

A Presentation of
THE MILLSAPS ARTS AND LECTURE SERIES

THE MILLSAPS PLAYERS
production of

“A FUNNY THING HAPPENED
ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM”

A Musical Comedy Based on the Plays of Plautus
Winner of the Antoinette Perry Award
“Best Musical of the Year, 1963”

Book by
BURT SHEVELOVE
LARRY GELBERT

Music and Lyrics by
STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Directed by
LANCE GOSS

Musical Direction by
CHARLES JENSEN

Technical Direction by
JOHN SULLIVAN

Choreography by
ALBIA KAVAN and REX COOPER

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, OCT.30-NOV. 2, 1968
AT 8:15 O’CLOCK
CHRISTIAN CENTER AUDITORIUM

CAST OF CHARACTERS

PROLOGUS, an actor.....Clif Dowell*
THE PROTEANS.....Barry McGehee*, Art Dyess, Bruce Partin
SENEX, an old man.....William Young
DOMINA, his wife.....Peggy Lutz*
HERO, his son.....Bill Hudson
HYSTERIUM, slave to Senex and Domina.....Faser Hardin
LYCUS, a buyer and seller of courtesans.....Jeverly Cook

PSEUDOLUS, Slave to Hero.....Cliff Dowell*
 TINTINABULA, a courtesan.....Cathy Schroeder
 PANACEA, a courtesan.....Mary Ann Swenson*
 THE GEMINAE, courtesans.....Jeannie Gouras, Callie Kountouris
 VIBRATA, a courtesan.....Jeanne Middleton
 GYMNASIA, a courtesan.....Annie Chadwick
 PHILIA, a virgin.....Mary Craft
 ERRONIUS, an old man.....Joey Howell
 MILES GLORIOSUS, a warrior.....Eddie Thompson*

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THE TIME is two hundred years before the Christian era, a day in spring.

THE PLACE is a street in Rome in front of the houses of Lycus, Senex and Erronius.

THE ACTION is continuous, with single intermission.

Refreshments will be served in the foyer during intermission by the Millsaps Arts and Lecture Series Committee.

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A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM is produced by special arrangements with Music Theatre International, 119 West 57th Street, New York City.

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*Member of the Alpha Psi Omega, National Honorary Dramatics Fraternity

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

“Comedy Tonight”.....Prologus, The Proteans, and the Company
 “Love, I Hear”.....Hero
 “Free”.....Pseudolus, Hero
 “The House of Marcus Lycus”.....Lycus, Pseudolus, the Coutesans
 “Lovely”.....Hero, Philia
 “Pretty Little Picture”.....Pseudolus, Hero, Philia
 “Everybody Ought to Have a Maid”.....Senex, Pseudolus, Lycus, Hysterium
 “I’m Calm”.....Hysterium
 “Impossible”.....Senex, Hero
 “Bring Me My Bride”.....Miles, Pseudolus, Courtesans, Proteans

ACT TWO

“That’ll Show Him”.....Philia
 “Lovely”.....Pseudolus, Hysterium
 “The Funeral”.....Pseudolus, Miles, Coutesans, Proteans
 “Comedy Tonight”.....The Company

THE “FUNNY THING” ORCHESTRA

ORCHESTRA MANAGER: Armand Couillet

VIOLINS:

Allan Fuller
Armand Couillet
Nancy Baltz
Virginia Hoogenakker

VIOLA:

Mickie Davis

CELLO:

Dick Brown

BASS:

Leland Byler

REEDS:

Jim Mullen
Toby Tenhet
Phyllis Mullen
Bob Jorgensen

TRUMPETS:

Ed Epting
Lloyd Turner
Leland Kornegy

TROMBONES:

Don Lewis
Al Rowan
Ed Butler

PERCUSSION:

Sherman Hong

PIANO:

Sandra Polanski

REHEARSAL ACCOMPANIST:

Sandra Polanski

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PRODUCTION STAFF FOR “ A FUNNY THING”

Stage Manager:
STANLEY GRAHAM

Assistant to the Director:
SARA JORDAN

House Manager:
RICHARD FARRELL

Costumes by EAVES OF NEW YORK

SCENERY.....Eddie Thompson*, Bruce Partin, Stanley Graham
Jeverly Cook, Sara Jordan, Margaret Atkinson*, Cathy Schroeder, William Young,
Peggy Longest, Helen Lehmann, Randy Brock, Ann Martin, Bob Griffing, Jimmy
Robertson, Carol Quin, Kay Edington, Margaret Griffen, Leslie Morrison, Marsa
Beck, Linda Nichols, Anita Diana Bint, Kathryn Grabau*, Sara Jackson, Ed Baucom
Steve Meeks

PROPERTIES.....Sara Jordan, Cathy Schroeder
Dianne McGovern, Joe Burnett, Marri Irby, Debbie Nelson, Betsy Witty

PUBLICITY.....Robbie Lloyd
William Young, Gary Sorenson, Jeanne Barnard, Barbara Champion, Nancy Rid-
dle, Janice Scott

MAKEUP.....Margaret Atkinson*, Brenda Keene
Frances Richter, Becky Barnes, Linda Hines, Robbie Lloyd*

COSTUMES.....May Lay
Margaret Tohill*, Kay Clarke, Jane Cone, Cheryl Seaton

LIGHTING.....James McGahey*
Douglas McCullough*, William Young, Billy Strong

ABOUT THE PLAYERS

CLIF DOWELL- a senior theatre major from Gulfport, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, member of the Concert Choir and the Troubadours, appeared in PAINT YOUR WAGON at the Jackson Little Theatre and as the Common Man on A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS, president of Alpha Psi Omega and The Millsaps Players, with The Players in LUTHER, SOUTH PACIFIC, HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING, DARK OF THE MOON, as Crocker- Harris in THE YOUNG ELIZABETH, as Simeon Cabot in DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, as the Sentry in ANTIGONE, as Noah Curry in THE RAINMAKER, plays Pseudolus.

FASER HARDIN- a senior French major from Macon, member of Kappa Alpha, on the Dean's List of Honor Students, member of the Concert Choir, the Troubadours, Pi Delta Phi, the Organ Guild, in high school appeared in THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER, with The Players in HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING, DARK OF THE MOON and OLIVER!, plays Hysterium.

WILLIAM YOUNG- a junior theatre major from Jackson, member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, staff photographer for the PURPLE AND WHITE and the BOBASHELA, member of the golf team and the Concert Choir, at Provincetown in CALAMITY JANE and THE PAJAMA GAME, at the Little Theatre in A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS, THE FIFTH SEASON, and PAINT YOUR WAGON, with The Players in OLIVER!, THE YOUNG ELIZABETH, DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, SOUTH PACIFIC, plays Senex.

BILL HUDSON- a junior theatre major from Miami, Oklahoma, member of the Concert Choir and the Troubadours, at the Jackson Little Theatre in PAINT YOUR WAGON, with The Players in SOUTH PACIFIC and as Jimmy Curry in THE RAINMAKER, plays Hero.

MARY CRAFT- a sophomore French major from Laurel, member of Kappa Delta, on the Dean's List of Honor Students, member of the Troubadours and the Concert Choir, in high school played Eliza in MY FAIR LADY and Anna in THE KING AND I, this past summer in a musical production at Six Flags over Texas, makes her first appearance with The Players as Philia.

EDDIE THOMPSON- a senior chemistry and theatre major from Wesson, member of The Millsaps band, at the Jackson Little Theatre played Jake in PAINT YOUR WAGON, with The Players in SOUTH PACIFIC, DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, THE BROWNING VERSION, as Sir Francis Verney in THE YOUNG ELIZABETH, as Bill Starbuck in THE RAINMAKER, won the 1968 Millsaps Players Acting Award for Val Xavier in ORPHEUS DESCENDING, plays Miles Gloriosus.

JEVERLY COOK- a sophomore German and theatre major from Jackson, member of Kappa Alpha, president of Deutscher Verein, with The Players as Jabe Torrance in ORPHEUS DESCENDING, plays Lycus.

PEGGY LUTZ- a senior theatre major from Canton, at Ole Miss appeared in THE DRUNKARD, RHINOCEROS, BYE, BYE BIRDIE, HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING, A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE, HENRY FOURTH, PART ONE, at Southern in SUMMER AND SMOKE, THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH, with The Players as Granny in THE AMERICAN DREAM, Lady Torrance in ORPHEUS DESCENDING, Bloody Mary in SOUTH PACIFIC and won the 1968 Millsaps Players Junior Acting Award for Queen Mary Tudor in THE YOUNG ELIZABETH, plays Domina.

JOEY HOWELL- a sophomore psychology major from Jackson, on the Dean's List of Honor Students, named "Most Valuable Debater" at Millsaps for 1967-68, member of Pi Kappa Alpha, with The Players as Captain Brackett in SOUTH PACIFIC, plays Erronius.

BARRY McGEHEE- a senior theatre major from McComb, with the Jackson Ballet Guild in MERRIWETHER HALL and THE SHOE BIRD, with the Opera Guild in LA BOHEME and RIGOLETTO, with the Jackson Little Theatre in CAMELOT and as the Duke of Norfolk in A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS, with The Players directed the workshop production of THE AMERICAN DREAM, designed the scenery for SOUTH PACIFIC, appeared in THE UNSINKABLE MOLLY BROWN, MISTER ROBERTS, DARK SIDE OF THE MOON, ORPHEUS DESCENDING, as the Bishop of London in BECKET, Governor Danforth in THE CRUCIBLE, Creon in ANTIGONE, Thomas Seymour in THE YOUNG ELIZABETH, Ephraim Cabot in DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, won the 1966 Millsaps Players Junior Acting Award for Tetzl in LUTHER, won the 1967 Millsaps Players Acting Award for Fagin in Oliver!, plays the first Protean.

ART DYESS- a junior speech and theatre major from Chicago, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, one of the Major's cheerleaders, active in high school dramatics, appears for the first time with The Players as the second Protean.

BRUCE PARTIN- a sophomore theatre major from Meridian, member of Lambda Chi Alpha, with The Players in THE YOUNG ELIZABETH, ORPHEUS DESCENDING, DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, THE RAINMAKER, SOUTH PACIFIC, plays the third Protean.

CATHY SCHROEDER- a junior history and theatre major from Vicksburg, in GOLD IN THE HILLS, MARY, MARY, for the Vicksburg Little Theatre, at M.S.C.W. in LILIOM, ROYAL GAMBIT, ALICE IN WONDERLAND, in PAINT YOUR WAGON at the Jackson Little Theatre, with The Players in ORPHEUS DESCENDING, DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS, SOUTH PACIFIC, as Lizzie Curry in THE RAIN-MAKER, plays Tintinabula.

MARY ANN SWENSON- a senior religion major from Jackson, member of Kappa Delta, member of the Concert Choir, the PURPLE AND WHITE and the BOBASHELA staffs, member of the debate team, president of Pi Kappa Delta, with The Players in HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING, OLIVER!, ANTIGONE, THE BROWNING VERSION, as Vee Talbot in ORPHEUS DESCENDING, plays Panacea.

CALLIE KOUNTOURIS- a freshman history major from Jackson, one of the Major's cheerleaders, active in high school dramatics, makes her first Players appearance as one of the Geminae.

JEANNIE GOURAS-a junior psychology major from Jackson, member of Kappa Delta, on the Dean's List of Honor Students, member of the PURPLE AND WHITE staff, the Panhellenic Council, the Student Senate, secretary-treasurer of the junior class, appears for the first time with The Players as one of the Geminae.

JEANNE MIDDLETON- a sophomore political science major from Jackson, on the Dean's List of Honor Students, member of the Chapel Choir, member of the debate team, active in in dramatics in high school, makes her initial Millsaps appearance as Vibrata.

ANNIE CHADWICK- a sophomore mathematics major from Jackson, member of Kappa Delta, member of the Concert Choir, the Troubadours, the Women's Student Government Association, with The Players in SOUTH PACIFIC, plays Gymnasia.