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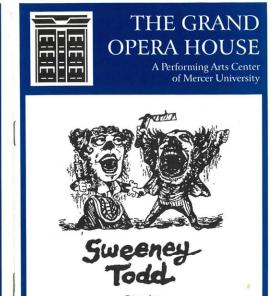
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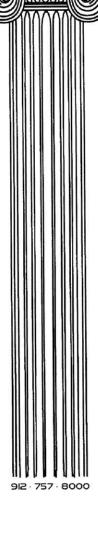
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| Mrs. Lovett | |
| Judge Turpin | Sean M. Johnson |
| The Beadle | Terrell Abney |
| Johanna | Leah Partridge |
| Tobias Ragg | Martin Roberts |
| Pirelli | Ctarra Manalana |
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| Mask Designer | Eamon Glennon |
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| Ah, Miss | |
| Johanna | Anthony |
| Pirelli's Miracle Elixir | |
| | |
| The Contest | |
| Wait | Mrs. Lovett |
| Kiss Me | Johanna, Anthony |
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| Quartet | |
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| | Beggar Woman, Customers |
| Johanna | |
| By The Sea | Mrs. Lovett |
| Not While I'm Around | Tobias, Mrs. Lovett |
| Parlor Songs | The Beadle, Mrs. Lovett |
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January 19 COWGIRLS, the Off-Broadway Hit of 1996, is sure to stir things up as Beethoven meets "blue grass." You'll meet Rita, Mary Lou and Lee - three female classical musicians mistakenly booked into a country/western roadhouse. The pirts ultimately pull the right strings, as violins become fiddles, and all is well in this small Kansas town



Porgy &Bess

PORGY AND BESS, George Gershwin's stirring opera, is sure to pack The Grand. This classic retains all of its musical power

after more than sixty years, with such favorites as "Summertime," "Bess, You Is My Woman Now," and "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'." Grab the gang and be transported to "Catfish Row" in Depression-era Charleston. The argument of whether Porgy and Bess is an opera or a musical is finally out to rest. It's not only an opera - it's a masterpiece!





December 1

The Broadway Series does more than toe-the-line when the longest running show in the history of Broadway kicks into town. A CHORUS LINE explores the lives of a group of dancers who bare their souls and put their lives "on the line" as they audition for an unnamed Broadway show. A Chorus Line won the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award for Best Musical, and includes favorite songs like "What I Did for Love," "Music and the Mirror," and the show-stopping finale, "One

February 16 BYE BYE BIRDIE is one of the most popular musical shows of our time. The plot, involving a stageful of out-of-control teenagers and a rock 'n roll singer who's about to be inducted in the Army, is full of laughs! Golden Globe Award Winner for Best Supporting Actor, Norman Fell is set to headline in the role of Mr. MacAfee.

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April 27

CAROUSEL - Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic table of love and redemption is set to one of their greatest scores, featuring "If I Loved You," "June Is Bustin' Out All Over,"



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The Vienna Choir Boys

January 27 For nearly five centuries, the VIENNA CHOIR BOYS have enchanted millions with their unique charm and exceptionally beautiful singing. From the time of their first visit to the United States in 1932, they have given thousands of concerts and

become the most popular choir ever to tour North America. Each season a new choir of boys carries on the rich traditions of Vienna's musical life, tracing its roots to such greats as Mozart, Haydn and Schubert



CYRANO DEBERGERAC - Mercer University Theatre, under the direction of Paul Oppy, brings this classic love story to life at The Grand Opera House. Based on the novel by Edmund Rostand. Cyrano is a must for the theatergoer who "nose" a good show when they see one. Don't miss it!



Who's Who

VICTOR LEDBETTER (Sweeney Todd) is a professional singer who has built a list of impressive national and international credits. A native of Georgia, Mr. Ledbetter is a graduate of Mercer University and studied at Indiana University with Nicola Rossi-Lemeni. Last summer, he made his debut with the Santa Fe Opera as Mr. Maguire in Emmeline, and appeared with the Philadelphia Orchestra in Saratoga Springs as soloist in Carmina Burana, with Charles Dutoit conducting. Other credits that season include appearances with the Royal Danish Opera in Madama Butterfly, performances of Carmina Burana and Pagliacci with Portland Opera, performances with the Rotterdam Philharmonic in Zemlinsky's Lyric Symphony; an appearance with the Dutch Radio Symphony Orchestra as soloist in John Adams' The Wound-Dresser; and two re-engagements with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra as soloist in Haydn's Harmoniemesse; and with Boston Baroque as soloist in Handel's Messiah

In recent seasons, Mr. Ledbetter has performed with the San Francisco Opera in Madama Butterfly and La Boheme; Rachmaninoff's The Bells with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra under Robert Shaw - a recording of which has just been released on the Telarc label; a performance of Hindemith's When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd under Maestro Shaw at Washington's National Cathedral and Szymanowski's Stabat Mater with the Minnesota Orchestra under Maestro Shaw. He made his debut in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall as part of the Great Singers Series in 1994. Other credits include featured performances with the New York City Opera, Cincinnati Opera, L'Opera de Montreal, the Houston Symphony, Washington Opera, Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Scottish Opera. He has toured throughout the United States, Europe and the Far East. Mr. Ledbetter can be heard on a recording of Handel's Messiah on the Telarc label which was nominated for a 1992 Grammy Award.

MARTHA MALONE (Mrs. Lovett) joined the faculty of Mercer University in 1990 as voice teacher and Director of Mercer University Opera. She holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and has been a finalist in competitions such as the Metropolitan Opera National Council Regional Auditions and the Savannah Symphony Young Artists Auditions. In 1990 she was awarded a University of Cincinnati graduate fellowship for research in opera at the Burton International Arts Festival in England, and currently serves on the board of directors of Opera For Youth, Inc., a national organization dedicated to bringing opera to young audiences.

Dr. Malone appears as a soloist in opera, concert, and recital with such organizations as the Macon Symphony Orchestra, the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Cincinnati, the Southeastern Composers' Guild, the Brevard Music Center, the Albany Chorale, and the Macon Civic Chorale. A former faculty member of the University of Georgia, she appeared in numerous concerts on the campus in Athens before joining the Mercer faculty in 1990. Among her operatic roles are Mabel in The Pirates of Penzance, Valencienne in The Merry Widow, Gilda in Rigoletto, Clorinda in La Cenerentola, Despina in Cosi fan tutte, and Genevieve in Sour Angelica. The last Mercer University Theater production in which she appeared was Sondheim's Company in 1991. and local audiences may remember her recent performance of Classics at the Ritz, a concert of jazz and Broadway standards she presented with pianist Leslie Jones at Theatre Macon last sea-

TERRELL ABNEY (Beadle/Choreographer) is a Senior majoring in Drama Concentration. His theatre credits include Sharon's Grave and The Secret Garden with Mercer University Theatre and Brigadoon with Carousel Dinner Theatre. Terrell's other professional credits include work with the Lost Colony, American Family Theatre, and the Jekyll Island Musical Theatre Festival.

MARISA CLEGHORN (Choreographer) is in her second year at Mercer working towards a Drama Concentration major. She has appeared in Sharon's Grave, Beyond Therapy, and Eclipsed. She is also a dancer with the Macon Moving Company.

CHANDRA COUTURIER (Chorus) is a Sophomore majoring in Psychology. Her theatre experiences with Mercer include Eclipsed and The Secret Garden. This is Chandra's third performance at Mercer. She is very happy to be a part of the cast of Sweeney Todd, and is equally excited to be participating in her first production involving murder!

BARNALI DAS (Dancer) is a recent graduate of Mercer University where she majored in Service Learning. Her recent credits include playing Maria in West Side Story. Barnali would like to dedicate her performance to Shaft.

EMILIE EDWARDS (Chorus) is a Freshman majoring in Voice Performance. Her theatre credits include 42nd Street, Jake's Women, and You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown!"

KELLY M. FOLTZ (Stage Manager) is a Junior from Panama City Beach, Florida majoring in English. Her past credits with Mercer Theatre include Sharon's Grave and Beyond Therapy. She would like to thank her Mom, Dad and sister Amy for all their love and support; Sean, Paul and Penni; the Mercer Players, without which Sweeney would have been much more difficult; and the entire cast and crew of Sweeney Todd.

RODGER FRENCH (Musical Director) is an accomplished accordionist, percussionist, and juggler. As a graduate of Georgia State University, he has served as a musical director, orchestra musician, vaudeville/variety entertainer and clown instructor since 1978. His career highlights include numerous productions at Seven Stages and the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, and The Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C. Rodger has performed as a solo act, as half of the clown team "Lenny & LeBanana," and with the Ben and Jerry's Road Show. His current major project is the Deluxe Vaudeville Orchestra, a group he founded and directs. Rodger has also performed at the White House, for no money, twice.

AMY FROST (Chorus) is in her third year of teaching Chemistry at Mercer; she also teaches Great Books. Dr. Frost has appeared in Oklahoma!, A Child of Our Time, Die Meistersinger, Aida, William Tell, and Berlioz' Requiem. She is happy to be singing again after a ten-year hiatus.

JILL A. GODBEE (Chorus) is a Junior majoring in Mathematics with a minor in French. She has appeared on stage as a chorus member in How Great Thou Art and in This is a Test.

LAUREN E. HARTMAN (Chorus) is a Senior at Stratford Academy. Her theatre credits include Lola in *Damn Yankees* and Ellie Mac Chipley in *Showboat*. She would like to thank her family, and especially Mark, for all their support.

RACHEL L. HOWELL (Chorus) is a Freshman aiming for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. This is her first theatre experience.

JEREMY HUNT (Anthony) is a Senior graduating with a B.M. in Voice Performance. His experiences with the Mercer Opera include Cox and Box and The Old Maid and the Thief. He worked with Mercer Theatre on The Secret Garden. Jeremy says that his Mercer experience has been a good one, and he would like to thank everyone who has helped him to grow over the four years he has spent here.

SEAN M. JOHNSON (Judge Turpin/Co-Designer) holds a B. A. in Theatre Arts from Marian College in Indianapolis. He has appeared as Brick in Cat On A Hot Tin Roof (1994), as Jesus in Godspell (1990), and as King Arthur in Camelot (1987). He is the Technical Director for the Mercer University Department of Communication and Theatre Arts and the Production and Facilities Coordinator for The Grand Opera House. In addition to co-designing Sweeney Todd, he has designed for Kathy and the Hippopotamus at Purdue University. His work with Theatre on the Square in Indianapolis includes designs for Equus, Torch Song Trilogy, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Sean has also designed a television news set for TV-18 in Lafayette, Indiana.

SHELLEY KUHEN (Costume Co-Designer) has recently designed costumes for Mercer Theatre's Sharon's Grave, Macon College's King Chemo, and Theatre Macon's Dancing at Lughnasa. This is her first year at Mercer as Costume Shop Supervisor/Designer. She feels honored to be a part of "the team."

KATIE SCARLETT LAWSON (Chorus) is a Sophomore majoring in English. Her theatre experiences include *The Secret Garden, Pippin*, and *The Taming of the Shrew*. Katie has enjoyed her first two years at Mercer and currently participates in many activities including the Chi Omega sorority, SUAB, and SGA, as well as theatre. Upon graduation she plans to attend law school.

STEVE MOSLEY (Pirelli) is Director of Creative Services in Mercer's Office of University Relations. Sweeney Todd marks his debut in musical theatre. He sends a heartfelt thank-you to his wife and musical partner, Teresa, and to their three daughters: Sarah, Abbie, and Katie, for their love, laughter and smiles. Seve would like to thank them for putting up with him through all of the preparation for tonight's performance.

AMY D. NAVARRE (Assistant Stage Manager) is a Junior majoring in Psychology. Her most recent theatre experience was working crew on Mercer's Beyond Therapy. She would like to thank the Mercer Women's Soccer Team and Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority.

ANNE NORTH (Lucy/Beggar Woman) is a first year transfer student, post-Baccalaureate, currently holding Juniór status. Her major is Vocal Performance. Her recent theatre credits include playing Gretel in Mercer Opera's production of Hansel and Gretel, Anne Egerman in A Little Night Music and Young Heidi in Follies. She received her B. A. in Mass Communications and Public Relations in 1993. She returned to school after moving to Macon in June 1996. She loves cooking international foods to jazz music.

PAUL OPPY (Director) has been teaching and directing theatre at Mercer for twenty-five years. Sweeney Todd is the 70th production he has directed for Mercer University Theatre. He is excited to be serving as the Artistic Director of the Georgia International Festival for Young Audiences, which will have its premiere in Macon, Georgia in May 1998. Paul wishes to thank W. Courtenay Wilson, and the staff of the Grand Opera House for the professional arts manage-

ment and leadership they have provided for Mercer's performing arts programs.

JEFF OSMUS (Chorus) is a Sophomore majoring in Music. He has most recently appeared in *The Secret Garden*.

LEAH PARTRIDGE (Johanna) is a graduating Senior majoring in Music/Vocal performance. Her recent credits include the Sandman in Hansel and Gretel, Lily in The Secret Garden, and Latetia in The Old Maid and the Thief. Leah says that Mercer has been a tremendous place to learn, and that she will miss it dearly.

LYNN PERKINS (Chorus) has been the Senior Administrative Secretary in the Mercer Office of University Relations for six months now. Her theatre credits include a sexy witch in *The Wizard of Oz*, and a wife in *The King and I*. She has really enjoyed all the theatre and music opportunities in Macon since moving here last summer.

STEPHANIE REAVIS (Chorus) is a Sophomore working toward a double major in Art and English. Her credits with Mercer Theatre include The Illusion and Sharon's Grave. Until now, Stephanie has worked off stage, behind the scenes, and is very excited to be working on the stage in Sweeney Todd.

MARTIN ROBERTS (Tobias) is a Sophomore majoring in Theatre and Music. Martin's theatre credits include Bernardo in West Side Story, the Tinman in The Wiz, and Gideon in Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. He wishes to dedicate his performance to Jakim Sessoms, his parents and his brother for all their love and support. "Come to me, Bend to me?" I bid you adieu.

BRECK ROBINSON (Chorus) is a Freshman majoring in Political Science and Psychology from Chernobyl, Russia. He has played Adam in Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Gad in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and has also appeared in the International Thespian Festival performance of Pippin. Breck would like to dedicate his performance to his brother and to the memory of his soccer coach and friend, Dan Hollingsworth.

TERRI SAPP (Make-up) is a senior Drama/Theatre concentration at Mercer. This summer Terri will be the Guest Artistic Director for The Warner Robins Children's Theatre. They will be putting on a continuation of the "Alice In Wonderland" Project that she started last summer at the First Street Arts.

JOHN SAWYER (Fogg/Chorus) is a Junior from Dalton, Georgia, majoring in Music. His theatre credits include South Pacific, The Secret Garden, Shaft and Breath.

MONICA STEVENS (Chorus) is a Freshman majoring in English and Communication and Theatre Arts. Her recent credits include Peter Pan, Arsenic and Old Lace, and Fiddler on the Roof.

JASON TEAGUE (Lighting Co-Designer) is a Sophomore majoring in both English and Theatre. His recent theatre credits include Arsenic and Old Lace, Sharon's Grave and Beyond Therapy. Jason is very thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the design team for such a large production.

JENNIFER WHITE (Chorus) is a Freshman; she has not settled on a major yet. Her theatre experiences include *The Secret Garden*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Picnic*. She would like to thank her family and friends for all the support and encouragement that they have provided for each of her theatrical experiences.

JENNIFER WHITELEY (Chorus) is a Sophomore pursuing a double major in French and English. The majority of her experiences performing have been in church musical dramas.

ASHLEY WHITTEN (Chorus) is a Freshman majoring in Communication and Theatre Arts. Her theatre experiences have been mainly behind the scenes, as a Light Board Operator in the student-directed Samuel Beckett shows, as a Board Operator on Mercer Opera's Hansel and Gretel and Cox and Box, and as Stage Crew member on Sharon's Grave. She sends a big "Thank y'all" out to her mother and father for always supporting her in each of her endeavors.

MARIAN ZEILINSKI (Set, Costume and Lighting Co-Designer) is an Associate Professor and the Chair of the Communication and Theatre Arts Department at Mercer University. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Theatre from the University of Buffalo and a Master of Fine Arts Degree from

Illinois State. Sweeney Todd marks the end of her 15th season and her 45th production design for Mercer University Theatre. Also during her tenure here, Marian has designed professionally for over 25 productions for the Shawnee Summer Repertory Theatre and the Illinois Shakespeare Festival.

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