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But there is an equally important reason for taking pride in this performance, for this production marks the fortieth year that SLOC has staged shows here in Schenectady. It is particularly fitting that we pay tribute to those many individuals who have helped build the Company through the years—Etta Moore, Ed Hatfield, Dorethea Hilbert, Bob Coller, and the Lowes to name just a few. It is doubtful that we would be producing My Fair Lady had it not been for their efforts.

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Synopsis of Show

An adaptation of G. B. Shaw's *Pygmalion*, *My Fair Lady* has been one of the most popular musicals in Broadway's history. It is currently enjoying similar success on the screen. The story centers around attempts by Professor Henry Higgins and Colonel Pickering to make a duchess out of Eliza Doolittle, a common flower girl of London 1912. Sparked by a desire to improve herself, Eliza approaches Higgins with a token payment which is quickly supplemented by Pickering in a bet with Higgins that he will fail in his attempts.

Drilling and coaching of Eliza with appearances at Ascot and the Royal Embassy Ball make up much of act one. Eliza's father, Alfred P. Doolittle, "the most original moralist in England" wishing in a small way to capitalize on his daughter's success, finds himself, instead, made into a victim of "middle class morality." Higgins, during the course of his work with Eliza, finds he has changed from a stuffy old bachelor to a point where he has "grown accustomed to her face."

Eliza, following a brief courtship by Freddy, finds that she has fallen in love with Higgins. An eternally popular success story, embellished with memorable tunes, My Fair Lady is truly an entertaining performance.

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Synopsis of Scenes

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The Place: London The Time: 1912

ACT I

- Scene 1—Outside the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden A Cold March Night
- Scene 2—Tenement Section—Tottenham Court Road Immediately Following
- Scene 3—Higgins' Study The Following Morning
- Scene 4—Same as Scene 2 Several Weeks Later
- Scene 5—Higgins' Study Later That Day
- Scene 6—Outside Ascot A July Afternoon
- Scene 7—Ascot Immediately Following
- Scene 8—Outside Higgins' House, Wimpole Street Later That Afternoon
- Scene 9—Higgins' Study Six Weeks Later
- Scene 10—The Transylvanian Embassy Later That Night
- Scene 11—The Ballroom of the Embassy Immediately Following

ACT II

- Scene 1—Higgins' Study
 Three o'clock the following morning
- Scene 2—Outside Higgins' House, Wimpole Street Immediately following
- Scene 3—Flower Market at Covent Garden Five o'clock that morning
- Scene 4—Upstairs hall of Higgins' House Eleven o'clock that morning
- Scene 5—The conservatory of Mrs. Higgins' House Later that day
- Scene 6—Same as Scene 2 Dusk, that afternoon
- Scene 7—Higgins' study Immediately following

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ACT I

Why Can't the English? Higgins
Wouldn't It Be Loverly?
With A Little Bit of LuckDoolittle, Harry, and Jamie
Pm An Ordinary ManHiggins
With A Little Bit of Luck (Reprise)Doolittle and Ensemble
Just You Wait
The Servant's Chorus
The Rain in Spain
I Could Have Danced All NightEliza, Mrs. Pearse, Maids
Ascot Gavotte
On the Street Where You LiveFreddy
The Embassy Waltz

ACT II

You Did ItHiggins, Pickering, Mrs. Pearse, and Servants
Just You Wait (Reprise)
On the Street Where You Live (Reprise)Freddy
Show Me Eliza and Freddy
Get Me to the Church on TimeDoolittle, Harry, Jamie,and Ensemble
A Hymn to Him
Without You
I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face

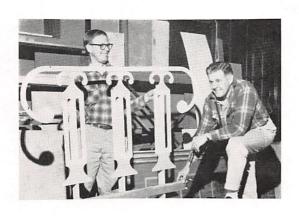
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Trumpets

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Cast, in Order of Appearance

Freddy Eynsford-Hill.....Fred Lyngard Colonel Pickering......John Pohl Henry HigginsTed Cooke Hoxton Woman.......Connie Holser Second Cockney Mark Bornfield Third Cockney.......James Carr Bartender James Carr Harry Ed Smith JamieORLANDO PIGLIAVENTO

Cast, in Order of Appearance (Continued)

Alfred P. Doolittle	Peter Stewart
Mrs. Pearse	Marjorie Feiner
Mrs. Hopkins	
Butler	John Gabriel
Maids	Marion Foster, Doreen Henessey, Nancy Swann, Lydia Cicarelli
Mrs. Higgins	Adrienne Grenfell
Chauffeur	John Ferrera
Lord Boxington	James Carr
Lady Boxington	Marion Foster
Policeman	Bob Jennette
Flower Girl	BEV FASAKE
Footman	James Carr
Zoltan Karpathy	STUART WOOSTER
Queen of Transylvania.	BETTY VERNON
Mrs. Higgins' Maid	EILEEN FULLER
Singing Ensemble	Lydia Cicarelli, Jane Cohen, Bev Fasake, Marion Foster, Eileen Fuller, Doreen Hennes- sey, Connie Holzer, Gladys Luthy, Sue Owens, Nancy Swann, Sally Ann Zollo, Dale Atwell, Frank Blum, Mark Bornfield, James Carr, John Gabriel, Skip Johnston, Bill Kornrumpf, Ed Smith, Andy Starr
Dancing Ensemble	Sandra Bartlette, Carol Constantino, Patricia Doyle, Eleanor Pigliavento, Kathleen Wilson, Steve DiGiorgio, John Ferrera, Robert Jenette, Orlando Pigliavento, Gene Snook

Who Who in the Cast

TED COOKE (Henry Higgins) — A graduate of Columbia University, he is with General Electric's Audio Visual Communications Operation. Ted has appeared as the King in *The King and I*, as Charlie Cowell in *Music Man*, and Will Parker in *Oklahoma!* He is also active with Schenectady Civic Players as a director, set designer, and actor.

Mary Boggs (Eliza Doolittle)—is making her fourth SLOC appearance, having played Anna in *The King and I*, Marian in *Music Man* and sung in the chorus of *Oklahoma!* She has also been seen in Civic Players productions. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, Mary has sung with the Dallas Opera Company and in SMU operas. She is a voice teacher, and a legal secretary.

John Pohl (Colonel Pickering)—A native of England, is making his first appearance on the Schenectady theatrical scene. He has extensive musical experience as a violinist both orchestral and as a soloist. John is a graduate of Birmingham University, England and is employed as a project engineer with General Electric Company.

Peter Stewart (Alfred P. Doolittle) — in his initial performance on the SLOC stage. Peter has directed several plays and played about forty parts in England, Canada and the U. S. Locally, he has worked extensively with the Playhouse. Peter earned his Ph.D at London University, and is in the New Business Development Operation at General Electric.

MARJORIE FEINER (Mrs. Pearce)—in her third show for SLOC, having appeared as Mrs. Paroo in *Music Man*, and Aunt Eller in *Oklahoma!*, she also served on make-up committee for the Menotti operas. Marge has directed and appeared in numerous Civic Playhouse and Galaxy Players productions. She holds a BA in dramatics from Carnegie Institute of Technology, and is a housewife with two children.

Fred Lyngard (Freddy)—newcomer with SLOC. He has worked with the Triune Musical Company in Latham, appearing in *Guys and Dolls* and conducting *Red Mill*. Having co-written two junior high school musicals Fred directs a church choir in Colonie, sings at the Temple in Albany, and teaches in the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake School System. He is a graduate of the Crane School of Music, Potsdam, New York.

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Accompanists	Metta Hooker, Harold Holzer, Barbara Weber,
	Virginia Icke, Mary Montgomery, Anne Hahn, Don MacMillan, Peggy Sayers
Choreographer	Orlando Pigliavento
Stage Crew	Frank Blum, Jack Byrne, James Caulfield, Robert Chapman, Robert Clarke, Varro Clarke, Andrew Chilcott, Will Dalton, Clark Gittinger, Frank Klein
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Who's Who in Production

William E. Fasake (Producer)—A valued SLOC contributor, he has been active with the company over ten years. My Fair Lady is Bill's fourth show as producer—the others were Kiss Me, Kate, The King and I, and Oklahoma! Among his other back-stage credits are: stage manager for LaPerichole; production manager for The Mikado and Guys and Dolls; and set technician for the Menottis Amelia Goes to the Ball and The Medium. Bill served two terms as president of the company, and is currently on the Board of Directors. He was Schenectady's Outstanding Young Man in 1962. A graduate of Union College with a BS in Electrical Engineering and R. P. I. with an Master of El. Eng, he is an application engineer with G.E.'s Industrial Sales Division.

Robert J. Boggs (Director)—A consistant SLOC contributor, he has directed The King and I, The Music Man, The Merry Widow, and assistant director for Kiss Me, Kate. His on-stage appearances include Captain Andy in Showboat, Og in Finnian's Rainbow, Curley in Oklahoma!, and Sir Francis in Where's Charley?", for the opera company. Bob has directed and appeared in many shows for the Schenectady Civic Players. He is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, and is with Audio-Visual Communications at General Electric Company.

LAWRENCE S. PIVACEK (Conductor)—Made his last SLOC appearance as conductor for Where's Charley? He served as conductor for The King and I and as assistant conductor for The Mikado. Larry has conducted several special musical events in Schenectady and is a member of the Schenectady Choral Society. A graduate of Crane School of Music, Potsdam and Union College, he is music coordinator at Oneida Junior High School.



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Who's Who in Production (Continued)

Orlando Pigliavento (Choreographer)—is choreographing his fifth SLOC production, the most recent being last season's Kiss Me, Kate. In Kate he was also featured as a specialty dancer. Orlando danced and acted the role of Tommy D'Jilas in The Music Man, and has appeared in productions at the Playhouse. He is a member of the Dance Educators of America, and with his wife, Eleanor is co-owner of the Orlando School of Dance. A graduate of Siena College, with a Masters Degree from Oneonta State Teachers College, he is a member of the faculty of Glenhaven School.

HAROLD E. HOLZER (Stage Manager) — A newcomer to SLOC, this is Harold's first major assignment. He has accompanied for this show, as well as having been on the accompanists staff for Can Can; and served as promptor for Kiss Me, Kate. He stage managed The Spy's the Limit, and produced Leave It To Eve at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Harold holds an Industrial Management degree from M.I.T., and is a contract administrator for Machinery Apparatus Operation at General Electric. He also teaches piano.

Charles McGarrahan (Set Designer)—has graced the Light Opera stage with his artistic set creations numerous times. Among the most recent shows which have had the "McGarrahan touch" are *The King and I*, La Perichole, Finian's Rainbow, and Carousel. Charlie's paintings have been exhibited at the Albany Art Institute, the Schenectady Museum, and Rockport Massachusetts Art Show. When not busily engaged with his career as Art Director at WRGB, he finds relaxation with antiques, hi-fi music and color photography.

Robert B. Johnson (Production Manager) — A newcomer to SLOC last season, he was a member of the stage crew for Kiss Me, Kate and Can Can. He also served as budget control manager for Can Can, but this is his first major staff assignment. Bob is a native of Nebraska, and a graduate from the University of Nebraska with a B.S. in Business. He is currently writing his thesis for Master of Business Administration degree for University of Louisville, and is a specialist, business audits at General Electric's Large Steam Turbine-Generator Department.

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