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July 10, 1989

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News Bureau Director

YOUTH THEATRE GROUP TO PERFORM "THE BALLAD OF ROBIN HOOD"

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Methodist College Youth Theatre will present "The Ballad of Robin Hood" July 17, 18, and 19 at 7 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Written by Pat Hale, the two-act drama features a cast of 19 local youngsters ages 7-16. Some of the principal players include Bruce Porter as Robin Hood, Danny Kirkhum as Little John, David McPherson as the Sheriff of Nottingham, and Catherine Porter as Kate, the Ballad Singer.

Patrice Spangler is directing the production. Jeff Mead composed the music and Erik Greene designed the set.

"The Ballad of Robin Hood" is partially funded by a grant from the Cumberland Foundation.



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July 12, 1989

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METHODIST COLLEGE TO STAGE "OKLAHOMA!"

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--The Methodist College Theatre Department will present the Rogers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" July 27, 28, and 29 in O'Hanlon Amphitheater on the college campus.

Show times are 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

Betty M. Dunn, a drama teacher from Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City, is guest director. Brenda Byrd is the music director and Robin Westbrook is the choreographer. S. Matthew Enerson is the technical and lighting director.

The "Oklahoma!" cast numbers 20 and includes high school students and young adults from throughout the Cape Fear region. Area residents playing principal roles include: from Fayetteville -- Barbara Martin as Aunt Eller, William McMillan as Fred, Chris Patterson as Jud Fry, Wendy Powers as Ado Annie Carnes; from Hope Mills -- LeAnna Croom as Laurey, Kevin Luck as Will Parker; from neighboring communities -- Troy Rudeseal of Sanford as Curly, Floyd Benfield, Jr. of Erwin as Andrew Carnes, and Mark Reynolds of Fort Bragg as Ali Hakim.

"I feel fortunate to have a cast of this quality for a summer production," said Mrs. Dunn, the show's director. "Several high school and college age cast members have attended Governor's School. They are all talented and enthusiastic."

Mrs. Dunn is currently enrolled in summer school at Methodist, working on a teaching endorsement in theatre arts. She has 20 years experience as a high school English, drama, and speech/debate teacher. She directed a high school production of "Oklahoma!" nine years ago.

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The Rogers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway in 1943 and was revived in 1979-80. It is the 12th longest running show in Broadway history. In 1955, a movie version was released, starring Gordon MacRae, Gloria Grahame, Gene Nelson, Charlotte Greenwood, James Whitmore, and Shirley Jones.

"Oklahoma!" has been described as "a masterpiece of the American musical theatre." Memorable songs from the show include: "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'," "The Surrey With the Fringe On Top," "People Will Say We're In Love," and "Oklahoma."

OKLAHOMA!

Director - Betty M. Dunn  
Choral Director - Brenda Byrd  
Choreographer - Robin Westbrook  
Technical Director - S. Matthew Enerson  
Stage Manager - Patrice Spangler  
Lighting - S. Matthew Enerson  
Costumes and Props - Constance Pledger  
Makeup - Sharon Locklear Malloy  
Pianist - Eldridge McMillan

Cast

Aunt Eller - Barbara Martin  
Curly - Troy Rudeseal  
Laurey - Le Anna Croom  
Ike Skidmore - Fred Fisher  
Fred - William McMillen  
Slim - Greg Nickisch  
Will Parker - Kevin Luck  
Jud Fry - Chris Patterson  
Ado Annie Carnes - Wendy Powers  
Ali Hakim - Mark Reynolds  
Bertie Cummings - Sharlena Clay Thomas  
Andrew Carnes - Floyd Benfield, Jr.  
Cord Elam - Barry Monroe  
Friends of Laurey - Ellen - Amanda Nixon  
Kate - Neill Stack  
Virginia - Jenna Schneider  
Vivian - Rebecca Fisher



WENDY POWERS  
6843 Towbridge Rd.  
Fayetteville, NC 28306

"ADO ANNIE"

Seventeen years old. Graduate of Southview Sr. High (1989). Plans to attend the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in the fall as a freshman. A member of the International Thespian Society and plans to pursue a career in broadcast journalism.

Past theatre experience:  
Spritze--"Fiddler on the Roof" Ft. Bragg Playhouse  
Liesl--"Sound of Music" Ft. Bragg Playhouse  
Dorothy--"The Wizard of Oz" Southview Sr. High

KEVIN LUCK  
5977 Rehoboth Rd.  
Hope Mills, NC 28348

"WILL PARKER"

Sixteen years old and a rising senior at Southview Senior High.

Past experience:  
Cumberland County Performance Workshop.  
Billy Ray in "On Golden Pond" at the Fayetteville Little Theatre (now the Cape Fear Regional Theatre).  
High school plays--"Murders in Rue Morgue" and "Night of January 16."  
Several class plays and church plays since fourth grade.

CHRIS PATTERSON  
604 Tokay Dr.  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

"JUD FRY"

Eighteen years old and attended E.E. Smith Senior High. Enjoys acting and technical work and feels that it is necessary to do both well to be successful. Plans to go to college and take broadcasting.

Past experience:  
Public speech, "Barefoot in the Park", "Grease", "Curious Savage", "Glimpses", "Sometimes I wake up in the middle of the night."

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WILLIAM PAUL MCMILLEN  
118 Stedman St.  
Fayetteville, NC 28305

"FRED"

Eighteen years old and graduate of Terry Sanford High School. Has attended UNCG. Plans to transfer to NC School of the Arts and receive a B.F.A. in Lighting Design.

Past experience:

Theatre debut at age 11 in "Babes in Toyland." Has been involved in many forms of theatre since his debut. Plays include: "Gypsy", "Peter Pan", "Fiddler on the Roof", and "Cottonpatch Gospel." Most recently appeared in "Carousel" at Mannie's Dinner Theatre. He has also worked lights and sound at Cape Fear Regional Theatre and has been the lighting designer at Mannie's since January.

LEANNA CROOM  
3607 Frierson St.  
Hope Mills, NC 28348  
425-0381

"LAUREY"

LeAnna is the fourteen year old daughter of Susan Bays and O.L. Croom. She attends Southview Junior High where she is in the Beta Club and an active cheerleader. She currently holds the title of "Junior Miss Fayetteville" which allows her to travel around North Carolina. Performing is her love. LeAnna has taken several years of dance and voice, which she hopes will win her a place at the NC School of the Arts.

Past experience:

"Fiddler on the Roof" and "Carousel."

BARBARA MARTIN

"AUNT ELLER"

Twenty-seven years old. Graduated from Wingate College with a Bachelor Music Education (K-12) degree. Has been teaching elementary music with the Cumberland County School system for five years.

Past experience:

In high school she performed in the church musical "The Clown". Recently performed in "Carousel" and was involved in "The Sound of Music".

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FLOYD BENFIELD  
Erwin, NC (Harnett County)

"ANDREW CARNES"

Twenty-six years old and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services with minors in Psychology and Sociology from Wingate College. He works with the Adolescent Re-education Program of Good Hope Hospital in Erwin, NC as a teacher associate. He enjoys playing the piano, running, tennis, ping-pong, and traveling. Among his achievements are Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities; America's Youth in Concert touring England, France, Austria, and Italy; Phi Eta Sigma honorary organization.

MARK REYNOLDS  
C Company, 37th Engineer Battalion  
Ft. Bragg, NC

"ALI HAKIM"

Mark is twenty-one years old. He plans to pursue a career in acting when he gets out of the Army in October of this year. Once he gets out of the Army he plans to move back to California, his native state, and pursue a career in television and movies. Some of his favorite things to do in his free time are dancing, going to the beach, and listening to progressive music

Experience:

High School - 1 1/2 years vocal ensemble, 1 1/2 years theatre. Plays - My Fair Lady, Sound of Music. Since high school, he has performed in "Carousel" at Mannies Dinner Theatre in Southern Pines.

TROY RUDESEAL  
1919 Owls Nest Road  
Sanford, NC 27330

"CURLEY"

He is a recent graduate from Lee Senior High School.

Experience: Several high school plays - "Carousel," "Stuff and Nonsense," "Christmas Comes to Detroit." Mannies Dinner Theatre in Southern Pines - "Carousel."



Interview Reports

Rehearsals at 7:00's clock at W.L. O'Harlow's Studio. Report to the Science Building in case of rain. Rehearsals will be at from 7-10. More time will be needed during the last week, including week ends. Betty M. Room 822 - 9818

DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9	3 Music - Groups 7:00 - 8:00	4 Groups-Music Dance Run Act I 8:00 - 9:00 Dance - Groups 9:00 - 10:00 Individual	5 Run Act II Sc. 1, 3, 2	6 Choreography All group scenes Leads	7 * 7:00 - 9:00 Leads Dance	8 Lunch Early Admission All
10	10 Groups Dance Music Couples, Individuals	11 Run the show	12 Run Act II Dance Music	13 Dance Run Act I	14 Music ?? Dance ?? Leads 8:00	15 Lunch Early
16	17 Groups Dance Music	18 Run the show	19 Run the show	20 Run the show	21 Dress Rehearsal	22 Rehearsal Time to be announced
23	24 Technical and Rehearsal 7:00	25 Technical and Rehearsal 7:00	26 Full Dress Rehearsal 7:00 - 8:00	27 Arrive at 6:30 Production 8:00	28 Arrive at 6:30 Production 8:00	29 Arrive at 6:30 Production 8:00
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Guest artist Frank Weinstock, a concert pianist from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, will present a classical program Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 8:15 p.m.

Mezzo-soprano Donna Stephenson, another guest artist, will give a concert Wednesday, Aug. 9 at 8:15 p.m. Accompanied by Joy Cogswell, she will perform classical works, Broadway show tunes, and sacred music.

A campers' talent show is slated for Friday, Aug. 11 at 8:15 p.m. Approximately 60 young musicians--piano and voice students ages 11-18 and string students ages 10-15--will perform selections of their own choosing.

A final camp concert featuring the Summer Music Camp Chorus, selected pianists and vocalists, and the camp's string ensemble will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12.

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