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# BARNUM

Music by CY COLEMAN Lyrics by MICHAEL STEWART A Musical suggested by the life of P.T. Barnum Book by MARK BRAMBLE

Originally Produced on the Broadway Stage by Judy Gordon, Cy Coleman, Maurice and Lois F. Rosenfeld in association with Irwin Feld and Kenneth Feld.

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### Time: 1835 through 1880 The action takes place all over America and the major capitals of the world.

#### ACT I

Overture	Orchestra
Stage Music	Orchestra
There is a Sucker Born Ev'ry Minute	Barnum
Sucker Playoff	Barnum
Thank God I'm Old	
Old Underscore	
Underscore: Whipcrack	
Women's Emporium Chase	Orchestra
The Colors of My Life	
The Brick Chase	
One Brick at a Time	Chairy & Chorus
Museum Song (Egress Song)	Barnum
Museum Crossover	Barnum
I Like Your Style	Chairy & Barnum
Reprise: I Like Your Style (Underscore)	
Bigger Isn't Better	Tom Thumb
Clowns	
Jenny Lind Entrance	Orchestra
Jenny Lind Obligato	Jenny Lind
Love Makes Such Fools Of Us All	
Incidental - Fools Of Us All	
Out There	Barnum

#### ACT TWO

Come Follow The Band Barnum, Ringmaster & Chorus
Come Follow The Band-Drum Tag Barnum
Reprise: Love Makes Such Fools Of Us All Jenny Lind
Black and White Chairy, Barnum, Blues Singer & Chorus
Reprise: Black and White Blues Singer
Reprise: The Colors Of My Life Chairy & Barnum
The Prince Of Humbug Barnum
Join The Circus
Finale Full Company
Finale Part II
Bows Orchestra



# MENDELSSOHN CLUB • SPRING CONCERT

An Evening of Musical Theatre Guest Artists from SLOC

May 20, 1988

CHANCELLORS HALL, ALBANY

#### ORCHESTRA

Music Director Vince Bonafede
Orchestra Manager Don Bush

Violins Linda Hanley Melanie Phillips Karen Bowry Beth Golding

Cello Beth Geragosian Bass Tony Riccobono Banjo-Guitar Jeff Belding Woodwinds 7 Tom Gerbino Charles Stancampiano Ron Serapillio Richard Sleeper 7 Mel Schiff

Piano Rita Croteau Drums Don Bush Trumpets Sean Lowery Pat Renzi Lila Serapillio

Trombones Doug Sertle Bill Meckley Don Paulson Percussion Tom Brown Tuba Walter Gregory

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Phineas Taylor Barnum	Robert Stewart McDougall
Chairy Barnum	Belinda Nero Florada
Ringmaster/Mr. Bailey	
Joice Heth	
Tom Thumb	Jennifer Koblensky
Jenny Lind	Mary Frances Miller
Julius Goldschmidt	Armand Guerin
Blues Singer	Rene Balsam
Chester Lyman	Nelson D. Soto
Amos Scudder	Ted Peck
Sherwood Stratton	Joseph A. Agostine, Jr.
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Wilton	Jim Flynn
Edgar Templeton	Thomas L. Heckert
Humbert Morrissey	
First Woman	Laura Reisch
Second Woman	
Concertmaster	Thom E. Tryon
Mermaid	Michelle Perez

#### **CLOWN ALLEY**

Syl-Lee Rene Balsam	Allegro Scott R. Payne
Giggles Thomas D. Bambury	Snookums Claudette T. Perras
Pouch Larry Niemiec	Clancy Katie Saurack
Wiggles Matthew Nowosielski	Appleseed Leslie Zeh
Baby Clown	.Gregory Niemiec

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### WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

**ROBERT STEWART McDOUGALL (P.T. Barnum)** has had featured roles in SLOC's productions of 1940's Radio Hour, Who #2, and Music Man, as well as major roles in summer stock/community productions, including Sky Masterson in Guys & Dolls, and Chebuytkin in The Three Sisters. A graduate of Emerson College, Bob is a talk show host for WQBK.

BELINDA NERO FLORADA (Chairy Barnum) appeared in SLOC's Robber Bridegroom and Who #2, and in Vanities, Hot L Baltimore, and Spokesong at Civic Playhouse. In the Utica/Rome area she had leads in Cabaret, Applause, and Hello Dolly, and directed 6 RmsRiVu. Belinda is owner of the Diet Center.

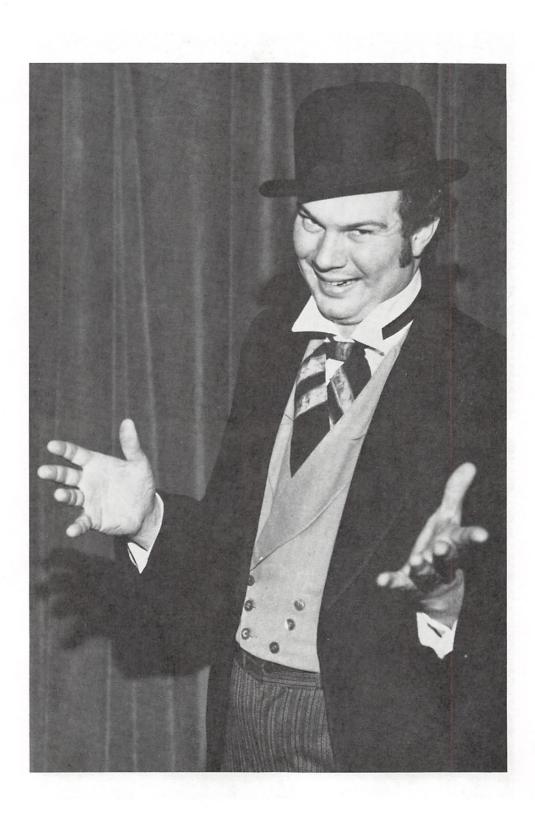
DON COUNTERMINE (Ringmaster/Bailey) directed SLOC's On a Clear Day, and had leads in Promises, Promises, Ten Nights in a Barroom, and The Apple Tree. At Civic Playhouse he directed Charley's Aunt, and was a frequent director and actor for the Colonie Acting Troupe. A SUNYA graduate, Don is manager of Colonie Block and Supply Co.

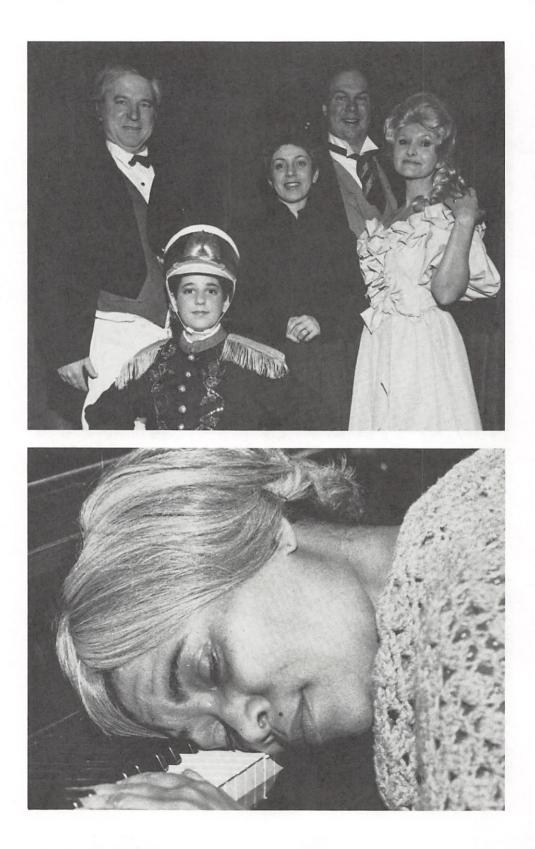
ROSALYN L. THYSSEN (Joice Heth) was seen in SLOC's Kiss Me Kate, Who #2, Sweet Charity and Applause. At Civic Playhouse she worked behind the scenes for Harvey and A Thousand Clowns. Roz is Unit Secretary in the Operating Room at Ellis Hospital and manages to find time to be a nursing student at Maria College.

MARY FRANCES CONIGLIO-MILLER (Jenny Lind) was Domina in last season's Forum and sang in SLOC's 60th Concert. Her many operatic roles include Gilda in *Rigoletto* and Rosina in *Barber of Seville*. She has appeared in a number of musicals and currently sings with the Albany Pro Musica. Mary Frances is a Speech-Language Pathologist.

**RENE BALSAM** (Clown "Syl-Lee", Blues Singer) appeared in SLOC's *Hello Dolly*. The Lowville Community Theater enjoyed her talents both onstage and in technical areas for many productions. Locally she has sung with rock and jazz bands. A graduate of SUC Potsdam, Rene is owner/performer of "Say it with a Song" Singing Telegrams.

JENNIFER KOBLENSKY (TOM THUMB), a seventh grader at Shenendahowa, is a veteran performer. She was in SLOC's *Music Man*, as well as the Schuylerville, Russell Sage, and SLOC productions of *Annie*. She studies piano, French horn, and dance.





# PRODUCTION STAFF

Producers Michael W. Jegabbi, Thelma Zeh
Director Carmen Sgarlata
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Choreographer Linda Mastro Kieru
Dance Captain
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Lighting Design
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Costumes
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### WHO'S WHO IN PRODUCTION

THELMA ZEH (Co-Producer) has produced many shows, including last season's *Fiddler on the Roof; Barnum* makes it an even dozen. She is a past president and a member of the Board, has been a Vice President, worked in production and chaired many committees. She has also served as producer for Civic Playhouse and serves on their board.

MICHAEL W. JEGABBI (CO-Producer) has worked in many areas of production for SLOC, including make-up and/or properties for the 60th Concert, Hello Dolly, My Fair Lady, Wizard of Oz and Little Mary Sunshine. He coproduced Fiddler on the Roof and was stage manager for Sound of Music. Michael is a technician for NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance.

**CARMEN SGARLATA** (Director) has directed many shows, most recently *The Wizard of Oz* and *My Fair Lady*. He has been featured in nearly two dozen others during his long association with SLOC. He also wrote the book for *Who Said What to Who #2*. He has appeared with other area theater groups including Civic Playhouse and TSU.

VINCENT BONAFEDE (Musical Director) has served in this capacity for many SLOC productions including *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, The Wizard of Oz* and *Hello Dolly*. As Vocal Director for Hoosic Valley Schools he has directed and accompanied many of their productions. He has a Bachelor of Music from SUC Fredonia and a Masters from SUC Potsdam. Vince is organist and choir director at Lynnwood Reformed Church.

LINDA MASTRO KIERU (Choreographer) has choreographed promotional video for OTB and danced with the Mic Riggi Performing Group. She studied at the National Ballet School of Toronto, Chautauqua Institution and the American Dance Theater in Saratoga. She has also taught ballet and jazz locally. Linda is a DJ at Madden's Restaurant in Colonie.

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THELMA ZEH was first introduced to SLOC when she found herself painting hundreds of bricks on the set of West Side Story. She served on several committees, then moved on to produce over a dozen shows, starting with Fiorello and including The Wizard of Oz, Fiddler on the Roof, and Barnum. She served 3 terms as president and is completing a long run on the board of directors.

In the community she has been board member and officer at Civic Playhouse and at one time was on the board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

A graduate of Ellis Hospital School of Nursing, Thelma recently retired from the Schenectady City Schools where she was School Nurse/Teacher working with the Pre-Kindergarten.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* At rehearsals, Thelma is accompanied by a handsome and attentive young man--her grandson, Jacob, age 4. Roberta, a special friend of the family, has become an avid theater goer, thanks to Thelma.

Many thanks and HATS OFF TO THELMA!

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