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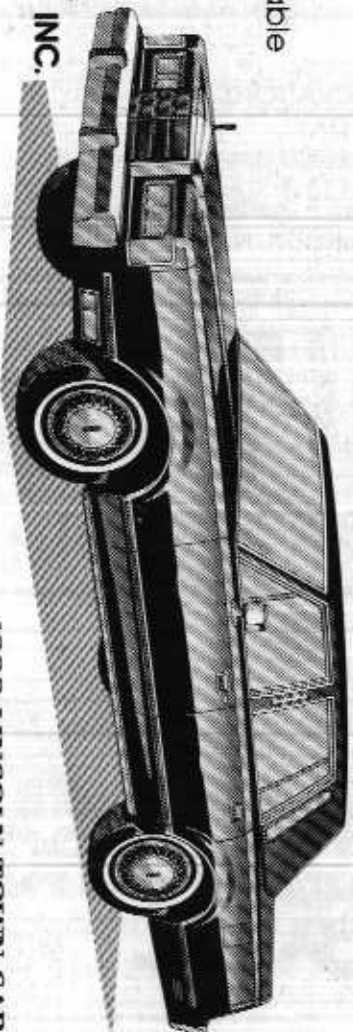
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"Fit As A Fiddle" Don Lockwood, Cosmo Brown
- SCENE 2: Inside The Graumann's Chinese Theatre
- SCENE 3: Stage of the Theatre
- SCENE 4: Hollywood Boulevard
- SCENE 5: R.F. Simpson's Mansion
"All I Do Is Dream Of You" Kathy Selden and Girls
- SCENE 6: Stage At Monumental Pictures Studio
"Make 'Em Laugh" Cosmo
- SCENE 7: Set Of "The Dueling Cavalier"
- SCENE 8: Soundstage
"Beautiful Girls" Tenor with Girls
"You Are My Lucky Star" Kathy
- SCENE 9: Deserted Soundstage
"You Were Meant For Me" Don
- SCENE 10: Vocal Coach's Offices
"Moses" Don and Cosmo
- SCENE 11: Set of "The Dueling Cavalier"
Reprise "Moses" Assistant Directors
- SCENE 12: Outside A Movie Theatre
- SCENE 13: Don's House
"Good Morning" Kathy, Don and Cosmo
- SCENE 14: Street Outside of Kathy's Apartment
"Singin' In The Rain" Don

ACT II

- SCENE 1: R.F. Simpson's Office
- SCENE 2: Recording Stage
"Would You" Kathy
Reprise "Would You" Don
- SCENE 3: Lina's Apartment
- SCENE 4: R.F. Simpson's Office
"Broadway Melody" Cosmo, Don and Ensemble
"Dance Solo" Kiki Bennett
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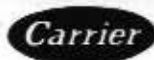
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WHO'S WHO

CRAIG NORTH (*Don Lockwood*) appeared last season at Gateway as Lucky in DAMES AT SEA. Craig comes to Bellport via Potsdam, New York, where he served as Director/Choreographer for AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' and LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS for Music Theatre North. Audiences here have enjoyed his work as Co-Choreographer for SOPHISTICATED LADIES and recently as Director/Choreographer for MY ONE AND ONLY. Other favorite roles on-stage have been Frank in SHOWBOAT, Will Parker in OKLAHOMA, Harry Beaton in BRIGADOON and Tulsa in GYPSY. Craig serves on the faculties of the Speech and Theatre Department at Wagner College on Staten Island and The West Side Dance Project in Manhattan. He would like to dedicate his work in this show to his parents for their love and unfailing support.

INGA FREDERIC (*Kathy Selden*) This is Inga's first season at Gateway. She was previously seen as a Sugar Baby in the show of the same name and as "Prawn" in MY ONE AND ONLY. She recently completed a six month tour of A CHORUS LINE as Maggie and will return to the role upon leaving Gateway. Inga is from Gonzales, Louisiana and has been dancing since the age of two and a half. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University and has a B.A. in Journalism.

CHARLIE MARCUS (*Cosmo Brown*) Originally from Seattle, Washington, Charlie now resides in Boston. His theatrical travels have taken him from coast to coast, where he has performed at The Waterville Music Theatre, Hershey Park, Theatre-By-The-Sea, Musicomedy N.W. and now Gateway Playhouse. Some of his roles include Chico in A DAY IN HOLLYWOOD, A NIGHT IN THE UKRAINE, Al in A CHORUS LINE, Lamar in GODSPELL and Billy in NO, NO NANETTE. Charlie would like to thank his family and friends for all the love and support.

MARY LOU BARBER (*Lina Lamont*) was seen most recently as Edythe Herbert in MY ONE AND ONLY. She appeared in both BILOXI BLUES and SUGAR BABIES at the top of this Gateway season. Last year she appeared as Joan in DAMES AT SEA and as one of the lead vocalists in Duke Ellington's SOPHISTICATED LADIES. Other credits include Gratiella in WEST SIDE STORY, Jean in BRIGADOON and most recently a year long tour of A CHORUS LINE as Cassie.

BOB DURKIN (*Director/Choreographer*) As Director and/or Choreographer of 100 musicals, plays and revues, Mr. Durkin has been associated with such top regional or variety theatres as the Pennsylvania Stage Company and Westbury Music Fair. As resident Director/Choreographer for Gateway, his most recent endeavors were last season's LEADER OF THE PACK, THE KING AND I and SOPHISTICATED LADIES. He has directed three National Tours of AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' for Daedalus Productions and this past year directed their National Tour of ONE MO' TIME.

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TERRY WOODS (*Musical Director*) Mr. Woods was the Musical Director for the National Tour of ONE MO' TIME which toured the United States this past year and completed its tour here at Gateway. At Gateway he has been the Assistant Musical Director for a number of shows, including EVITA, WEST SIDE STORY, LEADER OF THE PACK and this season's SUGAR BABIES and MY ONE AND ONLY. He served as Musical Director for JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT and GYPSY at Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island, Illinois. He has also accompanied revues and floor shows at such varied ventures as Walt Disney World, New York's Panache Club, and the Sheraton-New Orleans in its FRENCH QUARTER FOLLIES. He received his B.S. in Music Education from the University of Indianapolis.

CECILIA A. FRIEDERICHS (*Costume Designer*) designed BILOXI BLUES, SUGAR BABIES and MY ONE AND ONLY this season. Last summer she designed SOPHISTICATED LADIES and LEADER OF THE PACK. Other summer stock credits include BRIGADOON, THE KING AND I and SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS at Theatre-By-The-Sea and SWEENEY TODD and A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM at the Candlewood Playhouse. She has designed 5 shows for An Evening Dinner Theatre including: EVITA, THE KING AND I, SOPHISTICATED LADIES, MY ONE AND ONLY and ON YOUR TOES. Off-Broadway she has designed TAKE ME ALONG for Equity Library Theatre. She is proud to have been Assistant Designer to the late Kurt Wilhelm on several productions at the Hartman Regional Theatre and, for IDIOT'S DELIGHT for the American National Theatre at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.



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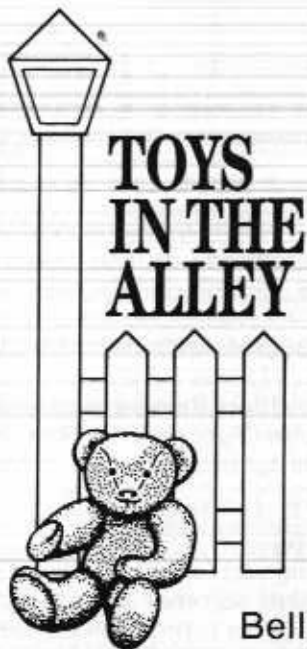
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THE NIGHT THE SCREEN FOUND ITS VOICE

Russia in 1917 had ten days that shook the world. San Francisco had its earthquake on April 18, 1906, and the island of Krakatoa exploded on August 26, 1883. In Hollywood, the cataclysm came on October 6, 1927, with the premiere of Al Jolson in *The Jazz Singer*.

Silent films, which in the previous decade has mushroomed into the greatest entertainment force the world had ever known, were outmoded in a night.

One blackface singer, with a handful of songs, toppled kings and queens of the silent screen from their thrones as though they were the merest extras. His famous threat of more to come—"You ain't heard nothin' yet!"—was a threat indeed.

The extraordinary thing is that talking pictures were nothing new. Edison had been experimenting with them before the turn of the century. In France, the Pathe and Gaumont companies had rival systems working before the First World War. In 1924, Dr. Lee De Forest formed his Phonofilm company and predicted, 'Within a year we will have perfected talking pictures.' In 1926, Warner Brothers produced a full-length film with synchronized musical accompaniment, and George Bernard Shaw spoke for Fox Movietone.

Everyone should have seen what was coming, but nobody did...until that fateful night in 1927 when Al Jolson sang his tear-jerking ballads. Next morning, the entire movie colony wept.

There were some who thought the novelty would go away. One wit said, 'The screen has gone from bad to voice,' but the public liked what they heard. Talking pictures were soon the rage and within two years of *The Jazz Singer's* premiere silent films, as a commercial venture, had all but disappeared.

With them, inevitably, went the careers of many who had prospered in them. Microphones even today are unreliable allies. In 1927 they were almost totally unpredictable. Sometimes they recorded the truth, or a near version of it, but the truth was not always what one wanted to hear. 'The most beautiful nose in the world,' wrote one critic, 'is not much of an asset to an actress if she talks through it.'

At other times the microphone distorted to the point of ridicule. The classic instance was John Gilbert, romantic lover and great star of the silents, whose pleasant light voice emerged from loudspeakers as a high-pitched squeak. In love scenes, this reduced audiences to helpless laughter. His flourishing career was soon over, unsalvageable even by the loyal support of his co-star Garbo.

Garbo's own debut in talkies was delayed for more than two years by her cautious studio. When at last she took the giant step it was headline news, trumpeted to the ends of the earth by posters which proclaimed: 'Garbo Speaks!'

She was one of the lucky ones. Her voice recorded well, her guttural accent was intriguing, the illusion of her beauty was not shattered by sound.

Luckier still were the speech 'experts,' hastily summoned to Hollywood from New York and London to teach the silent screen stars how to talk. New careers for retired Shakespearean actors and actresses blossomed in the Californian sun.

New careers blossomed, too, for those who could sing and dance. Soon it was not enough for a film to be '100% All Talking.' It had to be 'All Talking! All Singing! All Dancing!' and the most unlikely artists found themselves joining the casts of these extravaganzas. It was said that the only star who did not take up tap classes was Rin-Tin-Tin.

Mary Pickford did a top hat, white tie and tails number in *Kiki*. Mary Dressler played Venus rising from the sea in a ballet in *The Hollywood Revue of 1929*. James Stewart danced and Robert Montgomery sang. Only Chaplin resisted, making two more silents until at last he capitulated to talkies in 1940. For the rest, 1927 meant 'speak or be forgotten.' Great stars vanished and new stars were born.

On such events as these, Betty Comden and Adolph Green in 1952 based their screenplay for a musical film about Hollywood. Similar events had been wickedly satirized by Kaufman and Hart in *Once In A Lifetime*, but Comden and Green were not so much satirists as affectionate historians. After several title changes, their screenplay emerged as *Singin' In The Rain* and became one of the most popular of all musical films—by some reckonings, one of the ten best films ever made. Like all good stories, it was based firmly on truth. □

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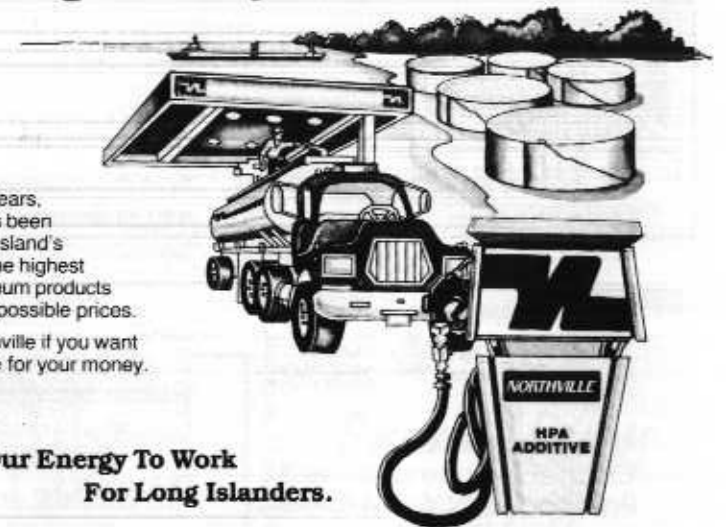
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