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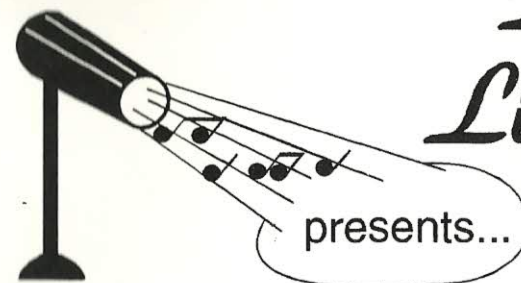
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## Danville Light Opera

# Damn Yankees



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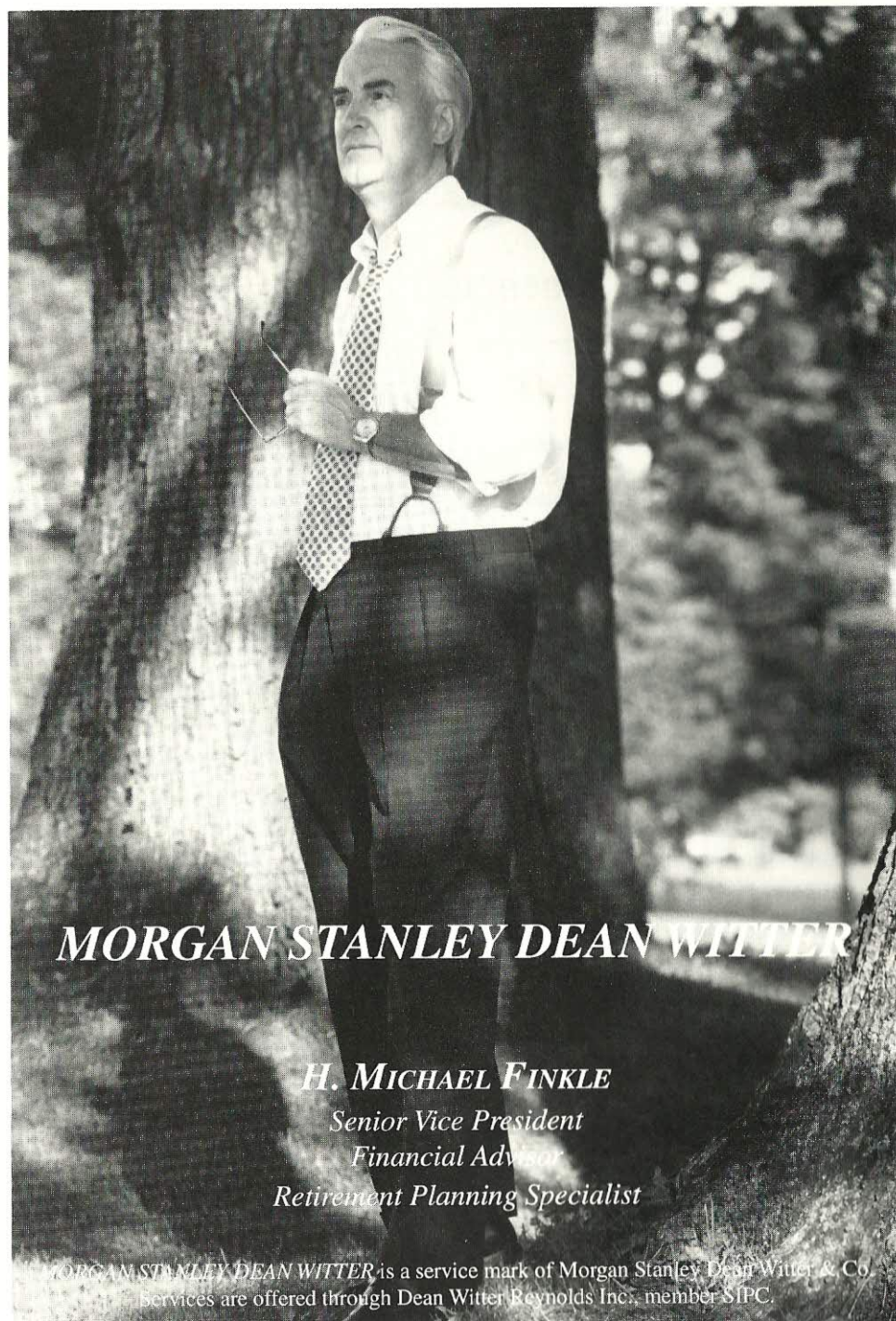
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## Damn Yankees

### CAST

(in order of appearance)

Joe Boyd . . . . .	Tom Harrigan
Meg Boyd . . . . .	Nancy Henderson
Applegate . . . . .	Jim Knoblauch
Joe Hardy . . . . .	Craig Downing
Sister . . . . .	Barbara Bencomo
Doris . . . . .	Robin Romack
Henry . . . . .	Dustin Wells
Sohovik . . . . .	Brian Hawkins
Smokey . . . . .	Mike Puhr
Rocky . . . . .	Steven Ward
Van Buren . . . . .	Mark Learnard
Eddie . . . . .	Jesse Pierce
Vernon . . . . .	Tom Myers
Bryan . . . . .	Joe Russo
Lowe . . . . .	Chris Puhr
Micky . . . . .	Ian Rose
Gloria Thorpe . . . . .	Elissa Flynn
Lynch . . . . .	Chad Myler
Mr. Welch . . . . .	Greg Green
Lola . . . . .	Nancy Livingston
Miss Weston . . . . .	Lori Alane Zellers
April . . . . .	Justine Hanciaux
May . . . . .	Jami Curtis
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## MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT ONE

Six Months Our Of Every Year  
 Goodbye, Old Girl  
 Heart  
 Shoeless Joe From Hannibal, MO.  
 A Little Brains, A Little Talent  
 A Man Doesn't Know Reprise  
 Whatever Lola Wants  
 Heart Reprise  
 Who's Got The Pain?

### ACT TWO

The Game  
 Near To You  
 Those Were The Good Old Days  
 Two Lost Souls  
 A Man Doesn't Know Finale

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Music Directors	Tom and Debbie Myers
Show and Rehearsal Pianist	Debbie Myers
Producer	Nancy Henderson
Stage Manager	Sheryl Walsh
Sound	Mike and Krys Reynolds
Lights	Warren Frank, Nicole Fitting
Costumes	Nancy Henderson and Cast
Hair/Props	Cast
Make-up	Amy Hegg and Cast
Tickets & House	Lon Henderson, Justine Hanciaux
Programs	Brian Morfey, Nancy Henderson
Publicity	Maria Hammer
Orchestra	
Oboe	Melissa Grygiel
Trombone	Dan Hittinger
Drums	Scott Meece
Trombone	Jenny Taylor
Bass	Brice Yates
Keyboard	Sally Brash



Set Construction Crew



# Biographies



## Barbara Bencomo (Sister)

Barbara is pleased to be performing again with Danville Light Opera. Her previous shows include *Annie*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Annie Warbucks*, and *Leader of the Pack*. Barbara has studied musical theatre at Parkland College, University of the Arts, and National-Louis University. She'd like to remind the cast that "it's all about sas'ification!"



## Craig Downing (Joe Hardy)

After a long "vacation" from the theatre, Craig decided to give it a go again. He also appeared in DLO's 1984 production of *Damn Yankees*. Craig works for Allied/Federal Moving and Storage as a driver. He gives special thanks to his Mom and Dad and everyone else who gave him a push in the right direction. Special thanks go to Jesse, Tom, and Debbie for the opportunity to do the show and his first leading role, and to Jenna, for her love and support.



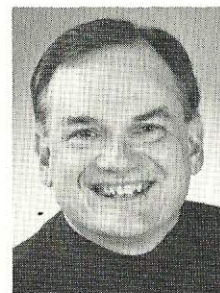
## Elissa Flynn (Gloria Thorpe)

Elissa has performed in several Danville Light Opera productions, with her favorites being *Annie*, *Godspell* and *Leader of the Pack*. She attends Bismarck-Henning High School where she participates in Pompettes, Band and Scholastic bowl. Elissa is currently studying jazz and ballet.



## Greg Green (Welch)

This is Greg's first taste of theatre since junior high school days. A native of northeastern Illinois, Greg has lived in the Danville area since 1985. He works for radio station Kiss 103.1 WKZS, where his job responsibilities include morning drive news and sports anchor, sales, copywriting, production and sports play-by-play. Greg is actively involved in the Danville Lions Club and the Vermilion County Audubon Society, where he currently holds the office of president. His number one hobby is travel.



## Tom Harrigan (Joe Boyd)

*Damn Yankees* is Tom's third appearance for Danville Light Opera this season, having appeared as "Daddy Warbucks" in *Annie Warbucks*, and Jeff in *Leader of the Pack*. Tom has also appeared as Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls* with the Beef House Dinner Theatre. In addition to playing in the orchestra for several DLO shows, Tom has been a backup musician for several nationally known entertainers. Tom's day gig is as a music teacher at North Ridge Middle School.



## Nancy Henderson (Meg Boyd/Producer)

Nancy has been the producer and/or costumer for over 22 Danville Light Opera shows. *Damn Yankees* is her tenth onstage appearance for DLO. She has also appeared with Sunshine II Productions and Kankakee Valley Theatre, in addition to directing two shows for DLO. Nancy was last seen onstage as Grace Farrell in DLO's *Annie Warbucks*. She thanks her husband Lon and sons Nathan and Erick for their continued support.



## Jim Knoblauch (Applegate)

This is Jim's first appearance onstage for Danville Light Opera. He has previously directed the DLO productions of *Nunsense*, *Nunsense II*, and *A Day In Hollywood/A Night In The Ukraine*. His last public singing appearance was last summer during the seventh inning stretch at a Danville Dan's game at Danville Stadium.



## Mark Learnard (Van Buren)

Mark, a Georgetown boy, is making his first appearance on the DLO stage. He appreciates the support of his wife Lori and his daughter Mindy, and is extremely grateful that they put their mental health on the line by allowing him to practice singing "Heart" over and over and over until he finally got it right.





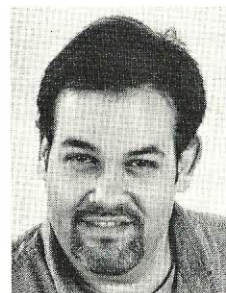
### **Nancy Livingston (Lola)**

Hot off the stage in Red Mask's production of *The Curious Savage*, Nancy returns in her fourth appearance for DLO. She previously performed in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Godspell*, and *Annie Warbucks*. An Assistant State's Attorney in Vermilion County, Nancy's true passion is playing mother to three beautiful children. She thanks her children, the rest of her family and Israel Gonzalez for all their love and support.



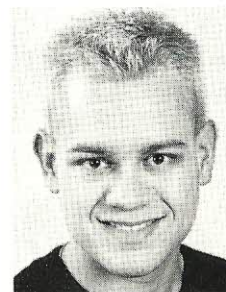
### **Debbie Myers (Music Director)**

Debbie accompanied her first Danville Light Opera show, *Bye, Bye, Birdie* in 1986 after doing shows in Lincoln, IL and the Little River Theatre in Havana, IL. Before moving back to the area, she worked with musicians in Las Vegas, NV. Debbie says, "Danville Light Opera has been a great experience!"



### **Tom Myers (Music Director)**

Tom has performed in and accompanied various productions for both Danville Light Opera and Lincoln Community Theatre in Lincoln, IL. Tom holds degrees in both voice and Christian Ministry from Lincoln Christian College. Tom is the Associate Minister to Adults at Second Church of Christ. He is very happy to be co-directing music for *Damn Yankees* and is extremely shocked to be dancing!



### **Jesse Pierce (Director/Choreographer)**

Jesse returns to DLO for his 13th production. He has performed across Illinois with the McLeod Summer Playhouse, Marjorie Lawrence Opera theatre, and locally was last seen as Tommy in *Brigadoon* at the Beef House Dinner Theatre. He currently serves as choreographer to several award winning show choirs in Illinois and Indiana. Jesse is working toward a degree in Music Education. Thousands of thanks to this cast, crew and his family for their unconditional support.



### **Robin Romack (Doris)**

Robin was featured in DLO's fall production, *Annie Warbucks*, and has been associated with Randy J. Clifton's Jukebox Jamboree at the Col. Harmon mansion since its inception. Her other varying roles include: mother to 2 wonderful daughters, substitute teacher to thousands of wonderful students, and major volunteer to the 4-H program. Robin thanks Vi for all her help and to Jesse for all his support.



### **Sheryl Walsh (Stage Manager)**

Sheryl first got involved in community theatre when she saw how much fun her daughter Heather had in her first show. Since then she has had several onstage roles for DLO, Sunshine II Productions and Red Mask. Sheryl says she is more comfortable behind the scenes, however. She has served in such capacities as light and sound tech, prop chairman, set builder and stage manager. A special thanks goes to Heather for her love and support.



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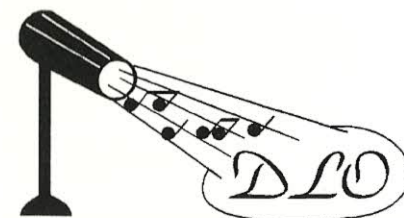
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1957 <i>Connecticut Yankee</i> <i>Brigadoon</i>	1969 <i>Kiss Me Kate</i> <i>On a Clear Day</i>
1958 <i>New Moon</i> <i>Show Boat</i>	1970 <i>Bells Are Ringing</i>
1959 <i>Naughty Marietta</i> <i>Oklahoma</i>	1971 <i>Hello, Dolly!</i> <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>
1960 <i>Of Thee I Sing</i> <i>South Pacific</i>	1972 <i>Mame</i> <i>The Unsinkable Molly Brown</i>
1961 <i>Red Mill</i> <i>Annie Get Your Gun</i>	1973 <i>Funny Girl</i> <i>Take Me Along</i>
1962 <i>Desert Song</i> <i>Carousel</i>	1974 <i>Two by Two</i> <i>South Pacific</i>
1963 <i>The Music Man</i> <i>Kismet</i>	1975 <i>Applause</i> <i>Gypsy</i>
1964 <i>Calamity Jane</i> <i>The Sound of Music</i>	1976 <i>My Fair Lady</i> <i>Oliver</i>
1965 <i>The Pajama Game</i> <i>The King and I</i>	1977 <i>The Music Man</i> <i>Annie Get Your Gun</i>
1966 <i>The Student Prince</i> <i>Camelot</i>	1978 <i>Carousel</i> <i>Once Upon a Mattress</i>
1967 <i>Guys and Dolls</i> <i>Li'l Abner</i>	1979 <i>Sugar</i> <i>West Side Story</i> (continued)

1980 <i>The King and I</i> <i>The Sound of Music</i>	1992 <i>The All Night Strut</i> <i>Nunsense</i> <i>Meet Me in St. Louis</i>
1981 <i>A Funny Thing Happened</i> <i>on the Way to the Forum</i> <i>The Unsinkable Molly Brown</i> <i>The Wizard of Oz(children's show)</i>	1993 <i>The Butler Did It, Singing</i> <i>Man of La Mancha(with DSO</i> <i>and Sunshine II)</i> <i>Jack and the Giant(children's</i> <i>show)</i> <i>A Funny Thing Happened On The Way</i> <i>To The Forum</i>
1982 <i>The Pajama Game</i> <i>Camelot</i> <i>Hans Christian Anderson(children's</i> <i>show)</i>	1994 <i>Nunsense II</i> <i>Two by Two</i> <i>Oliver</i>
1983 <i>Oh, Coward</i> <i>How to Succeed in Business</i> <i>Without Really Trying</i> <i>They're Playing Our Song</i>	1995 <i>Rodgers and Hart: A Celebration</i> <i>You're A Good Man Charlie Brown</i> <i>Dames at Sea</i> <i>The Little Mermaid(children's show)</i>
1984 <i>I Do, I Do</i> <i>Damn Yankees</i> <i>Shenandoah</i>	1996 <i>Jerry's Girls</i> <i>Annie</i> <i>Grease</i>
1985 <i>Some Enchanted Evening</i> <i>Anything Goes</i> <i>Annie</i>	1997 <i>Smoke on the Mountain</i> <i>Once Upon a Mattress</i> <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> <i>The Ransom of Red Chief</i> <i>(children's show)</i>
1986 <i>Cole</i> <i>Where's Charlie?</i> <i>Bye Bye Birdie</i>	1998 <i>Blame It On The Movies</i> <i>Godspell</i> <i>Charlotte's Web (children's show)</i> <i>Annie Warbucks</i>
1987 <i>Pretzels</i> <i>She Loves Me</i> <i>Pirates of Penzance</i>	1999 <i>Leader of the Pack</i> <i>Damn Yankees</i>
1988 <i>Something's Afoot</i> <i>Marry Me a Little</i> <i>Sugar Babies</i>	
1989 <i>1940's Radio Hour</i> <i>Do Black Patent Leather</i> <i>Shoes Really Reflect Up?</i> <i>Seven Brides for Seven Brothers</i>	
1990 <i>A Day in Hollywood/</i> <i>A Night in the Ukraine</i> <i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	
1991 <i>The Music Man</i> <i>Pump Boys and Dinettes</i> <i>My One and Only</i>	



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