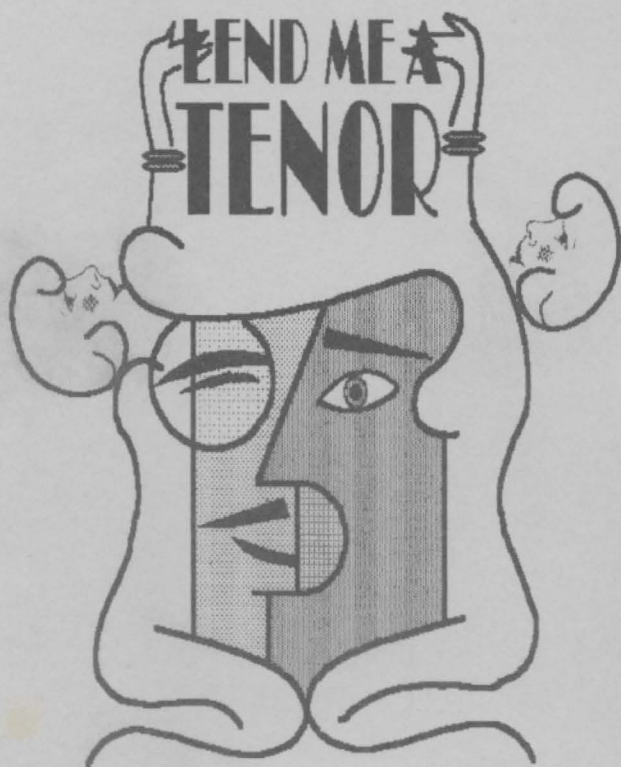


Pyramid Players
present



A Comedy by
Ken Ludwig

July 9 & 10, 1993

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CAST

MAX	Kevin Austin
MAGGIE	Azsure Dorton
RICHARD SANDERS	Erik Berrey
HENRY SAUNDERS	Joshua Bailey
TITO MERELLI	.....	Matt Wolfe
MARIA	.....	Pam Kimball
BELLHOP	.....	A.J. Triano
DIANA	.....	Julie Warner
JULIA	.....	Signe Skinion

*The action takes place in a hotel suite in
Cleveland, Ohio in 1934.*

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Act 1, Scene I, Early afternoon on a Saturday
in September

Scene 2, Four hours later

Act II, Scene 1, That night, about 11 o'clock

Scene 2, Fifteen minutes later

KEVIN AUSTIN (Max) is currently a senior at the University of Alabama. Kevin is extremely active in forensic competition, receiving the Alabama College of Communication Ambassador Scholarship for the Alabama Forensics Council. He was the team national champion in 1992 and was a national finalist in D.I., prose, and poetry. This year, Kevin placed third in duo interpretation in the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament with a cutting from LEND ME A TENOR and was named National Student Chair for the 93-94 District 6. Kevin was also very active in the Mt. Vernon High School forensic and theatre programs.

JOSHUA BAILEY (Henry Saunders), is a graduate of DuQuoin High School and will be attending SIU this fall. In high school, Joshua appeared in 13 productions, playing parts like The Phantom in THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, and Sweeney Todd in SWEENEY TODD; THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET. His acting talents took him to the IHSA State tournament in Dramatic Duet Acting, Contest Play (MINNESOTA MOON) and Group Interpretation, and earned him the R.P. Hibbs award for service all four years. A four year member of the Pyramid Players, Joshua has appeared in FOLLIES, GYPSY, FOREIGNER, MY FAIR LADY, and last year as Drake in ANNIE.

ERIK BERREY (Richard Saunders), is currently a sophomore at SIU. Pyramid Player audiences last saw Erik in THE FOREIGNER. A graduate of Benton high school, Erik was actively involved in the BCHS theatre program performing in 10 productions including the leading role of Atticus in the All-State production of TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD. A member of the BCHS Speech team, Erik advanced to the IHSA state tournament and was a state finalist in Verse Reading. His work in speech and theatre won him the Outstanding Thespian Awards his senior year.

MICHAEL COMPTON (Assistant Director) will be a sophomore at Benton High School in the fall. Michael has been a member of the Pyramid Players for four years, appearing in productions of WIZARD OF OZ and PETER PAN. This year he will be seen as Evil Eye Fleagle in LIL' ABNER. Michael and his family were named as most valuable participants for Pyramid Players in 1991 and 1992. Michael is also very active in high school speech and drama. He was named Outstanding Freshman speech team member and he advanced to the IHSA State Competition with the group interpretation, I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY. Michael also appeared in the BCHS productions of CLASS DISMISSED and GREASE.

AZSURE DORTON (Maggie) is a graduate of Benton High School and will be attending Millikin University in the fall with a talent grant in theatre and dance. In high school, Azsure was extremely active in speech and theatre. She portrayed the role of Raja Englanderova in the state qualifying production of *I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY*, for which she was named to the IHSA All-state Cast. In speech competition, Azsure was awarded one of the top twenty awards in the Egyptian Forensic League, with the top amount of points in the league, and advanced the IHSA State Competition in dramatic interpretation and creative sportsmanship.

ALLAN KIMBALL (director) is the drama director at DuQuoin High School. One of the co-founders of the Pyramid Players, Allan has directed over 25 productions as well as serving as the technical director for the past 17 seasons. For his work with the Pyramid Players, he received the Benton Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year for 1988. Allan also directs all of the DuQuoin High School productions, as well as coaching a successful speech team. This past year, students from his program advanced to the IHSA State Tournament in Individual Events, Group Interpretation, and Drama. For the first time in the 17 year history of the Pyramid Players, Allan will be appearing on stage in a "Surprise" role in *LIL' ABNER*.

PAM KIMBALL (Maria) is the speech and drama instructor at Benton High School. She has been active in the Pyramid Players for twelve years, appearing in such roles as Carrie in *CAROUSEL*, Mama Rose in *GYPSY*, Anita in *WEST SIDE STORY*, and, of course, the evil Miss Hannigan in last year's production of *ANNIE*. Pam has also directed the children's productions for several years, including *WIZARD OF OZ*, *HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN*, *PETER PAN*, and this year's production of *Lil' ABNER*. Pam also directs the plays and musicals at BCHS and coaches the award-winning speech team. In addition to her duties as speech coach and drama director, she takes care of a five year old and a one year old (Justin and Josh), the biggest challenges of all!

SIGNE SKINION (Julia) is a 1993 graduate of Benton High School and will be attending Bradley University in the fall. She has been involved with the Pyramid Players for seven years and has been student director for the children's production for four years. In high school, Signe was extremely active in speech, drama, and music activities. She was seen as the "wench" in the BCHS madrigal feastes for 3 years and in most of the BCHS drama productions. Her senior year, she was named to the Top Twenty participant list in the Egyptian Forensic League, was named Most Valuable Participant in speech, and was awarded a Senior Chorus Honor Award.

A. J. TRIANO (Bellhop) is going to be a senior at Benton High School. He has been an active member of the Pyramid Players for ten years. You may remember him as the little eight year old Sidney in the 1983 production of TOM SAWYER, his first Pyramid Player show. A.J. is extremely active in speech and drama activities at BCHS. He has been president of the speech team for two years, and he advanced to the IHSA State Competition his junior year in humorous interpretation, creative sportsmanship, and as Honza, in the state qualifying group interpretation I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY for which he was named to the all-sectional cast. He has most recently been chosen as a cast member of the All-State production of JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR which will be performed at the Illinois State Theatre Festival in January.

JULIE WARNER (Diana) is a recent graduate of Benton High School and will be attending the University of Illinois in the fall. She has been active in the Pyramid Players for ten years, beginning with ANNIE at age nine. You may remember Julie from many outstanding roles at BCHS such as Rizzo in GREASE and Laurey in OKLAHOMA. This year, she was named Best Actress at BCHS, the National Choral Award recipient, and she was named to the Top Twenty Competitors in the Egyptian Forensic League. Julie also advanced to the IHSA State Competition in Creative Sportsmanship and in the group interpretation, I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY, for which she was named to the all-sectional cast.

MATT WOLFE (Tito Merelli) will be a senior at Sesser-Valier High School this fall. Matt has been a member of the Pyramid Players for several years, appearing in such productions as THE FOREIGNER and ANNIE. Matt is extremely active in theatre across Southern Illinois. He has portrayed the roles of Perchik in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF and Sky Masterson in GUYS 'N DOLLS at Sesser-Valier High School. He also played the role of Joseph in JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT at the Marion Civic Center, where he also directed a production of WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY. Recently, he was seen as Hugo in the production of BYE, BYE BIRDIE at the Sesser Opera House.

PRODUCTION CREW

Director Allan Kimball
Assistant Director Michael Compton
Set Design Allan Kimball
Lighting Seth Kohlhaas
Sound Troy Brown
Vocal Coach John Wilkinson
Master Carpenters....

Jan and Darrell Compton

Set Construction ...

Angie Barnes, Troy Brown, Michael
Compton, Adam Overturf, Signe Skinion,
Neill Slater, Travis Stern, A.J. Triano

Props Susan Mills
Box Office Susan Summers
Program Carson Johnson



Lil' Abner
July 15, 16, 17, & 18th

Oliver
July 26, 27, & 28th

Oliver