

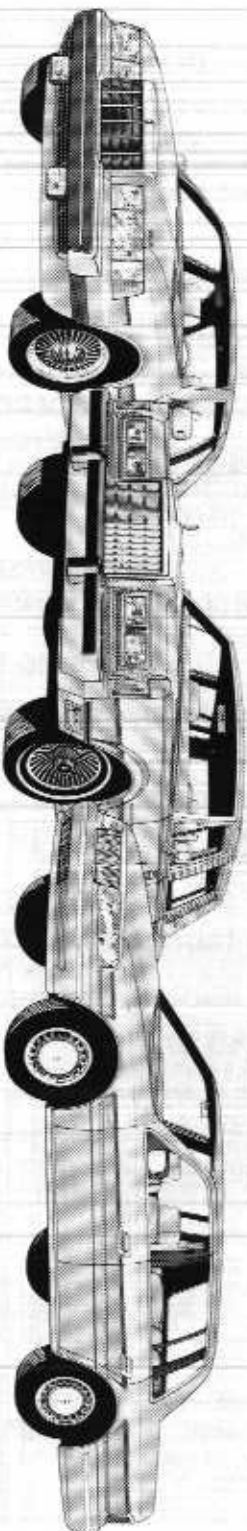
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Jim	MICHAEL-LEON WOOLEY
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The Duke/ Mark Twain/Doctor	JONATHAN BECK REED
The King/Schoolmaster	DON JORDAN*
Ben	BILLY SHIDELER
Dick/Hank	CHRIS LESSON
Simon/Counselor Robinson	DAVID PAUL
Thatcher/Silas Phelps/Harvey Wilkes	BRAD LOHRENZ
Pap Finn/Sheriff	RICHARD SPRINGLE
Joe Harper/Andy/Field Hand	BOB BRAY
A Fool	ERIC BURGAN
Lafe/Man on a Skiff	NICK LOCILENTO
Overseer	MICHAEL WALSH
Widow Douglas/Sally Phelps	CYNDI NEAL
Miss Watson	JANE BARTELL
Mary Jane Wilkes	ELIZABETH BARRETT*
Susan Wilkes	ANNE MARIE DeBONO
Joanna Wilkes	JODI GOLDSTEIN
Alice	LEA WOODS*
Betsy	BRIDGET FOGLE
A Woman Sewing	BERYLIN TANCER
Tarts/Townpeople/Slaves	MIKE KUMOR, BRAD LOHRENZ, RICHARD SPRINGLE, BILLY SHIDELER, DAVID PAUL, MIKE WALSH, ERIC BURGAN, BOB BRAY, NICK LOCILENTO, CHRIS LESSON, ELIZABETH BARRETT, CYNDI NEAL, ANNE MARIE DeBONO, JODI GOLDSTEIN, BERYLIN TANCER, JANE BARTELL, CHRISTINE SCAFFITTI, SUSAN "SAM" SHAW LEA WOODS, BRIDGET FOGLE, JEFF REID*

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"I, Huckleberry, Me" Huck
"Muddy Water" Jim and Huck
"The Crossing" Slaves and Overseers
"River in the Rain" Huck and Jim
"When the Sun Goes Down in the South" Duke, King and Huck

ACT II

"The Royal Nonesuch" Duke, Huck and the Company
"Worlds Apart" Jim and Huck
"Arkansas" Young Fool
"How Blest We Are" Alice's Daughter and the Company
"You Oughta Be Here with Me" Mary Jane, Susan and Joanna
"How Blest We Are" (Reprise) The Company
"Leavin's Not the Only Way to Go" Huck, Mary Jane and Jim
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BRAD LOHRENZ (*Judge Thatcher/Harvey Wilkes/Silas Phelps*) has a wide background in performance ranging from operas and musicals to straight dramatic plays. Brad has toured nationally and internationally in such shows as "THE MUSIC MAN," "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" and "WEST SIDE STORY," and has appeared in summer stock and regional theatres across the country.

ELIZABETH BARRETT (*Mary Jane Wilkes*) completing her studies at the University of Montevallo and the Alabama School of Fine Arts. Elizabeth has performed in the National Tours of "MUSIC MAN" and "A CHORUS LINE." She has also worked for Michigan Opera Theatre in "MY FAIR LADY," Mill Mountain Playhouse in "SOUTH PACIFIC," Maine State Music Theatre for their 1988 summer season. Elizabeth was born and bred in "Sweet Home Alabama" and dedicates her performance in Big River to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Perkins Jr., for all of their love and support.

LEA CHARISSE WOODS (*Alice*) is performing her 2nd consecutive season here at Gateway. She made her debut last summer going on for Effie, but normally as Charlene in "DREAMGIRLS." Prior to that, she was involved with touring productions of "42nd STREET," "MUSIC MAN" and "SOPHISTICATED LADIES." Lea sends a big hello to her family and friends, whom she's missed during the year.

BRIDGET FOGLE (*Betsy*) has just completed a run of Sha-la-la, a cabaret type theatrical piece in New York City. Prior to that, she did 3 productions of "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS," including the National European Tours. She has done many one woman cabaret shows at many well-known clubs in New York City. Look for Bridget in the upcoming movie "WHO SHOT PATAKANGO," scheduled for release soon.

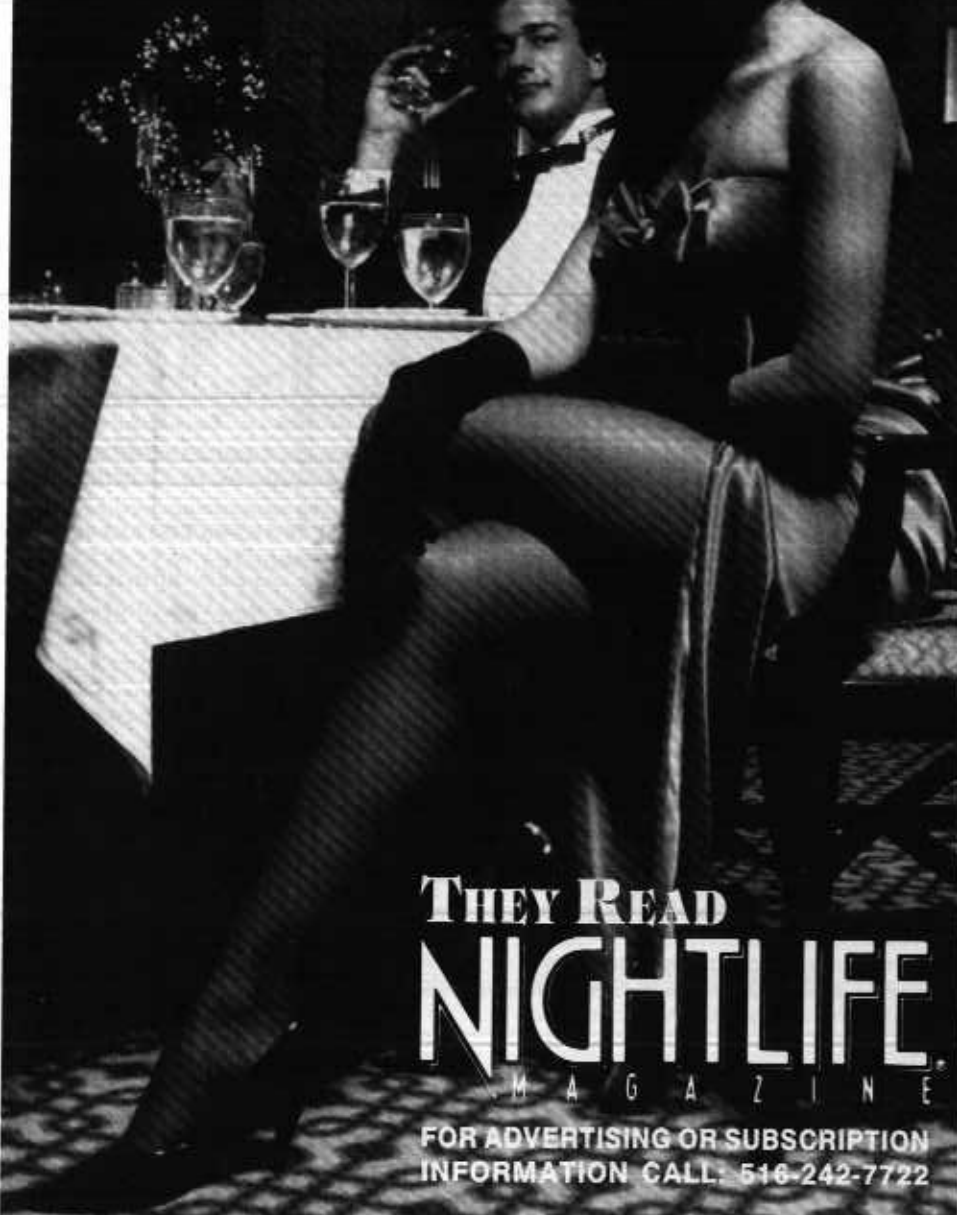
JEFF REID (*Ensemble*) is glad to return to Gateway this summer. Mr. Reid's performing experience encompasses both serious dramas and musicals. Some of his straight acting roles include Clay in

"DUTCHMAN," the Hermit in "THE HERMIT AND THE HARLOT" (an Indian Sanskrit Drama), and Hermes, a role he originated in the play "HERAKLES." His song and dance credits have ranged from a New Rhythm Boy in Gateway's production of "MY ONE AND ONLY," to Papa Du in a National Tour of "ONE MO' TIME" and the title role in the Musical "PURLIE." His favorite role however, is that of André in "AINT MISBEHAVIN'."

SUSAN "SAM" SHAW (*Choreographer/Ensemble*) "Sam" has a broad range of experience ranging from dance, and dance instruction to Aerobics. As a choreographer she has had her work seen in theatres across the country in shows such as "GODSPELL," "THE RUNAWAY," "PIPPIN" and "CHICAGO." She is happy to be working with her "family" here at Gateway.

DOM RUGGIERO (*Director*) Dom has directed numerous productions across the country, in Australia, England and Canada. Audiences at Gateway will remember his successful production of "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS" last season. Some of his recent New York productions are "TAKING STEPS," "COMPANY," "WORKING," the New York City premiere of Sondheim's musical "THE FROGS" and "SCANDAL" an original musical based on Sheridan's classic, for the Washington Square Players. With his own production company, BFR Productions, Dom has created and directed the showcase productions of "SUBARU," "HOT SUMMER KNIGHTS" (a musical based on the Guardian Angels) and numerous children's musicals. Subsequent to this run, Dom will restage "BIG RIVER" at the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre in Sarasota, Florida. He is not unknown to Florida audiences having spent 2 years in Orlando, St. Petersburg and Daytona directing "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS," "SAME TIME NEXT YEAR" and "PUMP BOYS" for Seaside Music Theatre, and various productions at The Celebrity Dinner Theatre, and Country Dinner Playhouse. Dom is scheduled to fly to Australia to direct the Premiere Production of "PUMP BOYS" in 1990.

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GREG ROPER (*Huck*) is delighted to be performing his all-time favorite character, Huckleberry Finn. As a youngster he always wondered what it would be like to ride a raft down the Mississippi River and this role lets him live out his childhood fantasy. Greg has just recently finished doing the International Tour of "42nd STREET." He has also played in a revival of "GODSPELL" and before that, splash-danced in "SINGIN' IN THE RAIN." Greg was also seen as Boris Karloff in the New York production of "ZIEGFELD GIRLS." He wishes to thank everyone who has supported him in his career.

MICHAEL-LEON WOOLEY (*Jim*) After completing the National Tour of "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS," performing the voice of Audrey II, Michael signed on with the Harlequin Dinner Theatre to do the role of "Jim" in Washington D.C. Gateway audiences will remember him in last year's production of "DREAMGIRLS." Some of his other credits are "PURLIE," "AN ACTOR'S NIGHTMARE," "COMEDY OF ERRORS," and "DREAMGIRLS" in both New York and Florida. Michael-Leon also has twelve years of classical piano training under his belt and plays in piano bars and restaurants in New York City where he lives. He dedicates this performance to his parents and would like to thank God for his talent.

JONATHAN BECK REED (*Mark Twain/The Duke*) appeared in the role of the hard driven, Broadway producer Julian Marsh in Gateway's last production of "42nd STREET" after first having toured the United States and abroad in the International Tour of the same production. Often referred to as a Chameleon of the American Theatre, the very versatile Mr. Reed has played such diverse roles as Cyrano DeBergerac in the first National Tour to Dr. Frank N. Furter in the Southwest Premier of "THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW."

DONALD JORDAN (*The Schoolmaster/The King*) has appeared off-Broadway, playing the leading role in Circle Rep.'s acclaimed production of "OUT AT SEA." A native Texan, his credits there include Duke Senior in "AS YOU LIKE IT" and

Warden Smith at the Dallas Theater Center; Jesus in "COTTONPATCH GOSPEL" and Wilson in "HARVEY" for Dallas Repertory Theater and Anselme in "THE MISER" and 10 citizens of Texas' funniest town in "GREATER TUNA" for Stage West of Fort Worth. Some of Mr. Jordan's other regional credits are Bumble in "OLIVER" with the historic Mule Barn Theater of Missouri, Little John in "ROBIN HOOD" for the T.Y.A. Theater Company of Kansas City, and the title character in "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN" for Music Theater of Wichita. Mr. Jordan began his career as a stand-up comic and has appeared with Henny Youngman and the Beach Boys.

MICHAEL KUMOR (*Tom Sawyer*) Howdy, it sure is excitin' to be part of Mr. Twain's American Classic. A time when this country was simpler, innocent and a flutter of changes. As I recollect my own youthful adventures back in Dearborn, MI, not so much has changed, boys will be boys and hopefully learn 'nuff to become men. Thanks Mom and Dad, your love has been greatly 'ppreciated.

CYNDI NEAL (*Widow Douglas/Sally Phelps*) has just finished playing the role of Dorothy Brock in an international tour of "42nd STREET," as well as here at Gateway. Her other roles included Sarah in "GUYS AND DOLLS," Fanny Brice in "FUNNY GIRL," Fastrada in "PIPPIN" and Miss Hannigan in "ANNIE." Cyndi moved from Colorado 1 year ago and has not yet remained anywhere long enough to have an address. She hopes to eventually call New York City her home.

RICHARD SPRINGLE (*Pap/Sheriff Bell*) has been working professionally since 1974 in regional theatres along the east coast appearing in such diverse roles as Alan in "BABY," Ravenal in "SHOWBOAT" and Available Jones in "LIL ABNER." Most recently Richard has just completed the National Tour of "42nd STREET" as Pat Denning. Richard has also been featured in special productions on Network television as well as national and regional radio and television advertisements.

WHO'S WHO

KEVIN FRANCIS FINN (*Musical Director*) Kevin is pleased to musical direct his first show at Gateway having just returned from the National Tour of "DREAMGIRLS." Kevin has conducted at Darien and at an evening dinner theatre, Candlewood Playhouse, and Theatre-By-The-Sea. A 1983 graduate of the Hartt School of Music, Kevin also attended the High School of Performing Arts in New York City. He now resides in Manhattan and maintains a full schedule of composing and accompanying.

MICHAEL BOYER (*Set Designer/Technical Director*) has an M.A. degree in technical theatre from Western Illinois University. He has designed over 150 productions for

off-Broadway, community theatre, summer stock, university and amphitheater productions, ranging from "MUSIC MAN" to "MARAT/SADE." Touring productions include a United States tour of "MAN OF LA MANCHA" and "SOPHISTICATED LADIES," and internationally he has designed productions of "WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOLF" and "A CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF" which played an extended run at the Regina Theatre in Stockholm, Sweden. This past year he was resident designer at the Tennessee Williams Fine Arts Center in Key West, which included productions of "THE GLASS MENAGERIE" and "WORKING."



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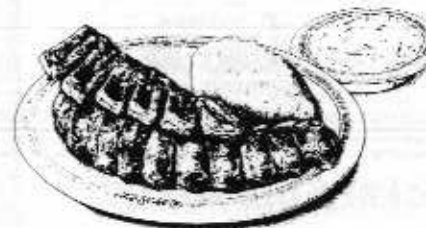
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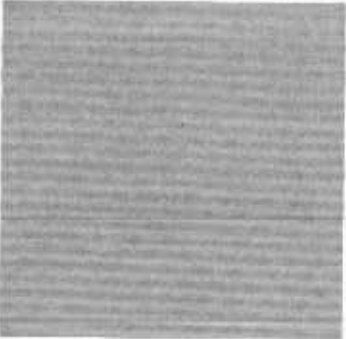
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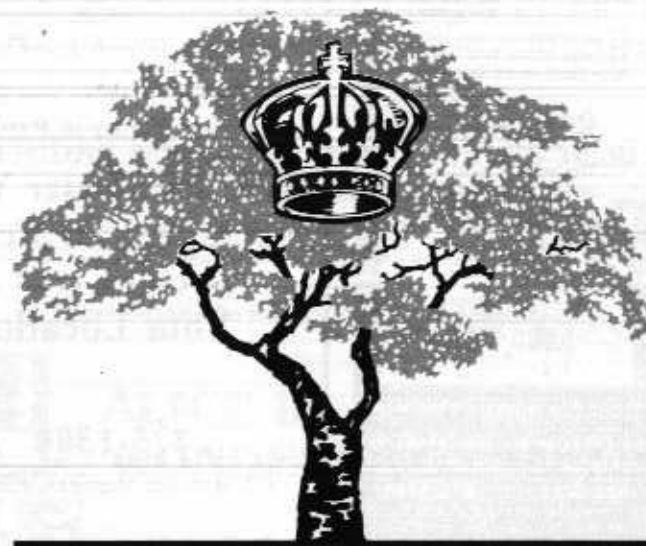
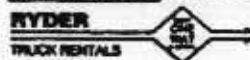


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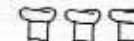
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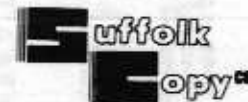
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