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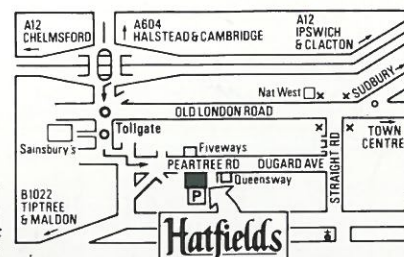
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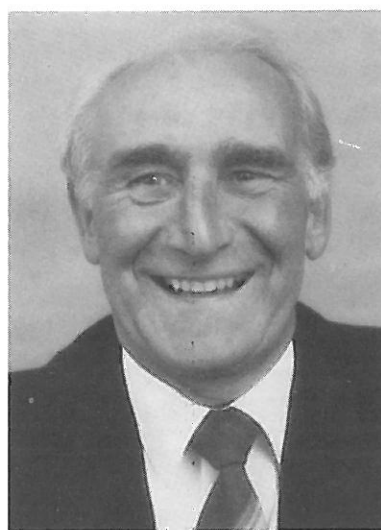
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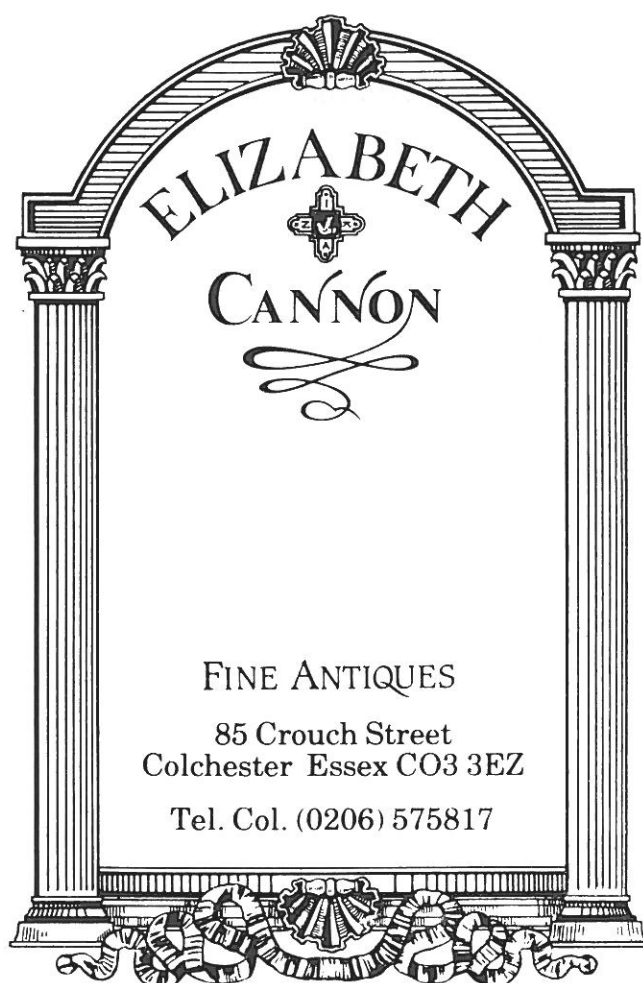
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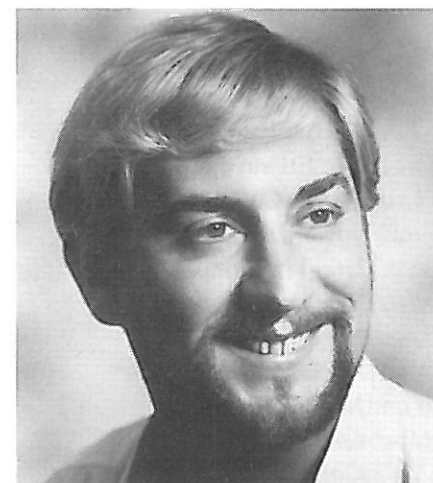
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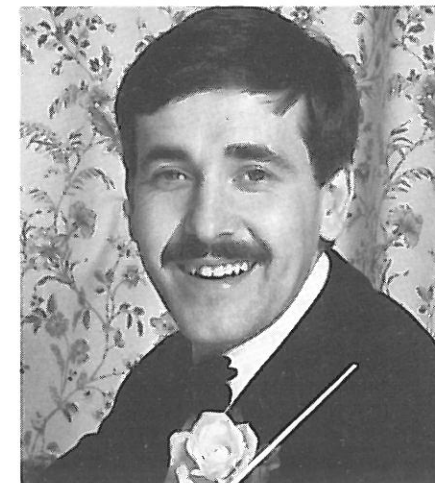
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1925 Gondoliers
1926 Mikado
1927 Princess Ida
1929 Iolanthe
1930 Yeoman of the Guard
1931 Trial by Jury and
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Les Cloches de Corneville
1932 Quaker Girl
1933 Mikado
1934 Gondoliers
1935 Merrie England
1936 Duchess of Danzig
1937 Vagabond King
1938 Country Girl
1946 Beggar's Opera
1947 Tom Jones
1947 The Arcadians
1948 Waltz Dream
1949 New Moon
1950 The Wind and Rain

1950 The Desert Song
1951 The Student Prince
1952 Harmony Hill
1953 Show Boat
1954 Brigadoon
1955 Pink Champagne
1956 Vagabond King
1957 White Horse Inn
1958 Summer Song
1959 The Merry Widow
1960 Song of Norway
1961 Naughty Marietta
1962 The Dancing Years
1963 Kismet
1964 The Most Happy Fella
1965 They Came to a City
1965 The Student Prince
1966 Hay Fever
1966 La Belle Helene
1967 Carousel

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Robert and Elizabeth
Orpheus in the Underworld
The Merry Widow
My Fair Lady
The Great Waltz
Fiddler on the Roof
The King & I
Show Boat
Hello Dolly
Camelot
Half a Sixpence
Brigadoon
Guys & Dolls
Carousel
Pirates of Penzance
The Sound of Music

1986

South Pacific

CAST

Bloody Mary	....	....	....	....	Gill Plumtree
Ensign Nellie Forbush	....	....	....	....	Barbara Ryan
Emile de Becque	....	....	....	....	Vic Edwards
Luther Billis	....	....	....	....	Derek Collins
"Stewpot"	....	....	....	....	John Enfield
"Professor"	....	....	....	....	Lee Threadgold
Bloody Mary's Assistant	....	....	....	....	Brenda Green
McCaffrey	....	....	....	....	Nigel Smith
Lt. Buzz Adams	....	....	....	....	Mick Hemstedt
Lt. Joseph Cable, U.S.M.C.	....	....	....	....	Mark Fincham
Capt. George Brackett	....	....	....	....	Gil Gray
Cdr. William Harbison, U.S.N.	....	....	....	....	Colin Thorne
Ngana	....	....	....	....	Heidi Warner
Jerome	....	....	....	....	John Dagleish
Understudy for both children	....	....	....	....	Beverley Humphreys
Henri	....	....	....	....	John Rosewarne
Liat	....	....	....	....	Caroline Edwards

NURSES, ISLANDERS AND SEABEES

Vivien Aggett	Joanna Humphreys	Chris Austin
Debbie Andrews	Clare Joseph	Jim Bagley
Sylvia Blundell	Georgina Lingard	Chris Barrell
Alison Bradley	Sandra Moorhouse	John Caswell
Sally Bristow	Sarah Pawsey	Nick Eagleton
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Emma Dagleish	Beverley Humphreys
Robert Davies	Gillian Humphreys
Claire Fathers	Leigh Humphreys
	Claire McCloud

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For the Mercury Theatre:	Chris Snow, Jim Bowman (Chief Electrician), Bernard Shaw (Lighting Design), Andy Shaw, Jonathan Barden, Wendy Fitt, Lucy Nightingale, Simon Wood.
For the Colchester Operatic Society:	David Sage, John Andrews, Bob Bristow, David King, Nicola Massey, Bernard Polley, Mike Spurgeon, Graham Thompson.
Prompt:	Marion Spurgeon.
Props:	Beryl Balls, Karen Balls, June Harris, Sue Joyce.
Make-up Team:	Ken Smith, Ann Dye, Debbie Gifford, Dawn King, Sue Nicholson, Sue Ray, Simone Smith.
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Costumes:	Theatrical House, Westcliff-on-Sea, and Chelmsford Operatic Society.
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ACT ONE

The action takes place on two islands in the South Pacific during World War II

- Scene 1 - Various Locations on the Islands
- Scene 2 - U. S. Navy Property on the Islands
- Scene 3 - The Terrace of Emile de Becque's Plantation House
- Scene 4 - The Island Commander's Office
- Scene 5 - The Beach
- Scene 6 - The Island Commander's Office once more
- Scene 7 - On the Island of Bali Ha'I
- Scene 8 - Bloody Mary's Hut on the Island
- Scene 9 - Emile's Terrace on his Plantation

ACT TWO

- Scene 1 - On Bali Ha'I
- Scene 2 - The Stage during Thanksgiving Follies
- Scene 3 - Backstage during the Show
- Scene 4 - The Radio Shack
- Scene 5 - Another Part of the Beach
- Scene 6 - The Beach for "Operation Alligator"
- Scene 7 - Emile's Terrace

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One of the nurses, Nellie Forbush, has fallen for a resident planter named Emile de Becque. He is a middle-aged Frenchman who left France because he killed a man, but it was not murder. He is also the father of two half caste children, Ngana and Jerome.

A new arrival on the island is Lieut. Joe Cable of the Marines. He has been sent to carry out a special mission for which he needs the help of a trustworthy islander. Nellie is asked by the Commander of the Island, to spy upon Emile to see if he is suitable. This she cannot do because she is in love with him, but when she learns the truth about his children she turns away from him.

Meanwhile Joe Cable and Billis have visited Bali Ha'I. Cable has become passionately involved with Liat, Bloody Mary's beautiful daughter. Bloody Mary hoped that by throwing them together Cable would marry Liat, but he is too conventional for that.

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated by a concert with Nellie and Billis leading the fun. Emile again asks Nellie to marry him, but she refuses; she is revolted emotionally by his previous association with a Polynesian woman, although the woman is now dead. Emile, feeling he has lost everything he cherished, decides to join Joe Cable, and together they are landed on the Jap-held island. They do a magnificent job of work, and the information they radio back enables destruction of enemy sea and air power to be effected, but Joe dies of wounds, and it is doubtful if Emile can escape. Fearing that he, too, may have lost his life, Nellie is overcome with remorse, and realises the true depth of her love for him. She comforts the broken-hearted Liat, and takes charge of the children Ngana and Jerome. And that is how Emile finds her when he eventually returns unharmed - mothering his two children and ready to marry him.

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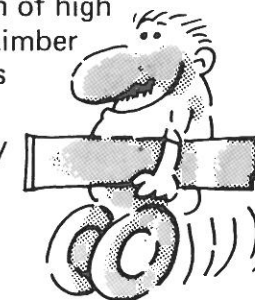
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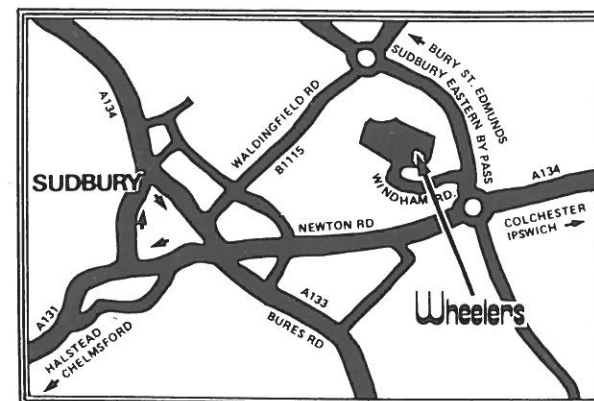
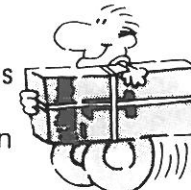


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