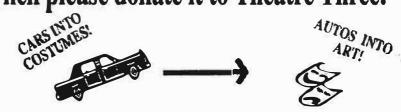


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Piano: Terry Dobson Reeds: Ellen Kaner or Mark Alewine Bass: Peggy Honea Percussion: Mike McNicholas or Nate Buonviri

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# Production Staff:

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Scott Bardin Connie Coit\* Sergio Garcia Lisa J. Miller Amy Mills\* Sally Soldo\*

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# Synopsis of the Scenes

### Act Two:

The next day in the Rainbow Room Supper Club in Manhattan, 1930's.

Scene One: Introductions

The action of the play takes place in the fictitious Rainbow Room Supper Club in

Scene Two: The Creative Process

Act One:

Manhattan, 1930's.

Scene Three: Radio Days: On the Air

Scene Four: Hollywood Dreams

Scene One: Humor

Scene Two: Unrequited Love

Scene Three: The Search for True Love

# Musical Numbers

Beguiled Again includes song selections from Garrick Gaieties, The Girl Friend, A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, Heads Up, Simple Simon, America's Sweetheart, Love Me Tonight, Jumbo, On Your Toes, Babes in Arms, I'd Rather be Right, Pal Joey, The Boys from Syracuse, Higher and Higher, and By Jupiter.

### **BIOGRAPHY OF THE DIRECTOR**



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is a Leon Rabin Award winner for Outstanding Musical Direction and recipient of four Column Awards for his work at Theatre Three.

ack H. Degelia (Choreograher) a Dallas native, has had a varied career in both theatre and television. As a director and choreographer, he has won critical acclaim for his productions based on the original works of Bob Fosse, Gower Champion, Jerome Robbins, Michael Bennett, and Tommy Tune including Damn Yonkees, Sweet Charitiy. Pippin, West Side Story, Fiddler on the Roof, Hello, Dolly!, The King and I, and A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine to name a few. He was recognized by the Southern California Theatre Association with a nomination for Distinguished \contribution to Theatre. As an actor his New York and touring credits include major roles in A Chorus Line, Fiddler on the Roof, West Side Story, A Day in Hollywood&, Children of a Lesser God, A Long Day's Journey Into Night, Cabaretand Falsettoland.

He served as a producer at NBC Productions in Los Angeles for 12 years where films he was associated with garnered both Golden Globe and Emmy nominations including *The Story Lady*, starring Jessica Tandy, *Christmas Eve* with Loretta Young, *Roommates* starring Eric Stolz and Randy Quaid, *Deadly Family Secrets* with Loni Anderson and the CBS pilot of *John Grisham's The Client*. He was honored to have co-written the screenplay of *To Hell with Dying* with Pulitzer Prize winning author Alice Walker. He is currently co-owner of Big Bear Productions in Los Angeles. He holds a BFA in directing for stage and film and a Master Degree and Theatre History and Dramatic Criticism.



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### **BIOGRAPHIES OF THE ARTISTS**

**cott Bardin** makes his Theatre Three debut with this production. Having earned a BM in voice from Oklahoma Baptist University. Scott has been featured in many musicals in the area. At ICT Mainstage, he played the Narrator/ Mysterious Man in Into The Woods. Frederick Graham/ Petruccio in Kiss Me Kate, Sky Masterson in Guys & Dolls and Max in Lend Me a Tenor. He has appeared at WaterTower Theatre in the ensemble of Sweeney Todd. at Garland Civic Theatre as Arthur in Camelot, and at Barndoor Theatrer as Charlie Anderson in Shenanadoah. Much love to Cathy and Zoe. Here we go!

**Connie Coit** is honored to be returning to Theatre Three. Her credits include her 1999 Carnegie Hall debut in Mad About the Boy: A 100th Birthday Celebration of the Words and Music of Sir Noel Coward. She has been featured in five European tours as Carlotta in the Kopit-Yeston production of Phantom, and as Birdie in the Off-Broadway production of Regina. She has performed with the New York City Opera, Top of the Village Gate, and the Apollo Theater in Chicago. She also starred as Liza in the Theatre Three benefit concert of Kurt Weil's Lady in the Dark, honoring her late husband Lloyd W. Kitchens, Jr. MD, MACP directed by Jack Lee. Her Theatre Three credits include Weil Women, Company, The Gingerbread Lady, Candide, and Tartuffe. Area credits include On the Twentieth Century, Mame, Same Time Next Year, and Chapter Two. Her most challenging and rewarding role to date is that of Mother to her 16 year old son. Ben.

**Sergio Garcia** made his debut on Theatre Three's stage playing Man One/Sailor in the Kander and Ebb revue, *The World Goes 'Round.* Since then, he has also



Scott Bardin



Connie Coit



Sergio Garcia



Lisa J. Miller

appeared in Theatre Three's productions as Patrick Chibas in Spinning Into Butter, and Fakir/ Ensemble in Side Show. Other favorite theatre roles include Chino in West Side Story at Garland SummerMusicals, ensemble in Sweenev Todd at WaterTower Theatre. Jack in Into the Woods at Irving Performing Arts Center, Gregor/ Jazz Singer in Victor/Victoria at Trinity River Arts Center. Thanks to his pals at Major Metcalfe and to Kim for being patient. He'd like to dedicate this performance to his family and friends, especially Bryan, Karla, and Becca.

isa J. Miller happily returns to Theatre Three's stage. Her previous Theatre Three roles include April on Company, Dulcie in The BoyFriend, Dainty Deb in Rise and Shine, A Frog in The Frogs, and Myzlansky, Zylnsky. She has performed several roles at the Metro Players including Luisa in Nine, RosaBud in The Mystery of Edwin Drood. Sister Leo in Nunsense & Nunsense II. and Shulie in School House Rock. At Theatre Arlington, she played Rose in Dancing at Lughnasa, Josephine/Monica in Romance/Romance, and Annelle in Steel Magnolias. This performance is dedicated in memory of Mike Harmon.

Arry Mills was most recently seen on Theatre Three's mainstage in last season's Spinning Into Butter, although she has performed downstairs since 1999 in the long-running hit, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change! as both women. She has also appeared at Theatre Three in such shows as Into the Woods, Pump Boys and Dinettes, Second Threshold, Heartbeats, The Threepenny Opera, and A...My Name is Alice. She has performed at Casa Manana, Bass Hall, Dallas Theater Center, The MUNY,

### **BIOGRAPHIES OF THE ARTISTS, CONTINUED**

Northshore Music Theatre, Arkansas Rep, the Cape Playhouse, Dallas Children's Theater, Stage West, and the Dallas Summer Musicals. She teaches acting at Mountain View and El Centro Colleges and hides out in Oak Cliff with her husband, actor Doug Jackson, and their two daughters, Emily and Abigail.

**Aichael Serrecchia** is making IVI his debut stage performance with this role in Beguiled Again, but this is not his first assignment at Theatre Three. Earlier this season, he directed Theatre Three's production of A Class Act. He is an original Broadway cast member of seven Broadway musicals including A Chorus Line. For Milwaukee MelodyTop Theatre, he played Eddie Ryan in Funny Girl and Mordrid in Camelot. He played Michael in Sing Happy! at the Vivian Beaumont Theatre, Lincoln Center and played One (of Plus Two) in Chita Plus Two at London Palladium. Awards for his performances include A Drama Desk Award and Theatre Critics Circle Award for A Chorus Line, a MAC Award for Chita Plus Two, and two Column Awards for Best Director/ Musical for Pageant (2001) and A Class Act (2002).

**Cally Soldo** is thrilled to return to her theatre home, Theatre Three, having appeared in 17 musical productions including A...My Name is Alice, Triumph of Love, Assassins, Lucky Stiff, Company, A Little Night Music, Blood Brothers, and, most recently I Love You. You're Perfect. Now Change! where she also served as assistant to the director, Terry Dobson. Sally has appeared Off-Broadway, worked in industrial productions and has toured nationally in George M! and Play it Again, Sam opposite Robert Morse. Regionally, she has starred at Burt Revnolds Jupiter Theatre, Starlight Musicals,



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John Forkner



Rebecca Pense

Music Theatre of Wichita, Theater Under the Stars, Casa Manana, and danced in 25 productions at Dallas Summer Musicals. Sally has been awarded the Leon Rabin Award, the Column Award, the Dallas Times Herald Critics Award, and is a "Dallas Diva" for Lyric Stage. Sally lives in Oak Cliff with her husband, Jon, and 19 year–old son, Jonathon.

ohn Forkner holds a BFA in performance from Baylor University and recently understudied all roles in Theatre Three's production of Comic Potential. His performance credits include Cassio in Othello and Samuel in Pirates of Penzance at the Oklahoma Shakespeare Festival. Dromio of Syracuse in The Comedy of Errors at Baylor University, Anthony in Alexander & the ... Very Bad Day at Dallas Children's Theater, Perchik in Fiddler on the Roof at Granbury Opera House, and The Professor in The Lesson in the Out of the Loop Festival at WaterTower Theatre. He has just finished writing his first play, Blight Christmas: A Yuletide Tale of Murder and Deceit.

Rebecca Pense, serving as a member of the intern staff, stepped in as the character of Mona in A Class Act for several performances. Having graduated from Austin College with B.A. in Communication Arts with a concentration in theatre, her credits include playing a witch in Macbeth, Veta Louise in Harvey, various roles in Birds, Patsy in Sideman, Joanne in Company, Dora in Equus, and Chick in Crimes of the Heart. Thank you Terry for this opportunity.

About Rodgers & Hart



Richard Rodgers and Lorenz (Larry) Hart were riding in a cab through the streets of Paris with two women. Suddenly, another car pulled out of a side street and only missed Rodgers and Hart's cab by inches. Relieved to be safe, one of the women exclaimed, "My heart stood still!" Hart quickly pointed out, "Say, that would make a great title for a song." Rodgers called Hart a dirty name for thinking about work while on vacation, but once they returned to work, the song "My Heart Stood Still" was quickly written. Like many other songs this team had written, it would make Broadway's heart stand still.

Richard Rodgers & Lorenz Hart

Sixteen year old Richard Rodgers met Lorenz Hart and was immediately mesmerized. Hart was 23 years old at the time and Rodgers thought Hart was full of exciting energy and remarkable ideas. Even though noth-

ing was said at that first meeting, both men knew they would work together. Before Rodgers started at Columbia University, he and Hart had written A Lonely Romeo. As a freshman, Rodgers was chosen to write the music for the varsity show, *Fly With Me*. He left Columbia to study at the Institute of Musical Art, now known as the Juillard School of Music. Hart, on the other hand, was ready for a major professional success. *Poor Little Ritz Girl* was the partnership's first modest success, but their true "breakthrough" came with *Garrick Gaieties* and the centerpiece song, "Manhattan". Rodgers and Hart averaged about two Broadway shows a season during the 1920's including *Dearest Enemy*, *Peggy–Ann*, *A Connecticut Yankee*, and *Chee — Chee*.

The dynamics of their relationship were extraordinary. They wrote music very quickly and they preferred to write under pressure. During the 1920's Rodgers and Hart were experimenting with and elaborating on jazz rhythms, and were setting entire scenes in music. Hart varied the language of the lyrics by using popular vernacular. When *The Girlfriend* was produced in London, Rodgers and Hart spent time in England, learning the vernacular and adjusting the lyrics to appeal to London audiences. Rodgers and Hart were also determined to make their music work on two levels. The music needed to fit into the storyline of the musical, but they also wanted it to be music people would want to listen to at home, out of the context of the musical. Therefore, they attempted to create a single moment of sheer emotion with their music. This was not simply an artistic decision. They each earned about \$100,000 a year once all of the royalties from musicals, sheet music, radio, and film were added together.

Their personalities could not be more different. Rodgers was business–like, serious and diligent. Hart, with his generous personality and lively wit, was much more mercurial. Both men enjoyed the social lives that the 1920s and 1930s could offer two bright and talented young men, but Hart's social life caused gossip. He would sometimes disappear for days and rumors quickly spread about his homosexual liaisons. Although he was loved by many friends, the four foot nine inch tall lyricist felt extremely insecure about his appearance and his love–life. His frustration resulted in destructive alcoholism and some of the most poignant unrequited love songs.

The 1930's was a boom for Rodgers and Hart. They spent 1931 — 1935 in Hollywood, writing for the new "talkies", including *Love Me Tonight, Hallelujah, I'm a Bum*, and *Mississippi*. Once they returned to Broadway, *On Your Toes, Babes in Arms, I Married An Angel, The Boys from Syracuse, Too Many Girls, Pal Joey* and *By Jupiter* filled their time. Unfortunately, Hart was becoming more unstable. After disappearing for long periods of time, Hart would reappear at rehearsal, very drunk, scribbling lyrics on little bits of paper. Rodgers realized he could not continue to work with Hart. He had found a new script he wanted to develop called *Green Grow the Lilacs,* but Hart was not interested. Rodgers enlisted the help of Oscar Hammerstein. The result was the new partnership of Rodgers and Hammerstein and the revolutionary musical, *Oklahoma*. Not long after the opening of the revival of *A Connecticut Yankee*, Hart died of pneumonia at age 48 in November of 1943. It was the end of a 24 year partnership.

Rodgers' career continued to flourish with Hammerstein, resulting in *Carousel, The King* and *I, Cinderella*, and *The Sound of Music*. However the award–winning composer always treasured Larry Hart's gifts, "For me Larry Hart was a constant revelation. His intellect, his enthusiasm, his urbanity, and his sentiment all combined to give lyrics the wit and freshness that helped to change the whole face of the musical theatre."

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