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*Originally produced by THE THEATRE GUILD in the United States of America*

Based on FERENC MOLNAR'S  
"LILIOM"

*As adapted by Benjamin F. Glaser*

Music by  
**Richard Rodgers**

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**Oscar Hammerstein, 2nd**

Producer: **Jimmy Webster**

Musical Director: **Chris Keen**

Choreographer: **Jimmy Webster**

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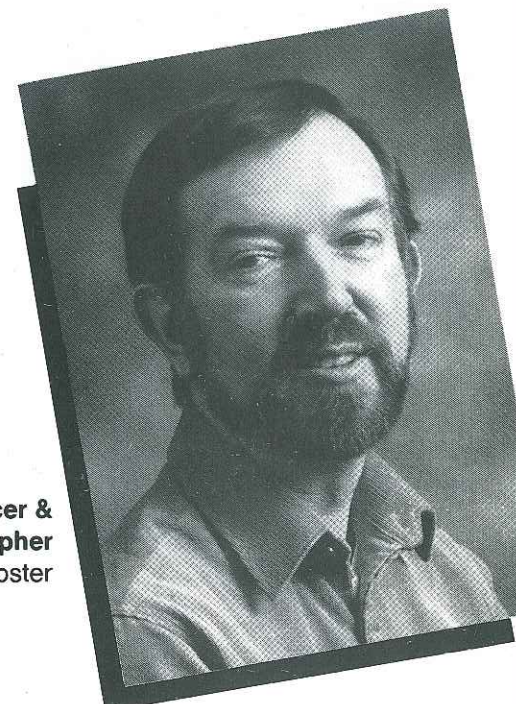
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**Musical Director**  
 Chris Keen



**Assistant  
 Musical Director**  
 Lorraine Hunter



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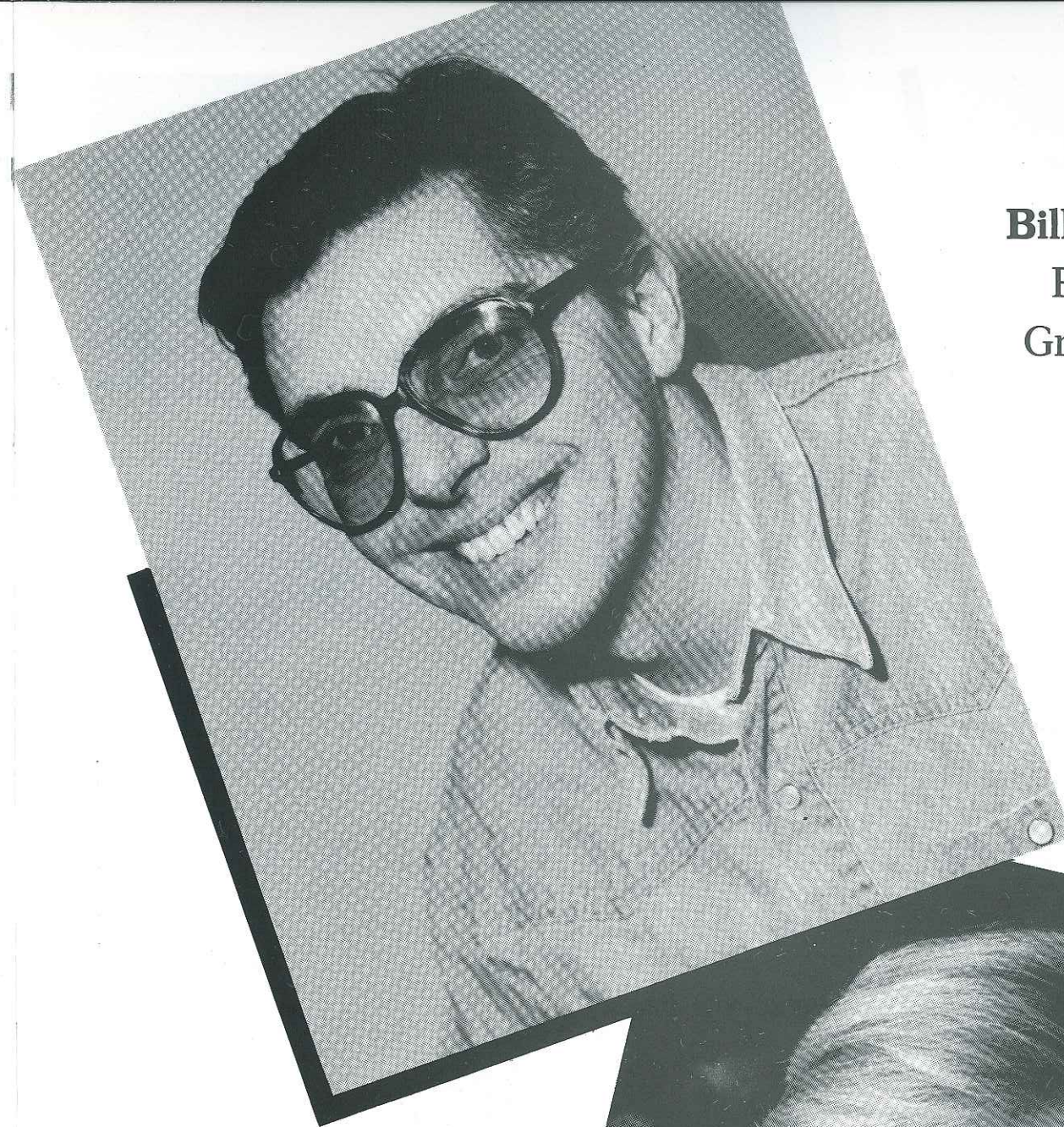
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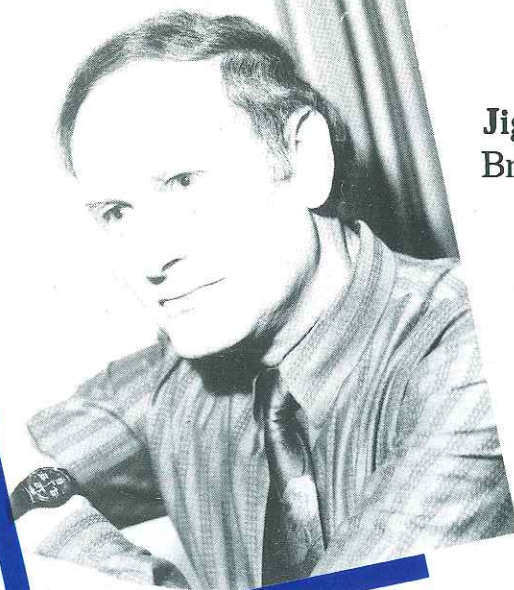
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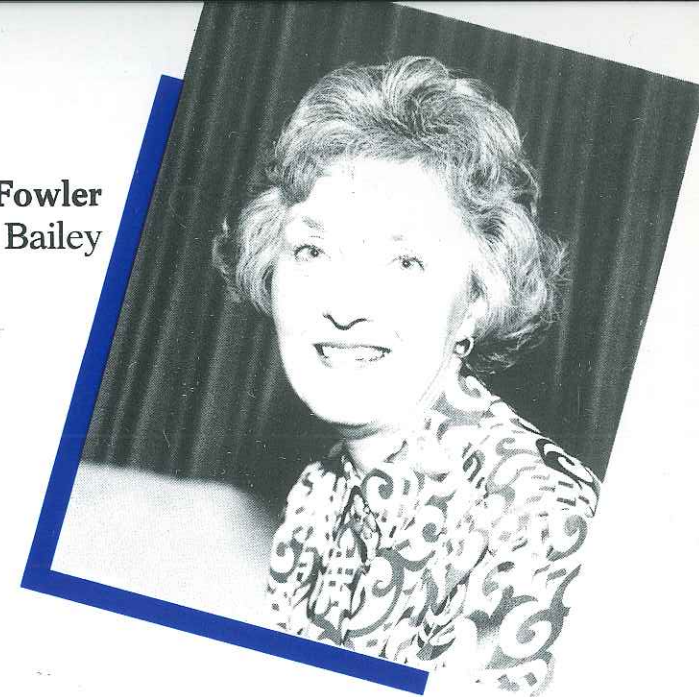
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# CAROUSEL

**Jigger Craigin**  
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**Nettie Fowler**  
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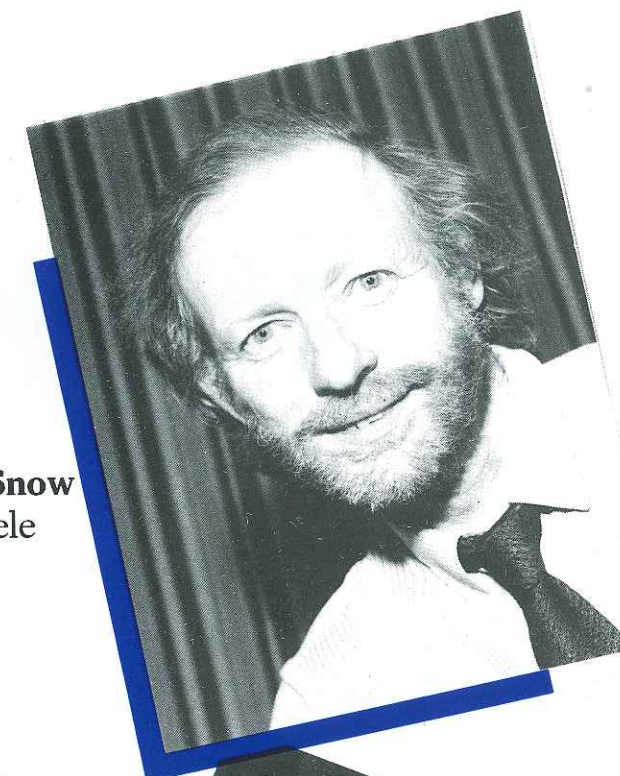
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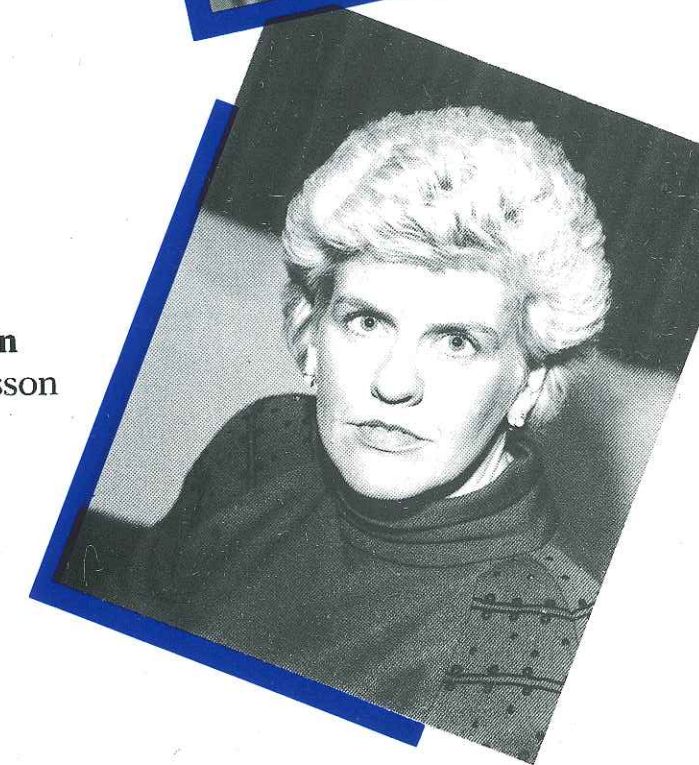
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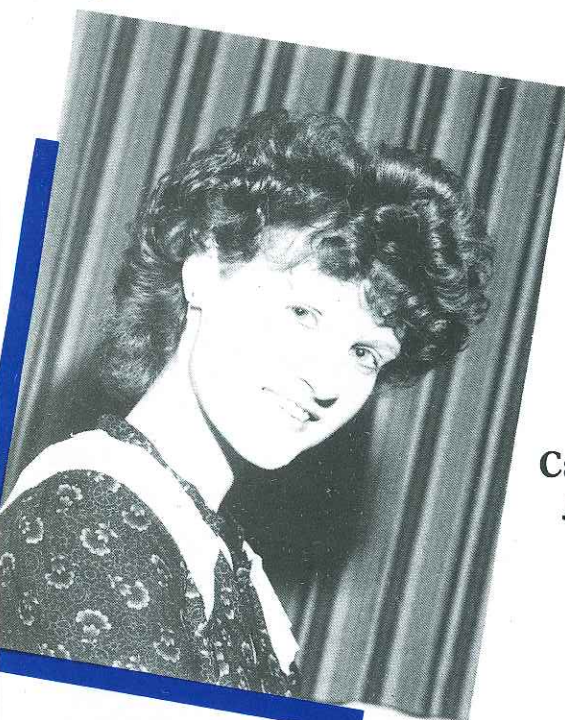
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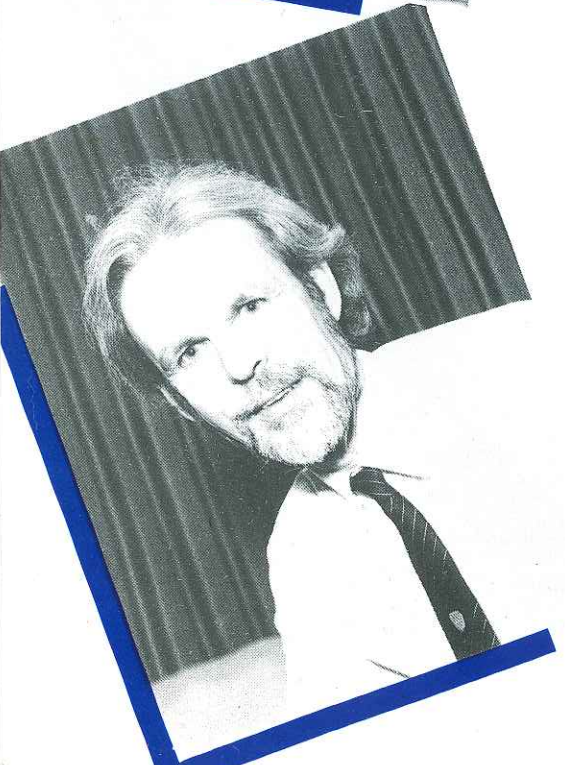
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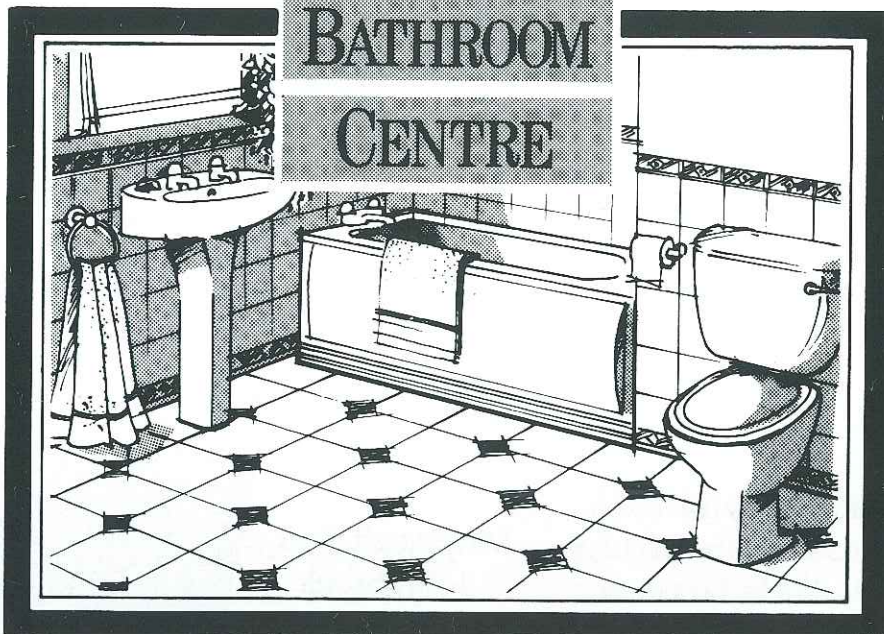


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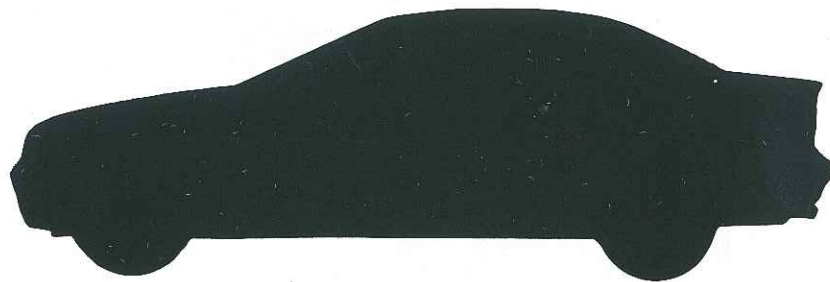
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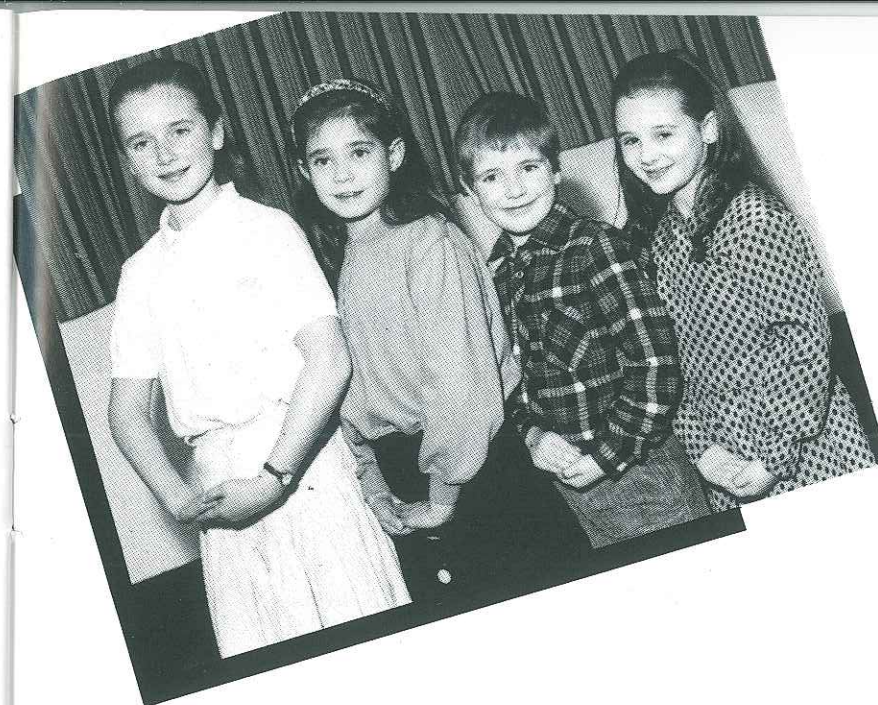
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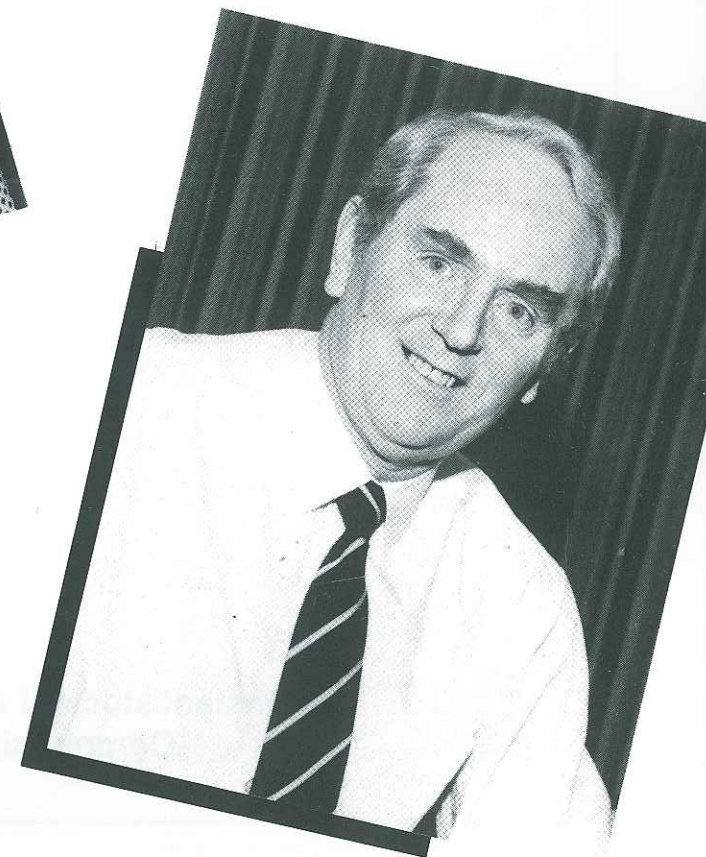


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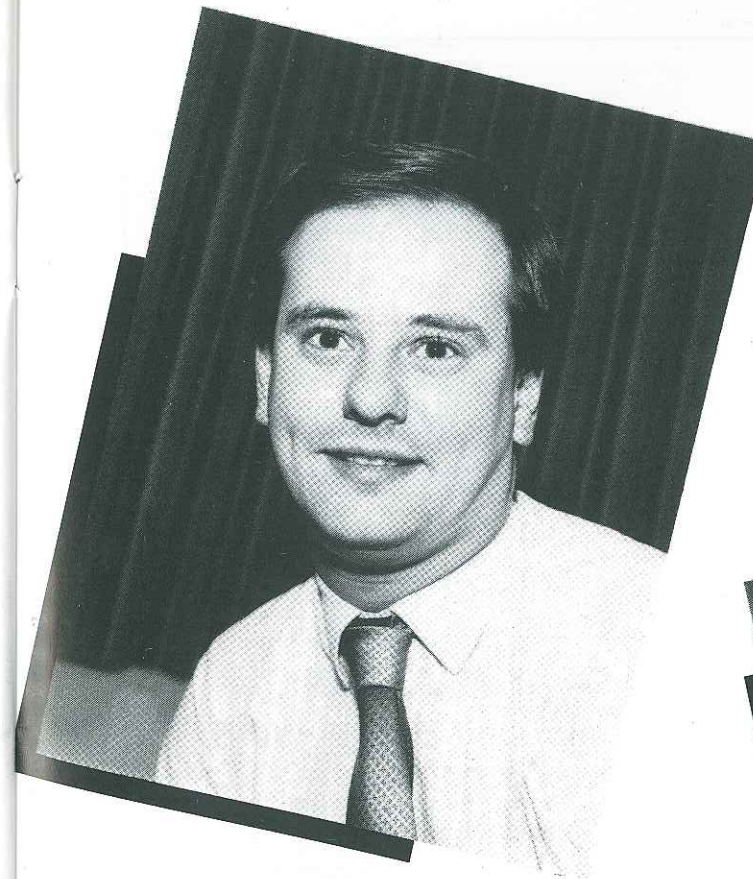


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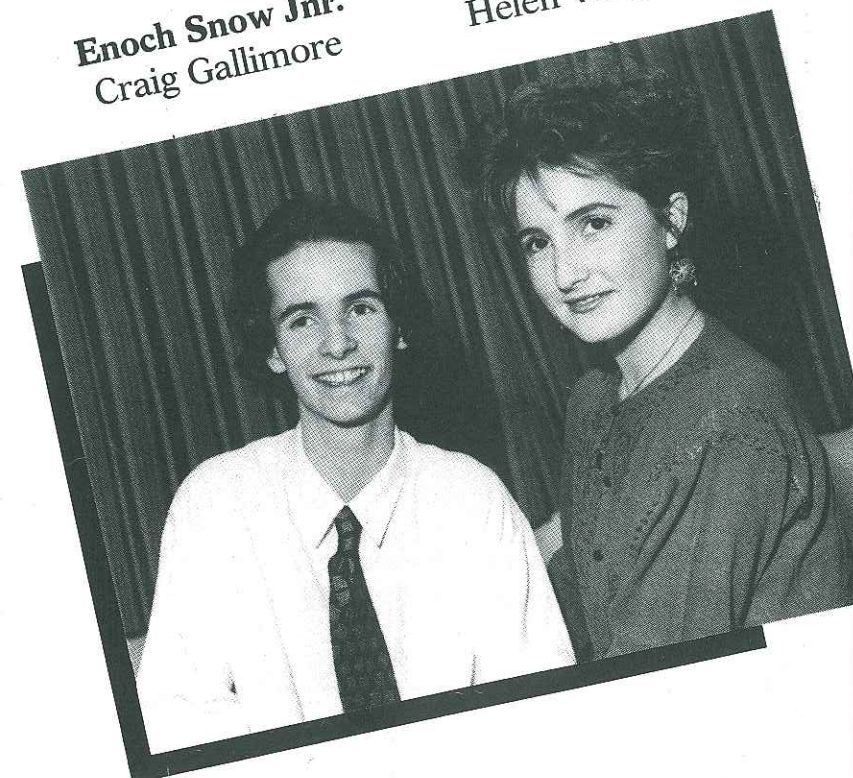


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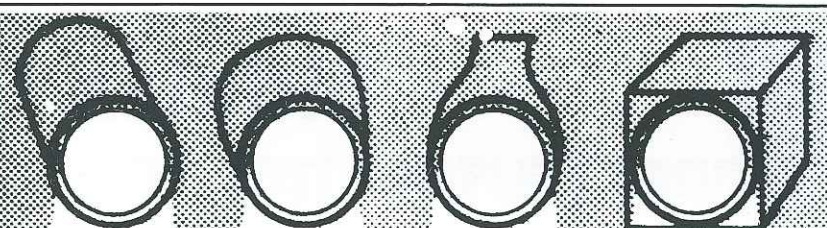
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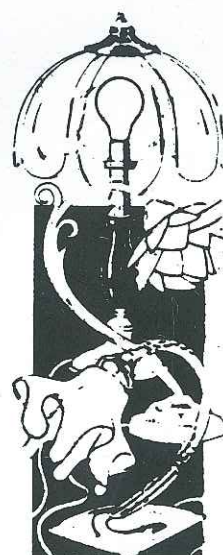


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Stage Director for this production will be Alistair Donkin. Musical Director will be Lorraine Hunter.  
Booking enquiries should be made to Mrs. I. Boulton, Telephone 627317



## THE STORY OF **CAROUSEL**

We are transported to a Fairground on the coast of New England in the Spring of 1873, where the most popular attraction is a Carousel owned by Mrs Mullin whose barker is Billy Bigelow, who has a charm that is very attractive to the young girls of the District, all of whom feel an attraction to him and his glamorous life. The evening activities are well under way when Julie Jordan and her friend Carrie Pipperidge visit the Fair and Julie is very attracted to Billy who takes a personal interest in her whilst she takes a ride on the Carousel.

They arrange to meet nearby, and are interrupted by Julie's employer, Mr Bascombe, who dismisses her for not being in residence at the Mill Boarding House by the prescribed time. Mrs Mullin also takes exception to Billy's interest in Julie and dismisses him. They decide to marry and go to live with Julie's cousin, Nettie, who runs a Spa on the beach.

Billy is unable to find a job and takes up with an undesirable, Jigger Craigin, who tries to persuade Billy to assist him in a robbery. Billy at first refuses but when Julie announces that she is going to have a baby, Billy agrees to use the first Clam Bake of the year as a blind to assist Jigger in robbing Mr Bascombe of \$3000 that he will be taking to his boat. The robbery goes wrong and Billy is killed in the action and after Nettie assures Julie that she has a home with her the Heavenly Friend transports Billy "up there" where he confronts the Starkeeper who is also custodian of the Back Gate of Heaven. Billy is told that he hasn't done enough good in his life to get in and is offered a day back on earth to do something good for someone he loves. He considers this and after finding out that he has a daughter, now 15 years old who is very unhappy due to his past, he agrees to return and sees his daughter playing on the beach and meeting a young man similar to himself. He confronts her and tries to give her a good opinion of her father and give her a present, a star.

His daughter, Louise, is very upset by this, but Julie realises that it must have been Billy. Billy's last action back on earth is to visit Louise's Graduation where the speaker, Dr Sheldon, urges her to live her own life and not be influenced by others to which Billy, now unseen, urges her to take notice, and having also assured Julie that he really did love her, returns with the Heavenly Friend, as guests and children sing an exultant anthem.

### OBITUARIES

#### WILF BLUD

The Society was sad to hear of the death in November 1991 of Wilf Blud, who was Musical Director of the Society from 1966 till 1973, when his humour and vast experience helped formulate the Society as we know it today.

Wilf had been associated with the Amateur Musical Stage for well over 50 years having been a performer for the first 25 and thereafter was Musical Director. His primary Society was Acton (Nantwich) AOS but he gladly gave us the benefit of his experience when we most needed it. He used to travel from Nantwich for every Rehearsal and Performance and never requested or thought of claiming any expenses whatsoever.

Our thoughts are with his wife Margaret, his 3 daughters and son, with the assurance that those who had the privilege to know Wilf will forever have very fond memories.

#### ALAN BENNETT

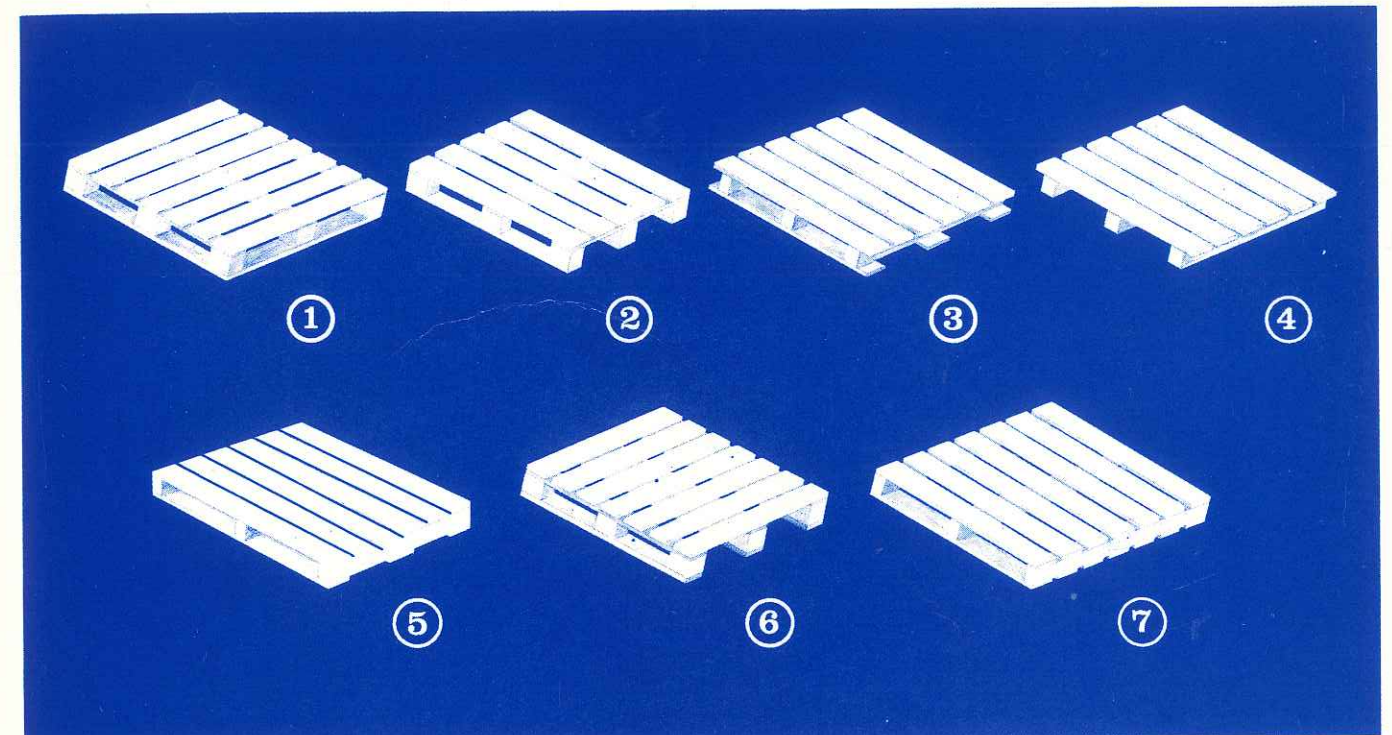
We were all deeply shocked in February of this year to hear of the sudden death of Alan Bennett, who for many years has been a regular member of our Orchestra playing either Cello or Bass. His wife, Ann, has played parts for the society on various occasions and has more recently been a playing member of our sister Society North Staffs AOS. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Ann and the children in their loss and assure them that our thoughts are with them.

#### ALAN LAMBERT

We record the sudden death of Alan Lambert who was a well liked member of our Society for many years, having played parts as well as being a member of the Chorus. Alan had not been active in the Society for a number of years having decided to devote his leisure time to his first love, Square Dancing. Our thoughts and best wishes are with his wife, Joyce, Diane and Andrew together with their families on their tragic loss.

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