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In 1953, a film version of *Kiss Me, Kate* starred Howard Keel, Kathryn Grayson, Ann Miller and Bobby Van.

Kate has been staged with triumphant results by touring companies, off-Broadway and non-professional groups since its spectacular run of 1,077 performances on Broadway. It ranks in popularity with Oklahoma!, South Pacific, Guys and Dolls and The King and I. The delightful combination of Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew plot and the matching real-life backstage antics of the leading members of the cast, unquestionably assures Kiss Me, Kate a place in the repertoire of future musical groups.

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Scene 1—Stage of Ford Theatre, Baltimore

Scene 2—The Corridor, Backstage

Scene 3-Fred and Lilli's Dressing-rooms

Scene 4-Padua

Scene 5-Street Scene, Padua

Scene 6-The Corridor, Backstage

Scene 7—Fred and Lilli's Dressing-rooms

Scene 8-Padua

Scene 9-Street Scene, Padua

#### ACT II

Scene 1—Theatre Alley

Scene 2-Before the Curtain

Scene 3-Petruchio's House

Scene 4—The Corridor, Backstage

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Scene 2		
Why Can't You BehaveSung by Lois		
Scene 3		
Wunderbar		
Scene 4		
Parade		
We Open in VeniceSung by Petruchio, Katharine, Bianca, Lucentio		
Scene 5		
Dancing Ensemble		
Tom, Dick or HarrySung by Bianca, Lucentio, Gremio, Hortensio		
I've Come to Wive It Wealthily in PaduaSung by Petruchio,		
Gremio, Hortensio, Šinging Men I Hate MenSung by Katharine		
I Hate MenSung by Katharine		
Were Thine That Special FaceSung by Petruchio		
Danced by Dancing Girls		
Scene 8		
I Sing of LoveSung by Bianca, Lucentio, Singing Ensemble		
Scene 9		
TARANTELLADanced by Bianca, Lucentio, Dancing Ensemble		
FINALE—Kiss Me, KateSung by Petruchio, Katharine and Company		
ACT II		
Scene 1		
Too Darn HotSung and Danced by Orlando and Dancing Ensemble		
Scene 3		
Where Is the Life That Late I Led?Sung by Petruchio		
Scene 4		
Always True to You (In My Fashion)Sung by Lois		
Scene 6		
BiancaSung and Danced by Bill, Singing Ensemble, Dancing Girls		
Reprise: So in Love		
Scene 7		
Brush Up Your ShakespeareSung and Danced by First Man		
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Scene 8		
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	Betty Berg
	Varro Clarke
	Allan Foster Myron Hermance
	ne) Mary Boggs
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	Foster, John Gabriel, Myron Hermance
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- Leo Malossi (Fred Graham/Petruchio) is making his initial SLOC appearance. A newcomer from Pittsburgh, Pa., he has studied voice and dance and appeared in variety shows in the Army and in Pittsburgh. Locally, he was seen in the Christmas Play at the General Electric Research Laboratory. A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and George Washington University Law School, Leo is a patent attorney at the General Electric Research Laboratory.
- Mary Boggs (Lilli Vanessi/Katharine) is making her fourth SLOC appearance, having played the lead roles of Anna in *The King and I* and Marian in *The Music Man* and sung in the chorus of *Oklahoma!* She has also been seen in Civic Players productions including *Lo and Behold!* A graduate of Southern Methodist University, she has had previous experience with the Dallas Opera Company. Mary is a voice teacher and also employed as a legal secretary for Attorney Alfred Goldberger.
- EDWARD SMITH (Bill Calhoun/Lucentio) is appearing in his first SLOC production. Locally, he has appeared with the Triune Musical Players in *The Fortune Teller*, Calamity Jane and The Red Mill, and with the Footlighters in Sitting Pretty. A graduate of Manhattan College and Albany Law School, Ed is a legislative counsel with the Empire State Chamber of Commerce.
- Betty Berg (Lois Lane/Bianca) is making her second SLOC appearance, having played Doris MacAfee in Bye Bye Birdie. She has been seen in area productions of the Mad Woman of Chaillot, Little Mary Sunshine, Bells Are Ringing and The Boyfriend. She has also appeared on television programs and in nightclubs in New York and this area. Betty is a housewife and the mother of three children.
- Howard Moyer (First Man) is a SLOC newcomer. While doing undergraduate study at Cortland State University, he appeared with the Cortland Players in productions of Dark of the Moon, Kiss Me, Kate, Li'l Abner and Every Man. Howard is a Union College graduate and is a science teacher at Central Park Junior High School.
- RICHARD WATTS (Second Man) is making his third SLOC appearance, having played the lead role in Where's Charley? and danced in the Shriners Ballet in Bye Bye Birdie. His previous experience includes roles in Plain and Fancy, Carousel, Brigadoon and Finian's Rainbow with theater groups in Canandaigua, Columbus, Ohio and Fort Wayne, Indiana. A graduate of Ohio State University, Dick is a metallurgist at the General Electric Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory.
- CARMELLA FLEMING (Hattie) is appearing in her third SLOC production, having played Mrs. Nolan in *The Medium* and A Friend in *Amelia Goes to the Ball*. She has had previous experience in productions at Boston University and with the Boston Opera Company. A graduate of the Ellis Hospital School of Nursing, Carmella is employed at St. Clare's Hospital.

#### Who's Who in the Cast (continued)

ALLAN FOSTER (Actor/Gremio) has been a consistent SLOC participant, having appeared in leading roles in Naughty Marietta, La Perichole, Song of Norway, The King and I, The Mikado, Where's Charley? and most recently as the Husband in Amelia Goes to the Ball. He has served as Vice President of Business Operations and currently is a member of the Board of Directors and Co-Chairman of the Light Opera Scholarship Committee. Locally, his appearances have included leading roles in Claudia and Breath of Spring and the role of King Darus in The Play of Daniel. A graduate of Yale University, Allan is a metallurgist with General Electric's Gas Turbine Department.

Myron Hermance (Actor/Hortensio) is making his second SLOC appearance, having played the Lover in Amelia Goes to the Ball. He has sung Oratorio Tenor in presentations of The Messiah and The Magnificat and locally has played Daniel in The Play of Daniel and Aeneus in Dido and Aeneus. At Christmastime, he sang in Boston in Robert Burrow's Emmanuel. Myron, a graduate of Indiana University, is a voice teacher and employed as a special music teacher with the Schenectady School System. He is the choir director at the Bellevue Reformed Church and a member of the Schenectady Choral Society where he has appeared as guest conductor.

Edward Dahlstedt (Harry Trevor/Baptista) is appearing in his second SLOC production, having played Stuart Offenbach in R.S.V.P. He is well-known to local audiences for his many appearances with the Civic Players including The Seven Year Itch, Henry Drummond in Inherit the Wind and Mr. Doolittle in Pygmalion. A graduate of Union College, Ed is a sales manager with General Electric's Large Generator and Motor Department.

Garrett A. Reilly, Jr. (Harrison Howell) is making his second onstage SLOC appearance, having appeared in Fanny. He is a consistent SLOC contributor. He was Production Manager for The Music Man, Set Technician for The Mikado, on the set construction crew for The King and I and Guys and Dolls, stage crew for Amelia Goes to the Ball and The Medium, and lighting crew for Bye Bye Birdie. Garry is currently President of the Company as well as serving a second term as a member of the Board of Directors. He previously served as Business Manager. His appearances with the Civic Players have been as the Mayor in Inherit the Wind and the Doctor in The Miracle Worker. A graduate of Ohio State University, he is a salary administration specialist at the General Electric Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory.

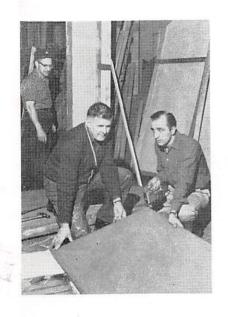
VARRO CLARKE (Stage Manager) is in fact the Stage Manager for Kiss Me, Kate. Refer to writeup under Who's Who in Production.

Perry Brynes (Stage Doorman) is making his second SLOC appearance, having played Mr. Johnson in Bye Bye Birdie. He is a furniture buyer with the Star Furniture Company.

William Hickman (Paul) is appearing in his fourth SLOC production, having appeared in Gypsy Baron, The Music Man and Where's Charley? as Mr. Spettigue. He was also in charge of Publicity for Oklahoma!. His appearances with the Civic Players include The Tender Trap, The Boyfriend and Twelfth Night. A graduate of the School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Bill is the editor of the General Electric FORUM magazine.

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#### Who's Who in Production

WILLIAM E. FASAKE (Producer) is a valued SLOC contributor, who has been active with the Company for over ten years. Adding Kiss Me, Kate to Oklahoma! and The King and I, he has produced three SLOC productions, an unequalled record of accomplishment. His other backstage credits include Stage Manager for La Perichole, Production Manager for The Mikado and Guys and Dolls, and Set Technician for the Menotti's—Amelia Goes to the Ball and The Medium. Bill served two terms as President of the Company, a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors, and also served as Business Manager. A Sigma Xi graduate of Union College, he was elected the Outstanding Young Man of Schenectady in 1962 and is an application engineer with General Electric's Industrial Sales Division.

Beverly Fasake (Assistant Producer) is also a valued SLOC contributor, who, with her husband, has been active with the Company for over ten years. She was Producer for La Perichole and sang in the chorus of The King and I. She served a two-year term as President of the Company and served as a member of the Board of Directors and as Vice President of Public Relations. Bev has just completed a term as President of the Women's League of the Schenectady Symphony. She is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the Volunteer Bureau and a member of the Board of Directors of the Junior League. She was chosen Junior League Volunteer of the Year in 1962. A graduate of Albany State Teachers College with a Masters Degree in Guidance, she is a housewife.

Jack D. Byrne (Director) is a consistent SLOC contributor and has been active with the Company for nine years. He was Producer and Stage Manager for Showboat, Stage Manager for Oklahoma! and The King and I, and on the Stage Crew for La Perichole, Guys and Dolls and the Menotti's —Amelia Goes to the Ball and The Medium. Not only directing Kiss Me, Kate, he also is responsible for the set design in collaboration with Phil Wells. He has served a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors and also served as Vice President of Production Development and Casting Director. Jack is currently President of the Civic Players and has directed their productions of Born Yesterday, Far Off Hills, Bus Stop, Pursuit of Happiness and Lo and Behold! A graduate of Manhattan College, he is a sales engineer with General Electric's Industrial Sales Division.

Robert Boggs (Associate Director) is also a consistent SLOC contributor. He directed The Merry Widow, The King and I and The Music Man. His onstage appearances include Captain Andy in Showboat, Og in Finian's Rainbow, Curley in Oklahoma! and Sir Francis in Where's Charley? For the Civic Players, he directed Look Homeward Angel, Separate Tables and The Boyfriend. He also played in their productions of The Rainmaker, Lo and Behold!, Pygmalion and The Five Finger Exercise. Bob is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and is with Audio-Visual Communications at the General Electric Company.

#### Who's Who in Production (continued)

- Beverlee Johnson (Assistant Director) is participating in her second SLOC production, having been Assistant Stage Manager for Bye Bye Birdie. She recently appeared as Pamela in the Civic Players production of Nude with Violin. Her previous experience includes summer stock and radio and television commercials. She is studying drama with Anthony Mannino of New York City. Beverlee is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, where she majored in speech, radio, television and theater. Currently, she is producer of the Lively Arts series for WMHT-ETV.
- GLENN E. SOELLNER (Conductor) is conducting his third SLOC production, having been Conductor for Gypsy Baron and Guys and Dolls. He has sung the role of Don Basilio in The Marriage of Figaro and played with the Army Symphony, the National Orchestra under Leon Burzin and the Newport Arts Festival under Roman Totenberg. He is choir director at the Burnt Hills Methodist Church. A graduate of the Crane School of Music and Potsdam State Teachers College, Glenn is currently studying for his Doctorate in Musicology at Boston University. He is Director of Music of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District.
- ELEANOR PIGLIAVENTO (Co-Choreographer) is participating in her sixth SLOC production. She was Assistant Choreographer for *The Music Man*, *Where's Charley?* and *Guys and Dolls* and danced in those shows as well as in *Oklahoma!* and *The King and I*. She is a senior member of the Schenectady Civic Ballet. Eleanor has danced professionally in theaters and clubs throughout the eastern United States. With her husband, Orlando, she is co-owner of the Orlando School of Dance.
- Orlando Pigliavento (Co-Choreographer) is also appearing as the Special-ty Dancer in Kiss Me, Kate. He has contributed his fine talents to four previous SLOC productions, having choreographed The Music Man, Where's Charley?, Guys and Dolls and Bye Bye Birdie. He also played Tommy Djilas in The Music Man. For the Civic Players, he choreographed The Boyfriend. Orlando is a member of the Dance Educators of America. A graduate of Siena College with a Masters Degree from Oneonta State Teachers College, he is a member of the faculty of Glenhaven School.
- Varro Clarke (Stage Manager) is also appearing onstage as the Stage Manager. He is serving in this key production post for his second SLOC production, having been Stage Manager for the Menotti's—Amelia Goes to the Ball and The Medium. He was on the Stage Crew for Where's Charley? and Assistant Stage Manager for Bye Bye Birdie. Varro is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and is owner of the Four Star Hobby Center.
- PHILIP S. Wells (Set Design) has contributed his varied talents to many SLOC productions. He did the scenery design for *Down in the Valley*, appeared in the chorus of *Finian's Rainbow*, *Fanny*, *La Perichole* and *Guys and Dolls*, and played Silas Slick in *Naughty Marietta* and Otto in *Gypsy Baron*. Phil is currently serving his second term as a member of the Board of Directors as well as serving as Vice President of Artistic Operations. A graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art and Columbia Teachers College, he is head of the Art Department of the Niskayuna Public Schools.

#### Who's Who in Production (continued)

- Fran MacMillan (Production Manager) has served as Ticket Committee Chairman and Special Membership Committee Chairman. She is currently Vice President of Community Operations. Fran is a housewife and the mother of five children.
- Frank Vrooman (Set Technician) has appeared in the chorus of Oklahoma! and Where's Charley? and was on the Set Construction Crew for The Music Man. He is a member of the Schenectady Choral Society. Frank is employed in the Large Steam Turbine-Generator Department of the General Electric Company.
- RICHARD HARRISON and PATTI SIMONIAN (Set Painting Co-Chairmen) are SLOC newcomers. Their previous experience includes college productions. Graduates of New York State University at New Paltz, both Dick and Patti are art teachers with the Scotia-Glenville Central Schools.
- Bob Willard (Lighting Designer) has served in this key position for many SLOC productions including Oklahoma!, The King and I and the Menotti Operas—Amelia Goes to the Ball and The Medium. He has also designed and executed lighting for the Schenectady Civic Ballet and the Civic Players for their productions of No Time for Sergeants, Streetcar Named Desire, The Matchmaker and Nude with Violin. Bob is an engineering technician with General Electric's Advanced Technology Services.
- Ted Rautenberg (Sound Technician) has contributed his technical ability to ten consecutive SLOC productions. He was responsible for the establishment of our sound system. It is through the efforts of Ted and his able crew that the system is continually modified to meet the diverse requirements of SLOC productions. A graduate of Amherst College, he is a physicist at the General Electric Research Laboratory.
- Jenny Overeynder (Costume Mistress) is participating in her first SLOC production. She worked on costumes for the Civic Players production of No Time for Sergeants and was prompter for See How They Run. Jenny is a graduate of the University of Leyden, The Netherlands.
- LILLIAN KLINE (Makeup Artist) has served on makeup committees for several SLOC productions. She has also worked on makeup for the Civic Players. A graduate of Scranton Keystone Junior College, Lillian is a free-lance photocolorist as well as a housewife and mother of three children.
- Helen Kelly (Properties Mistress) served as Ticket Committee Chairman for six consecutive SLOC productions, starting with the King and I and concluding with the Menotti Operas—Amelia Goes to the Ball and The Medium. Helen is a graduate of Cortland State Teachers College with a Masters Degree from Oneonta State Teachers College and is a teacher with the Scotia-Glenville Elementary Schools.



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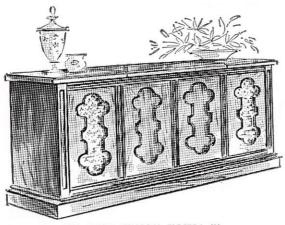
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Eileen has been active with SLOC for several years. She sang the title role in Naughty Marietta and played Rose Alvarez in Bye Bye Birdie. She starred in Guys and Dolls and Kiss Me, Kate with Musicals Under the Stars, appeared in several Saratoga Spa Theater shows and toured with Pat O'Brien in Finian's Rainbow. A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, she has performed with the Pittsburgh Opera Company and the Boris Goldovsky Opera Workshop.