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OF THE THEATRE BOARD

May I, through the columns of this programme, take this opportunity of thanking the many patrons whose support in the past have encouraged the Board and myself in the very worth-while task of providing a live theatre for Harrogate.

In particular I welcome the many patrons for whom tonight is a single annual visit to the theatre or perhaps even their first visit. It is our policy, as one of the many regional theatres throughout the country, to provide live theatrical entertainment through the year to an ever increasing and appreciative audience and I can assure you that if you were to become one of our regular patrons you would find much of enthralling and lively interest in our presentations which range from new and classic productions by our own Harrogate Theatre Company under the direction of Brian Howard to visits from Opera and Ballet Companies of National repute.

This coming year is a particularly momentous one in the history of our theatre. Elsewhere in this programme you will read of plans afoot for Harrogate Theatre and the Board and myself have been encouraged to embark on this ambitious scheme by the promise of financial support from both the Arts Council of Great Britain and the Corporation of Harrogate. The remainder of the sum required to carry out this work will come from a public appeal for funds which will be launched in January.

However, after tonight’s performance you will be asked to help in advance of the official opening of the appeal by making a donation in the envelope provided with this programme. Can I ask you to give generously? This is YOUR theatre and one of which you can be justifiably proud. Even a relatively small donation from each of the many thousands of people who will see Salad Days will raise a very significant sum.

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Salad Days has always been a happy show, certainly for its authors, but also I think for the many actors who have appeared in it. Perhaps this is because it was never in our minds to write a record-breaking musical but simply to provide an entertainment vehicle for a group of actors, giving them all plenty of opportunities within the framework to show off their particular talents and enjoy themselves. If the show in the end turned out to be more than just a romp it was undoubtedly due to the spirit of the company. That spirit remained throughout the London run and I like to think it is there to this day.

I hope most sincerely that this new 1972 production of Salad Days will succeed in conveying to Harrogate audiences some of the pleasures and gaiety that we felt in its creation.

JULIAN SLADE

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The Tramp STANLEY BEARD
Troppo MICHAEL STANIFORTH
Jane URSULA BARCLAY
Timothy GEOFFREY BURRIDGE
Timothy’s Mother JANICE BEAN
Timothy’s Father GEOFFREY ADAMS
Aunt Prue LYNDIA BELLINGHAM
Lady Raeburn JANE MARTIN
Heloise JANICE BEAN
Assassin JANE FOX
Manicurist LYNDIA BELLINGHAM
P.C. Boot DAVID RHYS ANDERSON
Rowena LYNDIA BELLINGHAM
The Bishop STANLEY BEARD
Fosdyke NICHOLAS FIELD
Sir Calmsby Williams DAVID WEBB
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Anthea JANICE BEAN
Electrode DAVID RHYS ANDERSON
Uncle Zed GEOFFREY ADAMS

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

Overture
ACT ONE
Scene 1 The University
"The Things That Are Done By A Don"
— Jane, Timothy and Dons
"We Said That We Wouldn’t Look Back"
— Jane and Timothy
Scene 2 The Breakfast Room Of Timothy’s Family
"Find Yourself Something To Do"
— Father, Mother, Aunt Prue and Timothy
Scene 3 Hyde Park
"I Sit In The Sun" — Jane
"Oh, Look At Me, I’m Dancing I”
— Timothy and Jane
Scene 4 The Beauty Parlour
Scene 5 Hyde Park
"Bishop’s Dance” — The Bishop
"Oh, Look At Me, I’m Dancing I” — Ensemble
Scene 6 The Foreign Office
"It’s Hush-Hush"
— Uncle Clive, Fosdyke and Timothy
Scene 7 The Inspector’s Office
Scene 8 Hyde Park
"Out Of Breath” — Ensemble

INTERVAL

ACT TWO
Scene 1 The Cleopatra
"Cleopatra” — The Manager
"Sand In My Eyes” — Asphynxia
Scene 2 Hyde Park In The Early Hours Of The Morning
"It’s Easy To Sing” — Jane, Timothy and Nigel
Scene 3 The Hyde Park Cafe Terrace
"Let’s Take A Stroll Through London"
— P.C. Boot, Rowena and Troppo
"It’s Easy To Sing” — Reprise, Jane, Fiona and Nigel
"We’re Looking For A Piano” — Ensemble
Scene 4 Gusset Creations
"We’re Looking For A Piano” — Reprise and Ensemble
Scene 5 Hyde Park
"The Time Of My Life” — Jane
"Saucer Song”
— Uncle Zed, Jane, Timothy and Troppo
Scene 6 Hyde Park — Some Time Later
"We Don’t Understand Our Children”
— Timothy’s Mother and Lady Reeburn
"Oh, Look At Me, I’m Dancing I”
— Reprise, Ensemble
"Oh, Look At Me, I’m Dancing I”
— Reprise, Company
"We Said We Wouldn’t Look Back”
— Reprise, Jane and Timothy

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Brian Howard (Director)
... Artistic Director of Harrogate Theatre - his varied work has included Hamlet with Martin Potter, the British premiere of Brecht's Antigone and Goldfrapp's Christopher Columbus. Work for the Harrogate Theatre includes The Merry Widow, Oliver, and Hello Dolly. Mr. Howard has also directed at Perth Theatre, Northampton, Horncastle and the Library Theatre, Manchester.

Malcolm Clare (Choreographer)
... is widely experienced as both dancer and choreographer in films, television, cabaret and every type of entertainment except circus!
He has spent a good deal of time working and directing in Europe, including two revues and three television series in Amsterdam and a further television series in Rome. In Madrid, he worked with Christopher Plummer in the film of Royal Hunt Of The Sun. In this country he has worked in films and on television with such stars as Tommy Steele, Charlie Drake, Frank Ifield, Tom Jones, Benny Hill and Terry Scott. He has recently completed a series for Cliff Richard's and a series The History Of Popular Music.

THE COMPANY (in alphabetical order)
Geoffrey Adams
... known to millions as 'P.C. Lauderdale' in Dixon Of Dock Green was trained at the Central School of Speech and Drama and made his first professional appearance in repertory at Dunoon, followed by Ipswich and Bromley. While at Bromley he was seen by John Mills who invited him to appear with him in a tour of Germany at The Mousetrap which he subsequently appeared for two and a half years in London. Geoffrey's television career started in Emergency Ward 10 followed by many other I.T.V. programmes before being cast in Dixon Of Dock Green - being promoted now to the well-known plain-clothes 'Detective Constable'.

David Rhys Anderson
... was born in Wales and first appeared in London as 'Charlie Brown' in the musical You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown. He has appeared on Broadway in Peter Ustinov's The Unknown Soldier And His Wife and with Dame Judi Dench in Elizabeth The Queen. He has spent a season at the Stratford Shakespearean Festival in Canada and appeared in repertory in Leatherhead, Chesham and Watford. His most recent television appearances were in Up Pompeii! with Frankie Howard and Mislabeled Cases with Alastair Sim.

Ursula Barclay
... was born in Dorking and educated in Guildford and Switzerland. Her first appearance in the theatre was in the musical Ann Veronica at the Cambridge Theatre. Following her television debut in Doctor In The House, she went to Perth to play 'Fiona' in Salad Days, in which she ended up in the lead, a role she had always wanted to play as Julian Slade is her god-father. Now of course she plays the same role in the brand new production. Her most recent appearance was in the long running Lady Frederick at London's Vaudeville and Duke of York Theatres. Her ambitions are to own a sports car and play the lead in a West End musical.

Janice Bean
... completed three years at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and started her professional career in repertory companies including Cheltenham, Derby, Coventry and her first London play was Mr. and Mrs., starring Hyder Bexer at the Palace Theatre. She was for some time with the Players Theatre and appeared many times on television. One of her happiest memories is appearing in Top Town one of the most popular variety television programmes at Harrogate.

Stanley Beard
... who has just finished a tour of Bless The Bride has appeared on the West End stage in many plays including Damn Yankees, Harvey, The Hollow, Cut Out A Hot Tin Roof, Signpost To Murder, South Pacific, The Boys From Syracuse and most recently Anything Goes.
His most recent television appearances were in Champion House, Department S, and The Saint. Apart from being an actor, Stanley is also a director - he directed the gala revival of Bless The Bride last year and is also a successful sculptor and artist.
Lynda Bellingham

...since leaving drama school Lynda has a great deal of theatre and television to her credit.

After a very successful season at Crewe, she appeared in The Doctor And The Devil at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry and, prior to Salad Days she toured with the Oxford Playhouse Company in Minva Volanakis' production of Diet Of Women.

On television she has worked in Granada's Family At War, Kate for Yorkshire, a play called Mr. Pargeter, The Firm Street Gang for London Weekend and Misfits for A.T.V.

Geoffrey Burridge

...after training for the stage at the Webber Douglas Academy, Geoffrey went into pantomime at the Theatre Royal, Windsor. He followed this with a season at the Chichester Festival Theatre and a long spell at Birmingham Rep. He then played 'Simon' in Hay Fever with Jessie Matthews before playing in John Bowen's new play The Disorderly Women at the Hampstead Theatre Club.

After this he played 'Prance Charming' at the Northampton Repertory Theatre and subsequently was a member of Brian Howard's company at Harrogate Theatre. He has recently recorded two plays for television Suspicion and Old Newsome, both for A.T.V.

Nicholas Field

...son of one of England's great comic actors Sid Field, studied at the Webber Douglas Academy for two and a half years. He then did a pantomime for Tom Arnold at Wimbledon, followed by a further pantomime at Birmingham. He has toured in Ripper Street, and appeared in Harold Pinter's Silence at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry and Look After Lu in Leatherhead.

Nicholas' latest television appearances include Thirty Minute Theatre for B.B.C. and Season Of The Year for Granada. He has just finished playing Harry St. John in Robert Bolt's film Lamb.

Jane Fox

...trained at the Rose Bruford School and from there went to the Nottingham Playhouse for the 69-70 season, appearing in five plays during this time. Jane then went to Perth Theatre for a revue and a new play called One Fair Daughter, then did an A.T.V. Playhouse production Brother And Sister. She has also played at the Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh, at Billingham, and most recently at the Byre Theatre in St. Andrews.

Jane Martin

...originally trained for opera with Dame Maggie Teyte. She took over the lead role in Carousel and later toured for two years with Edmund Hockridge. Imported to Australia to play mezzo roles in a Gilbert and Sullivan season, she followed this by playing 'Eliza Doolittle' in Hello Dolly. Whilst in Australia she sang on A.B.C. television and played in many radio dramas.

She has her own cabaret act which she devised, wrote and costomed herself.

Michael Staniforth

...emigrated to Australia in 1964 and joined a repertory company in Sydney appearing in the Australian productions of several Broadway musicals including Gypsy, Little Me, Out Of This World, Pat Joys, and Wonderful Town. After this he toured Australia in a revival of The Boy Friend.

He returned to England last year and appeared in the pantomime Aladdin at the Players Theatre in London and also in the musical Hair.

David Webb

...trained for the stage at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art after gaining a scholarship there in 1952.

His career started with York Repertory Theatre Company and subsequently he appeared with other companies including Scarborough, Bromley and Richmond. Since then David has made hundreds of appearances on television, partly well covering the alphabet from The Avengers to Z Cars.

His films include Tunes Of Glory, Sunday, Bloody Sunday and most recently VHF.

A bachelor, David is quite an accomplished artist — several of his works having been exhibited.
OUR PLANS FOR THE THEATRE

Harrogate Theatre was opened in 1900 as the Grand Opera House, and is now one of the very few surviving theatres of that period. The auditorium and the richly panelled foyer, with its decorative frieze, are unique. The theatre is about to be scheduled and will be included in the next list of buildings of architectural merit to be published by the Ministry for the Environment.

The theatre was operated by a private company on commercial lines for the first 50 years of its life and, shortly after a period of closure, was acquired by Harrogate Corporation in 1961. The Corporation then leased the theatre to the Harrogate (White Rose) Theatre Trust Limited, a non-profit making organisation registered as a charity who, since that date, have run the theatre and its associated repertory company with the assistance of subsidies from the Arts Council of Great Britain, Harrogate Corporation and other local authorities. The theatre now occupies a position of considerable prominence, both locally and nationally as one of the subsidised theatres in the United Kingdom.

For some years, the Theatre Trust have been aware that considerable modernisation of the theatre building was imperative to bring it into line with the modern theatres in other parts of the country offering wider facilities. The provision of these would provide audiences a higher degree of comfort and service in line with modern practice, but would, at the same time, preserve the characteristic architecture and atmosphere of the Victorian playhouse.

Accordingly, the Trust approached Roderick Hann, A.R.I.B.A., A.A.Dipl., the theatre architect whose prize-winning design for the new Leatherhead Theatre, together with plans for new theatres in Derby and High Wycombe have further enhanced his reputation, and instructed him to prepare a plan for a scheme of alteration, renovation and restoration.

We are now ready to embark upon this work and in January the Theatre Trust will launch a public appeal for funds, which together with contributions from the Arts Council of Great Britain and the Corporation of Harrogate, will be required for this work. An envelope is provided with this programme in which you may make a contribution in advance of the official opening of the appeal. At the end of the run of Salad Days contractors will move in to commence a mammoth operation designed to make Harrogate Theatre one of the finest in the country.

The comfort of our public has been one of our major considerations and first on the list is the installation of a modern heating and ventilation system, which will ensure that on the coldest night the auditorium will be maintained at a constant draft-free temperature and, in the heat of summer, will be supplied with cool freshly filtered air. The auditorium will itself be the subject of much of the work and, in addition to being completely re-seated with modern chairs and re-carpeted, the original moldings will be carefully restored and a new colour scheme introduced.

A new and up-to-date electronic lighting and sound control system will replace our obsolete equipment and will be sited in the gallery, which will be vastly reduced in size to provide a new range of seating, particularly for our student audience.

When next you enter the building, the old dilapidated bars will have disappeared and in their place will be a new concourse area where drinks, coffees and snacks can be enjoyed throughout most of the day in comfortable and elegant surroundings and, high on our list of priorities has been the provision of modern cloakroom and toilet facilities.

In fact, we are confident that when the theatre re-opens you will find it a place in which you will want to linger and enjoy the many first class facilities which we plan to offer.
FOYER EXHIBITION

The artist whose work will be seen during the run of Salad Days is YOLANDA JORDAN.

Yolanda has specialised in collage for the past few years. She now teaches art with the West Riding County Council, and amongst other activities she is Secretary of the Leeds Painting and Sketching Club. Miss Jordon exhibits regularly in Leeds and Harrogate and has a permanent exhibition in a gallery in Pottsgate, York. Her work is also to be found in many private collections.

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