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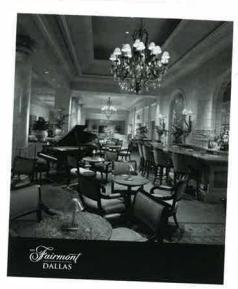
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SCENE SYNOPSIS & MUSICAL NUMBERS

place and time New York, Present Day

ACT I SCENE 1 Paula's Apartment "This Is as Good as It Gets" PAULA & LUCY "No More" PAULA

A Dance Studio **"A Beat Behind"** PAULA, BILLY AND ENSEMBLE

SCENE 2

SCENE 3 In Front of Paula's Building **"This Is as Good as It Gets"** (reprise) LUCY, MELANIE AND CYNTHIA

scene 4 Paula's Apartm**e**nt

"My Rules" Elliot & Paula "Good News, Bad News" Elliot, Paula and Lucy

SCENE 5 Paula's Apartment **"Good News, Bad News**" (reprise) MRS. CROSBY

SCENE 6 An Off-Off-Broadway Theatre

SCENE 7 Central Park **"Footsteps"** PAULA & LUCY

SCENE 8 Paula's Apartment **"How Can I Win?"** PAULA

SCENE 9 An Off-Off-Broadway Theatre "Richard Interred" Elliot, paula, lucy, mark, mrs. crosby, donna and ensemble ACT II scene l Paula's Apartment "How Can I Win?" (reprise) PAULA

SCENE 2 Paula's Apartment **"Good News, Bad News"** (reprise)

SCENE 3 The Ricky Simpson Show **"Too Good to Be Bad**"

PAULA, DONNA AND JENNA

Paula's Apartment ***2 Good 2 B Bad**"

ELLIOT

MRS. CROSBY

SCENE 5 Paula's Apartment **"Who Would've Thought?"** PAULA, ELLIOT, LUCY, MELANIE AND CYNTHIA

SCENE 6 The Rooftop of Paula's Building "Paula (An Improvised Love Song)" ELLIOT & PAULA

scene 7 Paula's Apartment

SCENE 8 A Schoolyard **"Who Would've Thought?"** (reprise) LUCY, MELANIE AND CYNTHIA

SCENE 9 The Lake in Central Park **"I Can Play This Part"**

ELLIOT SCENE 10 A TV Studio **"Jump for Joy"** PAULA & ENSEMBLE

scene 11 Paula's Apartment **"What a Guy"**

PAULA

SCENE 12 In Front of Paula's Building Finale PAULA, ELLIOT AND LUCY













CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Gregory Lush ELLIOT GARFIELD; Bruce R. Coleman MARK; John Biggan ENSEMBLE; Claire Fowler MELANIE; Tracie Foster ENSEMBLE; Teresa Valenza ENSEMBLE and Tandi Brame ENSEMBLE

* indicates members working under Actor's Equity Association contracts in this production. ** indicates a performer enrolled in the AEA membership candidate program.

There will be one fifteen minute intermission between Acts I and II

THE GOODBYE GIRL BIOGRAPHIES

Neil Simon

AUTHOR

Marvin Neil Simon was born in the Bronx on July 4, 1927, and grew up in Washington Heights at the northern tip of Manhattan. He attended New York University briefly (1944–45) and the University of Denver (1945–46) before joining the United States Army where he began his writing career working for the Army camp newspaper.

After being discharged from the army, Simon returned to New York and took a job as a mailroom clerk for Warner Brothers' east coast office. He and his brother Danny began writing comedy revues and eventually found their way into radio, then television, where they toiled alongside the likes of Woody Allen, Mel Brooks and Larry Gelbart, writing for **The Phil Silvers Show** and Sid Caesar's **Your Show of Shows**. Simon received several Emmy Award nominations for his television writing, then moved on to the stage where he quickly established himself as

America's most successful commercial playwright by creating an unparalleled string of Broadway hits beginning with Come Blow Your Horn. During the 1966–67 season, Barefoot in the Park, The Odd Couple, Sweet Charity and The Star Spangled Girl were all running simultaneously. During the 1970-71 season, Broadway theatregoers had their choice of Plaza Suite, Last of the Red Hot Lovers, and Promises, Promises. Still, critical acclaim came slowly for Simon. In spite of the fact that he had had more smash hits than any other American playwright, critics continued to take pleasure in dismissing him as a mere "writer of gags."

In 1973, following the death of his wife, Simon reached a low point in his career with two failures: *The Good Doctor* (1973) and *God's Favorite* (1976). A move to California, however, reinvigorated him and he produced a much more successful play later that year in *California Suite*. After marrying actress Marsha Mason, Simon went on to write *Chapter Two* (1977) which was considered by many critics to be his finest play to that date. His fourth musical, *They're Playing Our Song*, proved fairly successful in 1979, but his next three plays (*I Ought to Be in Pictures*, *Fools*, and a revised version of *Little Me*) all proved unsuccessful at the box office.

Then, in 1983, Simon began to win over many of his critics with the introduction of his autobiographical trilogy—Brighton Beach Memoirs (1983), Biloxi Blues (1985) and Broadway Bound (1986) — which chronicled his stormy childhood, his brief Army time, and the beginning of his career in television. Suddenly the critics began taking him seriously. He followed up in 1991 with Lost in Yonkers for which he won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

During the course of his career, Simon has won three Tony Awards for Best Play (*The Odd Couple, Biloxi Blues* and *Lost in Yonkers.*) He has had more plays adapted to film than any other American playwright and, in addition, has written nearly a dozen original screenplays himself. He received Academy Award nominations for his screenplays The Odd Couple (1968), The Sunshine Boys (1975) and California Suite (1978). He has also been the recipient of the Antoinette Perry Award, the Writers Guild Award, the Evening Standard Award, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, the Shubert Award, the Outer Circle Award, and a 1978 Golden Globe Award for his screenplay, The Goodbye Girl.

Marvin Hamlisch COMPOSER

Marvin Hamlisch's life in music is notable for its great versatility as well as substance. As composer, Hamlisch has won virtually every major award that exists: three Oscars, four Grammys, four Emmys, a Tony and three Golden Globe awards; his groundbreaking show. A Chorus Line, received the Pulitzer Prize. He is the composer of more than forty motion picture scores including his Oscar-winning score and song for The Way We Were and his adaptation of Scott Joplin's music for The Sting, for which he received a third Oscar. His prolific output of scores for films include original compositions and/or musical adaptations for Sophie's Choice, Ordinary People, The Swimmer, Three Men and a Baby, Ice Castles, Take the Money and Run, Bananas, and Save the Tiger. Marvin Hamlisch holds the position of Principal Pops Conductor with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. He is also the Pops Conductor for the National Symphony (this is the first time that anyone has held such a position) and the San Diego Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Hamlisch was

LEFT TO RIGHT: Josh Blann ENSEMBLE and Lucia Welch DONNA

Musical Director and arranger of Barbra Streisand's 1994 concert tour of the US and England as well as of the television special, "Barbra Streisand: The *Concert*" (for which he received two of his Emmys). He served in the same capacities for her Millennium concerts. Hamlisch is a graduate of both Juilliard and Queens College (where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree). He believes in the power of music to bring people together. "Music can make a difference. There is a global nature to music, which has the potential to bring all people together. Music is truly an international language, and I hope to contribute by widening communication as much as I can."

David Zippel

David Zippel's lyrics have won him the Tony Award, two Academy Award nominations, two Grammy Award nominations, and three Golden Globe Award nominations. His songs appear on over twenty-five million CDs around the world, and have been recorded by many great singers including Stevie Wonder, Christina Aguilera, Mel Torme, Ricky Martin, Cleo Laine, Barbara Cook and Nancy LaMott.

He made his Broadway debut with *City of Angels* (music by Cy Coleman, book by Larry Gelbart), for which he received the Tony Award, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, the Drama Desk Award and (in London) the Olivier Award and Evening Standard Award. He also wrote the lyrics to the Broadway musical *The*



Goodbye Girl (music by Marvin Hamlisch, book by Neil Simon) for which he received an Outer Critics Circle nomination. With eight-time Oscar winning composer Alan Menken, he wrote the songs for Disney's feature film Hercules, Michael Bolton recorded "Go the Distance" from that score, which was a #1 record and nominated for an Academy Award and Golden Globe, With Matthew Wilder. he wrote the songs for Disney's animated feature Mulan, which earned him his second Academy Award nomination. "Reflection," from Mulan, was recorded by Christina Aguilera and is featured on her multi-platinum debut album. Christina and David collaborated again with Todd Chapman to write the song "We're a Miracle." which was featured as the end title song for Pokemon: The First Movie, and on its #1 soundtrack album. With Mervyn Warren he wrote the end title for the Jennifer Lopez movie The Wedding Planner. His lyrics for The Swan Princess, an animated feature with music by Lex De Azevedo, were nominated for a Golden Globe Award. With composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, he wrote the songs for the London and Broadway musical The Woman in White.

He has contributed lyrics to the revues A... My Name is Alice and Diamonds, and with composer Doug Katsaros, wrote the musical comedy Just So. With Wally Harper he wrote numerous songs for Barbara Cook, including "It's Better with a Band," which became the title song of a hit revue showcasing David's lyrics. It's



Better with a Band has been presented Off-Broadway, at the Donmar Warehouse in London, and at the Prince Music Theater in Philadelphia.

In early 2003, Williamson Music began representing Zippel's music publishing interests and the administration of his catalogue, In Your Ear Music. In the same year, he completed Princesses, his own adaptation of the classic children's novel A Little Princess (music by Matthew Wilder, book by Cheri Steinkellner and Bill Steinkellner). He additionally has worked on Buzz!, a musical extravaganza about the life of Busby Berkeley (music by Alan Menken, book by Larry Gelbart); Pamela's First Musical, based on Wendy Wasserstein's children's book (music by Cy Coleman, book by Wasser stein); N, the story of Emperor Napoleon and his Josephine (music by Coleman, book by Gelbart); and Lysistrata: Sex and the City State. (Adaptation by Gelbart, music by Menken).

A graduate of Harvard Law School, David Zippel is delighted not to practice law.

ARTISTIC STAFF

Bruce R. Coleman DIRECTOR/DESIGNER/MARK Mr. Coleman has been associated with Theatre Three since 1985. For this company, he has helmed such diverse productions as Tale of the Allergist's Wife; ... And the World Goes 'Round; A Grand Night for Singing; Central Park West; Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music; Once on this Island; The Boyfriend; Company; Drood!; Wholley

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Moliere: Personals: Lies and Legends: The Musical Stories of Harry Chapin; The Triumph of Love; Rise and Shine; and most recently, Mack & Mabel. As a costume designer, some of Bruce's favorite assignments have included June Moon, The Women, Into the Woods, Threepenny Opera, The Miser, Major Barbara, and Pygmalion. Most Recently, Bruce directed and designed Dracula for ICT Mainstage, designed the costumes for The Ladies of the Camelias for Echo Theatre, and directed Tick. Tick. ... Boom! for Uptown Players. An eleven times winner of the prestigious Leon Rabin Award, Bruce has also been recognized by the Dallas Critics Forum Awards. The Dallas Observer's "Best Of" issue, and the Column Awards for his contribution to local theatre. In his spare time, Bruce dances with Momentum Dance in Irving, under the direction of Jaquelyn Ralls Forcher. "This is for Jane, my very own goodbye girl. Love you."

Jac Alder SET DESIGN

Mr. Alder was one of Theatre Three's original founders in 1961 along with his late wife, Norma Young. He continues to serve as the theatre's Executive Producer-Director as both the artistic and administrative CEO of the organization. He regularly directs: his most recent assignments have been Pygmalion and Caroline, or Change on the Theatre Three arena stage, and All About Bette: An Evening with Bette Davis, Blind Date, and My Own Private Diva on the Theatre Too studio stage. Trained as

an architect. Mr. Alder also regularly designs shows including recent productions of Caroline, or Change, Mack & Mabel, Season's Greetings and the shows of this playbill, The Goodbye Girl and I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change. His adaptation of the Moliere classic, The Miser, was premiered at Theatre Three in 1998 and is to be produced in his native state this season by Oklahoma City Rep this February. Other adaptations include a musical version of Goldoni's The Venetian Twins (which also played at the Pitlochry Theatre in Scotland), an adaptation of Machiavelli's Mandragola, and two other Moliere classics, The Physician in Spite of Himself and The Imaginary Invalid. In his spare time he enjoys himself. He has no spare time.

Sam Nance LIGHTING DESIGNER

Mr. Nance is pleased to be designing his first show for Theatre Three. He has designed for ICT Mainstage where his most recent work was The Pirates of Penzance and Dracula. He is the resident lighting designer for Pegasus Theatre where he has lit their innovative "living black and white" shows for a number of years, as well as their more colorful presentations. Other companies that have seen his light include the Shakespeare Festival of Dallas, Dallas Theater Center, Theatre Britain, and the Lois Pope Theater in Florida. Shows include Woody Guthrie's American Song, The Lion in Winter, Catholic School Girls, and A Midsummer Night's Dream.



Mark C. Guerra costume design

This is Mr. Guerra's first time designing costumes for a Mainstage show at Theatre Three. His past credits include Only Heaven, A Christmas to Forget/A Christmas Memory, Frozen, The Big Bang, and Season's Greetings—all in Theatre Too, Theatre Three's basement studio. He is also currently designing Risk Theater Initiative's Christmas show, Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge and costumed The Blue Room, Risk's submission to the F.I.T. Festival this past summer. Mark has been seen on stage at Theatre Three in last year's summer hit, The Full Monty and this year's season opener, Mack and Mabel. He was also seen onstage in Risk Theater Initiative's season opener, The Last Days of Judas *Iscariot* and is currently playing Mr. Fezziwig in Scrooge - the Musical at LifeStage Theatre, Grapevine's new professional theater. Mark is the Intern Supervisor at Theatre Three. He graduated with a BA in theatre performance/theater design from the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas.

Pam Holcomb-McLain ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR Ms. Holcomb-McLain is making her Theatre Three

Darius-Anthony Robinson BILLY & RICKY SIMPSON

debut with The Goodbye Girl. Additional credits in Metroplex venues include Songs for a New World and The Fantasticks at Repertory Company Theatre, Richardson; The Pirates of Penzance and Nunsense (Kathleen Freeman Column Award) at ICT Mainstage, Irving: The Mikado and Beauty and the Beast at Garland Civic Theatre; and Assassins, Gypsy, and Into the Woods (Column nomination) at Theatre Coppell. When not at rehearsals, Pam teaches music to pre-schoolers and musical theatre to elementary students. She sends a big thanks to Terry and Bruce and, as always, love to Scott and the furry kids at home.

Andi Allen CHOREOGRAPHER

Ms. Allen has been a busy director and choreographer since she last worked at Theatre Three playing the title role in Drood! Other Theatre Three credits include appearances in Anything Goes, Candide, and Porter, Please! A recipient of multiple Column Awards for direction and choreography, her credits include the regional premieres of Cowboys at Pegasus Theatre and The Adventures of Tom Sawyer for ICT MainStage, as well as the Uptown Players' production of Ruthless! for which she received a DFW Critics Forum Award. In January, Ms. Allen will be writing, directing and performing in the popular musical revue Broadway Our Way for Uptown Players.

K. Doug Miller AEA STAGE MANAGER Mr. Miller was last seen on stage at Theatre Three in The Big Bang. Other Theatre Three credits include The Fantasticks, The Frogs, and Saturday Night. Favorite roles include: Seymour in Little Shop of Horrors, WaterTower Theatre; Frankie in Pageant, Uptown Players: Sparky in Forever Plaid. Flower Mound Performing Arts Theatre; and the Baker in Into the Woods, ICT Mainstage. Local directing credits: A Man of No Importance, Love! Valour! Compassion!, Aida, The Last Session, Valley of the Dolls, and Twilight of the Golds, Uptown Players; and Jack and Jill, Second Thought Theatre. He has also directed staged readings for Kitchen Dog Theatre and Echo Theatre.

CAST

John Biggan ENSEMBLE

Mr. Biggan received his BFA in theatre performance at UT-Arlington. This performance will be his debut on the Theatre Three stage. Some of his roles in the Dallas metro area are Lombard in And Then There Were None, Onstage in Bedford; Shroeder in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Starlight Performing Arts, Euless; Zombie #1 in Night of the Living Dead, Dallas Children's Theatre; and Chad in High School Musical On Stage!, Tetro Delle Muse, Plano. John's television/film experiences include The Ringer and Inspector Mom, and commercial work for Denny's, Pepsi, Mary Kay, and On the Border (spokesperson). He says thanks to his friends and family, especially Lew, for their support and to

the entire production staff for this opportunity.

Josh Blann ENSEMBLE

Mr. Blann is making his first appearance at Theatre Three. Previously he spent several seasons with PlayMakers Rep in North Carolina, where he received his MFA in acting from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Some productions he has acted in include: Richard II, A Prayer for Owen Meany, Salome, Richard III, Holy Ghosts, Tartuffe, MacBeth, Two Gentlemen of Verona, and Metamorphoses. He has also taught theatre at the high school and college levels.

Tandi Brame ENSEMBLE

Ms. Brame received a Bachelor of Arts and Science from Louisiana State University, where she received awards for voice and studied music and theater. She also participated in a study abroad program in London, England. While there she studied the works of William Shakespeare at Goldsmith College. Her credits include the movie Billy Mean Pipes, directed by Jon Keeyes, the multimedia production Rainbow Country: The Life and Death of Bob Marley, the opera Antigone, the Nutcracker Suite ballet, and now The Goodbye Girl at Theatre Three.

Tracie Foster ENSEMBLE

This is Ms. Foster's first show at Theatre Three. She has appeared at several local theatres including Casa

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Mañana, Theatre Arlington and Granbury Opera House, and she has toured nationally in A Christmas Carol and 101 Dalmatians. Tracie also acts in independent films and commercials. She currently dances all over the world as Bob the Builder and Angelina Ballerina. Tracie is married to magician Michael Stein; they have a 4lb. Pomeranian named Moselle. "Thank you Michael for all of your confidence and patience!"

Claire Fowler

Ms. Fowler is making her debut with Theatre Three. She is a high school freshman with the Texas Tech homeschool program and is also studying music theory through Boston's Burklee College of Music. Favorite roles include Mary Lennox in Secret Garden. Dixie in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Francie in A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Gloria in Wait Until Dark, Tessie in Annie, and Polly in Jane Eyre. Metroplex venues include Bass Hall, Casa Mañana, ICT Mainstage, Lyric, Runway and Echo. "Heartfelt thanks to Bruce for giving me my wings and to my new 'Jazzy' friends for their support."

Carlos Gomez

Mr. Gomez is making his Theatre Three debut with *The Goodbye Girl*. His previous theatre experience includes *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* at Contemporary Theatre of Dallas; *Hair* and *The Who's Tommy* at Uptown Players; *Cats* at Garland Civic Theatre; and *Thoroughly Modern Mille*, Crazy for You, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Garland Summer Musicals.

Lisa-Gabrielle Greene PAULA MCFADDEN

Ms. Greene is "completing the circle of acting" here at her home theatre by sharing the stage with her daughter, Ruby. Lisa-Gabrielle met her husband, Chris Westfall, while starring opposite him on these same boards in The Fantasticks. Theatre Three audiences will remember her in The Wild Party, Blithe Spirit, Triumph of Love, Dreams from a Summer House, A Grand Night for Singing (Dallas Theatre Critics Forum Award), and many more. She has recently been "moonlighting"at another fave theatre, Uptown Players, where she played in Hair (Rabin Nomination) and The Who's Tommy (Rabin Nomination). Lisa also has a four year-old daughter, Magnolia.

Lindsey Kay CYNTHIA

Ms. Kay makes her debut at Theatre Three but has performed numerous roles in Metroplex theaters. Some of her favorite roles include: the girl in The Pillowman at Stage West, Fort Worth; Annie in Annie and Helen Keller in The Miracle Worker at Starlight Performing Arts Theatre, Euless; Baby Louise in Gypsy at Theatre Coppell; and Lady Alisande in A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court at Onstage in Bedford. Lindsey is an Actor's Equity candidate and attends Harwood Junior High in Bedford. She has

attended the Creative Arts Theatre and School (acting classes) and Septien Vocal Studios, and studied theatrical dance. Lindsey sends thanks to everyone involved in this production as well as to Anicia, Pam, Lauren, and Casey for their help over the years and to her mom for being her chauffeur.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Lisa-Gabrielle Greene PAULA MCFADDEN and Ruby Westfall LUCY MCFADDEN; Natalie King MRS. CROSBY

Natalie King MRS. CROSBY

Ms. King returns to Theatre Three in this role. Besides having had her first job in theater here at Theatre Three, some of her favorite roles were also here, including, The World Goes Round (Web Critics Award—Best Supporting Actress), Rise And Shine, A Grand Night For Singing (Critics Choice Award—Best Ensemble), and Once On This Island. She also performed in Uptown Players' The Life and A New Brain, for which she was nominated for a Rabin Award. Other regional shows include, The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas, A... My Name Is Alice, Blues Ballads Broadway & Blessings, Rockin' Christmas, Divas Of Dallas, Abbyssinia, Broadway Our Way, Godspell and Hair. Natalie also performed as Quintara the Storyteller at Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom and the Magic Kingdom.

Gregory Lush

Mr. Lush holds an MFA from the University of Mississippi and is an associate teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework. Gregory last appeared on Theatre Three's stage as Henry



Higgins in Pygmalion. Other Theatre Three performances include Snake/Storyteller in Children of Eden. His previous Metroplex theatre appearances include: Berowne in Love's Labours Lost and Caliban in The Tempest at the Dallas Shakespeare Festival; Mitch in Tuesdays with Morrie at Labyrinth Theatre; Adam in Time of My Life at Stage West, Fort Worth; and Dromio of Ephesus in Comedy of Errors at Fort Worth's Shakespeare Festival. Gregory's national experience includes Canker in Denmark at Victory Gardens, Chicago; Hamlet in Hamlet and Benedick in Much Ado About Nothing at Genesis Shakespeare Festival, Quincy, Illinois; Gerry in Dancing at Lughnasa at Callan Theatre, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; Laertes in Hamlet at VpStart Crow Productions, Manassas, Virginia; and Ross in Macbeth at Theatre at Lime Kiln, Lexington, Virginia. He offers thanks to his amazing family.

Darius-Anthony Robinson BILLY & RICKY SIMPSON

Mr. Robinson makes his Theatre Three debut in *The Goodbye Girl*. Darius-Anthony has currently been seen play-



ing Cogsworth in Beauty and The Beast (Garland Community Theater). He has also been seen in the cabaret show, Let Us Entertain You (Duplex Theatre), choreographing/performing in the off-off-Broadway musical, Broadway Revisited: A Musical Revue (Malverone Players), and Hair (Uptown Players). Local Credits include: GCT, ACT, TA, ICT Mainstage, FMT. and Dallas Summer Musicals. He has served as principal/ensemble dancer for the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and Steps on Broadway. "Thanks a bunch Bruce, Terry, Doug, and my girl Andi, and this amazing cast and crew. Thanks to my family and friends for loving me and my many characters on and off stage!"

Teresa Valenza ENSEMBLE

Ms. Valenza received her BFA in acting at Texas State University, 2006, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude and was an American Movie Classics Regional Scholarship winner. Her recent debut with us was as Velvet in Popcorn. Other favorite roles have been Catherine in Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music at Stage West Theatre, and Florinda in *The Rover* at Texas State University. Teresa's television and film experience include Sarah in Wait by SpiderCircle Films. In addition to her formal education. she has had twenty plus years of training in ballet, tap, jazz, and hip-hop.

Lucia A.Welch DONNA

Ms. Welch is making her Theatre Three debut. Performances on other Metroplex stages include Water Tower Theatre, Uptown Players, Contemporary Theatre, The Eisemann Center, The Labyrinth, Echo Theatre, Plano Rep, ICT Mainstage and Ameristage Players. Lucia holds a BA in speech and theatre. She does commercial work, models for print advertising, and is a church soloist. "Many thanks to Terry and Bruce for this wonderful opportunity." Her performance is dedicated to Jerry for his constant love and support and for casting her in the best role of her life: Mom to their four great kids!

Ruby Westfall

Eleven year-old Ruby is a 6th grader at ⊤ravis Vanguard and Academy right here in Uptown. She makes her Theatre Three debut with this production and is playing her own mother's daughter! Ruby is active with Imagination Players where she has played Jellylorum in Cats (doing the original Broadway choreography), Bagheera in The Jungle Book, Irene in Footloose and ensemble in Oklahoma. She wishes to send extra love and thanks to her teachers at Travis (especially Mr. Schullte), Bruce, Terry, Dad, Noli (her little sis, Magnolia), Linda Leonard, and Lynn Ambrose.

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Book by **Neil Simon**, music by **Marvin Hamlisch**, lyrics by **David Zippel**.

The single mom—a thirty-something dancer—struggles through New York disappointments, user boyfriends, and then clashes with an upstart intruder who may be just another bad actor.... or is he?

Gregory Lush THE GOODBYE GIRL

CRIMES OF THE HEART FEBRUARY 14-MARCH 16

The Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy by former Theatre Three actress, **Beth Henley**.

In Hazlehurst, Mississippi, the three Magrath sisters face troubles both grave and hilarious but in the end manage to escape the past to seize the future.

WHODUNNIT

APRIL 3-MAY 4

A comedy-thriller by the author of *Sleuth*, **Anthony Shaffer**.

Brilliantly inventive Anthony Shaffer gleefully took all he learned from both Alfred Hitchcock and Dame Agatha Christie and fashioned his own closed-circle-English-country-house-murder-mystery.

A DOG'S LIFE

MAY 22–JUNE 22 A howlingly funny new musical

by Sean Grennan & Leah Okimoto.

This refreshing new musical manages to be goofily hilarious and sweetly moving—telling the story of a rescued pooch, the young man who adopts him, and a complicated pack of four footed pals, all puzzled by the strange ways of the humans around them.



THEATRE TOO

ALL ABOUT BETTE: AN EVENING WITH BETTE DAVIS JULY 6-JULY 29

A critically hailed play by **Camilla Carr**.

Theatre Three has brought back this new piece from its extended hit run last season. Morgana Shaw will recreate the performance that won her "Best Actress in an Equity Play" Column Award.

BLIND DATE

AUGUST 17-SEPTEMBER 2

An exciting new intimate drama by South American playwright **Mario Diament**.

An anxious adulterer alights in a confessional mood on the blind man's favorite Buenos Aires park bench. From that chance meeting the blind man, a distinguished poet, sees deeply not only into the life of others, but deeply into his own life and its still-astonishing possibilities.

MY OWN PRIVATE DIVA OCTOBER 5-21

A "confessional cabaret" by **Terry Dobson**.

"Best New Play" award-winning cabaret (from both Column Awards and Dallas/Fort Worth Critics' Forum Awards) performed by the author and his personal diva, Sally Soldo.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

NOVEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 16 The hilarious family comedy by **Alan Ayckbourn**.

A Christmas gathering replete with family recriminations, a chaotically incompetent puppet show, overconsumed Christmas spirits, and a hilariously bungled midnight tryst, make this superbly crafted comedy a must-see holiday show.

THE LA VIDAS' LANDLORD MARCH 14-30

A clash of cultures in a new comedy-drama by **Lawrence** Weinstein.

An idealistic high school teacher rents out an apartment to a political refugee from Central America, but there are more than minor philosophical differences between the two which cannot be solved by the teacher's anxious attempts to be understanding.

MID-LIFE, THE CRISIS MUSICAL MAY 2-18

A revue of middle-aged gains and losses by **Bob** & **Jim Walton**.

This polished, fall-out-of-your-seat-funny show is woven out of a series of vignettes dealing with classic mid-life phenomena—all unpleasant, and virtually all hilarious. Brash, honest, refreshing, and inventively silly.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT

I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE

JANUARY 17-FEBRUARY 17

The most favorite show ever at Theatre Three by **Joe Di Pietro** & **Jimmy Roberts**.

It had a huge run in 2000 on the Mainstage, it moved into Theatre Too that fall and played there for an amazing three years! Since then this record-breaking musical revue has returned annually for an encore run and manages to find new enthusiasts who pack the place to laugh and cheer. Theatre Three, Inc. 2800 Routh Street Suite 168 Dallas, Texas 75201 EXECUTIVE PRODUCER-DIRECTOR JAC ALDER PRESENTS



By Special Arrangement with R&H Theatricals AUTHOR & LYRICIST JOE DiPietro, COMPOSER Jimmy Roberts

THEATRE TOO

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ARTISTIC STAFF

CAST

MAN 1 *Sonny Franks WOMAN 1 *Lindsey Holloway MAN 2 *Doug Jackson WOMAN 2 *Amy Mills

MUSICIANS PIANO Vonda Bowling **VIOLIN Christina Harpine**

PRODUCTION STAFF AEA STAGE MANAGER Kerry Cole TECHNICAL DIRECTOR David Walsh PRODUCTION ASSISTANT Stacie Cleland MASTER CARPENTER Jeffrey Schmidt MASTER ELECTRICIAN Paul Arnold

PRODUCTION CREW Paul Arnold, Maryam Baig, Stacie Cleland, Mark C. Guerra

SCENE SYNOPSIS & MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I Prologue COMPANY

Cantata for a First Date COMPANY

"Not Tonight, I'm Busy, Busy, Busy!" MAN 2 WOMAN 2

ACT II

woman 2

Cantata (reprise #2)

MAN 1@WOMAN 1

"Always A Bridesmaid"

"Whatever Happened"

"The Marriage Tango"

MAN 1@WOMAN 2

Cantata (reprise #3)

MAN 2 & WOMAN 1 "Shouldn't I Be Less In Love"

MAN 1@WOMAN 2 "The Very First Dating Video of

"Funerals Are For Dating" MAN 2QWOMAN 2

"I Can Live With That"

MAN 2@WOMAN 2

Rose Ritz"

WOMAN 1

Epilogue COMPANY

Finale COMPANY

Bows/Exit COMPANY

"Highway of Love" COMPANY

MEN & WOMAN 1

"The Baby Song"

MAN 2

"Waiting"

COMPANY

"A Stud and A Babe" MAN 1@WOMAN 1

"Single Man Drought" WOMEN

"Why? Cause I'm A Guy" MEN

"Tear Jerk" MAN 2@WOMAN 2

"The Lasagna Incident" MAN 1@WOMAN 1

"I Will Be Loved Tonight" WOMAN 1

"Hey, There Single Guy/Gal" COMPANY

"Satisfaction Guaranteed" COMPANY

"He Called Me" COMPANY

"Scared Straight" COMPANY

Cantata (reprise #1) COMPANY

Wedding Vows COMPANY

* indicates members working under Actor's Equity Association contracts in this production. ** indicates a performer enrolled in the AEA membership candidate program.

There will be one fifteen minute intermission between Acts I and II.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

The I Love You ... cast rehearsing for this season's performance.





I LOVE YOU ... BIOGRAPHIES









LEFT TO RIGHT: Sonny Franks MAN #1, Lindsey Holloway WOMAN #1, Doug Jackson MAN #2, and Amy Mills WOMAN #2

Joe DiPietro

AUTHOR & LYRICIST

Mr. DiPietro wrote the book and lyrics to the musical comedy hit I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change (composer: Jimmy Roberts), the longest running musical revue in off-Broadway history, with productions staged in over 150 cities around the world. Joe is also the author of the plays Over the River and Through the Woods, The Kiss at City Hall, The Virgin Weeps, and the comic thriller The Art of Murder (winner of the 2000 Edgar Award). He wrote the book to the "new" Gershwin musical *Heaven on Earth* (world premiere: Goodspeed Opera House, 2001), a new adaptation of Rodgers & Hart's Babes in Arms (world premiere: Goodspeed Opera House, 2002) and a new adaptation of Rodgers & Hammerstein's Allegro (world premiere: Signature Theatre, 2004). In addition to his book and lyrics for the recent Off-Broadway musical The Thing About Men (composer: Jimmy Roberts),

DiPietro's other projects include book and lyrics for the rock & roll musical Memphis (composer: David Bryan, premiered regionally in late 2003), and the book for All Shook Up, an original musical comedy featuring the songs of Elvis Presley, which opened on Broadway in 2005. Joe is the recipient of the William Inge Theater Festival New Voices in American Theater Award, and has won the O'Neill National Playwright's Conference MacArthur Award for comic writing.

Jimmy Roberts COMPOSER Mr. Roberts composed the

music for the Off-Broadway hit, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now *Change*, the longest-running musical revue in history, with numerous productions staged in more than 150 cities around the world. His newest work is The Thing About Men, written with I Love You ... collaborator Joe DiPietro. His children's musical, The Velveteen Rabbit, produced by Theatreworks/USA, toured the US for the better part of a decade. His songs were featured in two other Off-Broadway revues: A ... My Name is Still Alice and Pets. A graduate of the Manhattan School of Music and the recipient of numerous awards from ASCAP, Mr. Roberts also

composed the theme music for the weekly PBS television show Theater Talk.

ARTISTIC STAFF

Terry Dobson DIRECTOR

Mr. Dobson has been a member of Theatre Three's artistic staff since May 1980. He currently serves as the theatre's musical director and company manager. Terry directed (and accompanied) the longest running stage production in Dallas theater history—Theatre Three's production of I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change. He also directed and accompanied many of the critically acclaimed Theatre Too productions. Myths & Hymns, First Lady Suite, Grateful: The Songs of John Bucchino, Elegies: A Song Cycle and last season's The Big Bang are among his favorites. Terry has performed with The Dallas Theater Center, Casa Mañana, Lyric Stage, Flower Mound Performing Arts

Theatre, and Theatre Arlington. Awards include a Leon Rabin Award for Outstanding Musical Direction for Ion @ Jen and many Column Awards. Theatre Three appearances include Sylvia, Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music, Beyond Therapy, Death Defying Acts. God's Man in Texas. Dirty Blonde, and most recently, Glorious!. My Own Private Diva won a DFW Theatre Critics Forum Award for Best New Play of 2006 and a Column Award for Outstanding New Work by a Local Playwright. Terry recently became a homeowner and spends most of his free time working on his condo and taking care of his new dog, Cooper.

Vonda Bowling ASSISTANT MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Ms. Bowling is musical directing her first show in Theatre Too at Theatre Three. She recently musical directed *Little Shop of Horrors* at Flower Mound Performing Arts Theatre, assistant musical directed

Grease, City of Angels, and Forever Plaid, also at FMPAT. Vonda is on the voice faculty at John Horn High School in Mesquite where she has over 30 students in her studio. She is the co-founder, along with Mark Mullino, of Dallas Young Artists: a theatre company that targets high school and college age students. Vonda lives in Rowlett with her husband Jeffrey and their 2 sons, Harrison (7) and Mason (4). "Thanks to Terry for this exciting experience."

David Opper

Mr. Opper began his professional theatre career at Theatre Three thirty plus years ago as the resident scenic, lighting, and sound designer, hall swabber, and bathroom scourer. In the intervening years, David has designed for the touring music industry, corporate, and trade show presentations. He is currently the owner of the design company Aurora Event Group and technical director at Tarrant County College Northwest Campus. He served as the lighting designer for All About Bette, the first show of Theatre Three's Theatre Too season.

Kerry Cole Aea stage manager

Ms. Cole's prior stage managing experiences include Theatre Three's productions of Democracy and The Odd Couple, Shakespeare Festival of Dallas, Plano Repertory Theatre and Wayside Theater in Virginia, where she served as Resident Equity Stage Manager. In addition to stage management, Ms. Cole's production history includes acting, directing, producing and writing credits. She most recently directed Theatre Three's production of Talking Pictures and Theatre Too's production of Season's Greetings. She currently teaches theatre at both the University of North Texas and Richland College and is represented by the Core Talent Agency.



CAST

Sonny Franks MAN **#1**

Mr. Franks was born and raised in Mesquite, Texas, a stone's throw from its world famous rodeo. He only recently, however, truly learned to ride a horse when he signed on with Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament here in Dallas. where he can be seen as "the king"—no, it isn't an Elvis impersonation. Sonny has been in many theater productions around Dallas and Fort Worth throughout the years, while also finding time to tour the world with the famous folk group The New Christy Minstrels, spend two years as the host/MC of Country Tonite in Branson, Missouri, and appear in upwards of fifty television commercials, films and TV series, the most recent of which is Fox Television's Prison Break. Also a songwriter and musician, he is proud to have written and produced a number of successful recordings, including "All Grown Up ... So Far"" and "More than Halfway" with renowned local diva Julie Johnson. Although being a father to Hailey, his fifteen-year-old daughter, is his most important role, he is back in the "basement," Theatre Too!, playing what many in the industry still refer to as "Ashley's role" in this incarnation of I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change.

Lindsey Holloway

Ms. Holloway returns to Theatre Three with this production. Audiences at Theatre Too may remember Lindsey in the roles of Evelyn, Dory, and K.T. in Merrily We Roll Along, as well as Faith Crombie in I'll Leave It to You on the Mainstage of Theatre Three. Other credits include Helena in A Midsummer Night's Dream: The Musical at Shakespeare Festival of Dallas, Alaura in Carla/City of Angels at Flower Mound Performing Arts Theatre, Fermina in Man

of La Mancha at Water Tower Theatre, Jeanne in State Fair at It's About Time Productions, Nellie Connally in the world premiere of The Winner at Lyric Stage, and Fraulein Kostin in Cabaret at Water Tower Theatre (Leon Rabin Award). "To my beautiful friends and family, who make my life so wonderful—'1 love you, you're perfect, never change!'"

Doug Jackson ман #2

Since his debut at Dallas Repertory Theatre in 1972, Mr. Jackson has been acting on Metroplex stages, in national tours, and in movies and television. The Dallas Theater Center, Dallas Children's Theater, Stage West, Lyric Stage, New Arts, Shakespeare Festival of Dallas, Moving Target, Casa Mañana, the Majestic Theatre, the Bass Hall and others have presented his work, but it's Theatre Three he calls home. Doug has 400 performances of I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change to

CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT: The *original* cast of the record-breaking show: **Greg Dulcie** MAN #1, **Ashley Wood** MAN #2, **Carrie Slaughter WOMAN #2**, and **Linda Leonard WOMAN #1**

BEHIND THE SCENES:

When the box office is extraordinarily busy with a flood of phone calls and emails requesting tickets, employees often remark, "It's an I Love You day." I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change is the most popular show in Theatre Three's forty-seven year history and during its continuous three year run in Theatre Too, it became the longest-running show in Dallas theatre history. This musical revue began its record-breaking run in June of 2000. After its initial six week run as the first show of the 2000-2001 season, the show transferred to a newly renovated Theatre Too to satisfy popular demand. Before it closed in July of 2003, over 50,000 people saw the show, 15 understudies were added to give the original cast an occasional break, 5 pianists accompanied the show and one of the show's creators, Ioe DiPietro, visited Dallas to see Theatre Three's production. The show has earned over \$1 million for the theatre and many patrons proudly proclaim how many times they have seen the show: 5 times, 8 times, even 11 times. Every time Theatre Three brings back I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change for special engagements, staff, cast members, and the show's director, Terry Dobson, are happy to see familiar faces and to welcome new friends, who seven years after the opening of the show, are just now discovering this wonderful phenomenon.

his credit, including part of the original run on the main stage and the entire first year in Theatre Too. Upstairs this season he was Alfred Doolittle in *Pygmalion* and last season Oscar Madison in *The Odd Couple*. Other favorite roles here include Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Coach Don in *Rounding Third*, Peachum in *The Threepenny Opera* and Ed Kleban in A Class Act. What is home without family? Doug is thrilled to once again be performing with his "leading lady" of 24 years, Amy Mills. Daughter Emily was seen in *Talking Pictures* and daughter Abigail joined mom and dad in *The Imaginary Invalid*; both attend the Arts Magnet High School and appeared in Doug's T3 directorial debut, *Children of Eden*. Doug is a proud member of Actor's Equity Association and Aftra/SAG, represented by The Campbell Agency. He is eternally grateful to Jac and Terry for all the wonderful opportunities over the years and is honored to be a part of this production.

Amy Mills woman #2

Ms. Mills is happy to be returning to I Love You ... after a year of no blind or funeral dating! She most recently appeared as Mrs. Fezziwig in Casa Mañana's production of A Christmas Carol at the Bass Hall. Favorite roles include Mary in Merrily We Roll Along, Alice in Titanic, Zora in Inspecting Carol, Toinette in The Imaginary Invalid, Prudie Cupp in Pump Boys and Dinettes, Sarah in Spinning Into Butter, and The Baker's Wife in Into the Woods. During the day, she finds herself on staff at Theatre Three or teaching musical theatre classes at The Dallas Children's Theater. At night, she finds herself in Oak Cliff with three dogs, two cats. a husband: actor Doug Jackson, and their two beautiful daughters: Emily and Abigail.



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