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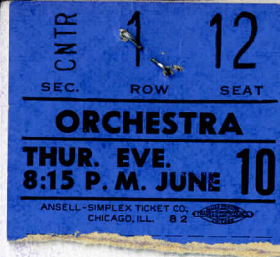
Ninth Season • May 11 - October 3, 1965 • Sullivan, Illinois



Guy S. Little, Jr. Presents

MARGARET O'BRIEN in "GIGI"

JUNE 8-13, 1965



Guy S. Little, Jr.

PRESENTS

MARGARET O'BRIEN

in

"GIGI"

Dramatized by Anita Loos From the Novel by Colette

With

WILLIAM H. ANDREWS

Eileen Sparks, Barbara Lea, Sylvia Walden,

Diane Gibbons and Otto Schlesinger

DIRECTED BY JOHN KELSO

Scenery and Lighting Designed by Steven Linn

ENTIRE PRODUCTION UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MR. LITTLE

CAST

Gigi	MARGARET O'BRIEN
Mme. Alvarez	SYLVIA WALDEN
Andree	BARBARA LEA
Gaston Lachaille	WILLIAM H. ANDREWS
Victor	OTTO SCHLESINGER
Sidonie	DIANE GIBBONS
Alicia De St. Ephlam	EILEEN SPARKS

Setting: Paris, 1900

ACT I

Scene 1. The apartment of Mme. Alvarez.
Scene 2. The boudoir of Alicia de St. Ephlam.
Scene 3. Mme. Alvarez's apartment.

ACT II

Scene 1. Mme. Alvarez's apartment.
Scene 2. Alicia's boudoir.
Scene 3. Mme. Alvarez's apartment.

There Will be a 10 Minute Intermission Between Acts
No Smoking In The Theatre
No Pictures Please — Cameras Not Permitted in Theatre

PRODUCTION STAFF FOR MR. LITTLE

Production Stage Manager...Otto L. Schlesinger
Assistant Stage Manager.....John Economos
Assistants to the Producer....Vince De Dario
and Bill Hudnet
Box Office..Penny Moses, Addie Patterson, Pat
Bennett, Paula Noble, Alma Smith, Inis Little
Properties Bill Fecht
Children's Theatre Director Lowell Christy
Scenic Designer Steven Linn

National Representative Floyd Ackerman
Production Assistants...Fred Hahn, Peter Ross,
Robert Lark, Paula Francis, Karen Dille
and Timothy Galbreath
Costume Co-Ordinator and
Hair Styles Rod Fernandez
Public Relations Lee York
Executive Secretary Dee Bradley
Program Advertising Jerili Little and
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Gigi presented through permission with Samuel French, Inc., NYC.

Who's Who in the Cast . . .

MARGARET O'BRIEN (Gigi) was born in San Diego and at the early age of four, made her first movie, *Journey For Margaret*. She went on to make many other movies and received an Academy Award for *Meet Me In St. Louis* when she was eight years old. As a child star, she made over twenty movies including *The Secret Garden* and *Little Women*. Her latest film, *Heller In Pink Tights*, co-stars Miss O'Brien with Sophia Loren.

In stock, Miss O'Brien has played every leading theatre in the country in a variety of dramas and comedies including *A Shot In The Dark*, *Peg of My Heart*, *The Moon Is Blue*, *The Young And Fair*, a long tour of *Under The Yum-Yum Tree* with Hugh Marlow and James MacArthur, *Sunday In New York* with Tommy Sands and *One In A Row* with Phil Foster. She has played *Gigi* many times in stock and will be again starring in the French comedy at Canal Fulton, Ohio following her week in Sullivan.

Recently, Miss O'Brien appeared on the Bob Hope Chrysler Theatre with George Hamilton. She has been guest star on all the major dramatic TV shows. Last season, Miss O'Brien co-starred with Dane Clark in the National Company tour of *A Thousand Clowns* for a full year. Margaret is married to Bob Allen, an art director for an advertising firm in Hollywood which handles the "Beatles" and other Rock and Roll groups.

WILLIAM H. ANDREWS (Gaston) is appearing in his fourth role this season at the Little Theatre. Earlier this year he was seen in *Sunday in New York* with Gary Conway and Christina Crawford and *Ready When You Are, C. B.!* with Kathleen Nolan. Last year Mr. Andrews appeared with Linda Darnell in *Janus* and Marie Wilson in *Lo and Behold* here in Sullivan. A regular member of Chicago's Candlelight Dinner Theatre, Mr. Andrews has a background that includes appearances on major network TV shows such as Studio One and Omnibus and credits on Broadway in the original production of *Kismet* with Alfred Drake. In the Chicago area some of the productions he has starred in are *Marriage-Go-Round*, *Golden Boy*, *Mister Roberts*, and *Two For The Seesaw*.

EILEEN SPARKS (Alicia De St. Ephlam) opened Chicago's new Drury Lane Theatre this past winter in *The Happiest Millionaire* starring Walter Pidgeon. Miss Sparks has a popular one-woman musical and dramatic show which has been presented for many clubs and organizations throughout Chicagoland. She has the rights to use Gracie Fields material and songs and has included this material in many of her musical programs. In stock, she has appeared as Madame Arcati in *Blithe Spirit*, Catherine in *Charity Begins*, Leonora in *Ladies In Retirement*, Eliza Doolittle in *Pygmalion* and Phoebe in *Quality Street*. Miss Sparks received all her

theatrical training in England, both in schools of drama and British repertory companies. She has been director of the Chicago Park District drama department and has taught drama at various Chicago drama studios. Eileen's appearance in *Gigi* at The Little Theatre is her Sullivan debut.

SYLVIA WALDEN (Mme. Alvarez) is a recent arrival to the Chicago area from Los Angeles, California. In Hollywood, she studied acting with Benjamin Zernach and Michael Chekhov. She studied dance with Charles Weidman and the Swiss Mime Trudi School, both of whom she appeared with in concerts. Her stage credits include *Only In America* with Herschel Bernardi, *The Crucible* with Anne Revere and *The World of Sholom Aleichem* with Howard De Silva. Miss Walden was also heard as the Secretary in the weekly radio series *Matthew Slade—Private Eye*, in Hollywood and she has also worked in TV and movies and was seen in the film version of *Two For The Seesaw* with Robert Mitchum and Shirley MacLaine. Since coming to Chicago, Sylvia has appeared at Chicago's Candlelight Theatre in *Photo Finish*. This is her first appearance at The Little Theatre.

BARBARA LEA (Andree) made a hit with The Little Theatre audiences this season as Felicia in *Ready When You Are C. B.!* and as the Woman in *Sunday In New York*. Last year Barbara appeared in Sullivan in *Kind Sir*, *Solid Gold Cadillac*, *Sound of Music* and *My Fair Lady*. In 1956 she won the Down Beat Critics' Poll as The Best New Singer and received coverage in Time Magazine. Her TV appearances include *THE TONIGHT SHOW*, *UNITED STATES STEEL HOUR* and *THE NAKED CITY*. Last fall, she had the starring role in *Enter Laughing* for eight weeks at Chicago's Candlelight Theatre. Next week Barbara will be seen in *Dracula* with John Carradine.

DIANE GIBBONS (Sidonie) originally hails from Madison, Wisconsin where, after completing her schooling at the University of Wisconsin, she migrated to Chicago. There she completed graduate study at Goodman Theatre. Mrs. Gibbons has just returned from London where she studied at Guildhall School of Music and Drama and worked professionally with the West End Circle Theatre. More recently she appeared with Edd Byrnes in *Picnic at Pheasant Run* Playhouse. Diane has also toured with Lou Musils Childrens Theatre of Chicago, and is currently modeling as *Chubby* housewives for several popular products. Some of her stage credits include Beatrice in *View From The Bridge*, Opal in *Everybody Loves Opal*, the Mother in *Come Blow Your Horn*, Mae in *Bye, Bye Birdie* and later this summer she will appear as Bloody Mary in *South Pacific* at a theatre in Wisconsin.

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Children—85c Adults—\$1.00

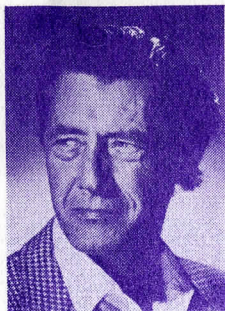
"PINOCCHIO" June 12, 19 and 26

"ALICE IN WONDERLAND" July 3, 10 and 17

"ROBIN HOOD" July 24, 31 and Aug. 7

"TOM SAWYER ABROAD" Aug. 14, 21 and 28

Coming To The Little Theatre . . .



June 15-20

JOHN CARRADINE

in
"DRACULA"

Spine Chilling
Mystery Thriller!



June 22-27

EDD BYRNES

Star of
"77 SUNSET STRIP"
in
"BUS STOP"



June 29-July 4

TAB HUNTER

in
"MISTER ROBERTS"

MUSICAL SEASON

July 6-18 (2 weeks)

JULIA MEADE

in
Meredith Willson's

HERE'S LOVE

New B'Way Musical Hit!

July 20-Aug. 1 (2 weeks)

BETTY ANN GROVE

in



August 3-15 (2 weeks)

PETER PALMER

in



I'll Be a SLAVE

August 17-22

MR. and MRS. PAT O'BRIEN

in

"LOVE AND KISSES"

Wonderful Family Comedy!

August 24-Sept. 5 (2 weeks)

ROSEMARY PRINZ

TV's PENNY in

"MARY, MARY"

3 years on B'Way!



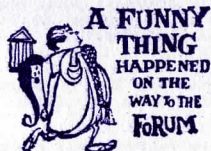
Sept. 7-19 (2 weeks)

EDDIE BRACKEN in

Hilarious Musical

"A good, clean dirty show"

—Time Magazine



A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

Sept. 21-Oct. 3 (2 weeks)

Sweetheart of a Musical!"
—N.Y. News

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Announced



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matinee at 2:30—\$3.20, 2.10 and 1.00.

CURTAIN TIME: Tuesday through Friday at 8:15 Saturday at 5:00 and 9:00, Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30.

For Complete Information Write: **THE LITTLE THEATRE**, Sullivan, Illinois 61951.

Box Office Open Daily 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. No Refunds. Tickets may be exchanged or credited if returned to the box office 24 hours before the performance.

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