

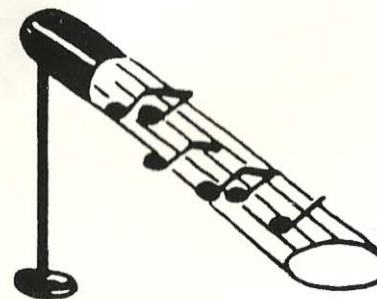


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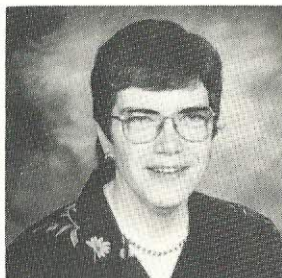
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In Memory - Linda Pusey

Danville Light Opera dedicates its 1996-97 season in loving memory of Linda Pusey. In 1980, Linda began her affiliation with Danville Light Opera as a pianist. As time grew so did her involvement with our organization, taking on so many tasks and duties over the years. Linda became a member of the DLO Board of Directors in 1982, where she served until her death on August 14, 1996. She will be greatly missed.



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CAST OF CHARACTERS

(In Order of Appearance)

Miss Lynch.....	Anita Stein
Patty Simcox.....	Nikki Lewis
Eugene Florczyk.....	Sam Farren
Jan.....	Julia Roche
Marty.....	Rachael Atwood
Betty Rizzo.....	Erin Halls
Doody.....	Nathan Marken
Roger.....	Craig Smith
Kenickie.....	Jason Asaad
Sonny LaTierri.....	Eric Roberts
Frenchy.....	Laurel Soderstrom
Sandy Dumbrowski.....	Ann Soderstrom
Danny Zuko.....	Mark Robertson
Vince Fontaine.....	Ron Soderstrom
Johnny Casino.....	George Halls
Cha-Cha DiGregorio.....	Danita Morfey
Teen Angel.....	James Schomburg

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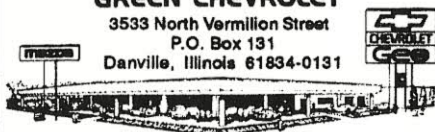
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Synopsis of Scenes and Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

Scene 1: REUNION

"Alma Mater".....Miss Lynch, Patty and Eugene
"Alma Mater" Parody.....Pink Ladies, Burger Palace Boys

Scene 2: CAFETERIA

"Summer Nights".....Sandy and Danny, Pink Ladies
Burger Palace Boys, and Patty

Scene 3: SCHOOL HALL

"Those Magic Changes".....Doody, Burger Palace Boys,
Pink Ladies, Patty and Eugene

Scene 4: PAJAMA PARTY

"Freddy, My Love".....Marty, and Pink Ladies

Scene 5: STREET CORNER

"Greased Lightnin'".....Kenickie, and Burger Palace Boys

Scene 6: SCHOOLYARD

Scene 7: PARK

"Mooning".....Roger and Jan
"Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee".....Rizzo
"We Go Together".....Pink Ladies and Burger Palace Boys

ACT TWO

Scene 1: ON STAGE

"Shakin' at the High School Hop".....Pink Ladies and
Burger Palace Boys
"It's Raining on Prom Night".....Sandy
"Born to Hand-Jive".....Johnny Casino and Company

Scene 2: FRONT OF BURGER PALACE

"Beauty School Dropout".....Teen Angel, Frenchy and Choir

Scene 3: DRIVE-IN MOVIE

"Alone at the Drive-In Movie".....Danny and Burger Palace Boys

Scene 4: JAN'S PARTY

"Rock 'N' Roll Party Queen".....Doody and Roger
"There Are Worse Things I Could Do".....Rizzo
"Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee" Reprise.....Sandy and Rizzo

Scene 5: INSIDE BURGER PALACE

"All Choked Up".....Sandy and Danny, Pink Ladies
Burger Palace Boys

FINALE

"We Go Together" Reprise.....Entire Company

Biographies



Nancy Henderson (director)

Nancy lengthens her DLO list of accomplishments with her second directing experience. That list includes three years as president, five years as a board member, serving as a producer or costume designer for the past 18 shows, and challenging many roles including her portrayal of "Sister Amnesia" in *Nunsense* and *Nunsense II*. Away from DLO Nancy splits her time between teaching at Liberty School and cleaning up after her husband Lon, and two children Nathan and Eric.



Laurel Soderstrom (Frenchy, choreographer)

Laurel got her start in DLO productions in 1981, and has been very active with the organization ever since. Laurel has appeared on stage for DLO seven times including last seasons *Annie*, and has choreographed shows for eleven years. Laurel is currently serving as president of the DLO board. Laurel owns and operates The Laurel School of Dance. Laurel is happy to be sharing the stage once again with her brother Ron, and her sister-in-law Ann.



Barbara Lewis (producer)

Although this is Barb's first experience at producing a show, she has been involved with DLO intermittently since 1978. Barb has participated behind the scenes in several capacities, including, music director for last season's *Dames At Sea*. Most recently, Barb was seen on stage as "Grace" in last year's *Annie*. Currently she serves as secretary on the DLO Board of Directors.



Sandy Hoth (accompanist)

Although tickling the DLO ivories for the first time, Sandy has previously accompanied cast members in *Carousel*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Anything Goes*. Sandy is an attorney in the Vermilion County States Attorneys Office.



Jason Asaad (Kenickie)

Jason got bit by the "theater bug" in high school, totaling six shows in his four years. When not rehearsing for his DLO debut, He serves as a volunteer firefighter for the Catlin Fire Protection and an Emergency Medical Technician at the basic level. Jason would like to thank his mother for her support.



Rachel Atwood (Marty)

Rachel is excited that "her favorite movie" now becomes her DLO debut. She is currently attending Danville Area Community College as a first step towards a masters degree in Psychology. Adding to her past stage credits, Rachel spent 14 years dancing at Marilyns Dance Works. Rachel dedicates this performance to her sister Erica, for enjoying this stage show as much as she.



Eric Brooks (Sonny)

With aspirations of being a musician or a stand-up comedian, *Grease* is the perfect show for Eric's DLO start. Previously in Danville, Eric has appeared in *Shades of Shakespeare* and *A Christmas Carol*.



Sam Farren (Eugene)

Sam adds DLO to his list of vast theater experience. Along with previous roles in Springfield (MO) Little Theater's production of *The King and I*, and two Danville High School shows, Sam appeared in the IMAX Film Productions *Ozarks, Legacy and Legends* and several television commercials. Athletically, Sam is on the Danville High School soccer team.



Erin Halls (Rizzo)

Erin's affiliation with DLO started years ago when she portrayed "Jenny" in *Shenandoa*. Since then she has done everything from several back stage duties to directing last summers children's theater production of *The Little Mermaid*. Erins last appearance on stage was in the Sunshine II production of *Phantom of the Country Palace*. Where she won rave reviews as "Tammy Faye Crenshaw". Erin thanks her four children and husband George, for letting her do this show - a favorite since she saw the movie.



George Halls (Johnny Casino)

Playing a band member is no stretch for George since entertaining with the "Tons of Fun" band is among his list of activities. Add to that list 3 DLO stage appearances and backstage tasks for many shows. Currently George is Vice President of the DLO Board of Directors, and serves as the technical advisor. George and his wife, Erin, have four Children, Kelly, Dalton, Emily, and Rebecca.

**Nikki Lewis (Patty Simcox)**

Nikki Began her DLO involvement in 1993 when she played "Princess Tulip" in the children's production of *Jack and the Giant*. Since then Nikki has been seen in *Oliver*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Annie*. Outside DLO, Nikki has been involved in Red Mask Children's Theater, many school productions, and the Catlin Jr. High Choir.

**Nathan Markem (Doody)**

Nathan is enjoying his fourth show with DLO. He has also performed with Red Mask, the DHS Players and Sunshine II Productions where he was last seen as "Skipper" in the first United States amateur production of *Phantom of the Country Palace*. As a sophomore at Danville High School, he is active in Contemporaire and the Danville Fine Arts Club. Nathan would like to thank his friends and families for their much appreciated love and support.

**Danita Morfey (Cha Cha)**

No aspect of Danville Light Opera is unfamiliar to Danita, having served in almost every capacity of the organization. Danita's a past president of DLO and a current board member. On stage Danita has appeared in *The Music Man*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (her favorite!) and last year's *Dames at Sea*. Off stage, Danita directed *Rodgers and Hart* and has helped with hair and makeup for many shows. At home Danita spends time with her husband Brian and their cat Key.

**Mark Robertson (Danny)**

Mark debuted and dominated the DLO stage last season, appearing in both *Dames at Sea* and *Annie*. While attending Danville Area Community College, Mark stays active with his church choir and as an employee of Sears.

**Julia Roche (Jan)**

After a stint as the "Evil Sea Witch" in DLO's *The Little Mermaid*, and performances with Gregory's Academy, the DHS Players, and most recently as "Crystal Light" in Sunshine II Productions *Phantom of the Country Palace*, Julia returns for more. Julia is keeping busy in her senior year at Danville High School with Contemporaire, National Honor Society, the Fine Arts Club, and the DHS Medley yearbook.

**James Shomburg (Teen Angel)**

After a long recess, James returns to the DLO stage. Previous stage performances include major roles in *Pirates of Penzance*, *Cole*, and *My One and Only*. James is currently studying voice with University of Illinois instructor Ron Hezlland.

**Craig Smith (Roger)**

With stage credits in Villa Grove, the Champaign-Urbana Theater Company, Parkland College, and the Station in Urbana, Craig makes his debut in DLO with this performance. Craigs previous shows include *The Secret Garden*, *Mame*, *Brigadoon*, *Sweeny Todd*, and *The Music Man*. Craig thanks his friend Lori for pointing him in this new direction, and thanks to Katrina, Diane, and Michelle for their support.

**Ann Soderstrom (Sandy)**

Ann has been involved in Danville community theater for many years. Last season, Ann appeared in DLO's *Jerry's Girls* and Red Mask Players *Crimes of the Heart*. Other roles among her favorites include "Laura" in *The Glass Menagerie*, "Hope" in *Something's Afoot*, and "Amy" in *Where's Charlie*. She would like to thank her biggest fans, Ron and her children Robert and Ronald.

**Ron Soderstrom (Vince Fontaine)**

Ron is a veteran on the DLO stage having appeared previously in *Sugar Babies*. He also adds to his list of theater experiences a role in Earl Hoffman's original musical about Danville, *Save Chicago*, and performing many Scottish rite degrees. Ron shares the stage with two other Soderstroms - his wife Ann and his sister Laurel, while backstage he tries to keep up with his two sons Robert and Ronald Jr. Ron protects and serves the City of Danville as a police officer in the new "Cops" program.

**Anita Stein (Miss Lynch)**

While Anita is a newcomer to DLO she is no stranger to the stage, having spent much time with the Champaign-Urbana Theater Company. Her favorite roles include "Miss Adelaide" in *Guys and Dolls* and "Minnie Fay" in *Hello Dolly!* She would like to thank her husband Harvey and children Sara, Brittany, and Brian for sharing her with the theater.

Production Staff

Director	Nancy Henderson
Choreographer	Laurel Soderstrom
Stage Manager	Tom Overstreet
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Backstage	Erica Huber, Stage Crew
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Lighting Design	Scott Eisenhauer
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Rehearsal Pianist	Sandy Hoth
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Hair	Danita Morfey
Accompanist	Sandy Hoth
Guitar	George Halls
Drums	Tim Farren
Keyboard	Karen Grove
Bass	Rich Roberts
Tenor Sax	Earl Walters

Coming Attractions

Red Mask Players

"Harvey" - November 1, 2, & 3, 8, 9, & 10, 15 & 16, 1996

Vermilion Festival Chorus

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 "Annie Get Your Gun" Fa '61, Fa '77
 "Applause" Sp '75
 "Anything Goes" Sp '85
 "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" Sp '81, Fa '93
 "A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine" Wi '90
 "Brigadoon" Fa '57
 "Bye Bye Birdie" Fa '68, Fa '86
 "Bells Are Ringing" Sp '70
 "Connecticut Yankee" Sp '57
 "Carousel" Fa '62, Sp '78
 "Calamity Jane" Sp '64
 "Camelot" Fa '66, Fa '82
 "Cole" Wi '86
 "Desert Song" Sp '62
 "Damn Yankees" Sp '84
 "Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" Sp '89
 "Dames at Sea" Fa '95
 "Fiddler on the Roof" Fa '71
 "Funny Girl" Sp '73
 "Guys and Dolls" Sp '67
 "Gypsy" Fa '75
 "Grease" *Fa '76
 "Hans Christian Anderson" Su '82
 "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" Sp '83
 "Hello Dolly" Sp '71
 "I Do, I Do" Wi '84
 "Jack and the Giant" Su '93
 "Jerry's Girls" Wi '96
 "Kismet" Fa '63
 "Kiss Me Kate" Sp '69
 "Li'l Abner" Fa '67
 "Little Shop of Horrors" Sp '90
 "My One and Only" Sp '91
 "Merry Widow" Sp '56
 "Mame" Sp '72
 "My Fair Lady" Sp '76
 "Marry Me a Little" Sp '88
 "Meet Me in St. Louis" Fa '92
 "Man of La Mancha" Sp '93
 "No, No Nanette" Fa '56
 "New Moon" Sp '58
 "Naughty Marietta" Sp '59
 "1940's Radio Hour" Wi '89

"Nonsense" Sp '92
 "Nonsense II" Wi '94
 "Oklahoma" Fa '59
 "Of Thee I Sing" Sp '60
 "On a Clear Day" Fa '69
 "Oliver" Fa '76, Fa '94
 "Once Upon a Mattress" Fa '78, *Sp '97
 "Oh, Coward" Wi '83
 "Pretzel's" Wi '83
 "Pirates of Penzance" Wi '87
 "Pump Boys and Dinettes" Wi '91
 "Red Mill" Sp '61
 "Rodgers & Hart: A Celebration" Wi '95
 "Showboat" Fa '58, Sp '68
 "South Pacific" Fa '60, Fa '74
 "Sugar" Sp '79
 "Shenandoah" Fa '84
 "Some Enchanted Evening" Wi '85
 "She Loves Me" Sp '87
 "Sugar Babies" Fa '88
 "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" Fa '89
 "Singin' in the Rain" Fa '91
 "Smoke on the Mountain" *Wi '97
 "Something's Afoot" Wi '88
 "The Music Man" Sp '63, Sp '77, Fa '90
 "The Sound of Music" Fa '64, Fa '80
 "The Pajama Game" Sp '65, Sp '82
 "The King and I" Fa '65, Sp '80
 "The Student Prince" Sp '66
 "The Wizard of Oz" Su '81
 "The Little Mermaid" Su '95
 "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" Fa '72, Fa '81
 "Take Me Along" Fa '73
 "Two by Two" Sp '74, Sp '94
 "They're Playing Our Song" Fa '83
 "The All Night Strut" Wi '92
 "The Butler Did It, Singing" Wi '93
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