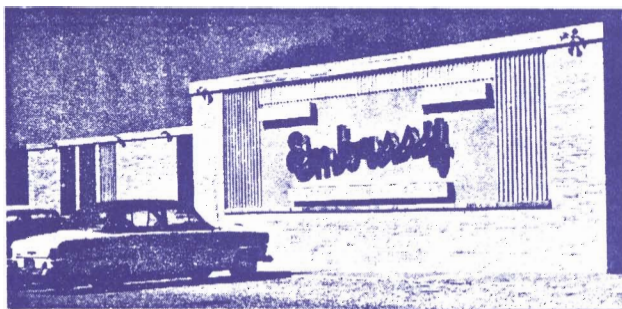
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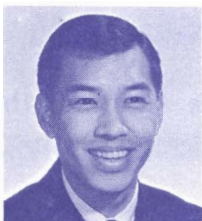
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DONALD W. CHAN (Musical Director)



Donald W. Chan holds his M.S. from Julliard School of Music and his D.M.A. from the University of Colorado. Mr. Chan has served as musical director or assistant conductor for the South Shore Music Theatre in Cohasset, Mass., Melodyland in Berkeley, California and for the off-Broadway revue, *The Salad Of The Mad Cafe*. He was choral conductor for Lewis and Young Summer Musical Productions in Fresno and Sacramento, California and has been rehearsal pianist for many outstanding choreographers including Hanya Holm, Anthony Tudor, Anna Sokolow and the late Helen Tamiris. Mr. Chan is a composer of note; a number of his compositions have been performed throughout the world.

E. JAMES ROSS (Stage Manager)

E. James Ross returns to Sullivan and The Little Theatre-On The Square for his second season as stage manager, technical director and actor. Before working in Sullivan, Mr. Ross was associated with the Keenebunkport Playhouse in Maine and with Celeste Holm in *A Month In The Country* off-Broadway. A graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, Mr. Ross is a native New Yorker. Last season, he appeared in *Timid Tiger* and *How To Succeed In Business*, in addition to stage managing *Any Wednesday* with Elinor Donahue, *The Moon Is Blue* with Carl Betz and *Never Too Late* with Andy Devine.

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GEORGE BUNT

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Mr. Bunt appeared in the Broadway production of *It's A Bird, It's A Plane, It's Superman* last season in New York and recently was seen in *Hello, Dolly* in Las Vegas and Chicago with Betty Grable. In New York, George has appeared in *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*, *Guys And Dolls* with Vivian Blaine and Sam Levine and *Wonderful Town* with Elaine Strich. As a choreographer, Mr. Bunt has staged *West Side Story*, *Threepenny Opera* and *Babes In Arms* for stock theatres throughout the country.

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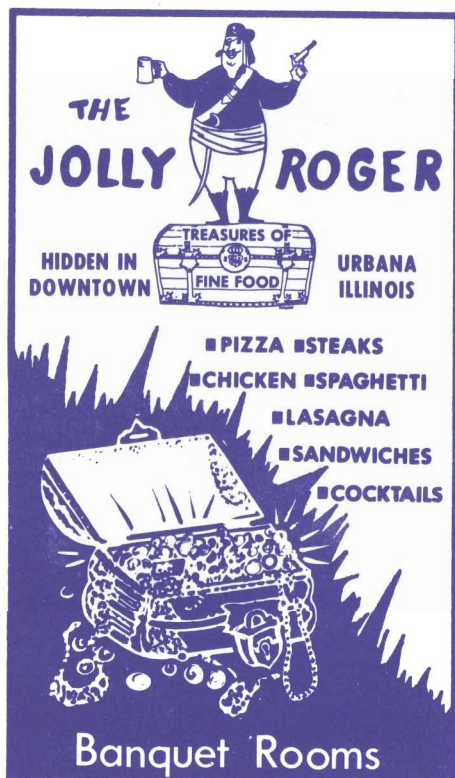
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TAB HUNTER (Paul Bratter) was born in New York but moved to San Francisco when he was only two and later settled in lower California. After serving in the Coast Guard on the East and West Coasts, he returned to California where he began to ice skate in competition.

He made his screen debut with McDonald Carey and Gail Russell in *The Lawless* in 1950 and achieved stardom two years later when he was selected to play opposite Linda Darnell in *Island of Desire*. Some of the movies in which Tab Hunter starred since that time are *Battle Cry*, *Track of the Cat*, *The Sea Chase*, *The Burning Hills*, *Lafayette Escadrille*, *Damn Yankees*, *They Came to Codura*, *The Pleasure of His Company*, *That Kind of Woman* and *The Loved Ones*. Two of his many recordings, "Red Sails In the Sunset" and "Young Love", each sold more than a million copies. Mr. Hunter's first television appearance was in *Fear Strikes Out*; and he later starred in *Hallmark Hall of Fame* and several *Playhouse 90's*, among many other appearances. His performance on TV's *Portrait Of A Murder* won him an Emmy nomination and for one season he conducted his own series, *The Tab Hunter Show*.

Broadway was his next medium, where he starred with Tallulah Bankhead in *The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore*, by Tennessee Williams.

A four-season veteran of summer stock, Tab Hunter first toured in *The Tender Trap*. During the 1955 season he starred in *Mister Roberts* at The Little Theatre-On The Square before capacity audiences and then moved on to more large audiences at a leading Chicago-land theatre. Later that fall he joined the National Company of *Barefoot In The Park* on the West Coast for a two-month tour of top metropolitan theatres, and soon afterwards he went to Spain, where he filmed two movies last summer.

Just before coming to Sullivan, Mr. Hunter completed an extended engagement at an Eastern theatre in the great musical, *West Side Story*, and upon completion of the Sullivan engagement will go directly to Canal Fulton, Ohio, where he will again play Paul Bratter in *Barefoot In The Park*.

Mr. Hunter, an accomplished horseman, owns an Oregon ranch where he stables several champion hunters and shows when his schedule permits.

PATTI HEIDER (Corie Bratter) was seen last season in the hit comedy-mystery, *Catch Me If You Can*, with Dennis Weaver. She remained in Sullivan to appear opposite John Payne in the premiere of *Timid Tiger*, *Lusty Lamb* before her return to Chicago area theatres.

Her Elgin home allows her to appear at all

of the Chicago stock theatres, where she has appeared as Rosemary with Pat O'Brien in *Love and Kisses*, with Michael Rennie in *Wake Up, Darling*, in *You Can't Take It With You*, *The Silver Whistle*, with Vivian Blaine in *Personal Appearance* and with Spring Byington in *Halos and Spotlights*. For the last six months, Patti has been resident lead at Chicago's Country Club Theatre where she has starred in *Ready When You Are C. B.*, *Under The Yum Yum Tree* and *Any Wednesday*.

GERALDINE POWER (Mrs. Banks) opens the season at The Little Theatre-On The Square for the second time, two years ago appearing with Kathleen Nolan in *Ready When You Are, C. B.*

One of Chicago's most popular actresses, Miss Power's credits include roles with most of America's leading actors in top stage vehicles . . . *Heaven Can Wait* with Jack Palance, *Halos and Spotlights* with Spring Byington, *Late Christopher Bean* with Thelma Ritter, *Love From A Stranger* with Joan Caulfield, *I Found April* with Jeanne Crain, *Glad Tidings* with Ann Sothern, *Take Her, She's Mine* with William Bendix, *Anniversary Waltz* with Dan Dailey, *Time Out For Ginger* with Pat O'Brien, *Good Housekeeping* with Myrna Loy, *Glad Tidings* with Sarah Churchill and *The Solid Gold Cadillac* with Martha Raye.

She was a three-season resident actress at Shady Lane Playhouse, appearing in many productions ranging from *Ladies' Night In A Turkish Bath* to *Father Of The Bride*.

ART KASSUL (Victor Velasco) with more than 200 stage credits, makes his first appearance at The Little Theatre-On The Square. Off-Broadway, his three appearances include a role as Uncle Ben in the Equity Library production of *A Trip To Chinatown*. National tours include roles in *Taming Of The Shrew*, *Moby Dick* and with Jeanne Crain in *Claudia*.

Stock theatres across the country have featured Art Kassul with Jeffry Hunter in *The Rainmaker*, Joan Caulfield in *Roar Like A Dove*, Peggy Cass in *Everybody Loves Opal*, John Payne in *Calculated Risk* and Dwayne Hickman in *Drink To Me Only*, and other roles were in *Death Of A Salesman* and *Tom Jones*, to name only a few. Other leading stars with whom he has worked include Lynn Bari, Patsy Kelly, Phyllis Kirk, Forrest Tucker, and Brandon DeWilde.

Television dramatic roles include appearances on *East Side*, *West Side*, *Decoy* and *Big Story* and the Art Kassul face and voice often appear in TV commercials.

Film roles include shots in *Never Love A Stranger*, *Act One*, *All The Way Home* and the Alfred Hitchcock mystery-thriller, *North By Northwest*, with Jimmy Stewart.

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