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**Will Hutchins in "Sweet Charity"**

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## To The Eleventh Season



**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, Jerili, 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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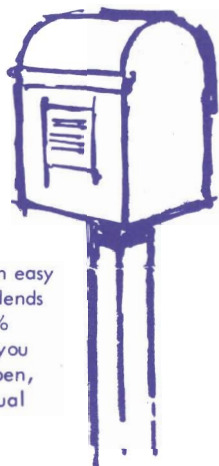
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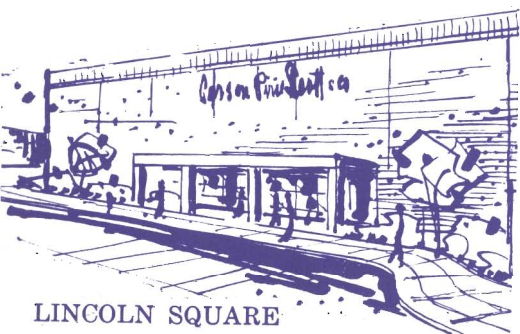
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**ROBERT  
BAKER**  
(Director)

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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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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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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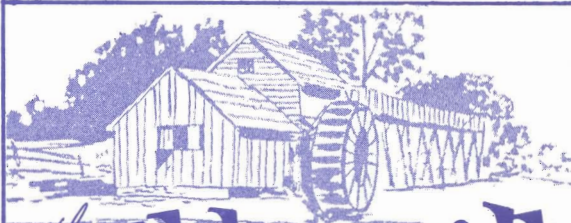
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## Who's Who in the Cast . . .

**WILL HUTCHINS** (Oscar) has starred in two TV series, *Sugarfoot* and last season's *Hey, Landlord*. Mr. Hutchins co-stars in the new Elvis Presley film, *Clambake* and earlier this summer, before coming to Sullivan, he starred in *Early To Bed* at Pheasant Run Playhouse near Chicago. Will received his first break on the highly praised *Matinee Theatre* and ultimately signed a five year contract with Warner Brothers Studios. After starring in the *Sugarfoot* series for four years, Will appeared in such films as *Lafayette Escadrille*, *Bombers B-52*, *No Time For Sergeants* and *Claudelle* *Inglish*. On Broadway, he co-starred with Dennis O'Keefe and Martha Scott in *Never Too Late*, after appearing in the national company of the same play with William Bendix and Nancy Carroll.

In 1964, while appearing on Broadway, Will met and married Chris Burnett, sister of comedienne Carol Burnett, and they now have a young daughter and reside in a Spanish style home above the Sunset Strip.

**LEONA EVANS** (Charity) returns to Sullivan after achieving great success as Daisy Gamble in *On A Clear Day You Can See Forever* starring Jack Haskell earlier this season. Miss Evans has made numerous appearances at The Little Theatre-On The Square beginning in 1962 when she was seen in *Bye Bye Birdie* with Jack Chaplain, as Mazeppa in *Gypsy* with Margaret Whiting, and in *Oklahoma!* with Peter Palmer. Since then, Leona has been featured as Sarah in *Late Love* with Margaret Truman, Mrs. Sowerberry in *Oliver!* and Hedy in *How To Succeed In Business*. Last season, she stopped the show nightly by singing "The Gentleman is a Dope" in *Allegro*. Leona also appeared with the national company of *How To Succeed* for over a year, and in addition, has appeared in the title role in *Gypsy* with Julie Wilson. When not singing, dancing and acting on the stage, Leona appears at leading night clubs across the country.

**ERIK SILYU** (Vittorio Vidal) appeared on Broadway with Claudette Colbert in *Julia*, *Jake And Uncle Joe*. Mr. Silyu, who is making his Sullivan debut in the current production, was Carol Channing's leading man on her recent concert tour. He was featured as Olav on TV's *Route 66* and as Thor on *The Secret Storm*. Off-Broadway audiences saw Mr. Silyu as Jupiter in *Out Of This World* and leading theatres throughout the country have seen Erik as Miles Gloriousus in *A Funny Thing Happened*, Emile in *South Pacific* and Paul in *The Marriage-Go-Round*. Immediately before coming to Sullivan, Erik was featured as Von Trapp in *Sound Of Music* in Ft. Worth, Texas.

**MELODY ROGERS** (Nickie) makes her Sullivan debut in *Sweet Charity* after appearing in the Chicago area with Dorothy Collins in *Counsel*, Patrice Munsel in *Kiss Me, Kate*, Howard Keel in *South Pacific*, Mimi Hines in *Anything Goes* and *Bells Are Ringing* with Gordon MacRae. Melody has appeared in many industrial films, industrial shows and on ABC-TV's *American Swingaround*. She has toured with the Gaslight Roadshows and has been featured in productions of *West Side Story*, *Redhead* and *Meet Me In St. Louis*.

**BILL HADDAD** (Herman) has established himself as a favorite with audiences during the past three seasons at The Little Theatre-On The Square. *Sweet Charity* marks his first appearance of this season, but he will remain to appear as Luther Billis in *South Pacific*. Bill has appeared with Julia Meade in *Here's Love*, Tab Hunter in *Mister Roberts*, Betty Ann Grove in *Camelot* and the touring production of *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*. In addition to his talents as an actor, Bill is an experienced director, and for the past two years, he has served as director of the Monroe, La. Little Theatre.

## SNYOPSIS OF SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT I

#### Prologue—Charity's Wish

Scene 1. The Park  
*You Should See Yourself*.....Charity and Dark Glasses  
*The Rescue* ..... The Passers-by

Scene 2. Hostess Room

Scene 3. Fan-Dango Ballroom  
*Big Spender* ..... Nickie, Helene, Carmen and Fan-Dango Girls  
*Charity's Soliloquy* ..... Charity

Scene 4. New York Street

Scene 5. Pompeii Club  
*Rich Man's Frug* ..... The Patrons

Scene 6. Vittorio Vidal's Apartment  
*If My Friends Could See Me Now* ..... Charity  
*Too Many Tomorrows* ..... Vidal

Scene 7. Hostess Room  
*There's Gotta Be Something Better Than This* ..  
.....Charity, Nickie and Carmen

Scene 8. YMHA—92nd Street "Y"  
*I'm The Bravest Individual* .. Charity and Oscar

### There Will Be A 10 Minute Intermission Between Acts

### ACT II

Scene 1. YMHA—92nd Street "Y"

Scene 2. Rhythm of Life Church  
*Rhythm of Life* ..... Daddy Brubeck and Worshippers

Scene 3. Going Cross-town

Scene 4. Charity's Apartment  
*Baby Dream Your Dream* .... Nickie and Helene

Scene 5. Coney Island  
*Sweet Charity* ..... Oscar

Scene 6. Fan-Dango Ballroom  
*Where Am I Going* ..... Charity

Scene 7. Times Square

Scene 8. Barney's Chile Hacienda

Scene 9.  
*I'm A Brass Band* ..... Charity

Scene 10. Fan-Dango Ballroom  
*I Love To Cry At Weddings* ..... Herman, Nickie, Helene, Girls and Patrons



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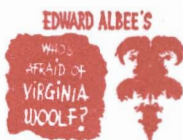


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