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Birmingham Children’s Theatre

Command Performance
for hair designs

Encore Restaurant for the Friday feast. For reservations call 324-0470.

The music for the Friday evening performance provided by the Alabama School of Fine Arts, Orchestra under the direction of Dan Crowley.

SPECIAL THANKS
Theatre UAB is funded by student activity fees.
The Alliance Theatre in Atlanta for the use of their costumes.
Samford University for the use of their costumes.

Civic Center Theatre
Group Performances
May 20 – 10:30 a.m.
May 21 – 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
May 22 – 10:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.
May 23 – 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Ticket’s Phone 324-0470
Number 1

1981-82 SEASON
DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I was eighteen when I first read *Our Town*. It was a shocking experience for me. I was at the height of my glory as a senior in high school ready to enter into the pleasant world of college. Everyday passed swiftly and peacefully. I had few deep thoughts about anything except how I would amuse myself that day. When reading the play, I identified closely with the characters of Grovers Corners, who lived similar lives to mine — happy and uneventful. When the action of the play suddenly switched from the ultimate glory of marriage (finding the perfect mate) to the sadness of a funeral I was surprised and bothered. I had experienced no deaths in my family and when it occurred in the play, I became aware for the first time of my own frailty. I was a little panicked and very depressed. Over the next few days, I felt bad, I lost a great deal of innocence, survived, and was changed. Soon I began to realize I couldn't quite let time pass without being aware of the pleasure of living. The message of *Our Town* began to emerge and I understood the greatness of Thornton Wilder's writing and the power of theatre to effect people to be more aware of joy in their lives and to respect the happiness and the rights of others.

It is my hope that this production has the power to change some lives always for the better and deeper and to stimulate others to enjoy more fully the richness that is around them every moment of everyday.

Chris Curran

AUDIENCE MEMBERS

We are organizing a mailing list for Theatre UAB. If you would like to be included, please fill out the form below and hand it to one of our ushers or to our Box Office personnel.

Name ____________________________
Street ____________________________
City __________________ State ______ Zip ______
The zip code is very important. If you do not indicate it, we cannot assure your receiving our mailouts.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

**THEATRE UAB**

Showtime: An Original Review
The Belle of Amherst
Produced by Theatre UAB
Starring Jane Trechsel
Directed by Frank Trechsel

**MUSIC UAB**

UAB CHORUS/Orchestra Concert-Haydn Creation
May 23

**Town and Gown**

110 In the Shade
May 18-25

Alliance Theatre 1981-82 Season

Who's Life Is It Anyway
October 21-November 15
Brigadoon
November 25-December 20
Private Lives
January 6-31
Loose Ends
February-March 7
Cabaret
March 17-April 11
A Midsummer Night's Dream
April 21-May 23

SPECIAL NEWS

We welcome you to OUR TOWN. This production reflects our true commitment to provide outstanding theatre to the Birmingham-Jefferson County community. Students, families, and individuals will enjoy this play. It is an American classic and fills our minds and hearts with the values on which this country was founded. OUR TOWN embodies an idea whose time is now!

Theatre UAB and Birmingham Children's Theatre are proud to offer you this fine production in our town's Civic Center Theatre. We hope that you enjoy it. Please continue to support live theatre in Birmingham.

Jim Rye, Managing Director
Carolyn Bain, Director
Birmingham Children's Theatre
Theatre UAB
THEATRE UAB and BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S THEATRE

PRESENT

OUR TOWN

by Thornton Wilder

Director ......................................................... Chris Curran
Scenic, Costume, and Lighting Designers ............... Barbara and Eric Olson

CAST

Stage Manager .......................... Maurice Hunt
Dr. Gibbs ............................... David Wilborn
Joe Crowell ............................ Hugh Thomas
Howie Newsome ........................ Capers John Doss
Mrs. Gibbs ............................... Deborah Fleischman
Mrs. Webb ...................................... Jean Pierce
George Gibbs .......................... Donnie Reynolds
Rebecca Gibbs .......................... Paula Whitaker
Wally Webb ............................... Ryan Goodman
Emily Webb ................................. Marion Jeffery
Mr. Webb .................................. Bob Penny
Religious Lady ........................ Wilhelmina Bibb
Angry Citizen ........................ Russ Tipton
Artistic Lady ........................ Karen Gracianette
Simon Stimson ........................ Greg Babb
Mrs. Soames .............................. Leisa Huey
Sheriff Warren .......................... Ken McCoy
Baseball Players ..................... Patrick McKnight
Mrs. Weller ............................... Eric Jones
Mrs. Hill ............................... Sal Griffis
Mr. Carter .................................. Russ Tipton
Mr. Robinson ......................... Patrick McKnight
Assistant Stage Managers .............. Connie Norton

THE SETTING

The entire play takes place in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. Time 1901-1913.

Our Town is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager ....................... Casandra Scott
Assistant Stage Manager's .......... Connie Norton
Technical Director ................ Patty Martin
Costume Shop Supervisor .......... Cassandra Key
Prop Crew Heads ..................... Lura Hicks
Sound Operators ..................... David Pelfry
Hair stylist .......................... Susan Stowe
Publicity Head ....................... Karen Gracianette
Promotion ............................ Bette Lee Hanson
Publicity ............................. Leisa Huey
House Manager ........................ Leesa Lewis
Box Office ................................ Violet Sayre

CREWS

Scenery ............................. Marion Jeffery
Lighting .............................. Pat McKnight
Costumes ............................. Wilhelmina Bibb
Make-up .............................. Leisa Huey
Hair stylist .......................... Susan Stowe
Publicity ............................. Leisa Huey

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LURA HICKS (Property Mistress) is a Freshman at UAB and a Theatre major. She received her B.F.A. degree in Theatre at Montevallo with a minor in Art. He made his professional debut appearing in his school's production of "Picnic". His ambition is to become a professional actor.

DEBORAH FLEISCHMANN (Mrs. Gibbs) moved to Birmingham 4 years ago from the Midwest. Since then, she has been the costume and makeup designer and assistant with Birmingham Children's Theatre. She appeared last year in Birmingham Festival theatre's production of "The Seafarer" and was nominated for an Obelisk Award for her performance. She is 11 years old and attends Brookwood Forest School. She has taken music lessons since she was 6 and has been playing the piano for 4 years. She currently practices 30 minutes a day and enjoys reading and writing in her spare time. Says Ken, "I'll fit It in there somewhere." Ken has been active in local theatre groups for many years and has taught theatre at Birmingham Community Theatre in the past. He has directed "You Can't Take It With You" and "The Wizard of Oz".

PATRICK MCKNIGHT (Baseball player, Mr. Robinson, Lighting Crew) is a theatre and art major at UAB. He has performed in over 50 grade schools in Jefferson County as Mr. Robinson in UAB's "NUTRIBIRD" for UAB's Theatre and Nutrition Department. Recently he appeared in Birmingham Children's Theatre production of "Alice in Wonderland" as the Mad Hatter and White Knight.

ERIK'S "1st show at Theatre UAB. His favorite sport is Rugby.

J. E. M. John Nixon

Mickie and Quentin Brown

War and Martha Hahabur

Alfred and Virginia Pugh

Dr. and Mrs. James Rachels

Additional contributions are needed to provide tuition for deserving and talented students who are majoring in Theatre at UAB. If you would like to help in this cause, please call Carolyn Bain at 534-2236.

The first scholarships in the School of Humanities were awarded after competition this fall to the following Theatre UAB students:

- Patricia McNight - Connie Norton

- Patrick McKnight - Connie Norton

- Eric Olson (Designer and Technical Director) - is the 1st show at Theatre UAB. His favorite sport is Rugby.