

Kentwood Players

presents



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Music and Lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim**

Directed by **Ed Cotter**

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May 4 – June 16, 2007
Westchester Playhouse
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Follies

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Producer and Set Designer **De Cotter**

Costume Designer

Maria Cohen

Light & Sound Designer

Richard Potthoff

Cast

(in order of appearance)

Showgirls.....	Danielle Morris, Laurel Andersen, Julia Aks
Headwaiter.....	Peter Miller
Waiters.....	Matthew Artson, Shawn K. Summerer
Waitresses.....	Cheryl R. Murphy, Traci Laborde
Sally Durant Plummer.....	Susan Goldman Weisbarth
Young Sally.....	Meredith M. Sweeney
Benjamin Stone.....	Don Schlossman
Phyllis Rogers Stone.....	Susie McCarthy
Young Phyllis.....	Melissa Strauss
Young Ben.....	Drew Fitzsimmons
Buddy Plummer.....	Ben Lupejkis
Young Buddy.....	Cory Pearce
Dimitri Weisman.....	Max Heldring Stormes
Roscoe.....	Rocky Miller
Max Deems.....	Russell Ham
Stella Deems.....	Patricia Butler
Hattie Walker.....	Calia Mintzer
Solange La Fitte.....	Victoria Miller
Young Solange.....	Danielle Morris
Heidi Schiller.....	Jean Nix
Young Heidi.....	Traci Laborde
Carlotta Campion.....	Robyn Rothstein
Young Carlotta.....	Traci Laborde
Emily Whitman.....	Sheridan Cole Crawford
Young Emily.....	Cheryl R. Murphy
Theodore Whitman.....	Greg Abbott
Christine Donovan.....	Cory Andersen
Young Christine.....	Laurel Andersen
Party Guests.....	Jeanne Spain, Hal Fisher
Folly “Margie”.....	Traci Laborde
Folly “Sally”.....	Danielle Morris
Men’s Ensemble.....	Matthew Artson, Peter Miller, Shawn K. Summerer
Women’s Ensemble.....	Laurel Andersen, Traci Laborde
.....	Danielle Morris, Cheryl R. Murphy

Synopsis of Scenes and Musical Numbers

The Scene A Party on the Stage of the Weisman Theater
The Time An Evening in May 1971

Act One

“Beautiful Girls” Roscoe and Company
“Don’t Look at Me” Sally and Ben
“Waiting for the Girls Upstairs” Buddy, Ben
..... Phyllis, Sally
..... Young Buddy, Young Ben
..... Young Phyllis, Young Sally
“Listen to the Rain on the Roof” The Whitmans
“Ah Paris!” Solange
“Broadway Baby” Hattie
“The Road You Didn’t Take” Ben
“In Buddy’s Eyes” Sally
“Who’s That Woman” Stella and Company

There will be a 15-minute intermission between Act One and Act Two.

Decaf coffee will be served at the intermission, courtesy of Kentwood Players.

Act Two

“I’m Still Here” Carlotta
“That Old Piano Roll” Buddy
“Too Many Mornings” Ben and Sally
“Could I Leave You?” Phyllis
“One More Kiss” Heidi and Young Heidi

The Follies

“The Folly of Youth”
“You’re Gonna Love Tomorrow” Mr. Ben Stone and Ms. Phyllis Rogers
“Love Will See Us Through” Mr. Buddy Plummer and Ms. Sally Durant
Buddy’s Folly
 “The God Why Don’t You Love Me Blues” Mr. Buddy Plummer
Sally’s Folly
 “Losing My Mind” Ms. Sally Durant Plummer
Phyllis Folly
 “The Story of Lucy and Jessie” Ms. Phyllis Rogers Stone
Ben’s Folly
 “Live, Laugh, Love” Mr. Benjamin Stone

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Musicians:

Piano Bill Wolfe
Drums Scott Strauss

About the Directorial Staff

Ed Cotter (Director) – Ed wishes to thank Jake Weisbarth for the entire concept of this production. It’s all his – so thank you, “Mr. Broadway.” And thank you, De.

Bill Wolfe (Musical Director) – Bill has a passion for Musical Theater. His favorite composer is Stephen Sondheim. He has Musical Directed over 225 productions in 35 years. He is so happy to be playing this show for you tonight; so “Hats off, here they come, those Beautiful Girls.”

Victoria Miller (Choreographer) – An actual Follies girl from the Folies Bergere, Vicki also danced at Disneyland’s Golden Horseshoe and with Debbie Reynolds and Gene Kelly at the Hollywood Bowl. She has choreographed more than 40 musicals and recently directed *City of Angels* and *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* at KP. She is happy to be working with Ed, De and Bill again.

About the Production Staff

De Cotter (Producer and Set Designer) – De feels truly honored to be working with this sparkling cast, staff and crew. All for your “vision” Jake!

Richard Potthoff (Light and Sound Designer) – Richard is a 20 year Kentwood member. He is happy that his daughter Tara took time from preparation for her graduation from USC to assist with this show.

Maria Cohen (Costume Designer) – Maria is wardrobe mistress for Kentwood Players. She costumes most of our shows, the most recent of which was Nicholas Nickleby and has received numerous awards for her work.

About the Cast

Greg Abbott (Theodore Whitman) – Greg last appeared for KP as Herman in *The Most Happy Fella* and as Hucklebee in *The Fantasticks*. Also seen in *Annie...Gun*, *Sweet Charity*, *She Loves Me*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Superstar*, *Joseph*, *Forum*, *Chicago*, *Barnum*, *Annie*, *Pirates*,

Julia Aks (Showgirl) – Julia is ecstatic to make her Kentwood Players debut as a showgirl. Her leading roles in *How to Succeed in Business...*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* have exquisitely prepared her for this non-speaking, non-singing, non-dancing role.

Cory Andersen (Christine Donovan, Understudy for Solange and Emily) – This is Cory’s first show at Kentwood. She’s been onstage with The Aerospace Players, the Notables and at MBCC and backstage with the CLO of South Bay Cities and Prime Time Players.

Laurel Andersen (Young Christine, Showgirl, Ensemble) – This is Laurel’s first show with Kentwood. However, she is no stranger to theater, having performed in numerous community theater productions across the South Bay.

Matthew Artson (Waiter Kevin, Ensemble) – Matthew is excited to be working with such a talented cast. Having recently been in *The Buddy Holly Story* at Theatre Palisades and *Biloxi Blues* at Kentwood, he's glad to finally fulfill his destiny and become a waiter.

Patricia Butler (Stella Deems) – Patricia is an award-winning actress from the Bay Area and a Marcom Masque winner, making another jocund appearance on the Kentwood stage.

Sheridan Cole Crawford (Emily Whitman) – Sheridan is a long-time member and has served in many capacities at Kentwood. But *Follies* marks the beginning of her singing/dancing career. Fun!

Hal Fisher (Party Guest) – An impressionable youth when he joined Kentwood in 1959 with *Light Up the Sky*, Hal was an impressionable non-youth when he performed in *Emperor's New Clothes* in 2006. In between he has become very impressed with Kentwood.

Drew Fitzsimmons (Young Ben) – Back on board the Cotter express, Drew is excited to be working with this all-star cast. A cast full of loved ones and dear friends... It's sure to be one hell of a ride.

Russell Ham (Max Deems) – Russell is delighted to rejoin a number of cast members from last year's *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as new friends from other productions.

Traci Laborde (Young Heidi, Young Carlotta, Folly "Margie," Waitress, Ensemble) – Traci is thrilled to work with Ed and De Cotter and Kentwood Players. She thanks her dear Henri, Dominic, Mom and Cathy Wallace for their endless support and love.

Ben Lupejkis (Buddy Plummer) – Ben is a Marcom Masque Award winner for *Molly Brown* and has been seen in roles too numerous to mention in his 30+ years of theater.

Susie McCarthy (Phyllis Rogers Stone) – Susie is tickled to be in one of her favorite musicals. She's proud to have four "Hall of Fame" photos in the Kentwood lobby. As always, for Dad.

Peter Miller (Headwaiter, Ensemble, Understudy for Roscoe) – This is Peter's fourth production at Kentwood. He was last seen at Kentwood in 1940's *Radio Hour* as Neal Tilden. He recently played the Lecturer in the Orange County premier of *Reefer Madness: The Musical* and just finished playing Officer Barrel in *Urinetown*.

Rocky Miller (Roscoe) – Rocky thanks Ed and De for the opportunity to sing one of the great songs of musical theater, "Beautiful Girls."

Victoria Miller (Solange La Fitte) – A 24-year KP member, Vicki has also performed at South Bay Civic, Theatre Palisades, the Morgan-Wixson and other venues. Favorite KP roles include Joan in *Dames at Sea*, the mother in *Father of the Bride* (a real life role this June) and the Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella*.

Calia Mintzer (Hattie Walker) – Calia is: a dedicated member of Kentwood Players since 1955, Group Sales Chairman, a Marcom Masque Award winner. Thanks to Ed Cotter for seeing the "Broadway Baby" in me.

Danielle Morris (Young Solange, Folly “Sally,” Showgirl, Ensemble) – This is Danielle’s first show with Kentwood Players, and she couldn’t be more pleased. She was previously seen in *Buddy* at Theatre Palisades. LURVE!

Cheryl R. Murphy (Young Emily, Waitress Francesca, Ensemble) – This is Cheryl’s first production with Kentwood Players. Favorite roles include Little Red Ridinghood in *Into the Woods*, Ariel in *The Tempest*, and Oliver/Bill Sykes in *Oliver* Cheryl sends her love to Joe and Billy.

Jean Nix (Heidi Schiller) – This is Jean’s first appearance at Kentwood Players. She is excited to be in *Follies*. Thank you to Bill Wolfe.

Cory Pearce (Young Buddy) – Cory is pleased to be in his first Kentwood production, keenly aware that this may be the last time “Young” is in front of his name.

Robyn Rothstein (Carlotta Champion) – This is Robyn’s second show for Kentwood Players, last seen in *The Most Happy Fella*. Also seen in *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Fiddler, Of Thee I Sing*, *Evita*, *Music Man*, *Hair*, *Grease*, and *The Beatles Slept Here*. Robyn is a founding member of the Angel City Chorale.

Don Schlossman (Benjamin Stone) – Don’s shows at Kentwood include *Rain*, *The Ruling Class*, and *Time of My Life* (with Dassa – may her spirit always be with us). My love to Samantha.

Jeanne Spain (Party Guest) – Jeanne is a long-time Kentwood member. Her shows include *Macbeth*, *Social Security*, *Matchmaker*, *Milk and Honey*, *A Little Night Music*, *Man of La Mancha*, and *Guys and Dolls* (twice).

Max Heldring Stormes (Dimitri Weisman) – Now entering his 30th season in his 30th production with Kentwood Players, Max is delighted to be working with Ed and De Cotter again.

Melissa Strauss (Young Phyllis) – Melissa was last seen as Mary Lou in Theatre Palisades’ *Buddy Holly Story*. A veteran NYC cabaret singer, Melissa has a musical act with her husband, (*Follies* drummer) Scott. www.melissaandscott.com

Shawn K. Summerer (Waiter, Ensemble) – Shawn has been doing theatre since preschool. Locally he was seen as David in *Company*, Pedro in *Man of La Mancha*, and Tommy in *Annie Get Your Gun*.

Meredith M. Sweeney (Young Sally) – Meredith has performed with the Duluth Playhouse, Renegade Comedy Theater, and Theatre 40. She is tickled pink to return to Kentwood, where she last appeared as Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*. Much love to Ed and De. Squeezles.

Susan Goldman Weisbarth (Sally Durant Plummer) – Susan returns to Kentwood Players after 30 years. She thanks Ed and De Cotter for this opportunity and wants to dedicate her performance to Jake.

Tiffany Wilson (Showgirl Understudy) – Tiffany is thrilled to be a part of such an entertaining show. She was last seen in *Picnic* at the Whitmore-Lindley theatre and has spent the last year touring with the A.D. Players.

Production Staff

Stage Manager	Valerie Ruel
Script Supervisor.....	Hilary Fitzsimmons, Barbara McMurray
Stage Crew	Toni Hampton, Wendy Colon
Booth Crew.....	John Beckwith, Jim Crawford, Virginia Mekkelson
Set Decoration Design.....	Scot Renfro
Original Graphic Design.....	Tom Brophrey
Lobby Design	De Cotter
Master Builder	Frank Olivadoti, Tony Pereslete
Scenic Artist	Scot Renfro
Lighting Design Assistant.....	Tara Potthoff
Head Seamstresses	Merieta Merschbrock, Valerie Ruel
Costume Construction	Julia Maggs, Cory Andersen, Arlene Cohen, Geanne Clark, Anna M. Cohen, Treva Merritt, Judy Polak, Yvonne Kainoa
Publicity Photos	Shari Barrett, Ken Shoufer
Audition Assistance	Gert Nord, Jeanne Spain
Hospitality Coordinator.....	Vada Foster
Box Office	Ashley Schultz

Strike Crew and Work Sunday

Michael Allen, Miriam Amster, Gail Bernardi, Tom Brophrey, Geanne Clark, Arlene Cohen, Michael I. Cohen, Sheldon Cohen, Jack Coppock, Jim Crawford, Trenekia Danielle, Jason Gilmore, James M. Green, Shellee James, Larry Jones, Henri Laborde, Julia Maggs, Lori Marple-Pereslete, Virginia Mekkelson, Treva Merritt, Sheldon Metz, Melvin Miller, Berry Nackos, Gert Nord, Frank Olivadoti, Tony Pereslete, Lee Polak, Judy Polak, Scott Renfro, Justin Rozell, Charlotte Lee Schildkret, Adina Silo, Dave Whale, Sherman Wayne, Fred Wolf and the cast and crew of *Follies*

Special Thanks

Larry Jones, Gert Nord, Jeanne Spain, August Vivirito, Jon Sparks, Jackie Kotsos, Michelle Rosen, Adina Silo, Sheldon Metz, Dave Parke, Scot Renfro
Maria thanks De Cotter, Denise Morris, and the cast

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There is no louder sound in a theatre than the rattle of cellophane.
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Rupert Holmes

September 7 – October 20, 2007

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