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FORWARD

Pantomime is here again! As you watch our latest Grand Traditional Pantomime "Dick Whittington" we can be sure that pantomimes are being staged at this time throughout the world where English-speaking people are living. There are no fewer than 24 pantomimes being staged in London and in leading repertory theatres around Britain. The well-loved formula will be much the same throughout — a Principal Boy (played by a girl), a Dame (the old comic lady — played by a man), two or more knockabout comics (brokers' men types), the Good Fairy and the Bad Fairy, representing good and evil in various guises (incidentally, following tradition the Good Fairy is always on the left of the stage to the audience — the Bad Fairy on the right), a transformation scene full of wonder for the children, an animal (or two) often played by a girl dancer, an adult and juvenile chorus, lots of comedy, singing, dancing, lots of colour and glitter and the whole thing put over with the greatest, good humoured enthusiasm. Audience participation is an essential ingredient, booing and hissing the villain whenever he appears, cheering the good character when she succeds in thwarting his wickedness, warning the characters on stage in danger — "Look behind you!", the Song Sheet that everyone in the audience sings and does the movements. Good pantomime has everything!

What better entertainment can there be for all the family for the Christmas period than this idiotic, exotic and irrational display which we call pantomime. Certainly Nairobi audiences of all races have made it a firm favourite for their Christmas treat for their children and participate in increasing numbers for each of our panto productions. Nairobi City Players, and certainly everybody on stage in this show, love pantomime and join with the essayist Leigh Hunt who believed that:-

"Not to like Pantomime is not to like animal spirits; it is not to like motion; not to like love; not to like a jest upon dullness and formality not to sympathise with one's children; not to remember we have been children ourselves"

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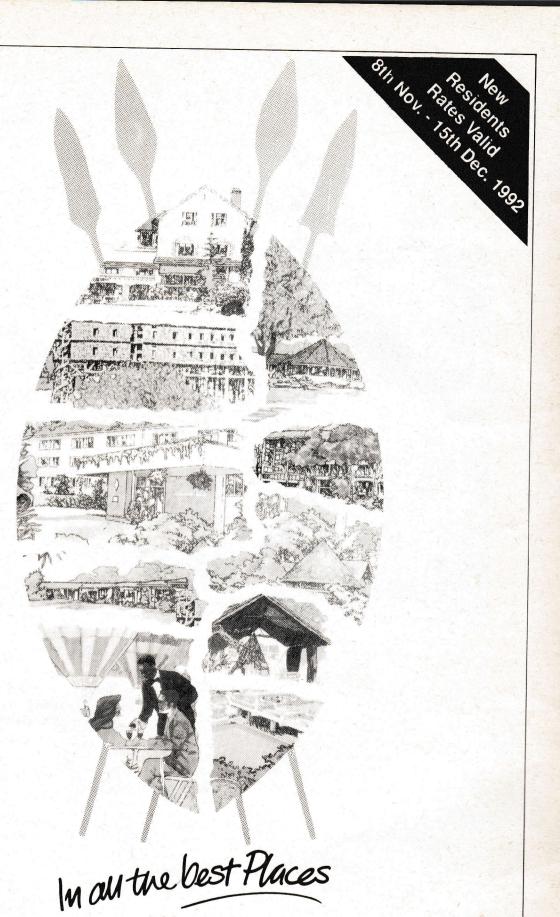
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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Its always a pleasure to come back to Nairobi. This is my ninth visit for Nairobi City Players in 21 years. The last was for "Fiddler on the Roof" a year and a half ago. This time its for Pantomime with all the traditions that go with it. One tradition is that Good always triumphs over Evil. The "Good" side (in this case the Spirit of the Bells) is always on the left of the stage. The Evil (King Rat) on the right. The Principal Boy (Dick Whittington) is usually played by a girl and the Dame (Sarah the Cook) by a man. If you are confused imagine how a child who is seeing his or her first Pantomime must feel!

However the idea is to tell a simple story of how Dick comes to London to seek his fortune. He meets and teams up with Tommy the Cat, faces in love with Alice, gets a job (unusual these days, but then he is under 35) gets accused of stealing and looses his job. He has a dream and turns again to London and he is reinstated when it is discovered that he did not steal the jewels after all. He goes to sea, is shipwrecked and lands in Morocco where he triumphs over Evil and comes back to London to marry Alice. I hope you will have plenty to look at and laugh at along the way.

Since I was last here I have directed 'Annie' and 'Oliver' in Oslo in Norwagian and worked as Resident Director of 'Moby Dick' for Cameron Mackintosh. This played at the Piccadilly Theatre, London, Previous Pantomimes were with Su Pollard and Cilla Black at Richmond and Wimbledon. My next production will be in Jersey on December 22nd when I help my mother and father celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

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LARRY OAKS — Director

A PROFILE



Larry Oaks was born into a Jersey farming family. At a critical time in his milking career he was seized with the desire to become a dancer. He trained at the Joan Davis Stage School and worked in theatre, television and cabaret in London for about five years.

His career in the theatre has embraced a tremendous variety of positions, From his dancing successes he went on to become choreographer for many stage and television productions as well as films. He then entered the field of direction combined with choreography.

Larry has been associated with the hit musical "Oliver" since it opened in London in 1960, following which he either staged or directed productions in New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, Tel Aviv, Amsterdam, Dublin, Copenhagen and the British National Tour. During this time he staged "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" starring Vanessa Redgrave, "Waters of the Moon" with Ingrid Bergman and Dame Wendy Hiller and "The Bed Before Yesterday" with Joan Plowright. He also arranged some choreography for Celia Johnson, Paul Schofield, Ian McShane and Mai Zetterling for A.T.V's Play of the Month series. He has directed "Guys and Dolls" in Greek, worked extensively on a number of productions in Denmark and Norway. He was Resident Director of "Billy" starring Michael Crawford at Drury Lane.

Cameron Mackintosh, producer of "Les Miserables", "Phantom of the Opera" "Miss Saigon", and many other smash hit musicals, and who once worked for Larry as an assistant stage manager, asked him to be Resident Director of "My Fair Lady", starring Tony Britten, Liz Robertson and Anna Neagle, and then to direct a production of "Oliver" with Roy Hudd. Larry directed the Toronto and National Tour of "Side by Side by Sondheim" for Cameron Mackintosh and then was Resident Director of "Follies" starring Julia McKenzie, Diana Rigg, Daniel Massey and David Healy for the Mackintosh management.

Last year he worked on a new show entitled "Just So" which is based on the Rudyard Kipling stories. It "tried out" at the Tricycle Theatre and was bought by Stephen Speilberg who is turning it into a cartoon film. Larry recently spent 18 months as Resident Director of "Anything Goes" starring Elaine Page and Bernard Cribbins. Last year he directed "Annie" in Cork and then went on to direct it in Oslo in Norwegian. This year he has worked on "Moby Dick" which played at the Piccadilly for Cameron Mackintosh and then directed "Oliver" in Oslo.

Larry is certainly no stranger to Nairobi. He has directed and choreographed eight productions for Nairobi City Players. "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Kismet" (1971), "Hello, Dolly!" (1972), "Man of La Mancha" (1973), "Side by Side by Sondheim" (1980), "Annie" and "Jack and the Beanstalk" (1986) and last years revival of "Fiddler on the Roof".



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GILLIAN SPRAGG Music Director

Gillian Spragg was born in London and first started playing the piano with the help and encouragement of her mother, an enthusiastic amateur pianist. Quite fortuitously, one of the finest English teachers of children, Eileen Rowe, lived around the corner and it was not very long before it was clear that Gillian was set on becoming a musician. She took up part-time studies at the Guildhall School of Music with Edith Vogel and, for a number of years, was a keen orchestral double bass player, as well as a pianist. A full-time course followed, during which she won the Gold Medal, the School's highest award. Later, she took a degree in music history and analysis at London University, a course undertaken to expand her academic musical interests and to provide some refreshment after a period of ill-health.

Her musical career has been broad and varied and has excompassed concert tours and recitals, broadcasts of classical piano music, teaching and educational publishing. She has, in particular, pioneered several series of cassette publications for music students, and lectured in Europe and the U.K. on techniques of teaching and training. She was also an active committee member of the European Piano Teachers' Association until, just a few years ago, she discovered Africa.

She moved to Nairobi earlier this year and now looks forward to taking up the Directorship of the Kenya Conservatoire of Music in the new year.

CHARLOTTE SJOSTROM - FLANAGAN Choreographer

Charlotte Sjostrom - Flanagan studied dance in Scandinavia where she also obtained her B.Sc in Physiotherapy. She received her MCAT in Movement and Dance Therapy from the Laban Centre, London. She has worked for 6 years in the Middle East and USA where she has also produced and directed several dance shows for smaller theatre dance groups. Charlotte has also worked closely with film directors in the Middle East and on multimedia shows.

She has been involved in the Nairobi Theatre Scene since she came to Kenya with her husband in 1990. She considers that her two most creative productions so far are her two cons — Sebastian who is four and Anders who is nine months old.

This is Charlotte's fourth musical show with Nairobi City Players.



SHEILA BARKER



Dance Teacher: BANDA-BARKER TROUPE

Born in Uganda; resident of Kenya since childhood. After an early life devoted almost exclusively to dancing, she pursued her professional dance and teacher training at Cape Town University's College of Music and Ballet, where she performed with the renowned Cape Town Ballet Company.

She has danced in many productions at the Kenya National Theatre, including, for the City Players: "Oklahoma!" "Wizard of Oz," "My Fair Lady", "Kiss Me Kate", "The Merry Widow", and again "Oklahoma!".

Sheila teaches many forms of the dance, primarily ballet and tap dancing, complemented by Scottish country and Highland dancing, an abiding love of which derives from her Scottish ancestry.

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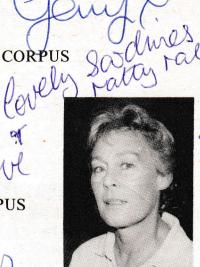
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Scene 1. On Highgate Hill
Scene 2. Outside Fitzwarren's Stores ✓
Scene 3. A London Street
Scene 4. Inside Fitzwarren's Stores
Scene 5. A London Street
Scene 6. On Highgate Hill

INTERMISSION

Scene 7.

ACT TWO

The Hall of Dreams

Scene 1. Aboard the Saucy Sue at Tilbury
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Scene 3. The Shores of Morocco
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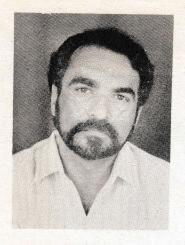
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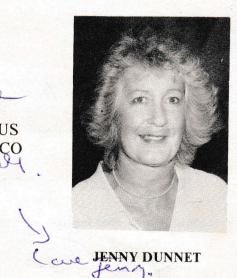
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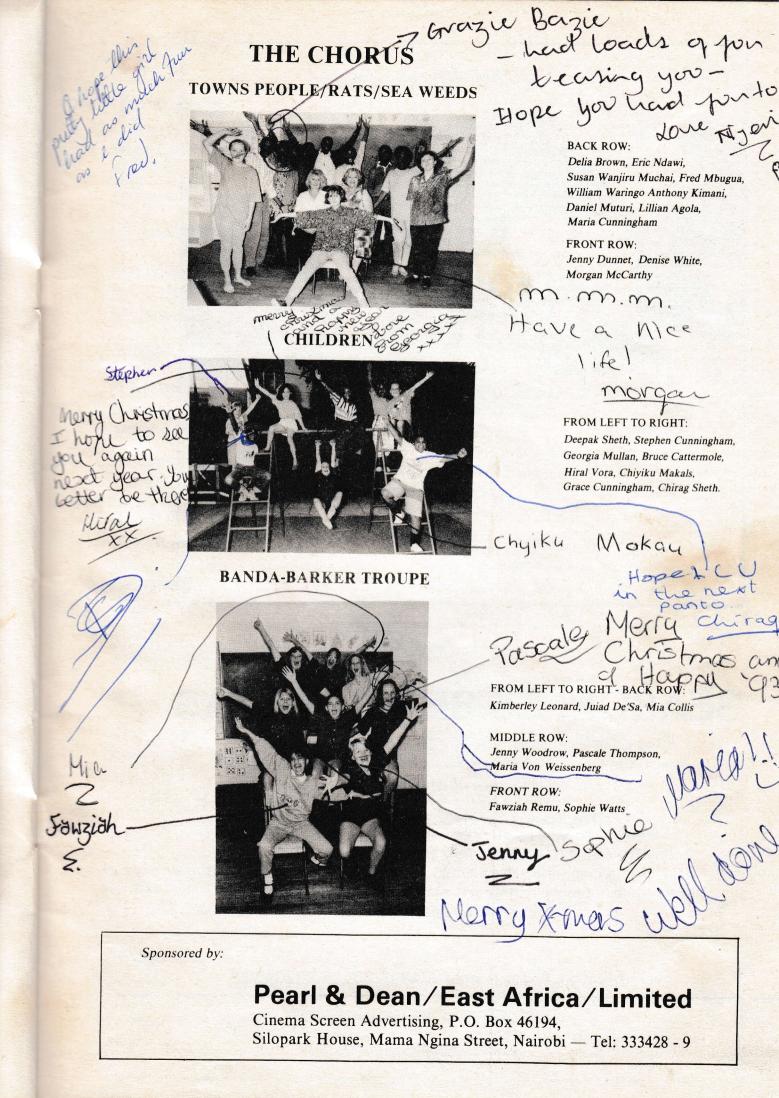
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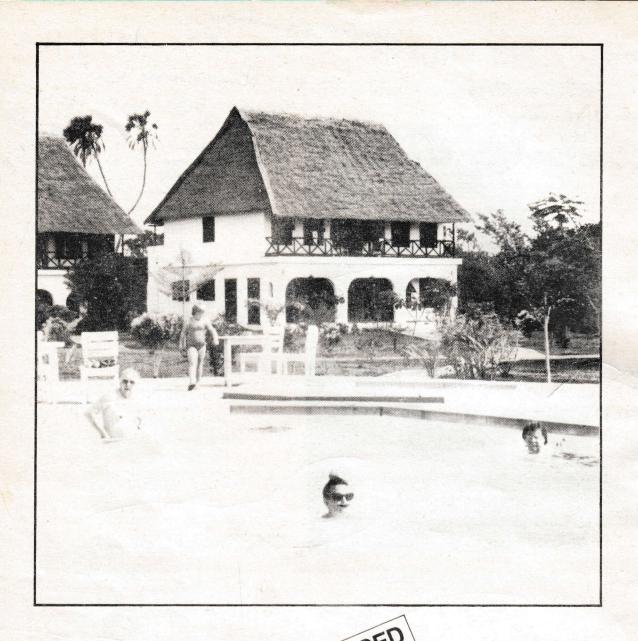
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MY NAME
THE FIRST MAN YOU REMEMBER

CONSIDER YOURSELF

SCOTTISH DANCE TOMMY'S MARCH ON MY OWN

YOU DREAMED A DREAM

DICK
TOWNS PEOPLE
AND CHILDREN

COCKLE THE CAPTAIN
WINKLE THE MATE
AND TOWNS PEOPLE
SARAH THE COOK
ALDERMAN FITZWARREN

DICK AND ALICE

DICK, SARAH, ALICE
FITZWARREN, COCKLE
WINKLE AND TOWNS PEOPLE
BANDA-BARKER TROUPE
TOMMY THE CAT

DICK

SPIRIT OF THE BELLS
DICK AND TOWNS PEOPLE

INTERMISSION

ACT TWO

HORN PIPE

JIG

THE STORM
UNDER THE SEA

SUPERCALA FRAG ALISTIC EXPIALI DOSIUS

GIVE A LITTLE WHISTLE

THE RAT RAP
HONEY BUN
THE FIGHT
THE DUEL

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KING RAT

KING NEPTUNE AND THE UNDERSEAERS

SARAH

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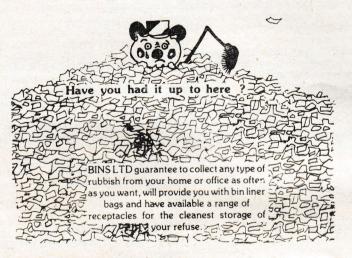
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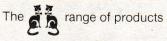
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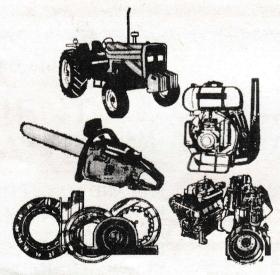


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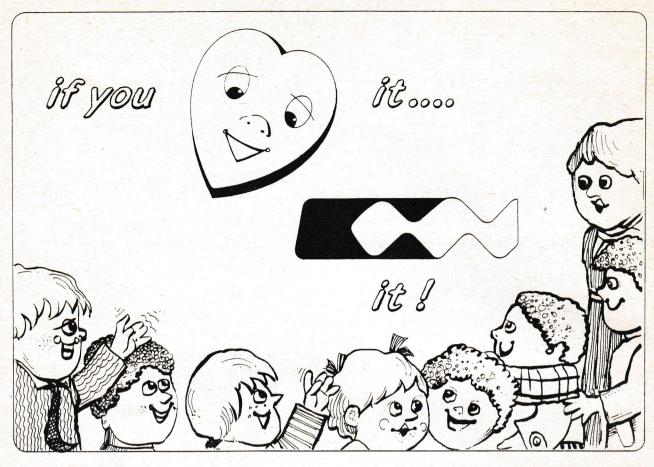
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