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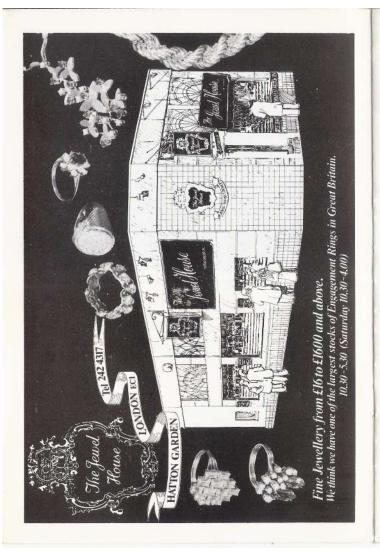
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#### **EARL WILSON JR.**

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BILLY CUNNINGHAM

Lighting Design
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ELDRIDGE

Musical Direction
MICHAEL

REED

Setting Choreography
BOB IAN
RINGWOOD NAYLOR

Produced and Directed

#### PHIL OESTERMAN

First performed at the Village Gate, New York, 8th January 1974 First performance at the Regent Theatre, 19th August 1974. No admittance to persons under 18 years of age.



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.

Both the London and New York shows have been produced and directed by Phil Oesterman. The music and lyrics are by Earl Wilson Jr. who is the son of the famous New York heatrical 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 outrageous." "Time" Magazine hailed this "astonishing success". "Vogue" called it "brashly, brazenly member zing". 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 andy bar of goodies. This magnificent collection of truth, gags, raunch, eroticism is more refreshing than a

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 statuesque but varied and thus closer to one's own life experience. And, with a minimum of schmaltzy sentimentality, there is tenderness too. . . The billboards outside advise that it is an adult entertainment not suitable for those under 18. I was with a teacher who thought that adolescents should be taken to it in their thousands".

LET MY PEOPLE COME, with more than 1000 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 "Gesse", and also directed and produced the long-running San Francisco production of "Gesee". 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.

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 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 himself, at various highl-clubs including the St. Regis-Sheraton, The Fountainbleu, and in Las 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.

#### 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 fools 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 mind

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#### The Cast

(in alphabetical order)

Beverley Baxter

Kevin Selway

Gil Beresford

Jackie Skarvellis

Kate Buddeke

Donald Torr

Michael Cowie

Jackie Whelan

Peter Loury

Grahame White

Anthony O'Keeffe

Teresa Wood

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

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

THE AD

OPENING NUMBER MIRROR

WHATEVER TURNS YOU ON GIVE IT TO ME GIVING LIFE

Company Jackie Whelan (or Teresa Wood) and Grahame White (or Kevin Selway) Company Jackie Skarvellis

Jackie Škarvellis
Beveriey Baxter and
Donald Torr (or Johnny Worthy)
with Teresa Wood and Peter Loury
Jackie Skarvellis and Grahame White
Jackie Whelan and Anthony O'Keeffe
Usually Michael Cowie (but sometimes
Kevin Selway)
Jackie Skarvellis (or Gil Beresford)
and students

FIRST YEAR FELLATIO I'M GAY

LINDA, GEORGINA, MARILYN

Jackie Skarvellis (or Gil Beresford) and students
Grahame White (or Donald Torr) and Anthony O'Keeffe (or Kevin Selway)
Gil Beresford (or Jackie Skarvellis)
This song is a tribute 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

CHOIR PRACTICE

AND SHE LOVED ME

SALUTE TO A STAR

COME IN MY MOUTH DOESN'T ANYBODY LOVE ANY MORE LET MY PEOPLE COME

Company with Teresa Wood as the Star, Johnny Worthy as the Stud and Gil Beresford as the Understudy Donald Torr or Johnny Worthy sings to Grahame White or Anthony O'Keeffe Company with Michael Cowie (or Grahame White) as the Conductor The singer: Jackie Whelan The dencers: Teresa Wood and Jackie Skarvellis Johnny Worthy (or Peter Loury) and the boys Teresa Wood (or Jackie Skarvellis) Peter Loury (or Johnny Worthy) and Company

#### The Cast as they see themselves . . .

BEVERLEY BAXTER. Ever since I can remember I have wanted to be in show business although I spent most of my childhood as a shy, retiring female. On leaving school (the French Lycee) I became a secretary. However, two years later I found myself in the musical "Hair". Since then I have performed with a theatre group called "Hultruck" in "Nuts" at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, "Rock Carmen" at the Round House and have toured with artists like Kiki Dee and Mike Ronson. I have played nearly all of the roles in different productions of "Hair" where I met my husband Jonathon who last year gave me a beautiful daughter, Jemina.

GIL BERESFORD — I'm the Leo lady who offers quantity as well as quality. The one you would hardly expect to find in this kind of musical. After growing up in the depths of Suffolk, I went to the New College of Speech and Drama and then in a misguided moment taught at a comprehensive school for 2 years. If I said this is not so much a show more a way of life, I'd mean it — I was one of the original cast members. Then I left to go to Paris; a change — I hear you say — well, no, only the language. Same show!!

KATE BUDDEKE (Sagitarius) was born in Chicago. There she studied rock music at Columbia College and learned to play piano. After five years of music studies, she moved to New York where she appeared in two off-Broadway productions and then joined the national tour of "Hair" playing Jeannie. This led to an engagement in Spain playing Jeannie and Sheila in the same show. Subsequently she got fired for punching the producer and she moved quickly to London where she has done two fringe shows and several recording sessions. She now lives in Chelsea with two cats, Alan and Martin, and hasn't punched anyone in quite a while. In between playing in LMPC she sings with a female rock group, Mother Superior.

MICHAEL COWIE: I came to London in 1969, from Aberdeen, Scotland. Since then I've worked with wonderful artists, singing and dencing in Summer Seasons, Pahtomimes, and in cabaret floor shows at home and abroad. My West End shows are "Two Gentlemen of Verona", the Second General at the London Palladium in variety, and then the birth of "Let My People Come" in London. I let the show after nearly two years to work in cabaret in Spain for six months. Following that came pantomime in Edinburgh, and now I'm home again in the show which I'love and missed terrihly whilst away. Here's to "Let My People Come"... 'coming' on and on.

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 hands.

ANTHONY O'KEEFFE. I started training at the Barbara Speake Stage School at the tender ags 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 experience yet. Quite a contrast wih a couple of the others — "Tom Brown's Schooldays" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat." I'm still waiting for someone to offer me a part in a Western because I like riding horses.

KEVIN SELWAY, I like fast women, fast cars, fast boats and quaffing ales, but can't afford any of them. Tired of working on motorways and building sites, I trained for theatre, I have worked in repertory, a short burst of tele and recently in the West End and also on tour with "Godspell".

JACKIE 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 variety of roles from Abigail in "The Crucible" to Electra in a modern version of the Greek tragady. From the sublime to the ridiculous, I was in "Shalch 69" at the Whitehall, 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 1962 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

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.

JACKIE WHELAN. As a dreamy Piscean my outlook begins six feet above the ground (which counts me out because I'm only 5tt. 3in.), but a very varied 'show business' career tends to bring me down to earth. From training for classical ballet I fell in love with the musical "Hair" which lured me into a new way of theatre and life playing the role of Sheila at the Shaftesbury and Queen's Theatre and directing the show in Africa and Europe. Love Greeks with big noses and want to be in 'Movies'.

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, fun 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?

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TERESA WOOD. I hit the London stage with the New York Acme Dance Company which did not hurt too much. Then later after 'Haring' my way around Europe I tried my hand at acting which has paid off as my hand now gets a lot of work. I've just made a film called "The Office Party" which will shortly be followed up with "The Wedding Party". I love Alice and Tony because they keep me warm at night.

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.

#### IAN NAYLOR - Choreographer

lan 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 studios, 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 - Musical Arranger

Billy Cunningham was the first 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, 1sft 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 tirmly established himself on the musical theatre scene. His work of 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 Galactica", "The Time of Your Life" and "Rachel Lily Rosenbloom — and Don't You Ever Forgat It". He has also arranged several albums, scored two films and is currently working on an Opera of "Suddenly Last Summer".

BOB RINGWOOD - Set Designer

Bob Ringwood studied at the Central School of Art, Holbourn, 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 — Lighting Designer

Howard Eldridge started his career in repertory and joined the Theatre Projects team of lighting designers in 1969. Some of his major productions include "Sleeping Beauty" for the Dutch National Ballet, "Osdipus" for the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, "Macbeth" for Norweigian National Theatre, and "Cabaret" at the Scala Theatre in Barcelona. He has recently designed the lighting for "The Royalty Folies", "King Lear" and for the Holland Festival's "The Rite of Spring".

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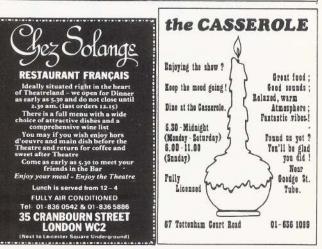
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