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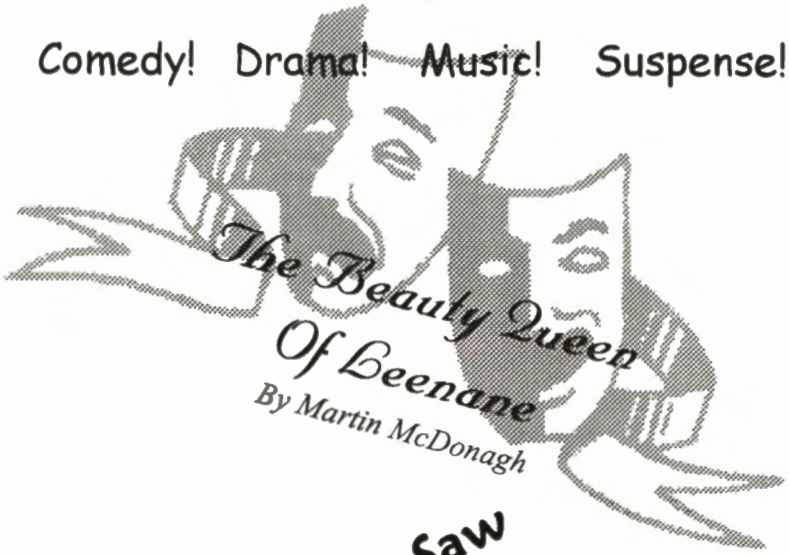

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by Neil Simon

Directed by
Anthony Lodico

Opening Night
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Twenty-five years! It seems like only yesterday that a group of intrepid fans of the Bard started the company at the St. John's Episcopal Church on Bay Street. The initial production, A Midsummer's Night Dream, was the beginning of an impressive run of classic, musical and contemporary plays, leading up to this, the start of our twenty-fifth season.

The Staten Island Shakespearean Theatre Company looks back fondly on the past, enjoys the present, and looks forward to another twenty-five years of presenting high-quality entertainment to our Staten Island community.

You, the audience without whom our milestone would not be possible, can look forward to a number of new and exciting ventures this season. Not the least of which is the new format for our program. Each production will bring a new issue, with articles on such various topics as restaurant reviews, spotlights on our members and volunteers, and news of what's happening in the creative lives of our performers, and more.

Now, turn the page, and enjoy...

SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

Busy, busy, busy. . . During the holiday break, our own **Ellen Mitchell** appeared in the NeverLand Theatre's production on *Nuncrackers* at the College of Staten Island directed by Michael Tennenbaum. Also appearing were SIST alumni **Mark Buneo**, **Barbara Gatti**, **Julie Corbin**, **Karen O'Donnell**, and **Tara Egan**. The very special **Michael Ancona** served as musical director, with **Elizabeth Watt** as Production Manager and Paul Johnson as Stage Manager.

Happy to Help. . . Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle for this production are to benefit the Seaview Hospital, Rehabilitation Center and Home. Please be generous. Tickets are $1 each, 5 for $3 and 10 for $5. Winner gets half the proceeds!

Congratulations!. . . The winner of the Giants ticket raffle held during our proructions of *As You Like It* was Linda Epps of Allentown, PA. Unfortunately the Giants did not win the make or break game, but it was a great day for football and fans. Again, thank you the very generous Kevin Egan for his contribution of the tickets.

What's Next. . . The Winter WineFest is scheduled for Saturday, February 26th in the Medical Board Room, upstairs from the theatre. Tickets are $25 and include a cabaret show, tastings of 6-8 different wines under the direction of a professional wine consultant and a souvenir glass. Seating is limited, so mail your response as soon as you get it. It promise to be great, lighthearted fun!!!

As We Liked It. . . Thanks to Maureen Costello and her talented cast and crew for a delightful production on our namesake's comedy, *As You Like It.* The production was beautifully staged, and a great way to end the old year as we look forward to the new.

Tee for You. . . Catch a glimpse of our very special tee shirts in the lobby. You can get an anniversary tee for $10 or you can purchase a raffle for one our "special-tees," autographed by the casts some of the hottest shows on Broadway! Winners will be announced at the WineFest. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5.

What's next. . . *Beauty Queen of Leenane*, by Martin McDonagh, directed by **Craig Stoebling**, will open on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. This poignant, often humorous play may move you or shake you, but it definitely will touch you. Call 718-390-6616 for reservations.

Auld Lang Syne. . . The Board of Directors, **Craig Stoebling**, President, Joseph **Loffredo**, Vice President, **MaryEllen Hunold**, Treasurer, **Jayne Cooper**, Secretary, and **Ellen Mitchell**, **Gloria Gadzinski** and **Maureen Costello**, directors, wish the members staff, and always dedicated audience the happiest of New Years.

—E.R. Mitchell

THE CAST

(In order of appearance)

Jimmy Perry.....JOSEPH LOFFREDO

Manuel.....GENE PALLESCHI

Toby Landau.....MARGARET MALLY

Evy Meara.....JEANNE LAPORTA

Polly Meara.....MARNIE ZIGELMAN

Lou Tanner.....ROBERT NICOTRA

ACT I

A Brownstone Apartment in the West Seventies
Late Afternoon - Mid-November, 1971

ACT II

SCENE ONE: Three Weeks Later - About 9 p.m.

SCENE TWO: The Following Morning

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

For more information visit our web site at:
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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

GENE PALLESCHI (Manuel) is happy to be making his SIST debut with this production. He is a junior at Port Richmond H.S. where he is a member of their Advanced Chorus and active in many theatre related activities. In 1998 he appeared in their annual "Sing", and in 1999 he wrote, directed and starred in the winning SING 2000. Gene was also seen as Hysterium in Port Richmond's production of A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM (directed by SIST's very own Craig Stoebling), and will be seen in their upcoming production of BYE BYE BIRDIE in May. He would like to thank Anthony Lodico for this opportunity and family and friends for their support.

MARGARET MALLY (Toby Landau) is making her East coast debut in THE GINGERBREAD LADY. Margaret has found the experience challenging and pleasurable. She began her professional career in San Francisco performing in film, television and commercials. She has recently relocated from Los Angeles.

JEANNE LAPORTA (Evy Meara) is happy to be making her debut with the Staten Island Shakespearean Theatre. She has worked Off-Off Broadway, in film and television for several years. Favorite roles include Gertrude in HAMLET, Masha in THE SEAGULL and Mrs. Biederman in BIEDERMAN AND THE FIREBUGS. She lives with her husband in Staten Island, actor James Clark and daughter Mary Elizabeth. Jeanne dedicates her performance to her good friend, Ernie Vickroy.

JOSEPH LOFFREDO (Jimmy Perry) In September, Joe directed WAIT UNTIL DARK as SIST began its 25th season. He also directed the critically acclaimed production of THE NERD. After a brief absence from acting, Joe is delighted to once again appear on stage. Over the years he has appeared in such productions as THE BAD SEED, LOVE! VALOUR! COMPASSION!, BROKEN GLASS, NUTS, BREAKING LEGS, THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER... JEFFREY and THE NORMAL HEART. Joe is also the Vice President of SIST Thanks to Anthony for this opportunity to play such a terrific character, Nancy for the coffee and all your help and special thanks to a talented cast and crew. Happy Birthday Stephen! Love to Mom.

ROBERT NICOTRA (Lou Tanner) is currently studying at the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute. Robert is happy to be back at SIST where he last appeared as Sam Hendrix in WAIT UNTIL DARK. Film credits include AUTUMN DREAMS and BROWNSTONE. The latter was selected to be at the 1998 Chicago Alternative Film Festival. Robert would like to thank director Anthony Lodico for giving him the opportunity to be part of this wonderful cast and crew.

MARNIE ZIGELMAN (Polly Meara) is happy to be performing at SIST for the first time. She would like to thank Anthony Lodico for this wonderful experience and opportunity She was last seen in SUBURBIA at The College of Staten Island and is currently studying at the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute. She would like to thank the wonderful cast for noticing her P.B. Special thanks are sent to her friends, Mom and Michael for all their support and help. Finally, she would like to dedicate this performance to her father who she knows is looking down from above. "I love you most of all, Daddy!"

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WHO'S WHO ON THE STAFF

ANTHONY R. LODICO (Director/Set Design) was most recently seen as Sgt. Carlino in SIST's production of WAIT UNTIL DARK He also directed NUTS and appeared in ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST and PRELUDE TO A KISS. He has appeared in various productions elsewhere. Anthony thanks Craig Stoebling for the opportunity to direct this production, Nancy for everything, a dedicated and talented cast, a wonderful crew, and last but not least Jack for always being there!

NANCY DELANEY (Stage Manager) is a former SIST board member and has been stage manager for NUTS, and crew/tech for a variety of productions, as well as appearing in PRELUDE TO A KISS. She is currently a science teacher at Port Richmond H.S. where she has assisted on such productions as LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, HAIR and A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM. "It is great to be back at SIST working with my good friend Anthony. Thanks to the cast and crew for lots of laughs and coffee bonding sessions."

CRAIG STOEBLING (Set Design/Producer) has designed numerous sets here, most recently for WAIT UNTIL DARK. He will soon be directing THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE opening March 17.

WAYNE MILLER (Lighting Designer) is resident Lighting Designer for SIST and The Music Hall at Snug Harbor Cultural Center. Design credits include stage shows, video, dance and concerts for artists as diverse as Alan King, Chuck Mangione and Pat Cooper. He designs the SI Ballet's Annual Production of THE NUTCRACKER. Last season, he designed and produced the New York premier of THE BLUE ANGEL, the stage adaptation of the film classic. As a performer, he has appeared on stage, film and television. He is the host of SI Cable's award-winning academic game show, CRANIAL CRUNCH. His most recent design credit for SIST was for our production of WAIT UNTIL DARK.

Our Next Production . . .

The Beauty Queen Of Leenane

By Martin McDonagh

March 17, 2000

Staten Island Shakespearean Theatre Company
presents

A Winter WineFest

Saturday, February 26, 2000, 8 pm

at

The Medical Board Room
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Sound Design.....Craig Stoebling

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