

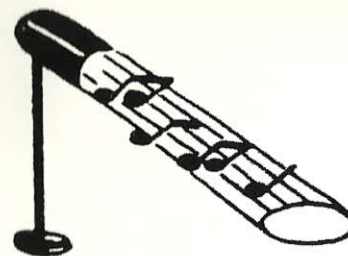


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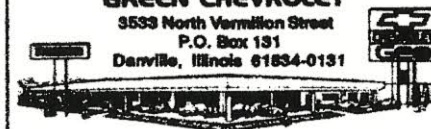
CAST OF CHARACTERS

Minstrel	Julie Roche
Wizard	Robert McIntire
Prince Dauntless	Nathan Marken
Queen Aggravain	Nancy Henderson
King Sextimus	Sonny Downing
Lady Larkin	Ann Soderstrom
Jester	Jesse Pierce
Sir Harry	Terry Colby
Princess Winnefred	Sharon Girard
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Synopsis of Scenes and Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

Prologue:

"Many Moons Ago".....Minstrel

Scene 1: Medieval Castle

"Opening for a Princess".....Dauntless, Larkin, Knights, Ladies

"In a Little While".....Harry, Larkin

Scene 2: Castle Corridor

"In a Little While" reprise.....Harry, Larkin

Scene 3: Castle Courtyard

"Shy".....Winnifred, Knights, Dauntless, Queen, Ladies

"The Minstrel, The Jester and I".....Minstrel, Jester, King

Scene 4: Castle Corridor

"Sensitivity".....Queen, Wizard

Scene 5: Winnifred's Dressing Room

"The Swamps of Home".....Winnifred, Dauntless, Ladies

Scene 6: Castle Corridor

"Spanish Panic".....Company

Scene 7: Tents in the Courtyard

"Normandy".....Minstrel, Larkin, Jester

Scene 8: Castle Courtyard

"Spanish Panic 2".....Company

Scene 9: The Great Hall

"Song of Love".....Dauntless, Winnifred, Knights, Ladies, Harry, Jester

ACT TWO

Scene: 1 The Castle

"Opening Act II".....All

Scene 2: The Castle

"Happily Ever After".....Winnifred

Scene 3: Castle Corridor

"Man to Man Talk".....Dauntless, King

Scene 4: Wizard's Chamber

Scene 5: A Corridor

"Very Soft Shoes".....Jester, Knights, Ladies

Scene 6: A Corridor

"Yesterday I Loved You".....Harry, Larkin

Scene 7: Winnifred's Bed Chamber

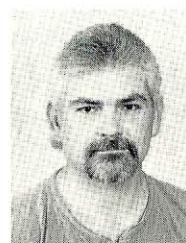
"Nightingale Lullaby".....Instrumental

Scene 8: A Corridor - next morning

Scene 9: Banquet Hall

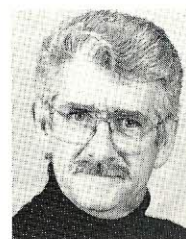
"Finale".....All

Biographies



Terry Colby (Sir Harry)

After making his area theatrical debut last summer in Sunshine II Productions' Phantom of the Country Palace, Terry is introduced to the Danville Light Opera stage with this show. After majoring in Fine Arts at Indiana University, Terry has returned to his hometown of Danville. When not working at Material and Fuel, Terry enjoys his hobbies of golf, guitar playing, and oil painting.



Dave Downing (stage director)

In twelve years of community theatre involvement, Dave has worked on over 40 productions for Danville Light Opera, Red Mask, Sunshine II Productions, and Gregory's Academy. From the biblical "Noah" in DLO's Two By Two, to this season in Red Mask's Wait Until Dark, Dave has enjoyed his roles onstage as well as his backstage activities. Downing has directed Ravenscroft and Rumors for Red Mask, and is pleased to be directing this "wonderfully talented cast" for DLO.



Sonny Downing (King Sextimus)

Sonny should have known better when his brother, David, said "Try out for my show..... The king is a great part!" Sure, no dialogue, no singing.....why be in a musical? Anyway, Sonny has spent the last twelve years involved in community theatre. Sonny sends a huge thank you to his wife, Sandy, and the rest of his family who encourages and tolerates his hobby. Sonny also sends thanks to his peers on-stage as well as those behind the scenes.



Sharon Girard (Princess Winnifred)

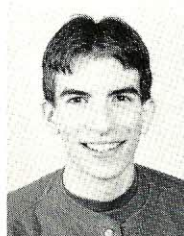
Since moving here from California two years ago, Sharon immediately became involved in our community's theatre. Her work in Danville to date includes stage managing for Red Mask's Fatal Attraction and directing Annie for DLO. Previous involvement includes directing, choreographing, and performing in numerous shows, and has portrayed the "Jester" in a prior performance of this production. She would like to thank her daughter Kira for her love and patience.

**Nancy Henderson (Queen Aggravain)**

Nancy has not been on the DLO stage since last season's popular Jerry's Girls. However, in between, Nancy has been busy with many other DLO responsibilities, including directing the hit show Grease last fall. She is enjoying doing another "character" role, her other favorite being "Sister Amnesia" in Nunsense and Nunsense II. Nancy wants to thank her husband, Lon, and sons, Nathan and Erick, for sharing her with DLO.

**Fran Lockhart (music director)**

Music Director for this production is a new member to the Danville Light Opera family, Fran Lockhart. She also receives the "frequent flier" award, traveling from the home she shares with her three sons in Milford, to her teaching position in the Donovan School District, and then to Danville to rehearse this show and practice with the Vermilion Festival Chorus. Lockhart has directed or performed in several musicals including Grease, The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, and How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.

**Nathan Marken (Prince Dauntless)**

Having been involved in theatre for half his life now, Nathan is excited about adding this production to his long list of shows with Danville Light Opera, Sunshine II Productions, the DHS Players, and North Ridge School. At Danville High School, Nathan is vice-president of the Fine Arts Club, and a member of the Contemporaires and the National Honor Society. As always, Nathan is continually grateful for support from family and friends.

**Bob McIntire (Wizard)**

Once again Bob brings his talents to the Danville Light Opera stage, after spending some time on the Red Mask stage. Bob moved to the DLO dinner stage this winter where he played "Burt" in Smoke on the Mountain. He is thrilled to share this stage with his daughter Mindy, and both thank Cheryl for her support.

**Jesse P. Pierce (Jester / choreographer)**

After a four year absence, Jesse is thrilled to be back on the DLO stage. He has since been performing and choreographing show-choirs and musical-theatre all over Illinois and Indiana. Some favorite shows include: Merrily We Roll Along, Into the Woods, Jesus Christ Superstar, Big River, Westside Story, and Man of LaMancha.

**Julia Roche (Minstrel)**

Julia is wrapping up her time in Danville and is proud to have been so involved in theatre. Her involvement spans many productions with the DHS Players, Danville Light Opera, Red Mask, Gregory's Academy and Sunshine II Productions including memorable roles in An Inspector Calls, Our Town, Phantom of the Country Palace, Grease, and The Little Mermaid. At Danville High School, Julia is a member of The Contemporaires and president of the Fine Arts Club. She "thanks Danville for everything it has shown her".

**Ann Soderstrom (Lady Larkin)**

After an extremely successful run as "Sandy" in Danville Light Opera's fall show Grease, Ann returns after a short break. Ann has portrayed a variety of characters on Danville stages, including major roles in Crimes of the Heart, The Glass Menagerie, and Jerri's Girls. She is most appreciative of the encouragement and support she receives from her husband, Ron, and her two sons.

The Directors, Cast, and Crew of Danville Light Operas production of Once Upon A Mattress would like to thank you, the audience, for your support in seeing this performance today.



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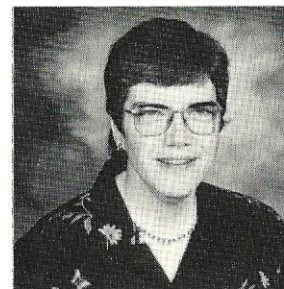
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In Memory - Linda Pusey

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 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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 "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 '96
 "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

"Nunsense" Sp '92
 "Nunsense 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
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 "Rodgers & Hart: A Celebration" Wi '95
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 "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
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