Oliver! - 1989
Directed by Brian Smith

Geneseo Community Players

40th Anniversary Season

Presents The Musical...

Oliver!

In Wadsworth Auditorium
SUNY Campus at Geneseo

AUGUST 3, 4, 5, 1989
8:00 P.M.

Directed By Brian Smith
Musical Director - Jack Johnston

Book, Music and Lyrics by Lionel Bart (Based on Charles Dickens’ “Oliver Twist”)

“Oliver” is produced by special arrangement with, and the music and dialogue material furnished by TAMS-WITMARK Music Library, Inc. New York, NY 10022
OLIVER
THE CAST

Oliver Twist .................................................. Ryan Nelli
Mr. Bumble-the beatle ........................................ Brian Smith
Widow Corney .................................................. Mary Lynne Conti
Noah Claypole ................................................ Peter Hillier
Mr. Sowerberry ............................................... Gene Scherline
Mrs. Sowerberry ............................................. Patty Moss
Charlotte ....................................................... Cindy Buckley
The Artful Dodger ............................................. Tom Shaffer
Fagin ............................................................. Emmet Houston
Nancy .............................................................. Pam Delaney
Charles Bates .................................................. Christopher Delaney
Bet ................................................................. Natalie Petti
Old Sally .......................................................... Atie Hopkins
Old Lady .......................................................... Ellie Houston
Bill Sykes ........................................................ Dennis Dawson
Mrs. Bedwin .................................................... Leath DeRitter
Mr. Brownlow .................................................. Bob Wilcox
Dr. Grimwig ..................................................... Paul Neureiter
Boy ................................................................. Jeff DiFranco

ORPHANS AND FAGIN'S GANG

Elizabeth Bishop .......................... Eric Grammas
Catherine Bracchi .......................... Julie Privitera
Christopher Delaney .................. David Shaffer
Betsy Dawson .................. Kelly Shaffer
Jeff DiFranco .......................... David Schmidt
Brent Gardner .................. Trista Swantek
Kurt Gardner

CHORUS

Donna Bigger ................................. Tracey Levee
Cindy Buckley ................ Rachael Nelli
Naomi Buckley ................ Kurt Reiman
Michael Calabrese .......... Bill Relyea
Leath DeRitter ............... Cindy Schlaifer
Dana Gates ............ Rebecca Searl
Teonna Grammas .............. Bob Taylor
David Haynes ................... Lisa Teall
Suzenne Herzman ........ Celeste Wurz
Ellie Houston ............. Curtis Wilcox
Valerie Knight
SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Time: About 1850

ACT ONE
Scene 1: The Workhouse Dining Hall - early evening
Scene 2: The Workhouse Parlour - later (into street)
Scene 3: The Undertaker's Parlour
Scene 4: The Undertaker's Shop - next morning
Scene 5: Paddington Green - morning, a week later
Scene 6: The Thieves' Kitchen - later (into street)

ACT TWO
Scene 1: The "Three Cripples" - a public house in Clerkenwell - that evening
Scene 2: The Brownlows' - two weeks later (into street)
Scene 3: The Thieves' Kitchen - later
Scene 4: The Workhouse - a few days later (into street)
Scene 5: The Brownlows' - a few days later (into street)
Scene 6: London Bridge - night

FINALE
London Bridge

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE
“Food, Glorious Food” .................. Oliver, 4 Solo Boys & Chorus
“Oliver” .............................. Mr. Bumble, Widow Corney and Chorus
“I Shall Scream” ..................... Widow Corney and Mr. Bumble
“Boy For Sale” .......................... Mr. Bumble
“That’s Your Funeral” ................... Mr. & Mrs. Sowerberry and Mr. Bumble
“Where Is Love?” ....................... Oliver
“Consider Yourself” .................... Artful Dodger, Oliver & Chorus
“Pick A Pocket Or Two” ............... Fagin, Artful Dodger and Boys
“It’s A Fine Life” ...................... Nancy and Bet with the Boys
“I’d Do Anything” ...................... Artful Dodger, Nancy, Oliver, Bet, Fagin and Boys
“Be Back Soon” .......................... Fagin, Artful Dodger and Boys

ACT TWO
“OOM-PAH-PAH” ........................... Nancy and Chorus
“My Name” ............................. Bill Sykes
“As Long As He Needs Me” ............ Nancy
Reprise: “Where Is Love?” .................. Mrs. Bedwin
“Who Will Buy?” ........................ Oliver, Street Criers and Chorus
Reprise: “It’s A Fine Life” ............... Nancy, Bill Sykes, Fagin & Artful Dodger
“Reviewing The Situation” .............. Fagin
Reprise: “Oliver” .......................... Widow Corney and Mr. Bumble
Reprise: “As Long As He Needs Me” ............. Nancy
Reprise: “Reviewing The Situation” .............. Fagin
PRODUCTION STAFF
Producers .................................... Judi Houston and Don Mills
Technical Director ............................ Ken Canfield
Set Designer .................................. Gail Nelli
Set Construction ......................... Mark Baker, Chris Bigger, Marc Gardner, Bruce Godsave, Daniel Pedersen, Matthew Scherline
Stage Manager ............................. Robert Houston
Costumes .................................... Carol Godsave, Alice Chanler, Jane Hogan
.............................................. Aline Leclair, Cindy Schlaifer
Lighting Designer ........................... Matthew Scherline
Master Electrician ........................... Chris Bigger
Spotlights .................................. Bruce Godsave
Patrons ...................................... Don Mills, Anne McMarthy, Sue Rabe
Business Patrons ......................... Ursula Gallagher, Gail Nelli, Eugene Scherline
Publicity ..................................... Cristine Scherline, Phil Klos
Program ..................................... Don Mills
Hair Styling .................................. Rogers Hair Craft
Properties .................................. Marilyn Cleveland, Alice Chanler
Cast/Patron Hosts ......................... Dutch & Glenda VanRy (Piffard, N.Y.)

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Oliver is played by 11-year-old Ryan Nellie.

OLIVER!
Paul Neureiter, 90, and Elizabeth “Atie” Hopkins, 96, ready for the GCP production of *Oliver!*

Hopkins was recruited for the cast by one of the members of the players group. “They told me ‘Paul will do it if you will,’ so I was hooked.” She said.
“Paul” is Paul Neureiter, professor emeritus of mathematics at State University College at Geneseo. He is 90.

Hopkins plays Sally in the Lionel Bart musical Oliver!, a small but crucial part at the end in which she reveals Oliver’s true parentage. “I’m supposed to die on stage (but) nobody’s shown me how yet,” she said.

Neureiter is Dr. Grimwig.

Oliver! Is the company’s 40th anniversary production and it’s fitting that Hopkins and Neureiter have roles because both were involved at the very beginning.

“The Rotary Club started the community productions,” says Neureiter. “I can remember some of us in plug hats parading down Main Street giving away free tickets.”

Retired in 1966, he continued teaching part-time at the college until he was 81. “In a way, this group started in my living room one day when it looked like the productions might have to be discontinued,” said Hopkins.

“We tried to get something started. Alice Austin stepped in and then Bob Sinclair (both former drama teachers at the college). Others came along to keep it going. I’m thrilled to see the group still active and so enthusiastic.”

At the other end of the age scale of the cast is Eric Grammas, 7, who was 6 until last Monday. Eric has two, non-speaking roles- one as a workhouse boy and one of Fagin’s gang of pickpockets.

Ryan Nellie, 11, of Cuylerville, Livingston County, is Oliver. His mother, Gail, designed the sets. Only seven people in the 43-member company, directed by Brian Smith, are not related to each other in some way.

The professional, six-piece pit orchestra hired for the occasion typifies the style the company has always reached for in its traditional summer musicals.

By Bob Bickel- Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY, Friday, August 4, 1989