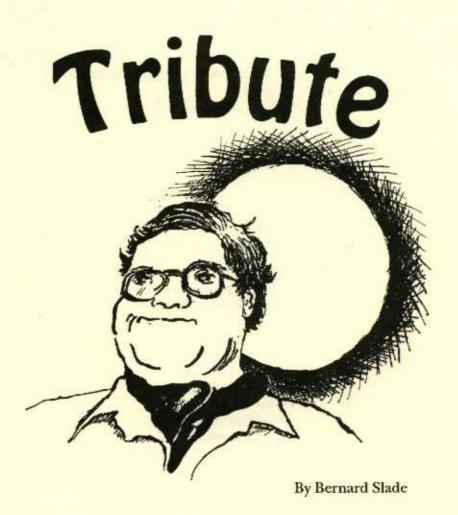
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January 1993

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DIRECTED BY: Phoebe Rey

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| Maggie Stratton     | . Linda McKnight  |
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Scene 3: Later that night

#### 15 minute intermission

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#### **BIOGRAPHIES**

Rachel Anderson (Hilary) — This is Rachel's first straight play at NFCT. Her latest endeavor in this theatre took place last season with an appearance in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Previous to that, she played Second Girl in Those Damn Yankees and participated in the Theatre Spots show at the South St. Seaport in New York City. Rachel is in love with, and totally dedicated to, the art of acting; and with some luck, will continue to practice her craft.

Dave Edwards (Jud) — This is Dave's first role with NFCT as well as his first time on stage in a full length play. The limit of his acting experience has consisted of numerous acting courses and watching movies — the majority of them terrible. A major goal in Dave's life is to spend his first million on having everyone who has ever billed him assassinated. Being a "confused and angry youth" statistic as a teenager, Dave found much to draw upon for his role of Jud. Due to the poor qualities of pictures churned out by Hollywood each year, Dave is currently studying film directing and screenwriting to ensure the future of your box office spending money.

Michael Horn (Scottie Templeton) — Well, it is Mike's third play for NFCT and he is not playing a service man this time around. Mike is a resident of Riverhead with his wife, Diana, and three children. Just a little note to friends and family — yes, I'm acting.

Laura McBride (Dr. Gladys Petrelli) — Laura, after years away from the theatre, now seems to be specializing in portraying professional women, having played a psychiatrist in last season's The Best Man. Her past history includes a major in drama at the University of Washington in Seattle; 10+ years experience in professional theatre, and 12 years in Asia, where her husband was stationed. Ms. McBride is also coordinating the awards for this production.

Linda McKnight (Maggie) — Linda's last appearance on NFCT's stage was 13 years ago. She figures the dust has settled enough from that to try again. Added motivation to return to NFCT came when Linda was a dresser for the Riverhead pro-

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duction of *Mame*. After hearing what a great director Phoebe was, Ms. McKnight had to come see for herself. P.S. Phoebe is a lot of fun, too.

Tara Wells (Sally) — This is Tara's fourth production with NFCT. She was last seen playing the flute for The King and I. Tara is having a lot of fun with this cast and hopes to work with many more in the future. Homegirls, I love you!!! Thanks for everything.

Art Wilks (Lou) — It has been more than 30 years since Art first appeared on the NFCT stage as young Joe Hardy in Damn Yankees. He now plays the father and old friend roles. He feels that playing the young male lead was fun, but the older charcter parts are rewarding... if he does them correctly, that is. He says, "Although it has not always happened, when I just step back, the character takes over." Since this was written early in the rehearsal, he has not been able to step back yet, so you will have to decide if Art has reached his understanding.

Laura Green (Producer) — Laura took her second major in technical theatre so that she could sleep late, wear black, and meet men who operate power tools. Her goal in life is to run away with the box office receipts so she can spend the rest of her days in Rio, working on her tan and drinking margaritas with her cabin boy, Raoul. In her spare time, Laura hunts deer with her 1982 Chevy. She has no idea why she is producer, but feels the experience can only help her future financial endeavors. (You want MONEY!?! Ahahahahaha...)

Phoebe Rey (Director) — This play has been a real challenge, dealing as it does with so many mature themes. Nature has also challenged us; as the devastating NE Storm of '92 cut into our rehearsal times and into the lives of some of our cast members quite seriously. However, miracles do take place, and the collaborative efforts of this cast and crew; of pitching in building, painting, wiring, upholstering, and decorating all helped create a true community spirit among us. Just as Scottie Templeton wishes joy, spontaneity, and fun for his son Jud, the process of rehearsal, creating characters and sets, working with different personalities and deadlines, and providing a creative atmo-

sphere for talented actors and technicians, is the real joy for me as a director. The production of *Tribute* tonight is the result of all our efforts and I hope you will laugh, cry, and be genuinely moved. Like Scottie, I wish you love, joy, friendship and acceptance of one another.

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I'd like to take this time to tell you about a special group of artists - the theater's technicians. These are people who never get a curtain call, a round of applause, or even more than a passing mention in your program. Why? I guess it's because when a technician performs well, no one notices. The audience simply feels closer to the action of the play.

The stage manager ensures that the night runs smoothly; that people are prepared and on stage at the proper time. She controls a very small space backstage and downstairs, but keeps

the traffic flowing quickly and easily.

The cue-coordinator is a new role to me (I confess) is an offshoot of stage management. She makes sure that the booth technicians execute their light & sound changes so that you accept them as really happening - phones ring, light switches work, etc. It requires an acute sense of timing and an ability to adapt to any situation that might develop (ie. how do you turn the lights on if the actor forgets to go to the light switch? Not that it happens mind you).

The master electrician is a position that requires respect. He is the person who dabbles with electricity, light and color to produce lighting that not only illuminates the action, but intensifies the action. He creates the dim pink atmosphere of lovers and the bright blue sadness of a man facing his mortality. He accomplishes this all within what appears to be normal household

lights.

I do not envy the spotlight operators. Their job is hot, heavy and hard. The heat generated by a spot is sufficient to cook on; it has the size and manageability of a 42 ford sedan and yet the spotlight operators control them with precision so that all you see is a steady circle of light around the actor. I do have the pleasure of telling you that these operators are good enough to

steal a few scenes tonight.

The sound engineer creates the illusion that telephones work; that Scottie owns a doorbell; that there is someone on stage who can play the keyboards and that Jed can find people to orchestrate a private composition in New York with only 3 months notice. Kidding aside, the sound engineer must have the most acute sense of timing in the theater. Cues are fast and there is no chance to cover a mistake.

Our projectionist is also our photographer. Anyone who has ever worked a slide machine knows the frustration involved. Anyone who has worked with actors knows that you better be a

good photographer.

The set you see before you is a creation of imagination and mathematics; it was placed on paper by its creator and, from there, built from wood, paint and cloth. The set is a difficult creation; it uses the minimum materials to create maximum support and believeablitiy.

Props is probable the most detested job in the technical theater. Every lighter, glass, pencil and picture had to be acquired somewhere. It requires a mind for details and a thorough knowl-

edge of local merchandise.

The other jobs I believe you know but I'd like you to think about as well. The lady who ensures that you have a seat for every ticket. The people who clothe and make-up the actors; the people who provide something cool to drink between acts; the ushers who see to your comfort while you visit us the propter who makes sure the actors stay on track and the Theater Board itself who make sure everyone stays on track.

I now ask you to go back to the production staff page and take a second, hopefully new, look at the people who have worked so hard to make your theater experience an enjoyable one. I

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Laura D. Green

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