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WITH

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CARLA L. PRENTICE

BARBARA BREHM

CHAD SUPP

JUSTIN VICKERS

DIRECTED BY
PAMELA SHAW HEATH

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MUSICAL DIRECTOR

ANN McCURDY

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# OUR DIRECTORS



# Pamela Shaw Heath (Drama Director)

Although Pam is sitting in the director's chair for the first time for Danville Light Opera, she is no stranger to the stage. She has appeared in eighteen musicals with D.L.O. Sunshine II, Christian Arts Productions, Gregory Productions, and had the privilege of directing "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," for Red Mask last spring. When asked what her favorite role has been, she states that she has loved them all, but lists Miss Hannigan, (ANNIE) and Anna Leonowens, (THE KING & I) at the top of her list.

Pam is a past-president of the DLO Board of Directors, secretary of the Catlin Music Boosters, and sings in the Catlin United Methodist Chancel Choir. She works full time as office manager for John Zotz-Country Companies and part-time as a stylist for Chuck's Hairstyling in Catlin. She has been married for the last 18½ years to husband, Jim, a crewleader for CILCO, and is the mother of a son Kyle, who is the drummer for this evenings performance.

# Ann McCurdy (Music Director)

Ann is making her debut as Co-Music director with this show. She has previously been DLO productions 'Annie', 'Cole', and as Amy in 'Where's Charley' Ann is also in Window Repertory Theatre. Ann has been active with theatre since she was 15 years old and felt like she was ready for a different type of challenge. She also toured with the International Tour Group 'Up With People' in 1984-85. Ann is working at the First National Bank of Danville as Marketing Director and has an adorable sister named Pam, from the Big Brother/Big Sister program.





#### Erin Luke Reardon (Music Director)

Erin is Co-Directing her first show, and although nervous about it, feels it was a good step forward in her theater experience. Past shows she has done over a period of four years includes her favorite roles of Jeannie, in 'Shenandoah', Hope, in 'Anything Goes', and Lillie, in 'Annie'. She hopes to do many more productions in both acting and directing. The show was a challenge, for Erin and she is very proud of the cast and all their hard work.



## Laurel Soderstrom (Choreographer)

Laurel is a 1985 graduate of Catlin High School. She has studied dance for 13 years and works as an assistant instructor at Cromwell School of Dance. She has attended classes at the National Academy of the Arts for the last 3 years and has attended training sessions at the Chicago National Association of Dance Masters since 1981. She is working toward her credits for a teaching certificate in dance. Laurel has completed several contests receiving first place ratings. She appeared in the D.L.O. production of *The Wizard of Oz* in 1981 in which she played Glinda the Good Witch. She was also chosen to portray Copellia with the Indianapolis Ballet Company last year. Spring of 1986 marked her directing debut as choreographer for 'Where's Charley?' Laurel lives in Oakwood.



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#### **OUR STARS**

### Duane H. Prentice (Albert)

Duane has appeared in 17 DLO shows but admits this show is a real challenge as he gets to 'Kiss the girl'. He played Pseudslos in 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum' as his most memorable role. Duane has also performed in one Red Mask show. He is a past president of DLO and is a current board member. He is also an Elder at Central Christian Church, a choir member, and Co-worship Director. In his spare time, he is employed at Carter's Furniture and plays husband and father to Carla and Christopher.



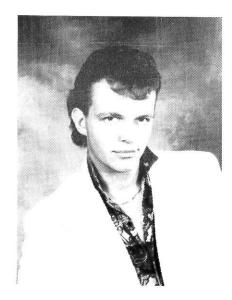
Kent Pickering (Birdie)

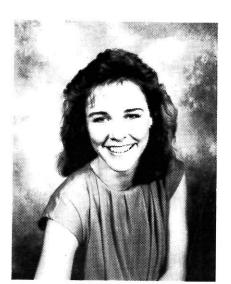
Returning from St. Louis and the start of a modeling career, Kent takes on his third DLO show. In the past playing Henry Anderson in 'Shenandoah' and one of the lead singers in 'Some Enchanted Evening'. "Entertainment is my middlename - I love the thrill of the spotlight and the glorious melody of the applause." Kent has loved performing for people since his mother stood him on a chair at Grandma Smith's house at the age of four, and had him sing 'Put Your Hand in the Hand of the Man'. A Senior at Catlin High School, he is the son of Ken and Linda Pickering. He is a member of the Catlin United Methodist Church, where he sings in the Chancel Choir. He plans to attend Southern Illinois University and major in Broadcasting. Kent can usually be seen in plays, looking for a challenge & partying with his friends.



Janet Marken (Rose)

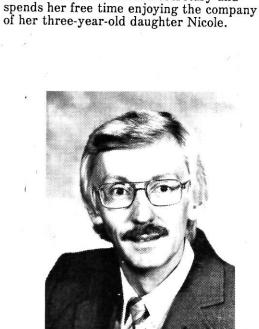
'Bye Bye Birdie' is my nineth show with DLO. My first show was 'Music Man' in 1977, in which I played 'Marion the Librarian'. My other lead parts for DLO include: 'Molly' in 'The Unsinkable Molly Brown' and 'Hedy Larue' in 'How to Succeed in Business'. I appeared as 'Sylvia' in the Red Mask production of 'The Paisley Convertible'. I am also a past DLO board member, serving as treasurer for three years. My hobbies include Flexercise, racquetball, and needlework. I am an Account Supervisor in the Customer Service Dept. at Teepak. My husband, Dave and I have two children Michele, 10, and Nathan, 5.





Ron McDaniel (Mr. McAfee)

Ron is appearing in his twenty-fourth DLO show. Last season he played President Roosevelt in "Annie". Other favorite roles include Lutz in "The/Student Prince", Cornelius Hackl in "Hello, Dolly!", Mayor Schinn, in "The Music Man", and Hysterium in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum". In 1968, when DLO first presented "Bye Bye Birdie", Ron was president of the organization and served as show coordinator for that production. He has also directed for both DLO and Red Mask, most recently the thriller "Night Watch". Offstage, Ron is Vice President - Editorial of The Interstate Printers & Publishers, Inc.



Although Barbara has always been interested in the different aspects of theatre,

this is her first leading role in a DLO pro-

duction. While she takes on the role of Kim

McAfee, she remembers past involvement

with "Carousel" and "Where's Charley?"

During high school, she was involved in

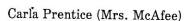
choir, dance, and variety shows. After-

time as an administrative secretary and

wards, she toured with the musical group

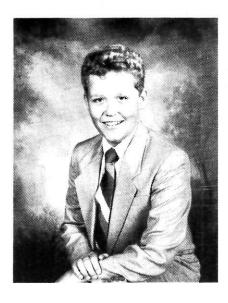
"General Delivery, USA". She works part-

Barbara Brehm (Kim)



After performing in many DLO productions since 1975, this is the first occasion where Carla has had to play opposite Ron McDaniel, which she considers an honor to do so. The opportunity has led to 'a laugh a minute'. She has also appeared as Queen Aggravain in 'Once Upon A Mattress', Alma Hix, in the 'Music Man', as well as many other memorable roles for DLO. Earlier this year, she made her Red Mask debut as Reba Harper in 'A Bad Year for Tomatoes'. When she and her husband, Duane, are not on stage, they are at home with their six year old son, Christopher.



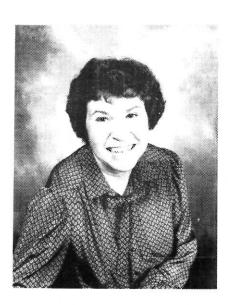


## Justin Vickers (Randolph)

I am in the seventh grade at Danville Lutheran School. This is my first appearance on stage in community theater. My hobbies include singing in the school choir and playing baseball. I have two pets, a cat, Fluffy; and a dog, Molly 'B'. I would like to thank my Mother and Father, John and Karen Vickers, for all their encouragement, and my voice instructor, Mr. Robert Unger, for making this opportunity possible.

## Pat French (Mae)

Pat has been with DLO for 25 years. Birdie is the 12th show she has been in and the 28th production she has been involved with. Pat is a past DLO Board member and Treasurer and has served on most of the committees and "support teams". For many years, DLO was a "family affair" with Pat, Harold, Alan and Jacki all working together on sets/costumes/lights/props. Their all-time favorite show is still Fiddler on the Roof. Pat is on the Sales staff at Estad Products and enjoys talking to people all around the country and listening to the different accents and attitudes that come over the phone.



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# Musical Synopsis of Scenes

## ACT I

SCENE 1. Office of Almaelou Music, New York	
An English Teacher	Rose with Albert
SCENE 2. Sweet Apple. Ohio	
The Telephone Hour	Sweet Apple Kids
SCENE 3. McAfee Home, Sweet Apple.	
How Lovely To Be A Woman	Kim
SCENE 4. Pennsylvania Station New York	
We Love You, Conrad!	Teen Trio
We Love You, Conrad! Put on a Happy Face	Albert and Two Sad Girls
Normal American Boy	Rose, Albert and Company
SCENE 5. Railroad Station, Sweet Apple.	AND CALL TO SERVICE OF THE SERVICE O
One Boy.	Kim, Deborah Sue and Alice
Reprise: One Boy	Rose
SCENE 6. Courthouse Steps, Sweet Apple.	~
Honestly Sincere	Conrad and Townspeople
SCENE 7. McAfee Home, Sweet Apple.	35 35 10 35 35
Hymn For A Sunday Evening SCENE 8. Stage, Central Movie Theatre, Sweet Apple.	Mr. McAfee, Mrs. McAfee,
SCENE 9. Busheters Office Control Marie The Apple.	Kim, Randolph and Neighbor
SCENE 9. Backstage Office, Central Movie Theatre, Swee	et Apple.
Ballet: How To Kill A Man	Rose, Albert and Company
One Last Kiss	C1 1 C
One Last Kiss	Conrad and Company
ACT II	
Prologue The World At Large	
SCENE 1. McAfee Home, Sweet Apple.	
What Did I Ever See In Him?	Rose with Kim
SUENE 2. Street Outside McAfee Home.	
A Lot of Livin' To Do	Conrad, Kim and Teenagers
SCENE 3. McAiee's Back Door	
Kids	Mr. McAfee and Mrs. McAfe
SCENE 4. Maude's Roadside Retreat	
Daby, Talk 10 Me	Albert and Quartet
SCENE 5. Private Dining Room, Maude's Roadside Retreat	t.
Shriners' Ballet	Rose and Shriners
SCENE 6. Back Door, Maude's Roadside Retreat.	35 35 40 35
Reprise: Kids	Mr. McAtee, Mrs. McAfee,
	Randolph and Townspeople
Spanish Rose	Rose
SUENE 8. Railroad Station, Sweet Apple.	

#### CAST OF CHARACTERS

ALBERT PETERSON ROSE ALVAREZ CONRAD BIRDIE KIM McAFEE MRS. McAFEE MR. McAFEE RANDOLPH McAFEE MAE PETERSON HUGO PEABODY URSULA MERKLE MRS. MERKLE MAYOR MAYOR'S WIFE HARVEY JOHNSON FREDDIE ALICE MARGIE ANN DEBORAH SUE SUZIE LINDA CAROL MARTHA LOUISE CONNIE HELEN NANCY LINDA MR. HENKLE GLORIA RASPUTIN TV STAGE MANAGER CHARLES F. MAUDE

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"No, No Nanette"	Fall	1956	"Two by Two"	Spring	
"Connecticut Yankee"	Spring	1957	"South Pacific"		1974
"Brigadoon"	Fall	1957	"Applause"	Spring	
"New Moon"	Spring	1958	"Gypsy"	0.70	1975
"Show Boat"	Fall	1958	"My Fair Lady"	Spring	
"Naughty Marietta"	Spring	1959	"Oliver"		1976
"Oklahoma"	_	1959	"The Music Man"	Spring	
"Of Thee I Sing"	Spring	1960	"Annie Get Your Gun"	100.00	1977
"South Pacific"	Fall	1960	"Carousel"	Spring	
"Red Mill"	Spring	1961	"Once Upon	5P6	1010
"Annie Get Your Gun"	Fall	1961	a Mattress"	Fall	1978
"Desert Song"	Spring	1962	"Sugar"	Spring	
"Carousel"	Fall	1962	"West Side Story"	_	1979
"The Music Man"	Spring	1963	"The King & I"	Spring	
"Kismet"	Fall	1963	"Sound of Music"	Fall	
"Calamity Jane"	Spring	1964	"A Funny Thing Happened		1
"The Sound of Music"	Fall	1964	Way to the Forum"	Spring	1981
"The Pajama Game"	Spring	1965	"The Unsinkable	. 0	
"The King and I"	Fall	1965	Molly Brown"	Fall	1981
"The Student Prince"	Spring	1966	"The Pajama Game"	Spring	1982
"Camelot"	Fall	1966	"Camelot"		1982
"Guys and Dolls"	Spring	1967	"Oh, Coward"	Winter	1983
"Li'l Abner"	Fall	1967	"How to Succeed in Business	withou	t
"Show Boat"	Spring	1968	Really Trying"	Spring	
"Bye Bye Birdie"	Fall	1968	"They're Playing		
"Kiss Me Kate"	Spring	1969	Our Song"	Fall	1983
"On a Clear Day"	Fall	1969	"I Do, I Do"	Winter	1984
"Bells Are Ringing"	Spring	1970	"Damn Yankees"	Spring	1984
"Hello, Dolly!"	Spring	1971	"Shenandoah"	Fall	
"Fiddler on the Roof"	Fall	1971	"Some Enchanted Evening"	Winter	1985
"Mame"	Spring	1972	"Anything Goes"	Spring	1985
"The Unsinkable Molly Brow	n" Fall	1972	"Annie"	Fall	
"Funny Girl"	Spring		"Cole"	Winter	
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While those of you in audienceland have been relaxing? for the last nine weeks, \_\_hard-working people have been busily preparing for "BYE, BYE, BIRDIE". To my actors.... thank you for being patient with me. Since this is my first time directing a musical, I have learned by trial and error. To my musical directors, Ann McCurdy and Erin Reardon, thank you for being patient with me. We have learned a lot haven't we? I have enjoyed working with you. To my pianist, Debbie Owens, what talent you possess, thank you for being a part of this production. To our unsung heroes, the backstage crew, headed by Staci Kitchen, Stage Manager, I don't know what I'd have done without you. To all of those people who will probably do something for "Birdie" and will not be mentioned because of a printers deadline, a personal thank-you. Last but not least, my hat goes off to our Producer, Ruth Bryant, what a lady, she did anything I asked of her, listened to my gripes, and still patted me on the back....thanks, Ruth. Last, last, but not least, least, is to the choreographer, Laurel Soderstrom, thanks for making those feet look like they dance with such ease. In other words a show is put together with several hard working people and by joining together they can produce a show like "BYE, BYE, BIRDIE."

Pamela Shaw Hexth

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