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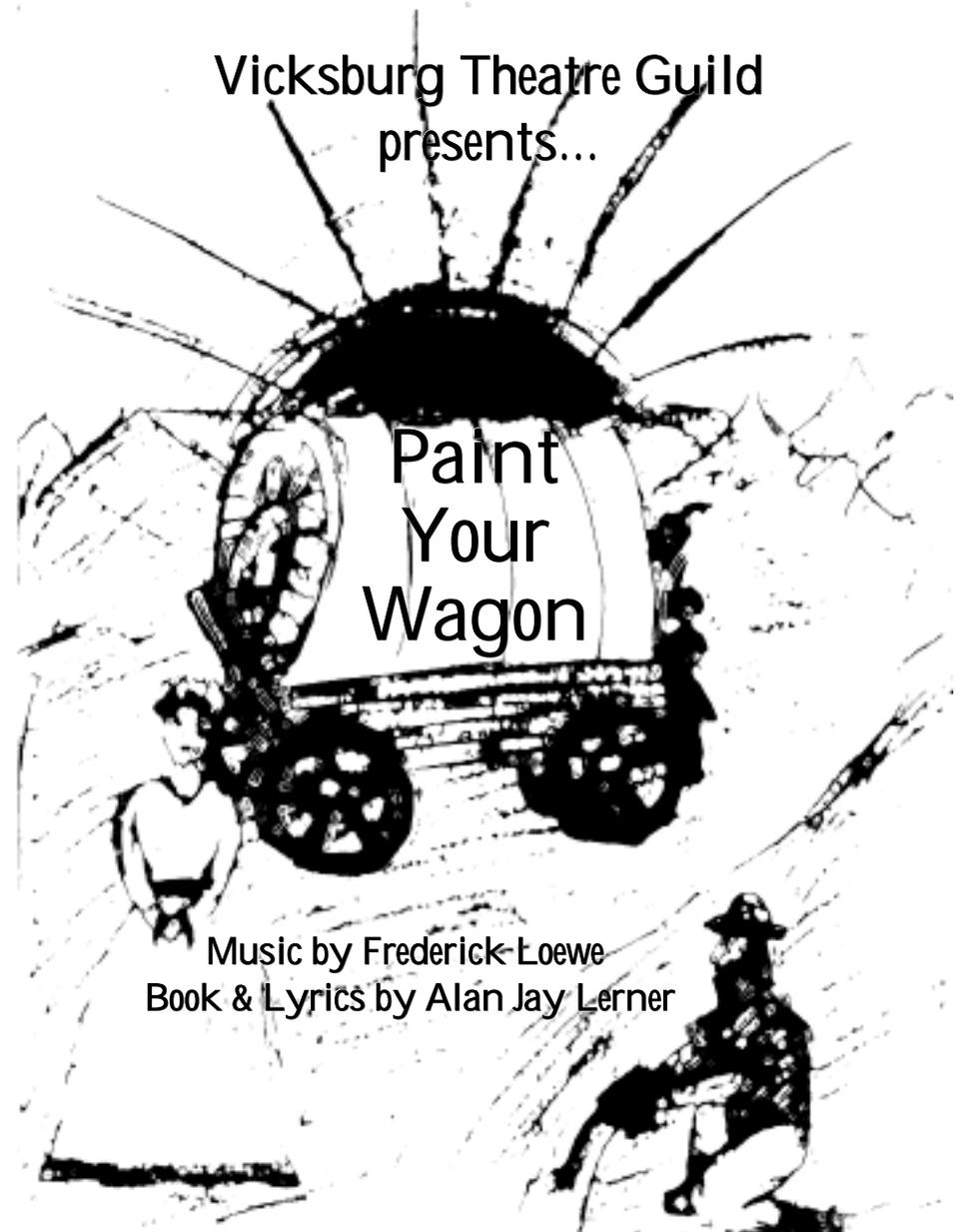
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Vicksburg Theatre Guild
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Paint
Your
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Music by Frederick Loewe
Book & Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner

20, 21, 22, 27, 28 September 2002

Parkside Playhouse
Vicksburg, Mississippi

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From the Directors

Paint Your Wagon is Lerner and Loewe's interpretation of the life style of 1853 California gold miners. The gold rush seduced prospectors of all nationalities and backgrounds to move from strike to strike following the dream of possessing gold. *Paint Your Wagon* played for 289 performances in 1951 at *Shubert Theatre* on Broadway and for 477 performances in 1953 at *Her Majesty's Theatre* in London. We want to thank all cast, staff, and support personnel who worked diligently for such long hours to make this production a reality. Many are listed at www.vicksburg.com/~sparky, at www.e-vtg.com, and in this program. Thanks also to the families who supported their participating family members, and to the participants who made it happen.

Earlene & Barry

Join us for our exciting 2002-2003 season!

As the oldest chartered community theatre in Mississippi, Vicksburg Theatre Guild has offered live theatre for over 65 years, first on the original Playhouse stage on Bowmar Avenue and now at our Parkside Playhouse location. Our 2002-2003 season will be filled with music, drama, and comedy. We hope you will join us this season at your theatre.

Special Thanks

...to the *Vicksburg Outlet Mall*, *Paper Plus*, and *The Village Green* for supporting this production of *Paint Your Wagon* by selling tickets. Their support allows us to speed up the box office operation for the convenience of you, our patrons.

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In the wings...

Now in casting:

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*

Casting is underway and a few minor roles for older teens or adults remain. This is a perfect opportunity for someone interested in getting up on stage without a lot of the pressure that accompanies a first foray onto the boards. Crew positions are available too.

An original adaptation for the Vicksburg Theatre Guild stage, this Christmas classic promises to get the holiday season off to a glorious start. Directed by Garrett Wallace and Dorothy McInnis, stage manager is Denise Whitten.

Auditions for *Dial M for Murder*

Auditions for *Dial M for Murder* will be held on *Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 November*, at the Parkside Playhouse. The small cast consists of adults, age 20 to 40: one woman, two men, and two characters that can be cast as either male or female. The performance dates for this suspense-filled tale of money, love, and murder (via telephone) are 31 January and 1, 2, 7, and 8 February.

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* Each ticket entitles every member to attend 1 performance of each *main stage* play, 1 *Gold in the Hills* performance during each of the Spring and Summer runs, and 1 *Fairy Tale Theatre* performance.

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Our Season

Paint Your Wagon is the first exciting offering in this season of live entertainment from Vicksburg Theatre Guild. We hope that you enjoy this season.

2002-2003 memberships started 1 August 2002. Contact Mike Calnan or Terry Welch at the box office if you wish to join.

Comments

If you have suggestions for our programs or newsletters, please contact Mike Calnan at 601-638-2395 or Comments@e-vtg.com.

Mailing List

If you want to receive VTG newsletters and brochures, please fill out an address card at the Box Office. (Season members are automatically on the mailing list.)

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Remaining 2002-2003 VTG Season

A Christmas Carol

by Charles Dickens
adapted for VTG by Garrett Wallace

Auditions: 18 & 20 Aug 2002
Performances: 8-10, 15-17 Nov 2002

Dial M for Murder

by Frederick Knott

Auditions: 11 & 12 Nov 2002
Performances: 31 Jan, 1, 2, 7, 8 Feb 2003

Harvey

by Mary Chase

Auditions: 2 & 3 February 2003
Performances: 9-11, 16, 17 May 2003

Fairy Tale Theatre 2003

youth theatre

Auditions: Spring 2003
Performances: late June 2003

Gold in the Hills

an 1890's melodrama

Auditions: 4 January 2003
Performances:
14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 Mar; 4, 5, 11, 12 Apr; 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 July; 1, 2 August 2003

VTG season membership is a great value!

If you plan to regularly attend our performances, consider a season membership. Our regular memberships cost you half what you would pay to buy tickets separately. *All* of your membership dues go directly to support our stage productions and our facility.

As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization with no salaried staff and no grant funding, we pay all operating expenses (including the mortgage, utilities, insurance, and building maintenance) through season memberships, ticket sales, advertising, and donations.

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We're getting a make-over!

Keep Vicksburg-Warren Beautiful, Inc has selected VTG as its beautification project for 2002! They are sponsoring landscaping of the Parkside Playhouse by Faulk's Lawn & Garden. To raise money for the project, KVWB will be selling raffle tickets for \$100 and conducting a fund-raising party on 25 October. Tickets are available at the *Paint Your Wagon* box office.

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He served as master lighting technician for special stage events for Georgia's ETV network featuring Joshua Logan, Alan Jay Lerner, Truman Capote and Mary Martin, and two Gilbert and Sullivan productions. His VTG work includes *Tintypes*, *The Robber Bridegroom* and *Romeo and Juliet*. A Vicksburg native, Paul is an architect and enjoys traveling with his wife Donna and their two boys John and Christopher.

Nikki Jobe (Nicole) attends WCJHS and has been in many previous VTG plays. She is also a dancer in *Gold*, plays the clarinet in the band, and takes piano lessons.

AJ Johnson (Joe) has been involved in VTG since 1995, mostly working on the lights or backstage or as the derelict in *Gold in the Hills*. AJ has been involved with almost every main stage production of VTG since last year, most recently with *Romeo and Juliet*.

Mark Jourdan (Jake Whippamy), originally from Missouri, is a Research Hydraulic Engineer at the Waterways Experiment Station with a PhD from Texas A&M. He started playing Kris Kringle in *Miracle on 34th Street*, and has appeared in *Fools*, *Ten Little Indians*, *The Hobbit*, *The Robber Bridegroom*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Gold in the Hills*. Mark has three wonderful children.

Jered Lambiotte (Mike Mooney) has only recently started performing at the VTG. He has had small roles in *The Hobbit*, *Gold in the Hills*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. He hopes to do bigger roles this year. He is an aspiring writer, and hopes to pursue a career in journalism upon completing college.

William Mathews (Raymond Jahney) is an attorney with the Vicksburg District. He has played the villain in *Gold* since 1970, and has played Slade and other parts starting in 1965. He has been in over twenty musicals, including Billy Jester in *Little Mary Sunshine*, Harry Beaton in *Brigadoon*, Pellanore in *Camelot*, and Fagan in *Oliver*. He has been in many dramas and comedies as well, playing Bottom in *A Midsummer's Nights Dream*.

Colin McAneny (Salem) is a retired geologist from the Waterways Experiment Station. He has played "Father" (Hiram Stanley) in *Gold in the Hills* for 15 years. Other VTG productions include *Romeo and Juliet*, *Ten Little Indians*, *The Secret Garden*, *Our Town*, *You Can't Take it with You*, and *Night of January 16th*.

Tiffany McCleave (Anne) is presently attending USM and has appeared in many VTG productions—practically from birth.

John Morris (Jack), the father of international TV stars, is an active-duty U.S. Army colonel presently serving as the ERDC commander. Before moving to Vicksburg in July 2001 with his wife, son, and two daughters, he lived in New York, Kansas, Florida, Israel, Missouri, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Korea, and Virginia. This is his first appearance on our stage.

Carrie Nasif (Giesle) attends Vicksburg Junior High School. She is in the 8th grade band and honor society, and she has danced with Valerie Atwood's Vicksburg School of Dance for 8 years. Carrie has taken gymnastics for 2 years from GymSports America and plays tennis.

Rebecca Nelson (Yvonne Sorel). This is Rebecca's 12th year with VTG. You may have seen her in Fairy Tale Theatre, *Gold in the Hills*, *The Hobbit* and many others. She takes dance from Debra Franco. Look for her next in *The Nutcracker*.

Sarah Shoemaker (Cherry Jourdel) is a full-time faculty member at Hinds Community College with B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from USM. She has two children – Alex and Kayla. This is Sarah's second performance with VTG: last year she was in *Into the Woods*. She was in *Godspell* in college, and still dreams of some day singing a duet with Barry Manilow. She offers a special thank you to Diane Thompson for helping her prepare for this role.

Robert White, Jr. (Sam) is in his 8th year with VTG. He has directed and performed in Fairytale Theatre and was the boatman in *Ten Little Indians*, a troll in *The Hobbit*, and Balthasar in *Romeo and Juliet*.

Mery Rose Worthington (Claire), with no prior experience in theatre, started acting last year as Kili in *The Hobbit*. She plays bagpipe with the Father of Waters pipe band, and is an active competitor.

Paul Worthington, Jr. (Ed) has been in VTG plays for 3 years, most recently *The Hobbit*. He is working on improving his grades in Math and other subjects. While living in Florida, he was bitten by a garden snake and given the nickname "snake bite."

Cast & Staff Biographies (continued)

Glenda Arredondo (Sarah Woodling). Glenda moved here from California in 1993 and is a Substitute Teacher. She is a member of Vicksburg Chamber Choir and a busy Mother of four: Luke, Adam, Kevin and Sonia Rose. Her husband, Elias is a Civil Engineer at WES and plays a fine trumpet in the orchestra for this production. Glenda has been in 5 Musicals including *Oliver* and *Godspell* and plays Mamie in *Gold In The Hills*.

Lauren Wilkes Auttonberry (Suzanne Duval), a Vicksburg native and a seven-year veteran of *Gold in the Hills*, has returned to central Mississippi to pursue a career in communications with the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi. She studied ballet and theatre from age 5 and received her BA in Theatre from The University of the South, Sewanee, in 1998. Lauren is the mother of two boys. She intends to complete a Master's degree in either Choreography or Communications.

Brittney Baylot (Josephine) is a Vicksburg Junior High School honor student who is in the 8th grade band and does musical plays at church. Brittney has danced with the Valerie Atwood School of Dance for 3 years and is a cheerleader for the 8th grade Vicksburg Gators.

Kelly Bibb (Jennifer Rumson). This is Kelly's first VTG performance. She is an active member of the Vicksburg Chamber Choir and her church choir. After graduating in Civil Engineering from the University of Alabama in 2000, Kelly and her husband made the big move to Vicksburg. She works in the Levee and Drainage Section at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Vicksburg District Office.

Heather Calnan (Angelique), an 8th-grader at St Al's, has been in *Joseph, Oliver!*, *Gold in the Hills*, *The Hobbit*, and *Fairy Tales*, most recently as *Rapunzel* and apprentice director of *Frog Princess*. She dances at Debra Franco's, and will be in her *Nutcracker* as a snowflake, mouse, and flower and in the *Moscow Ballet Nutcracker* as Russian.

Patrick Chaussé (Reuben) is a junior at Warren Central and is on the swim team. He takes tang soo do karate., and has appeared in *Lil' Abner*, *Oliver!*, *The Hobbit*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. He did tech for *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Heather Clausner (Sylvie) is off to the wilds of Alabama to work with troubled kids. She is an avid theatre-goer and a dancer for *Gold* since the tender age of 13.

David Crosby (Ben Rumson), from Cincinnati and educated at Georgetown and Northwestern, recently retired after teaching 26 years at Alcorn State University in English and communications. He previously appeared in the chorus of *Once Upon a Mattress* and as Mr. Bumble in *Oliver*. Dave has been a member of the Mississippi Opera Chorus since 1995, and has an extraordinary wife, three accomplished daughters and three beautiful grandsons.

Andrea Fairchild (Elizabeth). Since her VTG debut in *Annie*, Andrea has appeared in several productions including *Into the Woods*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Once Upon a Mattress*. You can also catch her singing and dancing in *Gold in the Hills*. When not on stage, Andrea teaches geography and coaches swimming and track at Warren Central High School.

Buddy Fortner (Sandy Twist) works at the Corps/ITL. He has a lovely wife, Jennifer, and a beautiful 2 year old daughter, Chloe. He appeared as Bofur in *The Hobbit*, and is originally from Anguilla, MS. He also used to be the singer in a band.

Mark Gravens (Steve Bullnack), a Coastal Engineer at WES, is making his stage debut in VTG's presentation of *Paint Your Wagon*.

Greg Green (Julio Valveras) first appeared on our stage as Jamie Lockhart in *The Robber Bridegroom*. He has performed country and bluegrass music for almost 20 years at local events, including Riverfest, the Jackson Pepsi Pops, and at the Mississippi Trademart during the Dixie National Rodeo, as well as for local businesses, civic organizations, festivals, and benefits. A 5th generation Mississippian, he is married with two children. He has a degree in Computer Science from USM and is employed by the US Army ERDC as an Operations Research Analyst.

Donna Hardy (Marie). Donna's first VTG appearance was as Vera Claythorne in *Ten Little Indians* in May of 2001. She has since appeared in *Into the Woods* as Snow White/Stage Manager and *Romeo and Juliet* as Lady Montague. Donna is the mother of two beautiful children, Jamie and Haley and is an aspiring water colorist.

Paul Ingram (Light Design) learned stage lighting at the Springer Theatre Guild in Columbus, Georgia, under several New York production designers, including Broadway lighting master Abe Feder. Paul's work includes *Kismet*, *The Sound of Music*, *Finian's Rainbow*, *Music Man*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Camelot*.

How we spent our Summer vacation...

Fairy Tale Theatre 2002/2003

Fairy Tales 2002 has faced its final applause for the summer youth productions of *Rapunzel*, *Looking Glass Land*, *Frog Princess*, and *Touched by An Angle*. Over 100 youth and countless parents helped to make the summer performances a HUGE success. Special thanks to directors Marie Cunningham, adult supervisors Jodie Johnson and Beth Martin, student director Rebecca Nelson, and apprentice directors Steven Dionne, Lindsay Smith, AJ Johnson, Meggie Welch, Heather Calnan and Ashley Johnson.

Plans for the 2003 session of *Fairy Tales* are already underway. *Fairy Tales* operates as a totally VOLUNTEER organization. Adults who are interested in being involved are welcome to contact Jo Beth Britt, Marie Cunningham or Beth Martin.

Students who are interested in applying to be a student or apprentice directors for the 2003 session may send letters or e-mail to Jo Beth Britt at 2205 Mount Alban Road, Vicksburg or jbbr.seren.shel@usa.net. In order to apply for a student director, the student must be at least 16 years old or 12 years old for apprentice directing. Letters must be postmarked no later than 31 December 2002.

Gold in the Hills

Gold in the Hills experienced a very successful summer and made its projections for attendance and income. The cast and staff would like to thank the Board of Directors for the new auditorium air conditioner; the cushy seats and comfortable environment help to encourage future audiences. Special thanks to cast and staff who helped bag and sweep up peanuts; the novelty of tossing peanuts at the villain and the can-can dancers are drawing cards for tourists. There were several specials this past season and two are already scheduled for the upcoming one. *Gold* welcomed Ruth Osburn as a pianist this summer; she has been a blessing to *Gold* and to VTG; thanks, Ruth. Thanks everyone....

Souvenir mugs and garters are available at Paper Plus downtown. For more information, visit *Gold in the Hills* on the web at <http://www.vicksburg.com/~gold>



Paint Your Wagon

Cast

Ben Rumson..... David Crosby
Jennifer Rumson Kelly Bibb
Julio Valveras..... Greg Green
Steve Bullnack..... Mark Gravens
Jake Whippany Mark Jourdan
Elizabeth Woodling Andrea Fairchild
Sarah Woodling Glenda Arredondo
Jacob Woodling..... Bob Alvarado
Sandy Twist..... Buddy Fortner
Reuben Sloan Patrick Chaussé
Edgar Crocker Bobby Polk
Sam..... Robert White, Jr.
Joe A J Johnson
Ed Paul Worthington
Jack John Morris
Walt Sydney Johnston
Johansen Will Halpin
Yvonne Sorel Rebecca Nelson
Suzanne Duval Lauren Wilkes Auttonberry
Rocky Lance Abbe
Salem Trumbull Colin McAneny
Cherry Jourdel Sarah Shoemaker
Mike Mooney Jered Lambiotte
Hank Rick Martin
Raymond Jahney William Mathews
Josephine Brittney Baylot
Angelique Heather Calnan
Sylvie Heather Clausner
Marie Donna Hardy
Nicole Nikki Jobe
Cosette..... Haley Jones
Anne Tiffany McCleave
Giesle Carrie Nasif
Claire Mery Rose Worthington

The Vicksburg theatre community is saddened by the loss of Lawrence Cave, Jr. and Frank Logue. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

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Production Staff

Directors Barry & Earlene McCleave
Vocal Director..... Catherine Brown
Choreographer..... Lauren Wilkes Auttonberry
Stage Manager Cody McKellar
Assistant Stage Mananager..... David Johnson
Light Design..... Paul Ingram
Light Board..... Leah Johnson
Backdrop Art..... Anna Booth
Assistant Backdrop..... Emily Booth, Marie Booth,
Mary Buckley, Sherry Lambiotte, Millie Worthington
Set/Tech..... Walter Johnston
Tech..... Emily Jackson, John Joseph McKellar,
Phil & Elizabeth Thornton
Set Jerry Bangham, MTA, Alex Clausner,
Chara Grodowitz, Melinda Morang, Danielle Mosley
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Orchestra

Orchestra Director..... Marie Cunningham
Flute Mary Claire Allison
Percussion..... Jim Allison
Trumpet Elias Arredondo
Violin..... Vick Hartong
Violin..... Warren Porter
Guitar Stan McAlpin
Piano Ruth Osburn
Bass George Mason

Cast & Staff Biographies

Lance Abbe (Rocky) has appeared *Into the Woods* as well as VHS's *My Fair Lady*, *Music Man*, *Brigadoon*, and *Bye Bye Birdie*. He is a freshman at USM. Outside of school and theatre, Lance enjoys painting miniatures, reading anything on Star Wars, and pretending he has a social life in his rare free time.

Bob Alvarado (Jacob Woodling/Miner), a Vicksburg native, returns after retiring from the U.S. Navy and AT&T. While stationed in Key West, Bob appeared in its Little Theatre in *My Fair Lady*, *Three Penny Opera*, *Can-Can*, and Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge*. In Alaska, Bob represented AT&T as a board member and president of the Anchorage Concert Association. Bob and his wife Frankie look forward to their association with VTG and other Vicksburg performing arts activities.