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RODGER'S AND HAMMERSTEIN'S

*Oklahoma!*

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During intermission, please visit our lemonade stand. It is outside in the clearing (in case of rain it will be in the back of the theater). Each cast and crew member has *baked* chocolate chip cookies to sell in order to raise money for their cast party. A combination of cookies and lemonade is 75¢ (the same price we charged *two* years ago. Any additional money will be donated to the theater. Thanks!

## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

### ACT I

- Scene 1: The Front of Laurey's Farmhouse**  
Oh, What A Beautiful Mornin' . . . . . *Curly*  
The Surrey with the Fringe on Top . . . . *Curly,*  
*Laurey, Aunt Eller*  
Kansas City . . . . . *Will, Aunt Eller and the Boys*  
The Surrey with the Fringe on Top — Reprise  
. . . . . *Curly*  
I Cain't Say No! . . . . . *Ado Annie*  
Many A New Day . . . . . *Laurey and the Girls*  
It's A Scandal! It's A Outrage! . . . . . *Ali*  
*Hakim, Boys, Girls*  
People Will Say We're in Love . . . . . *Curly*  
*and Laurey*
- Scene 2: The Smoke House**  
Pore Jud Is Daid . . . . . *Curly and Jud*  
Lonely Room . . . . . *Jud*
- Scene 3: The Front of Laurey's Farmhouse**  
Dream Sequence . . . . . *Laurey, Girls,*  
*and Dream Figures*

### ACT II

- Scene 1: The Skidmore Ranch**  
The Farmer and The Cowman . . . . . *Ensemble*
- Scene 2: A Grove on the Skidmore Ranch**  
All Er Nuthin' . . . . . *Ado Annie, Will and Two*  
*Dancing Girls*
- Scene 3: The Skidmore Ranch**  
People Will Say We're in Love — Reprise . . . . .  
*Curly and Laurey*
- Scene 4: A Grove on the Skidmore Ranch**
- Scene 5: The Front of Laurey's Farmhouse**  
Oklahoma . . . . *Curly, Laurey, Aunt Eller, Ike, Fred,*  
*and Ensemble*
- Finale** . . . . . *Entire Company*

**Time:** *Just after the turn of the century.*

**Place:** *Indian Territory (Now Oklahoma)*

*There will be one fifteen-minute intermission.*

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Michael Neumann** (*Cord Elam*) — Michael is a sophomore at Boston College where he studies the practicality of Communism. This is his sixth summer with the NFCT, does a little of this and a little of that at the Plantage Nursery in Cutchogue.

**Nancy B. Perini** (*Miss Martha* and *Dream Laurey*) — This is Nancy's first year on stage with NFCT although she has enjoyed being part of the audience many times. A full time student at Queen's College, C.U.N.Y., she will graduate this coming January, with a degree in Psychology and Elementary Education. She would like to teach 5th grade or Special Ed but would be happy just to be teaching. Nancy has more than enjoyed dancing and helping to create dance for *Oklahoma!* — a taste of a childhood dream long since packed away among memories.

**Cathy Porco** (*Ado Annie*) — *Oklahoma!* marks Cathy's third show with the NFCT and her first role as a real *womern*. Cathy successfully combatted the jungle of Manhattan this past year, survived the New York University Drama Department Zoo and landed safely on the shores of Westhampton Beach, where she has her own private haystack. Cathy can often be found sleeping on the Long Island Railroad dreaming of her "loves": theatre —the never ending goal, guys who talk purty, life, and above all, her parents and family whose support and love remain endless. An *Oklahoma* hello to all.

**Eric Pylko** (*Slim*) — This is Eric's first time in the summer show, but has appeared on the NFCT stage in *Teahouse of the August Moon* and *The Desperate Hours*. He is a freshman at Mattituck High School and enjoys soccer, tennis and volleyball.

**Katie Rey** (*Kate Elam*) — Katie is a 16 year old junior at Mattituck High School. This is Katie's third summer production with the NFCT, however she has been involved with many other shows.

**Michael J. Sieczka** (*Joe*) — Mike has been with the theatre for three years and has been seen in *Teahouse of the August Moon* and most recently *Henry . . . Sweet Henry*. He will be a junior at Mattituck High and appeared in the last two Variety Shows and in *Bye Bye Birdie*. He looks forward to producing the 50th Annual Variety Show this fall.

**Michelle Smiley** (*Ashley*) — Michelle is a 16 year old junior at Mattituck High School. This is her third summer performance at NFCT. She plans on being in more plays and in addition to acting she loves singing, dancing and gymnastics.

**Lee Steidel** (*Ellen*) — This is Lee's third show with the NFCT. She was in last summer's *Henry . . . Sweet Henry*, and in the Pit band of *Company*. She is 15 and entering her sophomore year at Mattituck High School. Her goal in life is to own the Boston Red Sox.

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**Matt Valyo** (*Ike*) — This is Matt's fourth show at the NFCT. He has played in the pit band for *Forum* and *Company* and was on stage for *Henry . . . Sweet Henry*. At Mattituck High School he was involved with several shows including directing the '82 & '83 MHS Variety Shows and playing rock 'n roll star Conrad Birdie in *Bye Bye, Birdie*. Matt will be majoring in Music Education at S.U.C. Fredonia. He plans to have as much fun as his bank account will allow him to.

**Pilar Maria Ventoso** (*Mary Jo* and *Delilah*) — Pilar has more to kick about than the can-can she does in *Oklahoma!* This fall Pilar has been accepted to the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and will attend as a full time student. In addition, she has also been accepted to the Fashion Institute of Technology and will attend as a part time student studying Fashion Design. Pilar is happy to be given again the opportunity to perform in the NFCT youth production.

**Carolyn Zehner** — (*Vivian*) — Carolyn is 17 and will be a senior at Greenport High School this fall. This is Carolyn's second show at NFCT having played Maisie in *The Boyfriend*. Carolyn has been in five shows at Greenport High School, most recently playing Hope in *Anything Goes*. Besides singing and acting, Carolyn also enjoys playing the piano and tennis. Carolyn has a real job as a lifeguard and a swimming teacher.

**Phoebe O. Rey** (*Director*) — Having just retired as President of the NFCT, Phoebe expects to have more time on her hands to do the things that she loves — act, direct, and perhaps spend a little time with her family. This year she has directed *Barefoot in the Park* at the NFCT, directed *Little Mary Sunshine* for Mercy High School, taught beginning drama at BOCES in the gifted and talented program, and taught a drama workshop at Mattituck Elementary School.

**Joanna Paulsen** (*Producer*) — Back after an absence of two years, Joanna has been taking care of her nearly two-year old son (born shortly after *Anything Goes*) and his older brother (born just before *Inherit the Wind* and *The Pirates of Penzance* — two of the other shows that she produced). By day she republishes old fiction.

**Leslie Thompson** (*Assistant Director*) — Leslie is a graduate of Gettysburg College in PA and is now studying nursing at Wagner College in Staten Island. Presently she is working at S. T. Preston's in Greenport. Leslie enjoys summering in Southold and recommends the North Fork for all its growing vineyards. She has been involved with the NFCT for two years, having been stage manager for *Anything Goes* and *Company*. Although she will no longer be a member of the "youth" theater she looks forward to many more ventures with the entire group here in Mattituck.

Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**  
Book and Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**

# Oklahoma!

**Director**  
Phoebe O. Rey  
**Assistant Director**  
Leslie G. Thompson

**Producer**  
Joanna Paulsen  
**Musical Director**  
Richard Sullivan

*A Musical Play*

Based on the play  
*Green Grow the Lilacs* by Lynn Riggs

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Aunt Eller .....	Elizabeth McNulty
Curly .....	Jack Conforti
Laurey .....	Jocelyn Barth
Ike Skidmore .....	Matt Valyo
Fred Tucker .....	Tom McNulty
Slim .....	Eric Pylko
Will Parker .....	Tom Ashton
Andrew Carnes .....	Chris McNulty
Cord Elam .....	Michael Neumann
Joe .....	Michael J. Sieczka
Tom .....	George Grattan
Jud Fry .....	David Feige
Ado Annie Carnes .....	Cathy Porco
Ali Hakim .....	David Carlson
Gertie Cummings .....	Annette K. Bednosky
Alicia .....	Meg Neumann
Ashley .....	Michelle Smiley
Ellen .....	Lee Steidel
Erin .....	Joanne McNulty
Jeanne .....	Debbie Kruel
Kate .....	Katie Rey
Mary Jo .....	Pilar Maria Ventoso
Miss Martha .....	Nancy B. Perini
Pigtails .....	Carolann DiPirro
Virginia .....	Holli Haerr
Vivian .....	Carolyn Zehner
Dream Laurey .....	Nancy B. Perini
Delilah .....	Pilar Maria Ventoso
Desire .....	Debbie Kruel

## PRODUCTION STAFF

**Stage Manager** ..... Elizabeth M. Sieczka  
**Choreographers** ..... Phoebe Rey and Gordon Rogers  
**Additional Choreography by** ..... Nancy B. Perini  
**Vocal Coach and Assistant to Mr. Sullivan** ..... Anthony Matson  
**Stage Crew** ..... Alison Conforti, Dan Hunter, Carlos Ventoso  
**Set Design** ..... Jed Clauss, Phoebe Rey, Gordon Rogers  
**Set Construction and Decoration** ..... Tom Ashton,  
Annette K. Bednosky, Bill Christopher, Jason Q. Clauss, Jed  
Clauss, Jack Conforti, Carolann DiPirro, David Feige, Tracy Fox,  
Marc Gillespie, George Grattan, Holli Haerr, Cathy House,  
Debbie Kruel, Jennifer Kruse, Chris McNulty, Jo McNulty, Liz  
McNulty, Tom McNulty, Claire Morgan, Margaret Morgan, Meg  
Neumann, Michael Neumann, Cathy Porco, Eric Pylko, Lance  
Pylko, Katie Rey, Gordon Rogers, Elizabeth M. Sieczka, Michael J.  
Sieczka, Michelle Smiley, Michael Smith, Rick Spina, Lee Steidel,  
Matt Valyo, Carlos S. Ventoso, Pilar Ventoso, Lisa Visser,  
Carolyn Zehner  
**Costume Coordination** ..... Deborah Pinneo and Gordon Rogers  
**Costumes** ..... Priscilla Corkrey,  
Diane E. Fest, Gail Horton, Kerry Sheehan, Elizabeth Sieczka,  
Priscilla Sprague, Fran Steidel  
**Lighting Design** ..... David Koch and Joe Sieczka  
**Lights** ..... Tracy Fox,  
David Kain, Claire Morgan, Charles Scheer, Mary Ann, Michelle,  
and Michael Sieczka, Lauren and Mark Sisson, Lisa Visser, Ed  
Zaborowski  
**Make-Up** ..... Joanna Paulsen, Phoebe Rey, Gordon Rogers  
**Program** ..... The Mad Printers of Mattituck  
**Publicity** ..... Priscilla Sprague  
**Photographs** ..... Ed Zaborowski  
**Tickets and Box Office** ..... MaryAnn Sieczka and Family  
**House Manager** ..... Linda Ventoso  
**Lemonade and Cookies** ..... Michelle Sieczka

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**Tom Ashton** (*Will Parker*) — Tom is 17, and first appeared on the NFCT stage at age 5 in *South Pacific*. Since then, he's been in *Fiddler* and nothing else. He plans to attend St. John Fisher University in Philadelphia where he doesn't know what to major in. This decisive guy played basketball, soccer and baseball in high school. This is his first NFCT biography.

**Jocelyn Barth** (*Laurey*) — Born in the Bronx and raised in the boonies, most of Jocelyn's schooling and life has been spent in the quaint little village of Chatham, located 40 minutes southeast of Albany. Not being totally devoid of culture, Chatham provided a pleasant and safe environment for Jocelyn and her growing interest in the fine arts. She has been involved in many productions elsewhere. At the end of the summer Jocelyn will return to Simon's Rock, a liberal arts college located on the outskirts of Barrington, MA.

**Annette K. Bednosky** (*Certie Cummings*) — A recent graduate from Southold High School, 17 year old Annette has been seen in five shows of our shows — most recently *Company*. She was the recipient of the 1st Annual NFCT Performing Arts Award and has attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Manhattan. In the fall she will enter SUNY at Fredonia to study Musical Theatre. In the meantime she had a *real* job as a beach attendant this summer. *Eee-hee-hee!!!*

**David Carlson** (*Ali Hakim*) — David moonlights as a waiter by day and tries to "shine" on the NFCT stage by night. He is a 19 year old resident of Hampton Bays who is about to enter in his junior year at Colgate University. Hello Grandpa.

**Jack Conforti** (*Curly*) — Jack has been a member of the NFCT for approximately seven years and has appeared in numerous productions here. He is presently attending Oneonta State University studying Education, Speech Communication, and Voice. While not attending school or going to rehearsal Jack works with Special Education children in the Riverhead Central School District. Because he finds the challenge of his long waited "leading role" of Curly enjoyable, working on *Oklahoma!* has been a great experience for Jack and will certainly be one of this favorite productions here.

**Carolann DiPirro** (*Pigtails*) — This is Carolann's second year with the NFCT — last year she appeared in *Henry . . . Sweet Henry*. This fall she will be a sophomore at Westhampton Beach High School. In her spare time she enjoys gymnastics, dancing, playing musical instruments and eating mint-chocolate chip ice cream.

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**David Feige** (*Jud*) — David, the product of an early 17th century genetic experiment, was born and raised in Madison WI. It was there, that he acquired his taste for Long Island, a taste which would help him greatly in his life-long love acting. David's first exposure to mass media came when he agreed to co-produce Sag Harbor Savings Bank commercials. From that prodigious start it was only a matter of time until his talent came to the attention of the NFCT.

**George Grattan** (*Tom*) — George is 15 and will be a sophomore at Mattituck High School. He has previously appeared in *Bye Bye Birdies* Randolph and was a chorus member in last year's youth show *Henry . . . Sweet Henry*.

**Holli Haerr** (*Virginia*) — At age 16, this is Holli's first appearance at the NFCT. She is a junior at Port Jefferson High School where she participates in the choir and chorale, and has been in All-County for five years. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, and playing the bassoon.

**Debbie Kruel** (*Jeanne and Desiré, Can Can Girl*) — Debbie is a junior at the State University College at Oneonta, majoring in theatre. She is 21 years old and lives in Calverton. Although she has appeared in high school and college shows, she is performing on the NFCT stage for the first time.

**Chris McNulty** (*Andrew Carnes*) — Chris, the original member of the McNulty clan at the NFCT (fifth year) sometimes regrets starting the whole thing off. Happy to have his own song in this show, he promises to try not to trip at all this time. He holds the ultimate *real* job, lifeguarding. Chris is a pre-med student at Fairfield University, but he summers in Laurel and winters in Huntington. And if you were wondering . . . OLDER BROTHER!

**Elizabeth McNulty** (*Aunt Eller*) — Liz is 16 and will be entering her junior year at St. Anthony's High School in Huntington. This is her third summer at the NFCT. She can be found at her "real" job checking parking stickers at the Town Beach in Southold. SISTER!

**Joanne McNulty** (*Erin*) — Joanne is 15 years old and lives in Laurel. She will be a sophomore at Mattituck High School where she is in chorus. This is Jo's second summer at NFCT. COUSIN!

**Tom McNulty** (*Fred Tucker*) — Being one of the clan, Tom is a 17 year old senior at St. Anthony's High School in Huntington where he has been active in the theater company. This is Tom's fourth summer at the NFCT. During the day he lifeguards, another one of the "real" jobs, and has only lost three victims. BROTHER!

**Meg Neumann** (*Alicia*) — *Oklahoma!* is Meg's second show. She is 16 years old and attends Ramsey High School in New Jersey in the winter. This year Meg got her permit (watch out for the tan Driver's Ed car at 7:15 a.m.) and hopes to get her license soon.

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**Richard Sullivan** (*Music Director*) — Dick is a newcomer to the NFCT having recently returned to live in his native New Suffolk after 13 years in N.Y.C. Although a newcomer to our theatre, he has produced and directed a number of shows including *Oliver*, *Oklahoma!*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, and *The Music Man*. He has also written, produced and directed three full length musical reviews. In addition to musical theater he has directed dramas and several Greek tragedies, has been a church organist and choir director, and has given many piano recitals throughout N. Y. State. While serving in the U. S. Army, he toured many European cities as piano soloist with the 7th Army Symphony. He is the Chairman of the English Department in the South County School District Middle School.

**Elizabeth M. Sieczka** (*Stage Manager*) — Although she has been involved with many aspects of this theater for 3 years, including cleaning, ushering, serving refreshments, performing and working on stage, prop, costume, and lighting crews, stage managing is new to Liz. In addition to the two shows she has been in at the NFCT, Liz has appeared in 2 Variety Shows and *Bye, Bye Birdie* at Mattituck High where she will be a senior. She feels that her enthusiasm must be contagious because this is getting to be a family affair!

**Gordon Rogers** (*Costume Coordinator, Assistant Choreographer*) — Gordon has been involved in the NFCT for nine years and has acted, stage managed, done make-up, costumes and designed sets. Gordon is a resident of New York City but spends the summer in Cutchogue. During the winter Gordon has been studying to become a professional costume designer for the theatre, but hasn't the slightest idea of what he'll be doing in the upcoming fall.

**Anthony Matson** (*Vocal Coach and Assistant to Mr. Sullivan*) — Tony is making his second appearance with NFCT having appeared in the first show of the season: *Barefoot in the Park*. He has had numerous acting assignments over the years in much plays as *Joan of Lorraine*, *Henry IV Part I*, *As You Like it*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Desperate Hours*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and *Julius Caesar*.

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