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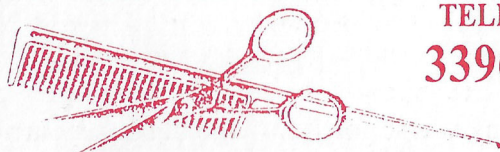
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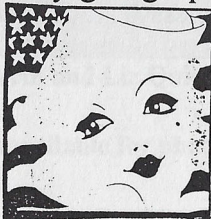


THE STORY

Dames at Sea was to the 1930s what Grease was to the 1950s, a brilliant, affectionate take-off.

The curtain opens on a last minute rehearsal for a new Broadway show that is beset by problems including the impending demolition of the theatre, and a rampaging, man-eating leading lady, Mona Kent. Hennessey, the producer, is frantic when in walks sweet, young Ruby straight off the bus from Utah. She is hired on the spot to fill in for a runaway chorus girl, and is befriended by Joan, an "old" trooper. Ruby who hasn't eaten for days, faints into the arms of a handsome sailor. Naturally they fall instantly in love and surprise, surprise, Dick just happens to be a songwriter. True love never runs smoothly and Mona entices Dick to give her the song he has written for Ruby. Just as things can't get any worse for Ruby, the bulldozers arrive and it looks as if the show must close before it opens. Dick, and his best friend Lucky, save the day by offering to stage the show on the battleship and Act 1 closes on a high note as Mona prepares to persuade Captain Courageous (an old flame), to allow them to use the ship.

Act 2 is set on the deck of the battleship where Mona works her wily ways with the Captain while also flirting outrageously with Dick, much to Ruby's dismay and disappointment. Joan is determined that her new friend will get her man and arranges to put Mona out of action. She succeeds and Ruby goes on to save the show and become an instant Star. The show ends with a Simple Wedding and everyone lives happily ever after of course, with Mona marrying the Captain, Joan marrying Lucky, Ruby marrying Dick, and Hennessey giving up showbusiness to join the Navy.





Tony Furnell
Jo

Bryan
Neville
Sonja

Tony Meggitt
Gail

Our Principals

Ruby.....Sonja Bancroft

Joan.....Gail Rant

Dick.....Neville McInerney

Lucky.....Tony Meggitt

Mona Kent.....Jo Toia

Captain.....Tony Furnell

Hennessy.....Bryan Phillips

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act 1

Wall Street.....	Mona
It's You.....	Dick and Ruby
Broadway Baby.....	Dick
That Mister Man of Mine.....	Mona and Company
Choo Choo Honeymoon.....	Lucky and Joan
Sailor of My Dreams.....	Ruby
Singapore Sue.....	Lucky and Company
Good Times Are Here to Stay.....	Joan and Company

Act 2

Dames at Sea.....	Company
The Beguine.....	Mona and Captain
Raining in My Heart.....	Ruby and Company
There's Something About You.....	Dick and Ruby
The Echo Waltz.....	Mona and Company
Star Tar.....	Ruby and Company
Let's Have a Simple Wedding.....	Company



Jan Ashworth and Liz Quinn

Sue Harvey was unavailable for photographic shot

A Note from Our Director

When I was unexpectedly asked to direct this wonderful, little known Broadway musical, I was delighted and what a joy it has been. Working once again with Jan Ashworth was a delight and to have the opportunity to work with Sue Harvey was icing on the cake.

Dames at Sea comes over on stage as a light weight, bright and breezy musical but this belies many hours of hard work, particularly on the part of our musical director and choreographer, that have gone into bringing this performance to you the audience. The music, the singing, the dancing and the very corny but amusing script, bring together all the elements for a great evening's entertainment. Add a very talented cast, a hardworking production team and lots of good food and I am sure this will prove to be a show to remember.

Liz Quinn

On a Musical Note

Dames at Sea was first performed off-Broadway in the late 1960s. It was written to satirise the 1930s' movie musicals - the era of the unbelievable plot, the typical characters, the guaranteed "happy ending". But it was also the era of the rousing production numbers, the gentle love songs and the stirring tap-dancing routines.

Surprisingly, the show has not been staged often in Brisbane, but Savoyards have realised how much it will appeal to lovers of musical theatre. In this production, the cast has been expanded to include chorus and dancers; We have also returned to the use of an accompanying ensemble.

May you, our valued audience, share in the joy, enthusiasm and pure escapism that have marked musical theatre from those early 1930s through to the 90s.

Jan Ashworth

PRODUCTION TEAM

Artistic Director.....	Liz Quinn
Musical Director and Repetiteur.....	Jan Ashworth
Choreographer.....	Sue Harvey
Set Design.....	Bryan Phillips
Stage Manager.....	Greg Quinn
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Properties.....	Ada Groenhart
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A special vote of thanks to Kaye Nutley and the members of Savoyards for their assistance in the presentation of dinner and light refreshments.



A Message from the President

Welcome to another Savoyards production. I have always believed the value of an afternoon or evening out is not in how much you pay, but how much you enjoy yourself. The cast and crew for this restaurant and show have really worked hard so I trust you will find it good value. Settle back, relax and enjoy yourself. If you find we have given you good value don't forget to tell your friends and neighbours. We value your support.

John Rae



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THE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ORCHESTRA

- Piano.....Jan Ashworth
- Violins.....Wendy Penny
Carmel Marshall
Jon Hulett
- Reeds.....Kathy Shackleton
John McLellan
- Trumpet.....Jonathan Hewitt
- Bass Trombone.....Fred McMurray
- Percussion.....Darryl Steele

CHORUS LINE



Robert, Jackie, Ray, Terri, Michael

DANCERS

Peter



Desney

Rowena

Hamish

Alice

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Our Chorus

**Tracey Rowland, Margaret Luck, Mindy Foley,
Jackie Price, Ros Foley, Terri Quinn**

Robert Montgomery, Ray Shelley, Michael Haan



Our Dancers

Desney Toia, Alice Nixon, Rowena Broom, Nikhe Lucas

Hamish Murray, Peter Cunningham, Reindert Toia



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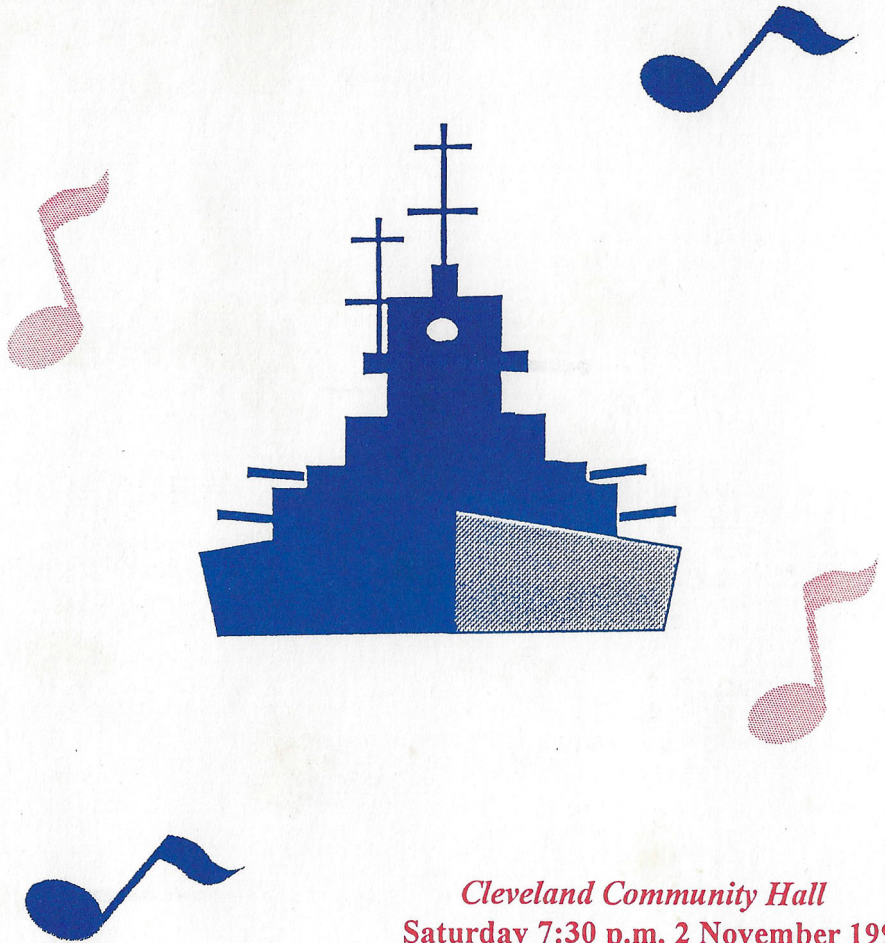
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