

Celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# Iola Community Theatre

Presents

## *They're Playing Our Song*



Book by

**NEIL SIMON**

Music by

**MARVIN HAMLISCH**

Lyrics by

**CAROLE BAYER SAGER**

Staged & Directed by

**Richard Spencer**

**Bowlus Fine Arts Center**

March 10, 11, & 12, 2005

7:30 P.M.

Produced Through Special Arrangement with  
SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

## Cast

( In Order of Appearance )

Vernon Gersch .....	James O. Beltz *
Sonia Walsk .....	Susan Raines
The Boys .....	Rondell Stowe *
	Mark Toland
	Bryan Johnson
The Girls .....	Kenshasa Garrett *
	Kari Wiles
	Melissa Taylor *

( \* New Faces at ICT )

## Orchestra

Piano .....	Carol Toland
Acoustic & Electric Guitar .....	Alan Severt
Electric Guitar .....	Ryan Cochran
Bass Guitar .....	Emily Clem *
Synthesizer .....	Tammy Severt
Alto Saxophone .....	Judy Cochran
Baritone Saxophone .....	Jared Lytle *
Trombone .....	Jim Rausch
Trumpet .....	Kevin Miller & Larry Jones
Drums .....	Todd Willis
Flute .....	Charlene Levans

## Production Staff

Director .....	Richard Spencer
Musical Director .....	Jan Knewtson
Choreographer .....	Kenshasa Garrett
Set & Lighting Design .....	Richard Spencer
Visual Effects Design .....	Dee Sell & Richard Spencer
Stage Manager .....	Kathy Spencer
Production Managers .....	Mary Martin & Nicolle Hoepker
Set Construction .....	Richard Spencer, Greg Martin, Jim Talkington, William Nix, Kyle DePaola, Ron Smail, Dee Sell
Running Crew .....	Greg Martin, Ronnie Higginbotham, Eric Wiles, Jason Lee, Logan Martin
Lights .....	Vance Rexwinkle
Sound .....	Richard Spencer
Visual Effects .....	Nicolle Hoepker
Costumes .....	Margaret Robb
Properties .....	Connie Flack, Donna Culver, Nelda Cuppy
Makeup & Hair .....	Rocky Beltz *
Publicity .....	Mary Martin & Scott Toland
Program .....	Nicolle Hoepker & Dee Sell
House Manager .....	Romaine Tharpe
Ushers .....	Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Tau Omega Sorority
Cast Party .....	Dan & Linda Johnson

Technical Director for the Bowlus Fine Arts Center is William Nix

## Synopsis of Scenes

### Act One

- Scene 1 - Vernon's Apartment in Central Park West, New York City  
**"Fallin'"**
- Scene 2 - Vernon's Apartment - Five Days Later  
**"Workin' It Out"**  
**"If He Really Knew Me"**
- Scene 3 - Le Club  
**"They're Playing Our Song"**
- Scene 4 - Sonia's Apartment - An Hour and a Half Later  
**"If He Really Knew Me"** (Reprise)
- Scene 5 - On the Street
- Scene 6 - On the Road
- Scene 7 - A Beach House in Quogue, Long Island  
**"Just For Tonight"**

( 15 Minute Intermission )

### Act Two

- Scene 1 - Vernon's Apartment - A Few Days Later  
**"When You're In My Arms"**
- Scene 2 - Vernon's Bedroom - Three Weeks Later
- Scene 3 - Vernon's Bedroom - Middle of the Night
- Scene 4 - A Recording Studio - 11:00 AM the Next Morning  
**"I Still Believe In Love"**
- Scene 5 - A Hospital Room - Los Angeles a Few Months Later  
**"Fill In The Words"**
- Scene 6 - Sonia's Apartment - A Few Months Later

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# Celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In the fall of 1964, a group of Allen County citizens got together to organize what later became the Lola Community Theatre. We weren't Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland with an old barn, but we brought the same kind of enthusiasm and excitement to our effort.

In February of 1965 we had a "show" ready to go. We presented "*Teahouse of the August Moon*" in the old Memorial Auditorium with a cast of plenty, including a goat. Forty years later we're still having fun! Since 1965, ICT has welcomed thousands of participants as actors, actresses, directors, musicians, singers, dancers, techies, production staff, kids, adults, cats, dogs, horses, and a pig. We've had folks come to be part of the fun from Chanute, Emporia, Yates Center, Humboldt, Garnett, Moran, LaHarpe, Gas, Kincaid, Burlington, Ft. Scott, Lawrence, Pittsburg, and (once) from Australia.

We're proud of where we've been and we look forward to the next forty years. Find out all about us on our website [iolacommunitytheatre.org](http://iolacommunitytheatre.org), then come get involved and be a part of history.

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## 40 Years of Magic

- 2004: Annie Get Your Gun, Bathroom Humor  
2003: America Is, Social Security  
2002: Bye Bye Birdie, Over The River and Thru The Woods  
2001: Pajama Game, Forever Plaid  
2000: Peter Pan, Nuncrackers  
1999: You're A Good Man Charlie Brown, Songs of the Silver Screen  
1998: Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, The Taffetas  
1997: Once Upon A Mattress, Love Letters, Same Time Next Year,  
Les Miserables (In Revue)  
1996: Noises Off, Memories With Love  
1995: Godspell, Look Back and Listen  
1994: Oliver!, ICT Poetry Jam, The Fantasticks  
1993: 1776, Nunsense II  
1992: The Wizard of Oz, Greater Tuna, Rumors  
1991: Annie, Nunsense, The Lion In Winter  
1990: George M, Steel Magnolias,  
1989: A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum, Quilters  
1988: Grease, Brighton Beach Memoirs  
1987: Guys and Dolls, A MidSummer Night's Dream  
1986: Cinderella, Lunch Hour  
1985: South Pacific, On Golden Pond  
1984: The Sound of Music, Our Town  
1983: Camelot, Tribute, I Do I Do  
1982: Oklahoma, Charades, Chapter Two  
1981: Brigadoon, The Sunshine Boys, The Mousetrap  
1980: No No Nanette, The Uninvited, Send Me No Flowers  
1979: Wisdom of Eve, My Fair Lady, Shenandoah, Harvey  
1978: Oliver!, Jane Eyre, M\*A\*S\*H  
1977: Kiss Me Kate, Two by Two, Finishing Touches  
1976: Hello Dolly, Pursuit of Happiness, Sunday in New York  
1975: The Music Man, Amorous Flea, Butterflies are Free  
1974: Lil' Abner, Come Blow Your Horn, The Curious Savage  
1973: Fiddler on the Roof, Catch Me if you Can, Boeing Boeing  
1972: The King and I, Tom Sawyer, Cactus Flower  
1971: Enrico IV, The Fantasticks, Charley's Aunt  
1970: Mame, Wait Until Dark, Mary Mary  
1969: Everybody Loves Opal, Night Must Fall, Star Spangled Girl  
1968: Barefoot in the Park, The Crucible, You Can't Take It With You,  
The Odd Couple, Thurber Carnival  
1967: Thieves Carnival, Arsenic and Old Lace, My Three Angels  
1966: Inherit The Wind, Tom Jones, Never Too Late,  
The Diary of Anne Frank  
1965: Tea House of the August Moon, The Happy Time,  
George Washington Slept Here