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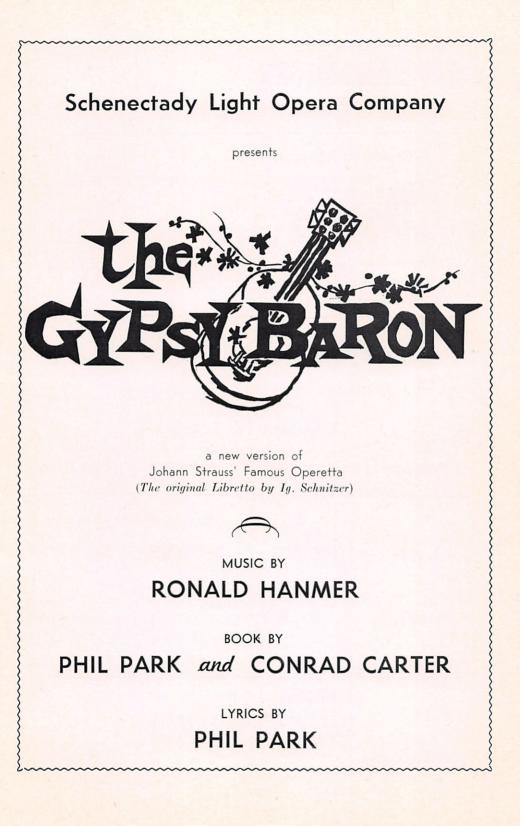
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Story and Background

The *Gypsy Baron* is a light operetta concerning a band of Romany Gypsies. Czipra, Queen of the Gypsy tribe, has a dream telling of the return from exile of Sandor Barinkay, son of their late leader, Feodore Barinkay. She and her granddaughter, Saffi, relate this news to Zsupan, Mayor of Zrinyi, and his houseman, Otto.

Count Kareska, a civil commissioner from Vienna, accompanies Barinkay on his return and conspires with Zsupan to promote the marriage of his flirtatious daughter Arletta to Barinkay, thereby gaining possession of a treasure, known by Kareska to be concealed in the Barinkay estate.

Barinkay, however, falls in love with Saffi, and in spite of the efforts of Kareska, Arletta, Zsupan and his housekeeper, Mirabella, he decides to take his father's place and become the new Gypsy Baron. This pleases Otto immensely since he had already planned to marry Zsupan's daughter, Arletta.

Czipra defends the proposed marriage of Barinkay and Saffi and, at the same time, reveals the whereabouts of the treasure and legal documents proving Saffi to be of royal lineage. The marriage is delayed when the governor of the province, Graf Peter Homonoy arrives on a recruiting mission to allay a Turkish invasion on the borders.

Otto and Zsupan find themselves in the army when they too join in the festive ceremony of drinking recruiting wine and donning the Shako. Barinkay, who has picked the honored Shako, assumes command of the Romany squadron. As he marches off to war, he reluctantly leaves Saffi and the treaure in Kareska's custody.

The first of the victory celebrations in the palace is attended by the Gypsy girls at Saffi's invitation. Kareska is banished by Homonoy, now Chancellor of Hungary, because of his boorish treatment of Saffi. Upon Zsupan's and Otto's return, it becomes obvious that they enjoyed the war far from the battle lines. They are greeted with marriage proposals from Mirabella and Arletta.

Barinkay and the Romany Squadron arrive at the ball and are toasted by Graf Homonoy. As a reward for valor, Barinkay's Barony is restored and he is at last reunited with Saffi.

The Gypsy Baron, composed to a libretto by Ignaz Schnitzer, had its world premier at Vienna Theater an der Wien, on October 24, 1885, under the direction of Johann Strauss. It ran for over one thousand performances before moving on to other Viennese theaters. Like Strauss' Die Fledermaus, it has conquered the world, and translations have been made for performances in every language in the world.

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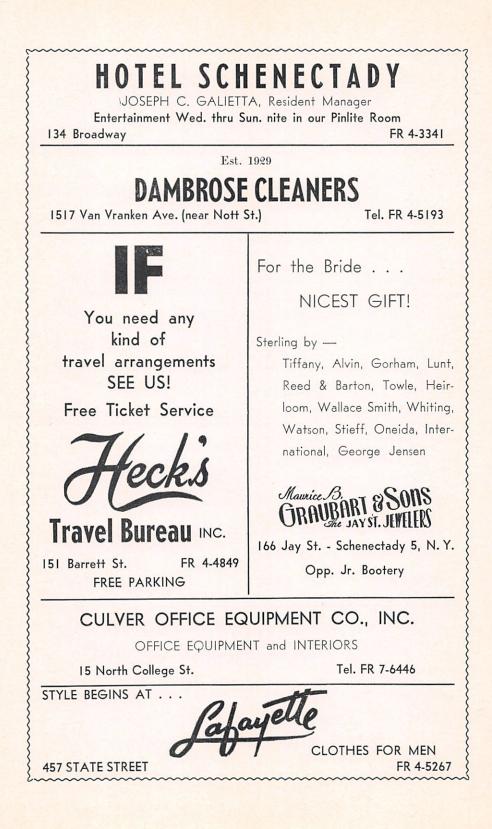
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Synopsis of Scenes

The action of the entire operetta takes place in Hungary, circa 1750.

ACT I

Early morning. Outside the gates of Kalman Zsupan's residence, the outskirts of Zrinyi, Hungary.

ACT II

Scene 1. Several days later. The courtyard of Barinkay's castle. Scene 2. A few months later. A state room in the palace, Vienna.

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Cast in Order of Appearance

Mishka	Julian Olf
Pali	Joe Fava
Franzi	
Vanya	Lois Fenzl
Otto	Philip Wells
Arletta	Fulvia Brun Hickman
Kalman Zsupan	Ralph Schutlz
Mirabella	Vivian Tice
Czipra	Margaret Leddick
Saffi	Sylvia Horwitz
Count Kareska	John Thompson
Sandor Barinkay	
Captain	Andrew Starr
Graf Peter Homonoy	Howard Cramer

Village Girls	Jean Raymond, Marion Rhodes, Diane Wells, Martha Van Keuren
Soldiers	Roger Maune, Dale Arwell, Dick Traver
Vivandieres	Arlene Krug, Margery Blum

Chorus

Gypsy	WomenLois Fenzl, Gladys Iler, Marion Rhodes, Martha Van	
	Keuren, Joyce Muckenfuss, Louise Wendt, Sandra Bart-	
	lette, Margery Blum, Doreen Hennessey, Arlene Krug,	
	Jean Raymond, Esther Rorich, Myrna Smith, Diane	
	Wells, Marion Foster.	
Gypsy MenDale Artwell, Frank Blum, Joe Fava, Andrew Starr, Lou		
	Davidson, Davy Davison, Michael Bartlette, Bill Hick-	
	man, Roger Maune, Julian Olf, Peter Spendiff, George	
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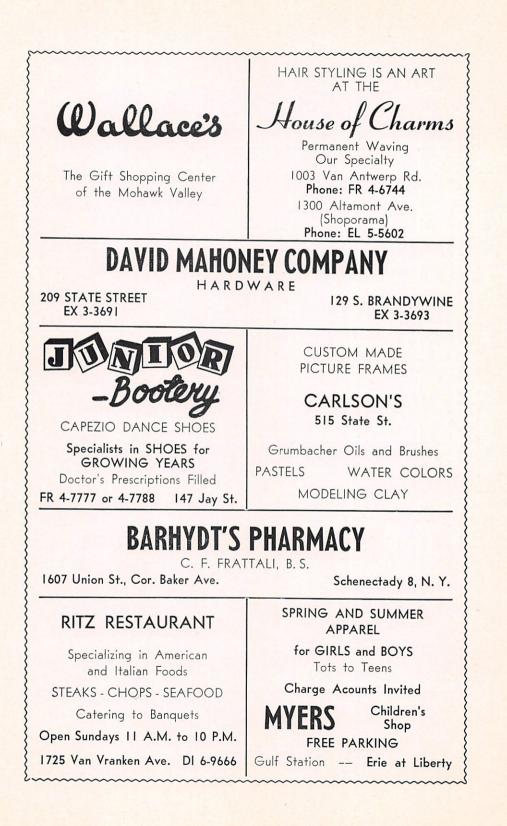
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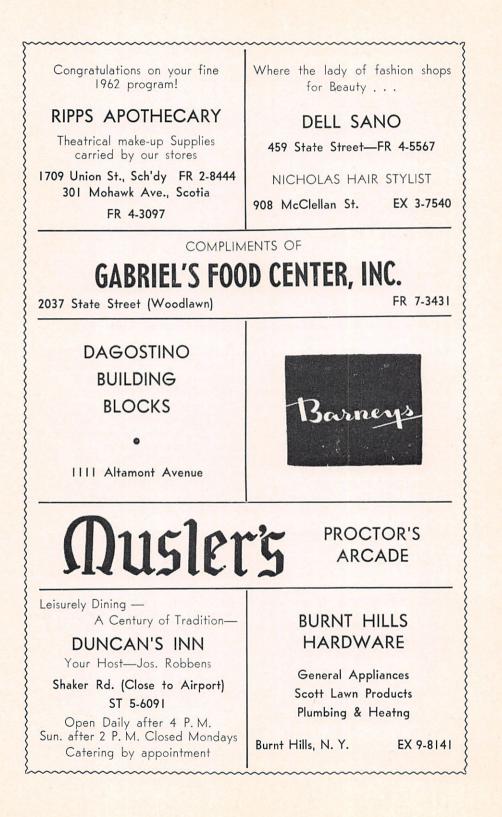
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Who's Who in the Cast

- JULIAN OLF (*Mishka*)—An English major at Union College, Julian is editor of "IDOL", the college's literary magazine, is a folk singer and guitarist. This is his first appearance with SLOC. He played Reed in *Stalag* 17 for Union's Mountebanks.
- JOSEPH FAVA (*Pali*)—A hair stylist at Jon-Alan Coiffures, he appeared previously in SLOC's *Mikado* and *King and I*. Active in production for Civic Playhouse.
- MYRNA LEE SMITH (*Franzi*)—Third appearance in SLOC, having sung previously in the chorus of *Mikado* and *King and I*. She is a dental assistant for a local dentist.
- LOIS FENZL (Vanya)—A graduate of College of St. Rose, she is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration. She sang in SLOC's King and I and played Flory Mangle in the Civic Playhouse's Look Homeward Angel.
- PHILIP WELLS (Otto)—No stranger to SLOC, Philip, head of the Art Dept. for Niskayuna Schools, appeared in Finian's Rainbow, Naughty Marietta, Fanny and La Perichole. Having received his MA from Columbia University, he is also president of Niskayuna Teachers' Assoc., and a Columbia Doctoral Candidate.
- FULVIA BRUN HICKMAN (Arletta)—An active participant with SLOC, she played the lead in La Perichole, Finan's Rainbow and Merry Widow and danced in SLOC's Oklahoma, Song of Norway, and King and I. She is a graduate of Siena College and now with WGY-WRGB Studios.
- RALPH SHULTZ (Kalman Zsupan)—First appearance with SLOC, Ralph is Director of Customer Relations at Tek Hughes.
- VIVIAN TICE (*Mirabella*)—A secretary with G.E., she has appeared previously for SLOC as Mother Greig in Song of Norway and as Peep-Bo in *Mikado*. She also played Norah Muldoon in Auntie Mame at the Civic Playhouse.
- MARGARET LEDDICK (*Czipra*)—First appearance with SLOC. She is a soloist with First Methodist Choir and Christian Science Chapel. A graduate of University of Minnesota, she is married and the mother of three children.
- SYLVIA SMITH HORWITZ (Saffi)—A constant participant with and for SLOC, she played the lead in *Chocolate Soldier* and *RSVP*, appeared as Cleopatra in *Wizard of Nile* and appeared in other SLOC presentations. She was chairman of show selection in '60-61 and is a member of the Board of Directors. A graduate of the University of Maine.
- JOHN THOMPSON (*Count Kareska*)—Although a writer by profession, John now turns his hand to acting in his first appearance with SLOC. He is a graduate of Union College, has played some summer stock, and is associated with the American Academy of Draamite Arts.
- CHARLES REICHERTER (Sandor Barinkay)—Second appearance with SLOC having appeared in the chorus of the King and I. A graduate of Oneonta State Teachers College, Charles teaches 5th grade at Horace Mann.
- ANDREW STARR (*Captain*)—Appeared previously for SLOC as Peterman the Butler in *RSVP* and in the chorus of *Mikado*. He is employed by the N. Y. State Dept. of Public Works.
- HOWARD CRAMER (Graf Peter Homonoy)—First appearance with SLOC. He is a graduate of Rutgers University, presently employed as an instructor with the National Cash Register Co.



Who's Who in Production

WILLIAM RICHLEY (*Producer*)—Active with SLOC since 1960 having served on set construction for Oklahoma and as social chairman for Mikado and King and I. For several seasons with "Star" Systems, summer stock group, he worked with Peter Lorre, Larry Parks, Alexis Smith and Jackie Cooper to mention only a few. A Pennsylvanian by birth, he is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall; now employed by Benche, Inc. as Customer Relations and Production Mgr.

- MARY BEE (Director)—Although a newcomer to SLOC, she is experienced in all areas of production having worked with Plymouth Rock Center of Music and Drama and the Civic Playhouse. She studied voice for five years and was director-soloist for several church groups in central New York. She studied music at Syracuse, attended Cortland State, is married and the mother of three children.
- GLENN SOELLNER (Conductor)—Also new in SLOC, but steeped in musical and theatrical work. He sang Don Basilio in Marriage of Figara, played with the 7th Army Symphony Orchestra in Europe and the National Orchestra Society under Leon Burzin. A graduate of Crane School of Music, Potsdam State Teacher's College, he is Director of Music for Burnt Hills Methodist Shurch.
- MARILYN RAMSEY (Choreographer)—An expert with much experience having been choreographer for SLOC's Music in the Air, Carousel, Die Fledermaus, Naughty Marietta, Trio and Song of Norway as well as choreographer for "Stars" production of Guys and Dolls and Kiss Me Kate. She is owner and director of Ramsey Schools of Ballet.
- LARRY KING, (Stage Manager)—A technician at G.E. Research Lab, his work for SLOC is long and impressive having assisted the stage manager for *Flederamus* and *Song of Norway*, construction designer for *New Moon* and *Sweethearts*, lighting for *Showboat* and *Music in the Air* to mention only a few. He is also a member of Schenectady Museum Assoc. and the Metropolitan Opera Guild.
- ROBERT FURHOFF (Set Designer)—An interior designer for Benche, Inc., he is a graduate of Kendall School of Design, Grand Rapids, Mich. He also attended the Society of Arts and Crafts in Detroit and is a newcomer to SLOC.
- JEAN EICHENBERGER (Set Decor)—Set painted for SLOC's Mikado, she also assisted in set decor for the Civic Playhouse's production of Auntie Mame. Jean is a graduate of the Traphagen School of Fashion and Design, NYC, and is now a promotional artist.
- EDITH NORTON (Costume Designer)—In charge of costumes for Oklahoma, she supervised the making of 150 costumes for the Gypsy Baron, 25 of which she made herself. A refugee from Germany after WW II, she is married to a G.E. engineer. The authentic designs are the result of her research of the 1750 period in which the opera is set.
- FORNEY MILLER (*Lighting*)—A graduate of Penn State and Boston University, he is an Audio-Visual Producer with G.E. He worked previously for SLOC in *Oklahoma*, *Mikado* and *King and I* and has also done work with the Civic Playhouse.
- NANCY BLAIR (*Properties*)—SLOC participant since 1958. Worked on props for *Fanny*, *Trio*, *La Perichole* and *Song of Norway* and was prop chairman for *Mikado* and *King and I*. A graduate of Russell Sage College, she is a physical therapist at Pleasant Valley School.

 GLADYS LUTHY (Co-chairman, Makeup)—First attempt at makeup for SLOC was in 1960 for Oklahoma. Since then, she has been chairman of makeup for SLOC's Mikado and King and I. She is a graduate of Lyulph Stanley Girls School in London, England, and was a member of the Napier players in West London and is employed by the Mohawk Chevrilet Company. She appeared in Witness for the Prosecution, and other plays for the Civic Playhouse. CHARLES ELSEN (Co-chairman, Makeup)—Also on makeup crew for SLOC's King and I, he was in charge of props for Naughty Marietta, Fanny and La Perichole and was in the chorus of Mikado and La Perichole. 		
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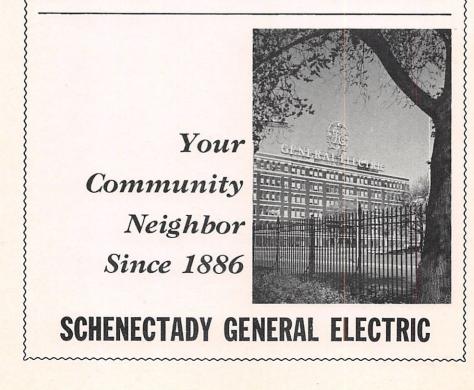
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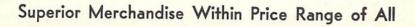
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