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Words and Music by

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Based on Bissell's Novel *7½ Cents*

DRAMATICS DIRECTOR
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MUSICAL DIRECTOR
Harold French

CHOREOGRAPHER
Tammy Hartley

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THE PAJAMA GAME

A strike over wages in a midwestern pajama factory in the early 1950's would seem an unlikely subject for a musical comedy, but that's what *The Pajama Game* is all about. It all began when author Richard Bissell used some of his own experiences as the framework for a highly successful novel, *7½ Cents*. Then, in collaboration with playwright George Abbott, Bissell set about transforming his work into a Broadway musical. The new team of Richard Adler and Jerry Ross provided the words and the music for songs that ran the gamut from gentle ballads to rousing show-stoppers. An unknown choreographer named Bob Fosse was brought in to create the dance numbers. After tryouts in New Haven and Boston, the show opened on Broadway to rave notices in 1954, where it ran initially for 2½ years and captured the coveted Tony Award.

The original cast was an impressive one. As Babe, head of the union's grievance committee, Janis Paige was sensational, and as Sid, the new plant superintendent, John Raitt entranced theatre-goers with his magnificent voice. Eddie Foy, Jr., brought to his role of Hines, the time-study man, the comedic skills he had perfected in his vaudeville days, and Carol Haney sizzled as Hines' girlfriend, Gladys, when she sang and danced the now-classic "Steam Heat" with Buzz Miller and Peter Gennaro. Veteran character actress Reta Shaw quickly became an audience favorite as Mabel when she did a smooth soft-shoe with Foy.

After 1,063 performances, *The Pajama Game* closed, only to be revived less than a year later. Subsequent revivals followed, and the show has remained one of the most popular musicals for regional and community theatres. DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA staged the show for the first time in the spring of 1965.

In 1957, Warner Bros. reunited many of the original Broadway cast, including Raitt, Foy, Haney, and Shaw, when it brought the musical to the motion picture screen. Doris Day starred as Babe. The movie was a hit and is frequently seen on television.

In the words of the show's title song, "Nothing's quite the same / As the pajama game."

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THE DIRECTORS



JIM GILMOUR (Dramatics Director)

In addition to appearing in Red Mask's *Bell, Book, and Candle* and *Chapter Two*, Jim won a Katy Award for his performance in *6 Rms Riv Vu*. While *The Pajama Game* marks Jim's directorial debut in Danville, he has directed numerous theatrical productions in Huntington, West Virginia, including Neil Simon's *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*. Jim has been in many plays, both in college and in community theatre. He has twin daughters, Lisa and Leslie. Lisa also is active in Red Mask and in school productions.



HAROLD FRENCH (Musical Director)

Harold received his B.S. and M.A. degrees in music education from Indiana State University. While attending the university, he was active in the Sycamore Players, both behind the scenes and on stage. Harold has been a resident of Vermilion County for the past 26 years, teaching instrumental music in the Catlin, Danville, Georgetown, Shiloh, and Westville school systems. A two-time past president of DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA, Harold has also served on the Red Mask and Vermilion County Museum boards. His association with DLO has spanned 20 years, during which time he has directed the music for *Bye Bye Birdie*, *On a Clear Day You Can See Forever*, *Bells Are Ringing*, and *Two by Two*. At one time or another, Harold has served on nearly all production crews, most notably set design and construction.



TAMMY HARTLEY (Choreographer)

Tammy appeared in DLO's *West Side Story* as a dancer and has also worked behind the scenes. At Schlarmar High School, she choreographed *Li'l Abner*, *No, No, Nanette*, and *Amal and the Night Visitors*. She was co-choreographer for Sunshine II's production of *Hello, Dolly!* From 1980 to 1981 she performed with the Chicago Lions Show Girls and the Chicago Jazz Connection Dance Company. While in Chicago, she studied at the Gus Giordano Dance Center, Lou Countes' Hubbard Street Dance Company, The Chicago Conservatory College for Performing Arts, and the Rythmics Dance Company of Northbrook, Illinois. She is currently teaching at Faye's Dance Company in Danville and Hoopeston.

CAST OF CHARACTERS (in order of appearance)

HINES	Gary Shaw
PREZ	Harry Ferguson
JOE	Rex Moore
HASLER	Bill Brandy
GLADYS	Judy Desecki
SID SOROKIN	Dick Tardy
MABEL	Norma Davison
FIRST HELPER	Llance Parker
SECOND HELPER	T. Scott Ryan
CHARLEY	Terry Walters
BABE WILLIAMS	Pamela Shaw-Heath
MAE	Marty Howrey
BRENDA	Pat French
POOPSIE	Carla Prentice
MAX	Duane H. Prentice
POP	Richard Ney

Other Workers at the Sleep Tite Pajama Factory:

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SARA	Mary Lou Spain
ANN	Jackie Clark
CHARLENE	Lana Montgomery
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SHIRLEY	Jan Marken
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THE PLAYERS



PAMELA SHAW-HEATH (Babe Williams) has been quoted as saying, "It's really fun to perform in DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA. Where else could you be a 'nun' in September and a 'hooker' in April!" She is referring, of course, to her parts in last season's productions of *The Sound of Music* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Pam should be remembered by our audiences for her portrayal of Anna Leonowens in *The King and I* (1980). *The Pajama Game* marks her seventh DLO show. Three years ago, Pam appeared as Irene Molloy in Sunshine II's production of *Hello, Dolly!*, one of her

favorite roles in one of her favorite shows.

A past president of DLO, Pam resides in Catlin with her husband, Jim, her loyal supporter and number one fan, and their son, Kyle, who also has appeared on our stage. She is a member of the Catlin United Methodist Church and sings in the Chancel Choir there.

Pam is involved in many civic-school organizations and, in her "spare time," works three days a week as a stylist for Chuck's Hairstyling in Catlin.

DICK TARDY (Sid Sorokin) is playing his first leading role in a major musical. He first became involved in DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA last fall, when he appeared as Monsignor Ryan in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*.

Dick is Production Manager at Central Foundry. A graduate industrial engineer, he began his career at the Danville plant in 1959. After various assignments at General Motors plants in Bedford, Indiana, and Defiance, Ohio, he returned to Danville in 1980. A member of St. James United Methodist Church, he is active also in the United Way and is on the Danville Tennis Club Board of Directors.

Much to his delight, Dick has been upstaged by his talented offspring in recent years. Son Rick, now a sophomore at Indiana University, played the title role in his high school musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and son Greg played the Scarecrow in DLO's *The Wizard of Oz*, in which daughter Amy also took part.

Dick is very grateful to his wife, Rosanne, for her wholehearted support and understanding patience during the many hours of practice for the role of Sid.



THE PLAYERS (continued)



GARY SHAW (Hines) is making his second appearance in a DLO presentation. His first was as the mute King Sextimus in *Once upon a Mattress*. An inside salesman for Esco Corp., Gary resides in Danville with his wife, Pat, and two stepchildren, Bob and Dawn Colby. He also has two daughters, Niki and Tracy.



JUDY DESECKI (Gladys) discovered her attraction to the theatre only a few years ago. She first appeared in Sunshine II's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* as Chava. Her DLO debut was in the title role of *Sugar*. In last fall's *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, Judy danced in the chorus. She juggles her enthusiasm for the stage with her seventh-grade teaching position at South View Middle School and her first priority — her daughters, Robin, 5, and Cara, 2.



HARRY FERGUSON (Prez) is a familiar figure on the stages of DLO, Red Mask, and Sunshine II, Ltd. A Katy Award winner for his role of Fabrizio in *Under Papa's Picture*, he starred this season as George in Neil Simon's *Chapter Two*, his fourth Red Mask production in a row! Harry, who presently resides in Danville would like to pursue acting professionally.

THE PLAYERS (continued)



BILL BRANDY (Mr. Hasler) was born in Ohio but raised in Rhode Island. He was active in high school and college drama clubs and glee clubs. After a 22-year absence, his theatrical interests were rekindled when he moved to Danville 3 years ago. At Red Mask, Bill was seen in *Born Yesterday* and *Heaven Can Wait*. This is his first DLO production. Professionally, Bill is Chief of Audiology and Speech Pathology at the VA Medical Center. He and his wife, Maryann, a journalism student at the U of I, have two sons, Steve and Matt.



NORMA DAVISON (Mabel) was first seen on the DLO stage earlier this season as the Grand Duchess in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*. Norma enjoys playing the organ and singing in her church choir. She and her husband, Bob, live in Catlin. They have one married son and one grandson.

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SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

PLACE: Small town in the Midwest
TIME: Early 1950's

ACT I

OVERTURE

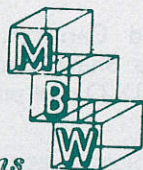
- Scene 1: **Opening**
"The Pajama Game" . . . Hines
- Scene 2: **Shop of Sleep Tite Pajama Factory** / immediately following
"Racing with the Clock" . . . Girls & Boys
"A New Town Is a Blue Town" . . . Sid
- Scene 3: **Shop** / same day
"I'm Not At All in Love" . . . Babe & Girls
- Scene 4: **Office** / same day
"I'll Never Be Jealous Again" . . . Hines & Mabel
"Hey There" . . . Sid
- Scene 5: **On the way to the picnic** / two weeks later
"Her Is" . . . Prez & Gladys
- Scene 6: **Picnic** / same day
"Sleep Tite" . . . Babe, Boys & Girls
"Once-a-Year Day" . . . Sid, Babe & Company
- Scene 7: **Along a path** / after the picnic
Reprise: "Her Is" . . . Prez & Mae
- Scene 8: **Babe's house** / one week later
"Small Talk" . . . Sid & Babe

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- Scene 9: **Shop** / following Monday
"There Once Was a Man" . . . Sid & Babe
- Scene 10: **Shop** / noon, next day
Reprise: "Hey There" . . . Sid

ACT II

ENTR'ACTE

- Scene 1: **Eagle Hall** / evening, one week later
"Steam Heat" . . . Gladys & Two Boys
- Scene 2: **Babe's house** / evening, next day
Reprise: "Hey There" . . . Babe
- Scene 3: **Shop** / next day
"Think of the Time I Save" . . . Hines & Girls
- Scene 4: **Office** / three days later
- Scene 5: **Hernando's Hideaway** / that night
"Hernando's Hideaway" . . . Gladys & Company
- Scene 6: **Office** / next day
- Scene 7: **Rally** / same day
"Seven-and-a-Half Cents" . . . Babe, Prez, Boys & Girls
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It's a bit difficult to express gratitude to so many without sounding trite. The show you are about to see is the sum total of such a large number of dedicated and talented people that a mere "thank you" would not be enough.

The cast and crew of *The Pajama Game* have bent over backwards helping me with my Danville debut as a director. My special thanks to Patty Ferris and Gail West for putting up with me and keeping things on track; they are two of the best right arms a director could have.

The members of the cast and crew deserve a standing ovation for their patience and endless hours of work. And, of course, my sincere appreciation to musical director Harold French and choreographer Tammy Hartley, who really gave the cast something to sing and dance about. They are the best, as I'm sure you'll agree when you sit back and enjoy the sights and sounds of *The Pajama Game*.

Jim Gilmour



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Nominees are:

Jessica Boyd	Harriett Miller
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Harold French	Judy Rudnicke
J. Edward Hancock	Pamela Shaw-Heath
Marty Howrey	Dick Tardy

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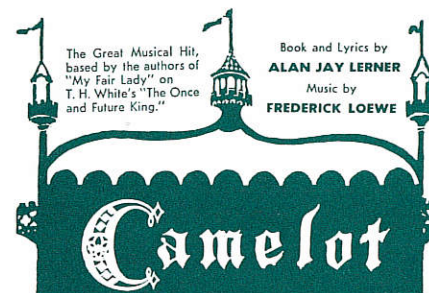


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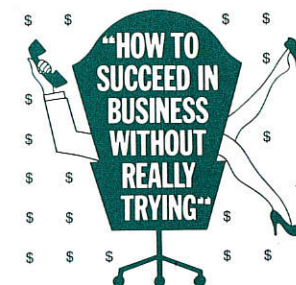
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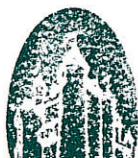
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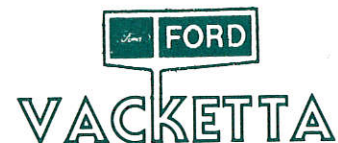
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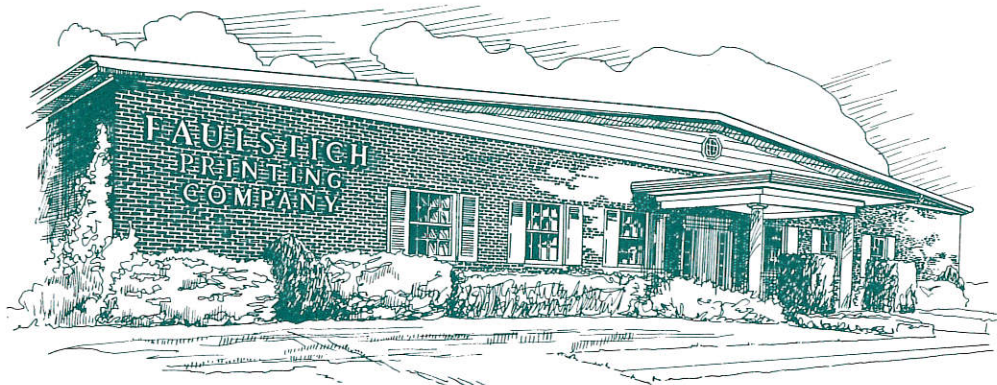
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DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA is proud to announce that the winner of this year's \$300 Suycott-Dupree-Schroeder Memorial Scholarship Award is Denise Lorraine Divan, daughter of Dennis and Janice Divan, of Rural Route 3, Danville. A 1982 graduate of Bismarck-Henning High School, this fall she will be attending the University of Illinois, where she will major in applied voice and work toward her goal of becoming a professional singer. For her scholarship audition, she sang "O mio babbino caro" by Puccini. In addition to her vocal talents, Miss Divan plays piano, violin, alto and bass clarinet, bells, chimes, vibraphone, saxophone, and marimba.

So far, Miss Divan has used her musical abilities in a number of ways: accompanying the junior and senior high choruses at Bismarck; singing in chorus; playing in concert band, pep band, and jazz band; singing with the Vermilion Festival Singers; participating in plays and musicals; and singing solos at Farmer's Chapel United Methodist Church, at the VA, at nursing homes, and elsewhere.

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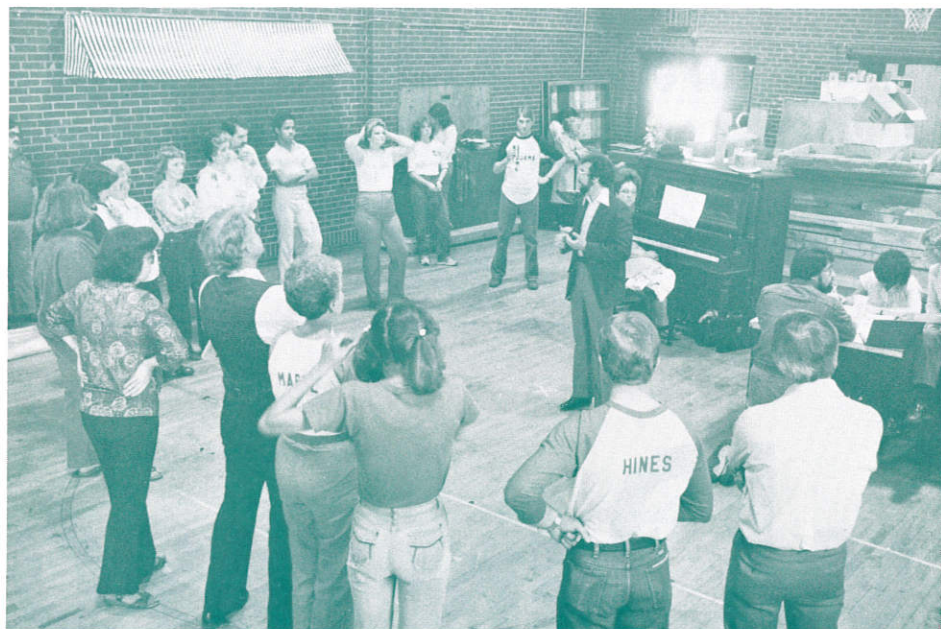
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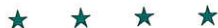
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