

# ***IRVING BERLIN***



***1888 - 1989***

## God Bless America

By Irving Berlin

While the storm clouds gather  
Far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance  
To a land that's free;  
Let us all be grateful  
For a land so fair,  
As we raise our voices  
In a solemn prayer.

God bless America,  
Land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America,  
My home sweet home.

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Irving Berlin wrote *God Bless America* in 1918 for his show, *Yip, Yip, Yaphank*, as a war song, but did not use it. After the Munich Conference in 1938, Chamberlain's accession to Hitler and Mussolini, he rewrote it to express his hopes for peace. It was introduced by Kate Smith on her radio show, *The Kate Smith Hour*, on November 10, 1938.

# SUMTER PLAYERS

PRESENTS

## *The Melody Lingers On*

THE SONGS OF IRVING BERLIN

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY IRVING BERLIN

DIALOGUE TAKEN FROM THE BOOK

*IRVING BERLIN: A DAUGHTER'S MEMOIR*

BY MARY ELLIN BARRETT

SCRIPT CONTINUITY BY TOM BRIGGS

ORCHESTRATION & VOCAL ARRANGEMENT BY DONALD JOHNSTON

CONCEIVED BY KARIN BAKER

DIRECTED BY

SHARON AND JOHN PARKS

SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18, 19 2004

RYLANDER THEATRE



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THE RODGERS

## The Players

[In Reverse Alphabetical Order]

Beth Wheeler

Bonnie Sullivan

Elizabeth Parks

Jen O'Rourke

Richard Nettum

Mario Haynes

Sue Fitzgerald

David Ewing

Will Dozier

Meagan Blankenship

John Bates

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### Musical Numbers

#### Act I

Alexander's Ragtime Band  
What'll I Do  
I Love A Piano  
Everybody's Doin' It Now  
The Girl On The Magazine Cover  
Snookey Ookums  
When I Lost You  
Play A Simple Melody  
Oh! How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning  
You'd Be Surprised  
A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody  
When The Midnight Choo Choo Leaves For Alabam'  
Puttin' On The Ritz  
Remember  
How Deep Is The Ocean  
Always  
Blue Skies  
Shaking The Blues Away

#### Act II

Marie  
Say It Isn't So  
Heat Wave  
Supper Time  
Easter Parade  
Cheek To Cheek  
Change Partners  
Steppin' Out With My Baby  
Let's Face The Music and Dance  
Let Yourself Go  
Let Me Sing and I'm Happy  
All Alone  
Count Your Blessings  
White Christmas  
This Is The Army, Mr Jones  
I'm Getting Tired So I Can Sleep  
I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm  
God Bless America  
It's A Lovely Day Today  
You're Just In Love  
You Can't Get A Man With A Gun  
The Girl That I Marry  
I Got The Sun In The Morning  
They Say It's Wonderful  
There's No Business Like Show Business

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& HAMMERSTEIN THEATRE LIBRARY, 229 WEST 28<sup>TH</sup> STREET, 11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10001

# Production Staff

Directors ..... Sharon Parks, John Parks  
Musical Director ..... Sharon Parks  
Costume Design ..... Sharon Parks, Elizabeth Parks  
Costume Construction ..... Sharon Parks, Elizabeth Parks  
Peggy Compton  
Set Design ..... John Parks  
Set Construction ..... Ray Mannila, Wes Abbott, Dan Tubbs  
Michael Myers, John Parks, Nathaniel Higgs  
Rehearsal Accompanist ..... Tom Wheeler  
Musicians ..... Tom Wheeler, Jonathan Parks, Raiford Bacon  
Musical Assembly ..... Jeff Green, Sharon Parks  
Properties ..... Brooks Nettum, Ray Mannila  
Slide Photographer ..... Ray Mannila  
Rehearsal Coordinator ..... Ray Mannila  
Stage Crew ..... Ray Mannila, Michael Myers, Brooks Nettum  
Light Operator ..... Dan Tubbs  
Sound Operator ..... Wes Abbott  
Follow Spot Operators ..... Nathaniel Higgs, Antonio Walker  
Ticketing ..... Sue Riley

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From The Rylander Archives\*

### *The Scandals of 1925*

[Sponsored By The American Legion]  
November 19, 1924

C. Gordon Anderson, "Bunk" Reid, Frances Felton, Clarabel Maffett, Mary Walker, Isobel Wheatley, Dorothy Cass, Queener, Edgar Walker, Lawrence McKenzie, Sam Hooks, Eunice Rustin, Quenelle Harrold, Naomi Wright, Nell Hamilton, Ruth McMath, Frances Sparks, Mary Nell Fitz, Hulet Humber, Ruth Haugabook, Cloe Davenport, Carr Glover, William Fetner, Alpheus Castellow, Robert Buchanan, Bill Baugh, Ben McMath, Edward Stukes, Idamae Tyson, Jessie Williams, Wylie Claire Lee, Elizabeth Poole, Margaret Hooks

\*From *A History of Stage and Platform in Americus, Georgia 1854-1930* by John Gore

# AUDITIONS

## *Plaza Suite*

September 28, 29 2004

7:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm

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IS

*Plaza Suite*

by

Neil Simon

November 18, 19, 20, 21 2004

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