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LET MY PEOPLE COME

Owing to the unusual nature of this show, cast changes occur often and sometimes unpredictably. You can check on your favourite performers, and see who did what, by looking at their named photographs in the foyer.

ACT I

OPENING NUMBER MIRROR

WHATEVER TURNS YOU ON GIVE IT TO ME GIVING LIFE

Company
Juliet Beckett (or Jenny Cox)
and Grahame White (or Peter Loury)
Company
Jackle Skarveilis
Ann Putt (or Jenny Cox) and
Donald Torr (or Johnny Worthy)
with Juliet Beckett and Peter Loury
Jenny Cox and Anthony O'Keeffe
Usually Clive Kennard

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FIRST YEAR FELLATIO

Chrissy Roberts (or Juliet Beckett) and students Grahame White (or Donald Torr) and Anthony O'Keeffe (or Johnny Worthy) Chrissy Roberts This song is a triblute to the three reigning stars of American porno films: Linda Lovelace of "Deep Throat," Georgina Spelvin of "The Devil and Miss Jones," and Marilyn Chambers of "Behind the Green Door," None of these films has yet been publicly shown in the United Kingdom, Company

DIRTY WORDS I BELIEVE MY BODY

INTERVAL

ACT II

THE SHOW BUSINESS NOBODY KNOWS TAKE ME HOME WITH YOU

LINDA, GEORGINA, MARILYN AND ME

CHOIR PRACTICE

AND SHE LOVED ME

SALUTE TO A STAR

COME IN MY MOUTH THE CHAMPION OF CO. C

DOESN'T ANYBODY LOVE ANY MORE LET MY PEOPLE COME

Company with Juliet Beckett as the Star, Johnny Worthy as the Stud and Chrissy Roberts as the Understudy Donald Tor or Johnny Worthy sings to Grahame White or Anthony O'Keeffe Company with Clive Kennard as the Conductor
The singer: Ann Pult
The dancers: Juliet Beckett and Jenny Cox
Johnny Worthy (or Peter Loury) and the boys
Juliet Beckett
Peter Loury, Jenny Cox and
Chrissy Roberts

Company



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LET MY PEOPLE COME

Laws are made by cold men, who can't get it up no more who are they to tell me what my body's for they treat us like we're children must think we are tools if you don't play the game brother don't make up the rules

We're coming to a new time we're so very near do away with uptight feelings do away with fear leave your inhibitions way far behind let the only boundaries be the confines of your mino

Let my people come Let my people come Let my people come

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The Cast

(in alphabetical order)

Juliet Beckett Chrissy Roberts

Jenny Cox Adam Russell-Owen

Clive Kennard Jackie Skarvellis

Peter Loury Donald Torr

Anthony O'Keeffe Grahame White

Ann Putt Johnny Worthy

The Musicians

Musical Director Roger Ward

Moog/Organ Alan Gowen

Percussion Bob Emmines

Lead Guitarist Allan Hill

Electric Bass Guitar Stuart McKernan

LET MY PEOPLE COME was first performed at the Village Gate, New York, on January 8 1974 and at the Regent Theatre, London, on August 19 1974. It is also currently running Los Angeles and opens soon in Sydney, Australia.

The London, New York and Los Angeles shows have all been produced and directed by Phil Cesterman. The music and lyrics are by Earl Wilson Jr. who is the son of the famous New York theatrical columnist. LET MY PEOPLE COME's sexual frankness has shocked some, but delighted hundreds of thousands of people who have seen it—many for the third or fourth time. New York's famed "After Dark" magazine wrote: "This rollicking and joyous musical revue uses the body, often nude, as an affirmative statement on life. The clever lyrics and music make this show an emancipated satirical romp which irreverently thumbs its nose at conventional morality. It is both refreshing and cutrageo:s." "Time" Magazine halled this "astonishing success". "Vogue" called it "brashly, brazenly mesmerizing", American critic Al Goldstein wrote: "A brilliant, scintillating musical review called "Let My People Come is the best of all that preceded rolled into a sparkling, nut-filled candy bar of goodies. This magnificent collection of truth, gags, raunch, eroticism is more refreshing than a The London, New York and Los Angeles

sky filled with fireworks. It is flashy, fleshy,

sky filled with fireworks. It is flashy, fleshy, polgnant and, most importantly, entertaining". When it opened in London, Carol Dix in "The Guardian" described it as "The son of 'Hair'—the musical everybody knew would have to come one day". Philip Oakes in "The Sunday Times" gave special praise to Earl Wilson's "first-rate score". Colin Frame In the "Evening News" said "There is never a dull moment and the girls, bless them, are stunning". Playwright Alan Seymour, in a lengthy review in "Plays and Players", wrote: "The show has a genuinely amiable and warm-hearted style, and blends fast-paced, highly professional teamwork with enormous vitality and immediately attractive music. The bodies are not uniformly statuseque but varied and thus closer to one's own life experience. And, with a minimum of schmalizy sentimentality, there is tenderness too... The billiboards outside advise that it is an adult entertainment not suitable for those under 18.1 was with a teacher who thought that adolescents should be taken to it in their thousands". thousands"

LET MY PEOPLE COME, with more than 700 performances to its credit, is now firmly established as a major hit in the London theatrical scene and seems set to run for several more years yet.

Phil Oesterman

Phil Oesterman
Producer and Director
Phil Oesterman has worked as producer, director, actor and stage manager with many leading theatre companies throughout the United States. He directed "The Fantasticks" at both the Seattle World Fair and at the Sombrero Theatre, Phoenix, Arizona. He appeared for a year in the Broadway production of "The Boy Friend". Off-Broadway, he directed "To Bury a Cousin" and "Geese", and also directed and produced the long-running San Francisco production of "Geese". For two years he ran his own theatre, The Fondren Street in Houston, Texas, where he directed a wide variety of modern and classical drama. It was there he met Earl Wilson Jr., when he presented Wilson's first musical, "A Day in the Life of Just About Everyone". He has directed touring companies with such stars as Helen Hayes, James and Pamela Mason, Tallulah Bankhead, Hermione Gingold and Carol Burnett. He co-presented Charles Pierce, America's foremost female impersonator, in his London debut. He is President of Libra Records, on which the American cast album of "Let My People Come" is released.

Earl Wilson, Jr.
Composer and Lyricist
Earl Wilson Jr., who wrote the music and
lyrics of "Let My People Come", is the son
of one of America's leading columnists. He
graduated from Bucknell University in 1965
with a Bachelor of Music Degree, Whilst at
Linearity he sam with his own group "The graduated from Bucknell University in 1965 with a Bachelor of Music Degree. Whilst at University he sang with his own group "The City Folk". This resulted in an album on the 20th Century Fox label, the studio he later worked with as an apprentice composer on "Peyton Place". He has appeared as a singer, composing music for himssif, at various night-clubs including the St. Regis-Sheraton, The Fountainbleu, and in Les Vegas at The Riviera. On television he has sung on all the leading American variety shows. He wrote the theme music for the Phyllis Diller film "The Adding Machine", and his music has been recorded by such stars as Robert Goulet, Connie Francis, Paul Anka and the Johnny Mann Singers. He wrote the music and lyrics for "A Day in the Life of Just About Everyone", the off-Broadway production in which he also played the lead. The play later went to Houston where it was seen at Phil Oesterman's Fondren Street Theatre.

Ian Navior

lan Naylor
Choreographer
Ian Naylor graduated in Fine Arts and Acting
from Wayne University in his native Detroit.
He was lead dancer and choreographer with
the Jazz Dance Theatre, performing with
them in the Mid-West prior to moving to
New York. In New York he studied dance at
various studies, choreographed two arts
festivals in Connecticut, and was given his
first New York assignment in the original
production of "Let My People Come" as both
choreographer and performer.

Billy Cunningham

Billy Cunningham
Musical Arranger
Billy Cunningham was the musical director
and arranger of the original production of
"Let My People Come". Born in Milwaukee.
Wisconsin, he studied at the Wisconsin
Conservatory of Music, left half way through
the course and began studying medicine.
Bored by his medical studies he returned
to music and worked extensively in revues
in both the United States and Puerto Rico.
In 1968 he settled in New York where he
has firmly established himself on the musical
theatre scene. His work off-Broadway includes
"The Trials of Oz", "Your Own Thing",
"Assumption Parish", and Earl Wilson Jr.'s
first musical, "A Day in the Life of Just
About Anyone". On Broadway he has worked
on such prestigious productions as "Jesus
Christ Superstar", Peter Hall's "Via Gaiactica",
"The Time of Your Life" and "Rachel Lily
Rosenbloom—and Don't You Ever Forget
II". He has also arranged several albums,
scored two films and is currently working on
an Opera of "Suddenly Last Summer".

Bob Ringwood

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Bob Hingwood Set Designer

Bob Ringwood studied at the Central School of Art, Holborn, designed for many seasons at the Glasgow Citizens Theatre and the Watford Palace, and has designed many plays for the Cambridge Theatre Company Including "Twelfth Night", "She Stoops to Conquer", and "French Without Tears", For this same company he also worked on "Hamlet" and "The School For Scandal".

Howard Eldridge

Howard Eldridge Lighting Designer Howard Eldridge started his career in repertory and joined the Theatre Projects team of lighting designers in 1989. Some of his major productions include "Sleepling Beauty" for the Dutch National Ballet, "Oedipus" for the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, "Macbeth" for the Norwegian National Theatre, and "Cabaret" at the Scala Teatre in Barcelona. He has recently designed the lighting for "The Royalty Folies", "King Lear" and for the Holland Festival's "The Ritte of Spring".

The Cast as they see themselves

Juliet Beckett Acted in rep at Bognor, Filey, Minehead and Torquay for a few years. Toured with children's theatre. Now having just seen the Pyramids as the 7th Wonder of the World, while dancing with a jazz ballet in Cairo and Europe, I've joined "Let My People Come" to help create the 8th. Hope you have fun making it with us.

Jenny Cox Among the cultural events of Jenny Cox Among the cultural events of our time in which I have participated are "The Dirtiest Show in Town" and "Pyjama Tops." Clinematically speaking, I showed more than talent in "Can You Keep it Up it a Week" and "Carry On Behind," and as the French maid I served Ronnie Barker in "Futtocks End." On the small screen I've appeared in "Sprout," "Second Time Around," "Steptoe and Son," "Crime Passionnel" and several episodes of "General Hospital"—as a stripper!

Clive Kennard 6ft. blue-eyed blonde—born in London. Main interests—people, travel, languages, the Arts, horoscopes, and good food. I have performed in cabaret and theatre in London, Paris, Barcelona, Madrid, Lisbon, Rio de Janeiro and all the islands of the Caribbean. Started out seeking fame and fortune (hopefully on the way to one!), If not, is satisfied with good health, fentastic friends, not forgetting a super Mum without whom I could never have 'Come'!

Peter Loury Star sign Virgo—the Virgin. No one else believes it either. I've been lucky enough to travel most of the world, including both sides of the Atlantic, with my own act or shows. My last show in the West End was "West Side Story". The only disadvantage of working nude is where does one put one's heads.

Anthony O'Keeffe I started training at the Barbara Speake Stage School at the tender age of eleven, and since that time it's been my career. I've played a lot of different parts, some dull, some interesting, but I think LMPC is the most interesting by the started by the start

Ann Putt I made my first stage appearance at the age of six as an elf, my moment of glory being when I spat in a fairy's eye. Since then I've sung, danced and acted my way from Teheran to the Thames. I hope that you and I can make the magic last and watch out in the first row.

Chrissy Roberts I made my pro debut at the age of 15 in Granadas' "Coronation Street" in my home town of Manchester. I suffered a three year dramatic training and subsequently joined a mime company. From then on the world was my cyster, and my achievements have been—oh—too numerous to mention. One of the highlights of my career was when I roller-skated whilst playing the trombone as Miss 1943 in "Forget-Me-Not Lane." I have recently played Marilyn Monroe's mother in a ballet based on the star and have just fallen out of the "Oh Celcutts" Frying pan into the "LMPC" fire. My ambition is to be famous enough not to have to do auditions!

Adam Russell-Owen I came from a family with a theatrical background and have played various parts from pantomime to drama. You might have seen me in many television series such as "Tomorrows" people: "Dixon of Dock Green" and Play of the Month. Last summer I appeared as Wolf in the London revival of "Hair" which was the first show to use male nuclity on the London stage, so it is only to be expected that I should now be in "Let My People Come" which the critics have called "The Son of Hair".

Jackle Skarvellis Despite my name, I guess this show will soon make you aware I'm an actress. I was trained at Cardiff College of Music and Drama and have appeared in various reps around the country, playing a wariety of roles from Abjugail in "The Crucible" to Electra in a modern version of the Greek tragedy. From the sublime to the ridiculous, I was in "Snatch 69" at the Whileshall, and before that I was in "Oh, Calcutta!"

Donald Torr I was born in Trinidad and I have lived in Canada, New York and Aberdeen. I came to London in 162 to appear in "Stop the World I Want to Get Off." I have appeared in over 150 television shows mostly with the Young Generation. "Let My People Come" is my seventh West End show. It has been a very exciting experience working with such a young and happy cast.

Grahame White When I made my stage debut at the age of ten playing the part of the Angel Gabriel in the school play I just knew I was destined for the bright lights or a career in the church. What went wrong I don't know—but I certainly never made the church. Like fellow Librans I love life, tun and people although I find it hard to convince the latter I'm really just a shy virginal country lad at heart—after all shy virginal country lads can strip as well—can't they.

Johnny Worthy I'm a Gemini, I love people and things. I hate hypocrisy. My last show was "Godspell" on tour, and my last West End show was "Two Gentlemen of Verona" I wish everyone would love each other.

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