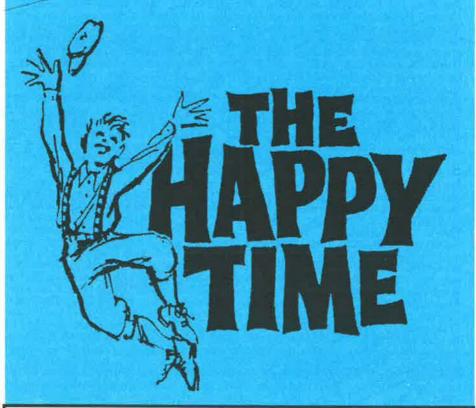
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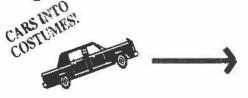
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## DIRECTOR'S PROGRAM NOTES

Well! Now I have two credits working in or on a Samuel Taylor play. I had the smallest role of all in his comedy Sabrina Fair when Theatre Three produced that popular comedy in 1961. My small role was that of a Frenchman who, late in the show, arrives to press his claim to Sabrina's romantic attention. I always remember that small role with a special fondness and my fellow players from that long ago production with affection. The graceful play, with its gently eccentric characters, has charmed many others including Hollywood types who have produced two film treatments of the play.

Like Sabrina Fair, The Happy Time has had a different permutation, the musical version by Kander and Ebb which had as successful a run on the Broadway stage as the original play enjoyed in 1950.

An old Fireside Theatre publication of the play had rested on the theatre's library shelf for decades until last May when I pulled it down and took it to lunch. (I frequently spend my lunches in company with playwrights this way.) Often, unhappily, the older plays I re-read seem dated and passé or perhaps shopworn. To my delight, *The Happy Time* struck me as golden; the sort of play that richly deserves a loving revival so its skill and wisdom could be appreciated by a contemporary audience.

A talented cast has shared my enthusiasm for the piece and has, with diligence, respect, and humor mined the characters to find the gleams of truth and love Samuel Taylor's fine play explores. I hope you enjoy it. Thank you for your patronage.

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#### BIOGRAPHIES OF THE ACTORS

TREY ALBRIGHT (Alfred Grattin) makes his Theatre Three debut in this role. He is also serving the production as assistant to the director. Trey has had a busy year on stage playing roles in theatre for children including Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, Charlotte's Web, and The Grimm Magicians. He also performed in Panama (the new playwright's showcase at Trinity Arts) and co-starred, co-directed and co-produced a production of the two one-acts Lone Star and Laundry and Bourbon playing even one of the women's roles for which he shaved his legs. Hair grown back now, he's happy to be in The Happy Time.

CECILIA FLORES (Aunt Felice Bonnard) most recently played in Major Barbara, As Bees in Honey Drown, and The Miser at Theatre Three. Earlier Theatre Three starring roles include Blithe Spirit, Arcadia, Tartuffe, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Arms and the Man, Candide, Road to Rome, and many more. She has appeared both off and on Broadway and acts, voices and directs under the auspices of Actors' Equity, Screen Actors Guild, and the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists. Favorite directing credits include The Mikado, Shakin' the Mess out of Misery, and Most Valuable Player. She has likewise enjoyed assignments at Circle Theatre, The Dallas Children's Theater, and Fort Worth Shakespeare in the Park. She holds an MFA from Trinity University, currently teaches for Eastfield and Mountain View Colleges, and records commercials and industrials in both English and Spanish. She champions literacy, asking "Have YOU read to a child lately or shared a good book with someone?". She urges everyone to note that Texas is ranked 56th in the states and territories in its support for the Arts and declares she truly believes "Exposure to the arts makes people behave better!".

**REBECCA GRAHAM** (Maman -- Susan Bonnard) This is Ms. Graham's second show for Theatre Three, having been in As Bees in Honey Drown last year. Other productions she has been in include Macbeth, Our Town, Angels in America: Millenium Approaches, Perestroika, and Dancing at Lughnasa, all at Stage West (Allied Theatre) in Fort Worth. She serves as a board member for MoonWater Theatre Company in Fort Worth.

KELLY GRANDJEAN (Mignonette Chaupis) debuts at Theatre Three in this show. She recently earned her degree from Colorado State University where she appeared in numerous productions including Table Manners, Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar and Grill, and The Heiress. Since her return to Texas she has appeared in Sherlock Holmes, the Melodrama and in Dirty Work at the Crossroads. She has appeared in commercials for Radio Shack and Houston Cellular and is represented by the Ivette Stone Agency.

KYLE McCLARAN (Uncle Louis Bonnard) was seen last season as Undershaft in Major Barbara and before that as Napoleon in Animal Farm. Last summer he played Falstaff for the Dallas Shakespeare in the Park's production of The Merry Wives of Windsor. Last season he played in The Seagull for The Dallas Theater Center. For other companies he appeared in The Mystery of Irma Vep, The Lion in Winter, and Richard III. His 27 year career in Dallas has included many directing and designing assignments in addition to his extensive acting credits. These varied assignments have brought him awards and citations including "Best Actor, Dallas Times Herald", "Best Director, The Dallas Observer", and "Most Innovative Director, The Dallas Morning News".

GRAY PALMER (Papa - Jacques Bonnard) recently played in Jim Henry's The Seventh Monarch for Playwrights Theatre. In Dallas during the 1980s as a member of Appaloosa Productions, Mr. Palmer directed or acted in the premiere of six plays by Scott Mathews, his favorite being Johnny Was a Wrangler/Johnny Was a Cut-Man at Prophet Bar. He received the 1992 Dallas Critics Forum Award for his performance in The Philanthropist, and that same year played another favorite role, Guyman in José Rivera's The Promise. His radio monologues have been produced for Man in the Moon at KCRW in Santa Monica and syndicated by MTV Radio. He trained at Juillard and HB Studio and now teaches acting at KD Studios. This role is his third at Theatre Three.

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#### THE CAST:

Jacques Bonnard (Papa)	GRAY PALMER*		
Robert Bonnard (Bibi)	ANDREW HUGHEY		
Susan Bonnard (Maman)	REBECCA GRAHAM		
Grandpere Bonnard	PETER RAY		
Uncle Desmonde Bonnard	JEFF SCHMIDT*		
Uncle Louis Bonnard	KYLE McCLARAN*		
Aunt Felice Bonnard			
Mignonette Chaupis	KELLY GRANDJEAN		
Sally O'Hare	LESLIE SIMS		
Doctor Gagnon	LEM WHITE		
Alfred Grattin	TREY ALBRIGHT		
The Principal, Mr. Frye* *indicates member of Actors' Equity Asso	LEM WHITE		
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nber of Actors' Equity Association working in an Equity assignment in this production.

#### **ARTISTIC STAFF:**

Director	JAC ALDER		
Stage ManagerTERRY	DOBSON*		
Director's AssistanceTREY ALBRIGHT & LINDA			
Set DesignHARLAN	D WRIGHT		
Costume DesignPATTY KORBELIC	WILLIAMS		
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#### THE SETTING:

The early 1920s in the Ottawa home of a French immigrant family, the Bonnards, and briefly the principal's office at Bibi's school.

#### ACT I

Scene 1: Early Fall • Scene 2: Six months later • Scene 3: One month later There will be a 15 minute intermission between the two acts.

#### ACTI

Scene 1: The next day • Scene 2: Immediately following • Scene 3: Immediately following

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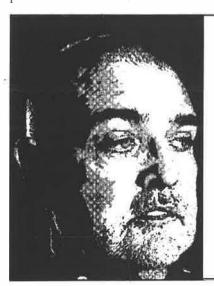
### Biographies of the actors... continued

**PETER RAY** (Grandpere Bonnard) is a Dallas physician who has appeared on Metroplex stages from Grandbury Opera House to Plano Repertory Theatre. He was last seen at Theatre Three as La Fleche in *The Miser* directed by Norma Young) in the 1977-1928 season. Because of his practice as a General Pediatician, Dr. Ray assumed the role of enthusiastic audience member for many years until he returned to "the boards" in 1996. He has since appeared at Circle Theatre, Theatre Brookhaven, Garland Civic Theatre, Plano Repertory Theatre, He wants to thank his most enthusiastic supporters, wife Sherry and daughter Christian, and thanks Jac Alder for including him in this talented cast.

JEFFREY SCHMIDT (Desmonde) was last seen at Theatre Three as Evan Wyler in As Bees in Honey Drown. Other Theatre Three shows include Triumph of Love and The Threpenny Opera. For Stage West he appeared in I Hear the Rolling Thunder, Visiting Mr. Green and The Herbal Bed. For Fort Worth Shakespeare in the Park he appeared in Henry V and The Tempest. For Undermain Theatre he appeared in The Sound and the Fury, The Commedy of Errors, and Tattoo Girl. Other theatre companies for whom he has worked include Echo Theatre, Ground Zero Theatre Company, and The Dallas Theater Center. He is company co-ordinator of Moon Water Theatre Company in Fort Worth for whom he will be directing Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll in January.

**LESLIE SIMS** (Sally) is in the 10th grade at First Baptist Academy where she is a member of the Thespian Society, the choir, and is a Junior Varsity Cheerleader. She has studied at the Dallas Children's Theater and appeared in their production of Christmas Witch, as well as numerous church and school musicals including Hello Dolly, Music Man, and Hans Bronson. Besides her singing and acting interest, she is also interested in photography, but has set her sights on becoming a Broadway star someday. Her performance is dedicated to all her friends whom she thanks for their love and support.

**LEM WHITE** (*The Doctor* and *The Principal*) is making a habit of being a double threat. He played both Charles Lomax and Bill Walker in last season's Major Barbara. He also appeared as Brooks in Mizlansky, Zilinsky: or "Schmucks". White, a native Texan recently returned last year from New York City, made his debut in the early nineties at Theatre Three in Forinbras. His most recent work in New York was a summerstock run at Bristol Valley Theatre in *Deathtrap* and *Don't Dress for Dinner*. His return to his "old stomping grounds" was motivated by being able to work with as many of his old colleagues as he can because he "loves to work and just plain old misses old friends".



**JAC ALDER** (*Director of* The Happy Time) was, along with his late wife, Norma Young, one of the original founders of Theatre Three in 1961. He has served the theatre continuously since its founding in many capacities and currently holds the title of Executive Producer-Director. In this job he functions as the organization's CEO. His responsibilites include selecting the plays staged by Theatre Three, assigning artistic staffs to each production and overseeing that work, as well as working with other staffers on the theatre's fundraising and business operations. He shares his office with a cat. Travertina, and a particularly noisy telephone. Some of his favorite directing assignments include Weill Women, a performance piece he devised with the theatre's musical director, Terry Dobson; Hare's Racing Demon, Stoppard's Arcadia, and Sondheim's Into the Woods.

#### Next on Theatre Three's stage: Jan 18 - Feb 25



Stephen Sondheim's re-discovered musical, was written in the '50s, but shelved when his Broadway producer died before the show went in rehearsal. This inventive (but traditional) musical traces a gaggle of young men as they seek romance and fortune in New York of 1929. Now made available for Theatre Three to produce, this will mark the show's southwestern premiere!

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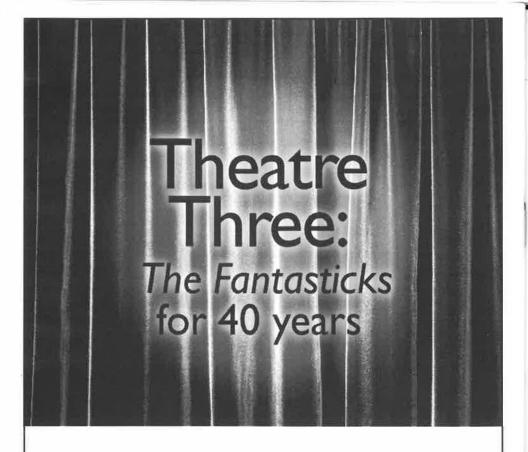
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