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**SUMMER THEATRE** is a recreational attraction for tourists, it is a community project for residents and it is an outstanding example of cultural maturity in any community.

**GATEWAY** in a short seven years has grown from an ideal and a sparkle in the eyes of a small group of young actor-directors into one of the outstanding summer theatres in the East with a full Equity company and staff, an apprentice program that enrolls some twenty young actors and a theatre workshop and camp for an additional forty students. This growth has been accomplished by the generous support given to *Gateway* by the community and its visitors and friends.

**IN ALL THEATRE**, and summer theatre is no exception, there are two sides working together to produce the glamorous whole which results in entertainment. There is you, the audience and there is the company of dedicated actors and technicians.

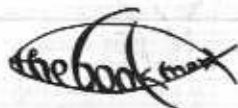
**GATEWAY'S** ensemble for the summer season of 1955 consists of:

**Sally Pomeran** is a Gateway regular, whom you will remember for her characterization of Belinda in *Johnny Belinda* and Liza in *Pygmalion*. Miss Pomeran has appeared nationally with the Children's World Theatre, the Bellport Summer Theatre and the Putney Summer Theatre. She has been with the Martha Graham School of Modern Dance and the summer of 1953 lead the British Tour of Drama and Music Festivals. Miss Pomeran has

just returned from France where she appeared at the Theatre de Tetre in Paris with Pierre Sonnier and the L'Ecole Internationale de Mime.

**Alan MacAteer** made his professional Broadway debut in 1919 in the Theatre Guild's production of *The Faithful*. He was with the original Provincetown Players and in the first productions of many of Eugene O'Neill's plays, such as *The Hairy Ape* and *The Emperor Jones*. Since

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then he has performed regularly on the Broadway stage and with all of the leading stock companies in the U. S. MacAteer also made his movie debut in 1919 and was recently seen in *Gentlemen's Agreement* and *The Naked City*. A radio favorite since 1934, he has played the famous Cousin Ed on the Ma Perkins' show. Mr. MacAteer is a TV pioneer, beginning in 1938 and since appearing on all of the major dramatic shows including, *Studio One*, *Kraft*, *Hallmark* and the *Robert Montgomery Show*.

**David Sheldon** is one of the major directors of *Gateway* and this season marks his seventh season as a member of *Gateway's* artistic policy council. He has performed professionally with The Westhampton Star Theatre, the Cox Theatre and the Bellport Summer Theatre. A graduate of Yale University, he has been a director of *The Gateway Theatre School and Workshop* and currently coaches at his own professional studios in New York. Mr. Sheldon has delighted audiences at *Gateway* with such performances as McDonald in *Johnny Belinda* and Tommy Turner in *The Male Animal*.

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Now Barbara had a red, red dress  
 And one she had of blue  
 And many men did Barbara love  
 But never was she true.

O you can be a man, a man  
 If Barbara will not leave you.  
 If she be faithful for a year  
 Your eagle he will leave you.

O Barbara will you marry me?  
 And will you leave me never?  
 Yes my love, I'll marry you  
 And love but vou forever.

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 The blue dress mighty purty was,  
 But the red dress was the stronger."

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Ruth Vickers is one the more familiar and well loved faces around Gateway and this is her seventh year in this group. Miss Vickers attended Principia College and has appeared with The Illinois Theatre and The Bellport Summer Theatre. Her most cherished portrayals have been Bessie Watty in *The Corn Is Green*; Maria in *Twelfth Night* and of course Gigi in the play of the same name.

Joe Sommer, a native of North Carolina, is a product of Oberlin College and Carnegie Tech. He has appeared with the Putney Summer Theatre, and the outdoor spectacle *Unto These Hills* in his home state. Mr. Sommer will also teach voice and diction in the Gateway Theatre Workshop this summer. Our audience will always remember him for his Gaston in *Gigi* and Charles in *Blythe Spirit*.

Jules Landry, one of our directors this season comes from the West Coast. He has acted and directed for the Meridan Theatre in Oakland, Cal., the Interplayers Theatre in San Francisco and across



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**Frank Albright** is the creator of all of our delightful settings and colorful costumes. Mr. Albright has many years of professional experience with such leading theatres as the Cape May Summer Theatre and has spent some twenty years in educational theatres in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and Connecticut.

**Joe Scully**, one of the founders of *Gateway*, will be a guest director. He is currently producing for CBS-TV. Mr. Scully is an actor, director and playwright, having one of his latest scripts produced recently by CBS-TV.

The backbone of any theatre, we proudly introduce our talented apprentice group:  
 Patricia Hirst, Hiram Pattit Dewitt, Phyllis Ann Jones, James Frewloy, Marial Eisenburg, Walter Abbot, Mariyn Berkon, John Heilman, Leslie Poindexter, James Martin, Barbara Jo Blackwell, Gene Mora, George Greenfield and Danny Emerson.

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