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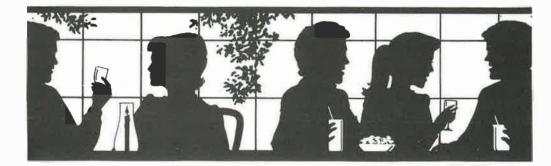
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A My Name Is Alice Poems	Company	
by Marta Kauffman and David Crane		
At My Age Lyrics by June Siegel; music by Glen Roven	Sally, Amy	
Trash Lyrics by Marta Kauffman and David Crane; music by Michael S	Connie and Company Skloff	
Good Thing I Learned to Dance Lyrics by Mark Saltzman; music by Stephen Lawrence	Kim, Amy, Leslie, Connie	
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I Sure Like the Boys Lyrics by Steve Tesich; music by Lucy Simon	Amy	
Welcome to Kindergarten, Mrs. Johnson Lyrics by Marta Kauffman and David Crane; music by Michael S	Sally, Connie Skloff	
Ms. Maeby Cassandra Medley		
Good Sports: Detroit Personsby Susan Rice		
Educated Feetby Carol Hall	Amy, Connie, Leslie, Kim	
The Portrait	Kim	
Bluer Than You Lyrics by Winnie Holzman; music by David Evans		
ACT II Pretty Young MenKim, Sally, Amy		
Lyrics by Susan Birkenhead; music by Lucy Simon		
Demigod		
Pay Them No Mind Lyrics and music by Calvin Alexander and James Shorter		
The French Song Lyrics and music by Don Tucker; monologue by Art Murray		
Hot Lunch by Anne Meara		
Emily the M.B.A. Lyrics by Mark Saltzman; music by Stephen Lawrence	Amy, Kim, Connie, Leslie	
Sisters Lyrics by Maggie Bloomfield; music by Cheryl Hardwick		
Honeypot Lyrics by Mark Saltzman; music by Stephen Lawrence	Leslie, Connie	
Friends Lyrics by Georgia Holof; music by David Mettee	Kim, Sally	
All Girl Band (Reprise) Lyrics by David Zippel: music by Doug Katsaros	Company	

The Actors

Leslie Evans Leach has worked on Theatre Three's stage since graduating from Theatre SMU in 1975. Her first appearance in Purlie lead to a lasting relationship with Theatre Three, including appearances in S'Wonderful, Tomfoolery, Working and For Colored Girls. . . Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow Is Enuf. She has worked professionally around the country and in numerous Dallas Arts organizations, such as the Arts Magnet High School and the Dallas Theater Center. She founded and was Executive Director of S.T.A.G.E. (the Society for Theatrical Artists' Guidance and Enhancement) until 1983. Currently she is Program Assistant for Summer '85 and coordinator for the Children's Arts and Ideas Foundation as well as the Creative Writing teacher of Boing (a children's newspaper published by the Dallas Times Herald). She is also the Director of the Campus YWCA program for SMU. She and her husband Stephen have written and produced a full length musical. Alley, that has been showcased twice in Dallas. Alley is in rewrites and has generated interest in New York. Leslie and Stephen have also produced Kelly Marie, one-year-old, who may, if she chooses, someday be on the Theatre Three stage.

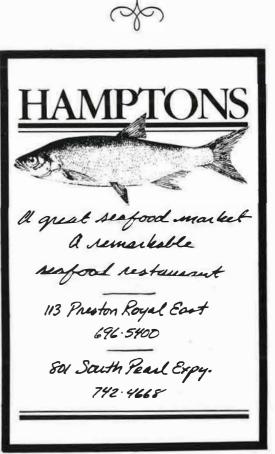
Amy Mills was last seen as Chastity in this season's opener, Anything Goes. After receiving a BA in Theatre from Hope College in Holland, Michigan, an MFA in performance from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Ms. Mills moved south in 1980 to become one of Theatre Three's first acting apprentices. Since then she has appeared in Strider, Rise and Shine, The Physician in Spite of Himself, and Second Threshold at Theatre Three and in The Longest Running Unproduced Production. . . at Stage West in Fort Worth. When she is not performing with Dallas' popular vocal group Central Expressway or waiting tables at InterFirst Bank, Ms. Mills is sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard with her husband, actor Doug Jackson and their huge dog Phoebe.

Connie Nelson returns to Theatre Three after a three year absence. Audiences may remember her in Working, Bedroom Farce, Chicago, Physician in Spite of Himself, The Runner Stumbles and Side by Side by Sondheim. Since leaving Dallas, she has appeared at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. and the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis. She has worked extensively in New York including last year's One Act Play Marathon at Ensemble Studio Theatre and most recently appeared with The Acting Company in the hit revue Issue. . I Don't Even Know You, directed by Jack Heifner. Connie is very happy to be back at home at Theatre Three.

Sally Soldo joined the Theatre Three family after appearing in Angry Housewives last season. Before appearing in the critically acclaimed You're Gonna Love Tomorrow she served Theatre Three in the capacity of season ticket processing, costumes, friendly box office person, assistant director and choreographer, and temporary publicist. Dallas audiences will remember her in Play It Again, Sam opposite Robert Morse and The Sound of Music at Country Dinner Playhouse as well as 1 Do, 1 Do, Guys and Dolls, Annie and Fiddler on the Roof at Dallas Repertory Theater. Ms. Soldo's wide experience includes the National Touring Company of George M!, Off-Broadway, night club revues, broadcast and film. Ms. Soldo makes her home in Dallas and Houston with her husband Jon Veon and two-year-old son Jonathan Justin.

Kim Kassira is making her third appearance here at Theatre Three. She made her Theatre Three debut as Skitsy Scoffield in the 1984 production of Charlotte Sweet and was last seen by Theatre Three audiences in Stephen Sondheim's You're Gonna Love Tomorrow. Miss Kassira returned in the fall of 1983 from a year-long travel with The National Touring Company of Hello Dolly!, starring Carol Channing, in which she understudied the role of Ernestina. She made her professional theatre debut at the age of fourteen in the Dallas Junior Players Guild and has since acquired a resume of leading musical comedy and operatic roles as well as extensive recording studio and musical cabaret revue experience. Some of her musical comedy roles include Molly Brown in The Unsinkable Molly Brown, Annie Oakley in Annie Get Your Gun, Bloody Mary in South Pacific. Dolly Levi in Hello Dolly! and Zita in Gianni Schicci. Miss Kassira has acquired the title of "black up" singer in recording and pop-music circles and says, "I love it. It's the highest compliment imaginable!"

The actors and stage manager employed in this production are members of Actors' Equity Association, The Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.



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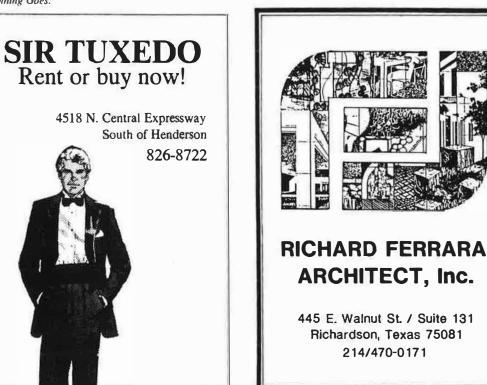
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The Artistic Director

NORMA YOUNG founded Theatre Three in 1960, along with Jac Alder, Bob Dracup and Esther Ragland, and currently serves as Artistic Director. She directed Theatre Three's Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead and School for Wives last season. She has recently appeared in several films and television movies, including License to Kill and the mini-series Celebrity. Her most recent film credit is Robert Benton's newly-released Places in the Heart. The recent Theatre Three production of Foxfire marked Miss Young's return to Theatre Three stage after a two-year absence. Miss Young is married to Jac Alder, the theatre's Executive Producer-Director. This year marks her 40th year in the theatre.

The Executive Producer-Director

JAC ALDER, along with Norma Young, was one of the theatre's original founders and remains the theatre's Executive Producer-Director. Trained as an architect (his degree is from Oklahoma University), he designed Theatre Three's unique space. Mr. Alder serves as an officer for the Dallas Arts Combine, as a member of DISD's Partnership of Arts and Culture in Education Committee, Chairman of the Theatre Panel of the Texas Commission on the Arts and consultant to Western Arts Foundation. Mr. Alder's recent directorial assignments include Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All for You and its reprise, Shaw's Arms and the Man and You're Gonna Love Tomorrow (The Secret Songs of Stephen Sondheim). He most recently directed Theatre Three's season opener Anything Goes.



Maureen Shea (Director) was born in Worcester, Mass., and studied theatre at Clark University, the University of Connecticut, and Ohio State University. She has worked as a director on such productions as Dracula, A View from the Bridge, Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris, the 1940's Radio Hour, Getting Out, Talley's Folly, and many others.

Each year she directs the premiere production of a new play, often chosen from the O'Neill Theater Center's National Playwrights Conference in Waterford, Conn. Past productions have included new works by Obie-Award winners Ray Aranha and Noa Ain and Rockefeller-Award winners Sybille Pearson, Terri Wagener, and Nina Shengold.

Most recently, she directed Jeffrey Kinghorn's *Shoulders* at the Philadelphia Drama Guild and Sybille Pearson's *A Little Going Away Party* for the Playwrights-In-Process Series at the Circle Reportory Company in New York City.

For four years she was the Artistic Director at the Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theater in Prestonsburg, Ky. Last April, her production of *How I Got That Story* was presented at the Kennedy Center as one of six finalists in the American College Theatre Festival.

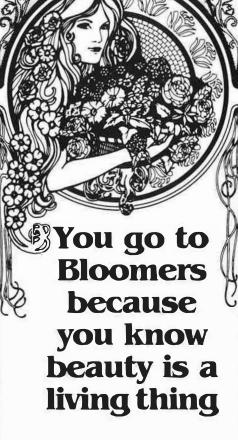
She is on the faculty of the Theatre Department at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., where she supervises the Graduate Program in Directing.

Terry Dobson (Musical Director/Pianist) Aside from a multitude of musical credits. Terry is also an actor with several Theatre Three credits including Bishop Dobson in *Anything Goes*. Madame Pauleuko in *A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine*, and Leon Darnell in *The Wake of Jamey Foster*. As the Staff Musical Director at Theatre Three for the past six years, he was recently seen on the piano in *You're Gonna Love Tomorrow*. In his spare time Terry plays for the Dallas Ballet and teaches several children's theatre classes at the Dallas Theater Center. Terry toured the country twice as Zoot Doubleman in *The 1940's Radio Hour* and returned to Dallas with the hopes of forming his own 1940's vocal jazz group. "Central Expressway" became a reality in 1983 with their first concert here at Theatre Three.

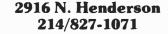
Sally Lynn Askins (Costume Designer) is making her Theatre Three debut with A. . . My Name Is Alice. A Dallas native, her designs have also been seen at the Dallas Theater Center, Dallas Children's Theater. Stage One, Callier Theatre of the Deaf, Paul Bunyan Playhouse, GBC Players, and the Arts Magnet High School. Her costume designs include Pinocchio, An Evening of Dance, The Quilters, A Murder Is Announced, Black Coffee, The Incredible Murder of Cardinal Tosca, Wait Until Dark and The Importance of Being Ernest. Among her scenic designs are Angel and Dragon, Wisteria Bush, Godspell, I Remember Mama, Amorous Flea, and Operation Breadbreakers. Sally is currently on the faculty of the Dance department for the Arts Magnet High School, where she is a part-time professional instructor.

Cheryl Denson (Set Designer) has designed professionally for twelve years, creating sets or costumes designs for more than thirty theatrical shows, including A Man for All Seasons, Night of the Iguana, Cyrano, Black Coffee, Blood Money, Sherlock Holmes, and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, all for area theaters. She will be remembered by Theatre Three audiences for her designs for Forfire, Outside Waco, A Day in Hollywood, A Night in the Ukraine, and Anything Goes. Miss Denson owns Grafica, A Total Design Co. with such prestigious clients as Ford, Dr Pepper, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Braniff, Interfirst Banks, and Fox and Jacobs. As an actress, the is best known for her stage work and also serves as talent for radio, television and training films. Ms. Denson has recently joined Theatre Three as Production Manager.

Shari Melde (Lighting Designer), a native of Dallas is currently a graduate student in the SMU theatre design program. Her association with Theatre Three dates back to 1965 when she volunteered to assist in operating the lights for Stop the World, I Want to Get Off. Over the years, Ms. Melde has become one of the theatre's most valued lighting designers. Recent credits include Father Dreams, The Miss Firecracker Contest, Woman of No Importance, Strider, The Physician in Spite of Himself, the 1982 Second Stage Festival and Design for Living. Her latest lighting assignments at Theatre Three have been Sweeney Todd, Morning's at Seven and Angry Housewives,



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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I remember playing the game "A My Name Is Alice" as a kid, after supper, on the sidewalk or out in the street before the streetlights came on. signalling that it was time to go in. We played it one of two ways-bouncing a ball under one leg on each name or jumping rope to the rhythm of the verse. It didn't really matter what form the game took. The object was always the same. You started with the name "Alice" and worked your way through the alphabet, trying to get to some form of "Z my name is Zelda selling zebras," without stopping. We 'had ''Barbaras from Boston,'' "Catherines from Cleveland," "Debbies from Dubuque'' (even though we hadn't the faintest idea where that was), and, since the names of the people in my neighborhood read like the register of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, there always seemed to be an "Irene from Ireland" tossed in for good measure.

When I first heard the title of this show, the memories of that jump-rope game came flooding back. I remembered all of the silly names and professions we made up, but what I remembered, especially, was the feeling of accomplishment we all had when we finished the game—without stopping! There was a sense of satisfaction that lingered for a while: it could be counted on to last through at least the first fifteen minutes of Wagon Train.

After I read the script and listened to the score of A My Name Is Alice, I began to understand why the composers had chosen that familiar verse as the title for their revue. Like the game, the show is fun-at times, even. as silly as those names we made up. In the game there are twenty-six "Alices" represented, one for each letter of the alphabet. In the revue, we see fifty "Alices," from executives to athletes, mothers, girl friends, sisters, daughters, singles and divorcees. The actresses even get a chance to play some of the "Alberts" that those "Alices" are married to. But the strongest similarity can be found in a recurring lyric from the show: "Alice is doing all right." For me, that lyric echoed the sense of accomplishment we felt from having finished the jumprope game. Even when these "Alices" fail, and they do, I can't help admiring their spirit, good humor, and determination-qualities that can be found in the kind of comedy that celebrates one essential aspect of our all-too-human nature—our will to endure.

I think you'll see some "Alices" and "Alberts" that you know in this show. You may be introduced to some "Alices" that you've never met. But what I really hope is that you'll experience the fun and sense of satisfaction that we felt as kids from having played the game all the way through—from "A" to "Z." Alice *is* doing all right. The Sheraton Dallas _____ Hotel & Towers, conveniently located in the heart of the Dallas Arts District, is proud to support the city's performing _____ and visual arts.





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