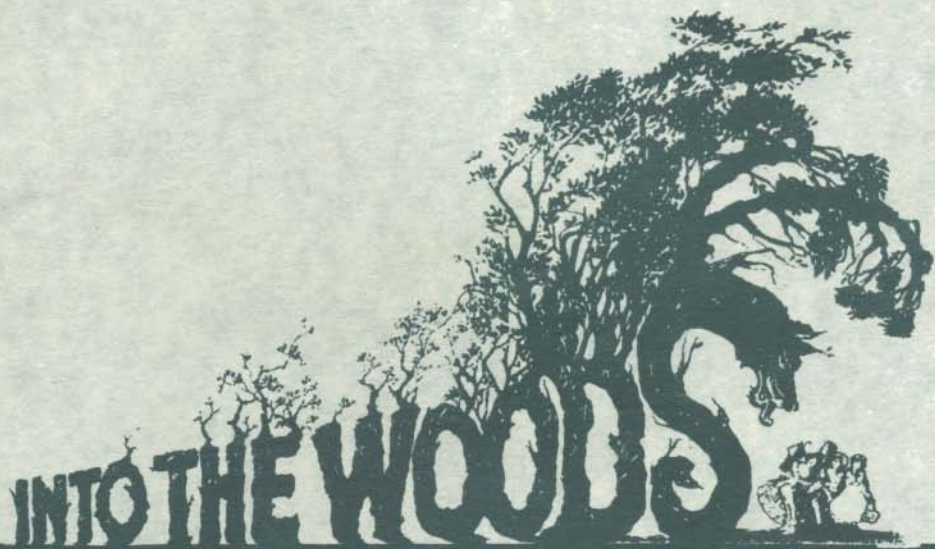


The
Pyramid Players

Presents



music by Stephen Sondheim, lyrics by James Lapine

July 27, 28 & 29, 1995

7:30 P.M.

Rend Lake College Theatre

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Welcome!

On behalf of the PYRAMID PLAYERS, we would like to welcome you to our 19th Annual Summer season! Stop a minute and take a look at the person sitting next to you. Try to remember or imagine what they looked like 20 years ago. (Remember, if they are college-age or younger, they hadn't even been born!) That's to let you see how many years we've been doing what we do. When we graduated from BCHS in the mid 70's, there were *NO community theatre groups in Southern Illinois*. If you wanted to see a Broadway show, you had 3 choices:

- 1) Go to New York
- 2) Go to St. Louis
- 3) Go to SIU

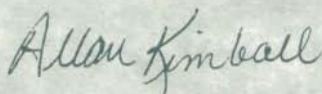
So, we decided, then and there, that we would return to Southern Illinois after college and create an opportunity for those students and adults interested in theatre, and especially musical theatre to be able to perform in quality productions. Since that time, we have gotten married, had children and, during our summers, produced nearly 50 Broadway shows. Our name and reputation has continued to grow. After nearly two decades, when people in Southern Illinois see the name PYRAMID PLAYERS, many of them associate it with theatre.

We hope our audiences have enjoyed coming to see our shows throughout the years as much as we have enjoyed presenting them. We have tried to present a variety of shows - something for everyone. As you peruse the back cover of tonight's program, you may remember attending or performing in one of our past shows. Many of our young proteges have gone on to major in the performing arts in college and then to pursue careers in the field. This is the highest compliment we could ever ask for. Thanks again for coming to see our show. We hope you'll tell your friends about us and encourage them to drop in next year for our exciting 20th season!

Sincerely,



Brian K. Summers
Co-Founder/Director
PYRAMID PLAYERS



Allan Kimball
Co-Founder/Director
PYRAMID PLAYERS

JNTO THE WOODS

cast of characters

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| Narrator | Travis Stern |
| Cinderella | Stephanie Odle |
| Jack | A.J. Triano |
| Jack's Mother | Susan Summers |
| The Baker | Brian Summers |
| The Baker's Wife | Carolyn Briggs |
| Cinderella's Stepmother | Karen King |
| Florinda, a Stepsister | Julie Warner |
| Lucinda, a Stepsister | Kiley Mitchell |
| Cinderella's Father | Terry Hopkins |
| Little Red Riding Hood | Emily Kimmel |
| The Witch | Pam Kimball |
| Rapunzel / Cinderella's Mother | Jenny Minton |
| Mysterious Man | Michael Compton |
| The Wolf | Seth Kohlhaas |
| Granny / The Giant | Natalie Lewis |
| The Prince's Steward | Bucky Cross |
| Cinderella's Prince | Russ Reidelberger |
| Rapunzel's Prince | Adam Jenkins |
| Snow White | Kim Barnes |
| Sleeping Beauty | Starina Johnson |
| Captain Hook | Douglas Bigham |
| Peter Pan | William Zettler |
| Wendy Darling | Jennifer Wilson |
| Hansel | Marcus Elliot |
| Gretl | Andrea Keen |
| Robin Hood | Marshall Mullins |
| Merlin | Tommy Miller |
| Alice in Wonderland | Lacy Woodside |
| The Queen of Hearts | Wendy Whitcomb |
| Georgie Porgie | Scott Heape |

Musical Numbers

Act One

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| "Prologue: Into the Woods" | Company |
| "Hello, Little Girl" | The Wolf, Little Red Riding Hood |
| "I Guess This Is Goodbye" | Jack |
| "Maybe They're Magic" | Baker's Wife |
| "I Know Things Now" | Little Red Riding Hood |
| "A Very Nice Prince" | Cinderella, Baker's Wife |
| "Giants in the Sky" | Jack |
| "Agony" | The Two Princes |
| "It Takes Two" | Baker, Baker's Wife |
| "Stay With Me" | The Witch |
| "On the Steps of the Palace" | Cinderella |
| "Ever After" | Narrator, Company |

Act Two

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| "Prologue: So Happy" | Company |
| "Reprise: Agony" | The Two Princes |
| "Lament" | The Witch |
| "Any Moment" | Cinderella's Prince, Baker's Wife |
| "Your Fault" | Jack, Baker, Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood |
| "Last Midnight" | The Witch |
| "No More" | Baker, Mysterious Man |
| "No One is Alone" | Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood Baker, Jack |
| "Finale: Children will Listen" | Witch, Company |

Into the Cast

Kimberly Barnes (Snow White) - Kimberly is a 16 year old junior at DuQuoin High School. This is her second Pyramid Players production. She was in OLIVER! in 1993 and looks forward to returning to the RLC stage in the future. Kim has enjoyed socializing with the cast of INTO THE WOODS, especially dancing with the Steward, Cinderella's Prince, and Jack!

Douglas Bigham (Captain Hook) - When Pinckneyville Community High School presented MY FAIR LADY this past spring, it was Douglas who brought life to the comical Alfred B. Doolittle. He is 16 years old and will be in charge of the *Music Makers* organization (along with Lacy Woodside) at PCHS. He was selected among thousands of auditioners to sing with the All-State Chorus at the Illinois Music Educators Association Convention held in Peoria in January 1995.

Carolyn Briggs (Baker's Wife) - Carolyn, 22, a native of Chicago, is joining Pyramid Players for the first time. A recent graduate with a Theatre degree from SIU, Carolyn remains in Carbondale to finish a degree in Speech Communications. Her favorite roles include Nancy in DO BLACK PATENT LEATHER SHOES REALLY REFLECT UP?, Marta in COMPANY, and Paulette DuPaul in OVER HERE. Carolyn will be returning to Chicago this fall to pursue a professional acting career.

Michael Compton (Mysterious Man / Set Designer) - Michael received the "Outstanding Performance by a Juvenile Actor" Award for his hilarious portrayal of Evil Eye Fleagle in the 1993 Pyramid Players production of LIL ABNER. He has developed a serious interest in the technical area of theatre, designing the set for tonight's show. His talent was recognized by being named to the set crew of the 1995 All-State production of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, performed at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival in Champaign. He will be a senior at Benton High School in the fall.

Bucky Cross (The Steward) - Bucky is a senior at McLeansboro High School. This is his first year with Pyramid Players and he is "having a blast acting and meeting great new people!" He is a lifeguard at McLeansboro Swimming Pool and is rejoicing at having the darkest tan of the whole cast!

Marcus Elliott (Hansel) - Marcus has been in Pyramid Players for two years, first as Noah Claypole in OLIVER!, a role for which he received the coveted "Larry Lewis's Father I Have Sinned Against God and Against You Award" (also known as the "Horse's rear-end Award"), and now as a member of the choral ensemble of INTO THE WOODS. He is a freshman at Northwestern studying civil engineering. Marcus graduated in 1995 from Sesser-Valier High School where he participated with S-V Thespians in their spring musicals.

Scott Heape (Georgie Porgie) - Scott is a recent graduate of DuQuoin High School. He has played many roles throughout his high school career, but his most memorable included Tevye in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, Ben in DEATH OF A SALESMAN, and singing "On the Willows" in GODSPELL. He would like to thank his sister Amelia and his mother for getting him involved in theatre.

Terry Hopkins (Cinderella's Father) - Born and raised in West Frankfort, Terry is the father of 20 year old twin boys. He and his wife Jeri are residents of Mt. Vernon, where he is an Appellate Court Judge. He is a 1970 graduate of SIU and a 1974 graduate of the St. Louis University Law School. Terry has been with the Pyramid Players since 1986 and has played such memorable roles as Jigger in CAROUSEL, Alfred Doolittle in MY FAIR LADY, Daddy Warbucks in ANNIE and Mr. Bumble in OLIVER! "Acting is therapy, where one can be someone else and share the creative spirit to entertain others." In addition to his on-stage role, Terry will deliver a very "moo-ving" performance off-stage as well.

Adam Jenkins (Rapunzel's Prince) - As a student at DuQuoin High School, Adam's favorite roles include Perchick in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, Captain Keller in THE MIRACLE WORKER, and Jesus in GODSPELL. He was named the Egyptian Forensics League Champion for the 94-95 season, and was a finalist in both the IHSA State Championship Original Oration and Dramatic Duet categories. After finishing the summer, he will be a freshman at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois.

Starina Johnson (Sleeping Beauty) - Starina, an incoming junior at Benton Consolidated High School, has made a habit of portraying screaming kitchen wenches in three BCHS productions: two *Christmas Madrigal Feastes* and ONCE UPON A MATTRESS. She will be involved with the stage crew of MAN OF LA MANCHA, the All-State production to be presented in January '96.

Andrea Keen (Gretl) - Andrea played a scientist in LI'L ABNER and will be in the choral ensemble of INTO THE WOODS. She is a 14 year old sophomore at Mt. Vernon Township High School where she participates in Speech and Acting, Children's Theatre and the Spring Operetta.

Allan Kimball (Director) - Allan is the co-director and co-founder of the Pyramid Players, for which he has directed or designed over 40 productions since 1977. As a teacher at DuQuoin High School, Allan directs the plays and musicals, and coaches the award-winning speech and drama team. Most recently, his production of the play DEATH OF A SALESMAN placed fifth at the IHSA State Drama Competition in Decatur. Pyramid Players audiences may remember Allan in his one and only appearance on stage in LI'L ABNER.

Pam Kimball (The Witch) - An English teacher at Benton High School, Pam coaches the highly successful speech and drama team, and was named Egyptian Forensics League "Coach of the Year" twice in her tenure at BCHS. She has been a member of Pyramid Players for 15 seasons and has directed the popular children's productions for the past five. Her favorite Pyramid Players roles include Miss Hannigan in ANNIE and Carrie Snow in CAROUSEL for which she received "Best Actress" Awards in 1987 and 1992.

Emily Kimmel (Little Red Riding Hood) - Emily is a recent graduate of Benton High School and has been active with Pyramid Players for the past 10 years. At BCHS, she played such roles as Winnefred in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS and Yente, the Matchmaker in the Illinois All-State production of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. She will attend Smith College in Massachusetts in the fall.

Karen King (Cinderella's Stepmother) - A music teacher and graphic artist, Karen has been involved with Pyramid Players for 17 years starting as a member of the orchestra for CINDERELLA. Among her stage credits are Aldonza in MAN OF LA MANCHA, Winnefred in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS, AIN'T MISBEHAVIN', and the Widow Corney in OLIVER!, for which she won Best Actress in 1993. Karen lives in the country with her husband Bill and two shelties -- Nugget and Pippin, who love to chase cows. (The dogs, not the husband!)

Seth Kohlhaas (The Wolf) - Recently cast in an All-State production of MAN OF LA MANCHA, Seth has been involved with the group for 7 years. Audiences will remember this 17 year old Benton High School senior as the lovable Abner Yokum in LI'L ABNER. He claims playing The Wolf in this production is his favorite acting role.

Natalie Lewis (Granny / The Giant) - Natalie is 16 years old and will be a senior at Benton High School in the fall. She has been with the Pyramid Players for 5 years portraying Grown-up Wendy in PETER PAN, Dr. Finsdale in LI'L ABNER, and Clara in THE BOYS NEXT DOOR.

Tommy Miller (Merlin) - Tommy first appeared with the group in the children's production of HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN. Since that time, he has been involved each summer. He is 16 years old and a student at Sesser-Valier High where he played the mute King in their performance of ONCE UPON A MATTRESS. Tommy found that role "very fun to do, but hard -- 'cause I love to talk!"

Jenna Minton (Rapunzel / Cinderella's Mother) - This is Jenna's first stage appearance with the Pyramid Players, but she did play in the pit orchestra for the 1993 staging of OLIVER! She has been in several musicals while a student at DuQuoin High School where she will be a senior. Jenna hopes to participate with this group in the future.

Kiley-Kay Mitchell (Lucinda) - Kiley is currently in 10th grade at Christopher High School. This young 15 year old's hobbies include cheerleading, softball, and school plays. This is Kiley's first year in the Pyramid Players and she hopes to continue being in our productions.

Marshall Mullins (Robin Hood) - This is Marshall's first year with the Pyramid Players, and he hopes to be involved in many more. The 15 year old junior at BCHS was active in speech and drama, performing in the state-qualifying group interpretation of *THE DRAGONSLAYER*. He is also involved in the popular *Christmas Madrigal Feaste* and *Jazz Cabaret* presented by the BCHS Madrigal Singers/Jazz Choir.

Stephanie Odle (Cinderella) - Stephanie first appeared with the Pyramid Players as an orphan in our 1984 production of *ANNIE*. She also starred in last summer's outdoor dinner theatre production of *AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'*, staged at the Southern Illinois Arts and Crafts Marketplace. Currently a senior at SIU-C finishing her B.A. in Music Theatre, she was last seen as Dorabella in Mozart's opera *COSI FAN TUTTE*. Stephanie has also appeared as Kim McAfee in *BYE BYE BIRDIE*, Susan in *COMPANY*, and Angelina in *TRIAL BY JURY*. She and her famous husband Dan, a KFVS-12 newscaster, reside in West Frankfort.

Russell Reidelberger (Cinderella's Prince) - Russ is a junior at SIU-C majoring in Theatre/English Education. He is a three year veteran of Pyramid Players. You might remember him as the lovable Lucian in last summer's *THE BOYS NEXT DOOR* presented at the Sesser Opera House. He has also performed in several plays and even an opera at SIU.

Travis Stern (The Narrator) - Travis recently graduated from DuQuoin High School, where he was an active member of the speech and acting team. This past spring, he placed fifth in the IHSA State Championships for Dramatic Duet Acting. Some of his roles in high school were Curley in *OF MICE AND MEN*, the Rabbi in *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*, Willey Loman in *DEATH OF A SALESMAN*, and John the Baptist/Judas in *GODSPELL*. He will attend ISU in the fall.

Brian Summers (Baker / Vocal Music Coach) - One of the co-founders of the Pyramid Players, Brian has, through the years, been on-stage, back-stage, and below-the-stage (as pit orchestra director!). Among his favorite roles are the King in *THE KING AND I*, and Seymour in *LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS*. Although he will be performing a lead role in tonight's show, his philosophy is "Make the most of the role that you are assigned -- be it chorus or lead. It *is* possible to steal the show with a bit part!" Some of his most memorable performances have been in parts such as the Butler in *ANNIE* and the barking dog in *PETER PAN*. Brian is choral director at Benton High School.

Susan Summers (Jack's mother) - Susan has been involved with the Pyramid Players since 1978. Over the years she has acquired the secretarial responsibilities of the group. "It can be quite a task, since we've grown from about 20 participants to over 600 on our active mailing list." Performing usually in the chorus of each of the musicals presented by Pyramid Players, Susan calls BARNUM the most fun to be in, BRIGADOON the prettiest set, and WEST SIDE STORY as the most beautiful music. After teaching elementary music for the past 10 years at Zeigler-Royalton, she will leave the music room for a kindergarten room starting in the fall.

A.J. Triano (Jack) - A.J., enjoying his 10th season in Pyramid Players, is a sophomore at Murray State University. In his first year as a Theatre major, he portrayed one lead, two supporting leads, and a chorus role in THE FOREIGNER, CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF, ANYTHING GOES, and CHARLOTTE'S WEB. He received Best Supporting Actor of the Year at MSU. Currently, he is preparing for a one semester exchange program with the University of Sunderland, England.

Julie Warner (Florinda) - A 20 year old Pre-Law student at the University of Illinois, Julie has been involved with the Pyramid Players for 11 years. She played Mary in the first children's production of TOM SAWYER, Young Sally in FOLLIES, Diana in LEND ME A TENOR, and was named Best Female Performer in a Children's Production. Recently, she performed in Stephen Sondheim's SWEENEY TODD at U of I.

Wendy Leigh Whitcomb (Queen of Hearts) - Wendy is a 16 year old incoming senior at Benton Consolidated High School. Though this is her first stage appearance with the Pyramid Players, you may remember her in the BCHS productions of THE MUSIC MAN (she played the eccentric Eulalie McKecknie Shinn) and ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (she played the overbearing Queen Aggravain). Madrigal Singers / Jazz Choir and Speech / Drama Team keep Wendy busy during the school year.

Jennifer Wilson (Wendy Darling, from *Peter Pan*) - INTO THE WOODS is Jennifer's first Pyramid Players show. After "meeting some interesting people and talking to Carolyn". Jennifer has decided to pursue a career in singing and acting. She is 16 years old and attends Benton High School.

Lacy Woodside (Alice in Wonderland) - Lacy attends Pinckneyville Community High School where she will be a junior in the fall. This is her first community theatre performance, but she recently displayed her talents as Mrs. Pearce in the high school production of MY FAIR LADY. She is active in *Music Makers* at her school.

William Zettler (Peter Pan) - A 1995 graduate of Sesser-Valier High School, William will be attending RLC in the fall. While a student at S-V, he appeared in four productions: Sir Evelyn in ANYTHING GOES, and the choruses of ONCE UPON A MATTRESS, GUYS AND DOLLS, and OKLAHOMA. This is his first Pyramid Players show.

Into the Pit

Sue Krapf (Orchestra Director) - Sue will begin her eighth year of teaching instrumental music at Benton Middle School this fall. She received a Bachelor's of Music Education from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1981 and just recently completed her Master's in Administrative Education from SIU-C in 1994. Sue has played in numerous Pyramid Players pit orchestras for the past 10 years and this is her third production to conduct for the group.

Tammy Kirk - flute and piccolo

Amanda Scobby - clarinet

Harold Irby - french horn

Salina Wyant - cello

Courtney Cox - synthesizer

Bill King - bassoon

John Odle - trumpet

Kelly Smith - violin

Larry Phifer - string bass

Lori Crain - percussion

Annette Shaw - piano

Into the Crew

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| Director | Allan Kimball |
| Vocal Music | Brian Summers |
| Orchestra | Sue Krapf |
| Rehearsal Accompanists | Annette Shaw, Sara Wilkinson |
| Set Design / Floor Electrician / Set Crew | Michael Compton |
| Lights | Troy Brown, Vanessa Sneed, Chip Hutchcraft |
| Sound | Keith Krapf |
| Fly System | Annon Dorton, Stephen Hagan |
| Automation / Set Crew | Darrell Compton |
| Set Artwork / Set Crew | Donna Keen |
| Rapunzel's Tower / Set Crew | Jan Compton |
| "Into the Woods" sign | Karen King, Cady Summers |
| Box Office/ Program Design | Susan Summers |
| Set Crew | Travis Stern, Bhavesh Patel, Annon Dorton Seth Kohlhaas, Tommy Miller, Peggy Whitcomb Russ Reidelberger, Adam Jenkins, Chip Hutchcraft Miles Reidelberger, A.J. Triano, Lee Emery Troy Brown, Stephen Hagan, Natalie Lewis Stephanie Odle, Jodie Keen, Andrea Keen Jennifer Whitcomb |

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