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ABOUT THE PRODUCERS

With the presentation of "THE RITZ", Gateway concludes its 1976 Season on Sept. 5th. This summer we have offered a varied musical season, with the opening on June 16th with an excellent revival of "WEST SIDE STORY", followed by "ANNIE GET YOUR GUN". Both Musical Plays were well received by our discerning patrons and Gateway made many new friends with audiences who visited our Playhouse for the first time. Bringing back classic musicals for the entertainment of every member of the family has become a Gateway tradition. Young people are able to see and experience live musical theatre for the very first time. The Producers, Ruth and Stan Allan, selected "CANDIDE" as the third musical offering of the season. The Leonard Bernstein score and the satire of Voltaire, are quite a challenge for any professional acting company, but Gateway's talented performers proved more than equal to the task, with a delightful evening of musical theatre. By producing "CANDIDE", Gateway confirms its reputation as a truly professional theatre, giving expression to all types and varieties of compositions and artistic dramatic forms.

Choosing the plays to be offered each year is a difficult task. Careful thought must be given, to bring the best of the most recent Broadway hits to our Gateway stage. Often royalty rights are arbitrarily withheld, to protect a sagging and tired Broadway production nearing the end of its New York City run. Although Gateway is the premier Summer Theatre on Long Island permitted to produce first run hit Musicals and Comedies, the excessive costs for royalty rights and rental fees, make commercial success very difficult. Fortunately our loyal theatre goers, aware of the educational and community value of a professional summer theatre, have supported our efforts as season ticket holders or regular patrons.

The list of recent offerings is quite impressive and attests to Gateway's coming of age. Since 1974 to the present, we have produced: "PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE", "NO, NO NANETTE", "GEORGE M", "HAIR", "SUGAR", "IRENE", "JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR", "SHOWBOAT", "WEST SIDE STORY", "ANNIE GET YOUR GUN", "CANDIDE" and "THE RITZ". Quite a line up!

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ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

One of the most important aspects in building an artistically successful season is selecting a Director of high calibre. At Gateway, we are fortunate to have a truly professional in ROBERT DURKIN.

Mr. Durkin is concluding his fourth season as Gateway's top DIRECTOR-CHOREOGRAPHER. His unusual talents make it possible for good performers to look even better, and average talents are made to look good. His patience and perseverance pays off for audiences and the actors alike. We see better shows, well directed and performed, giving us summer theatre at its best.

Robert Durkin has established an enviable reputation as a seasoned dancer with both education and professional dance for theatre in his background. Experienced working with both young and older veteran actors and actresses as well, Mr. Durkin is at his best blending youthful enthusiasm with solid stage background to give the audience a thoroughly enjoyable production.

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