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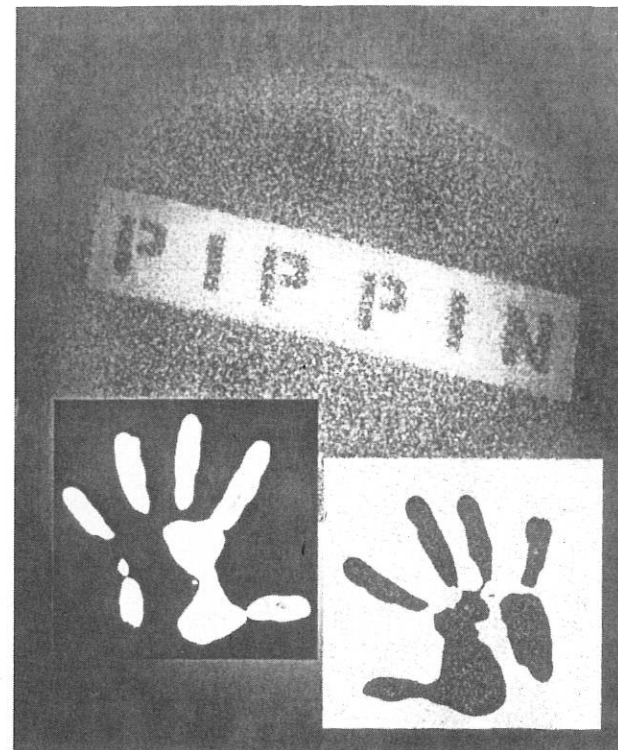
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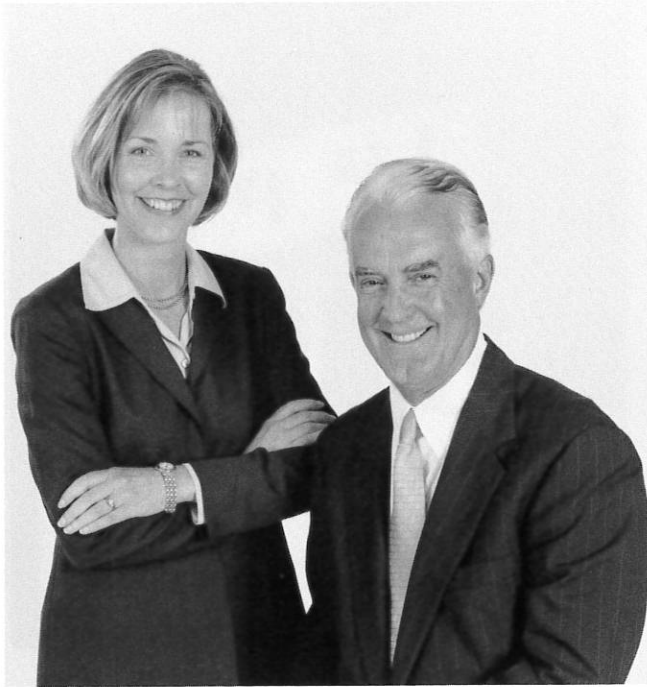
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"Magic to Do"	The Players
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	<b>HOME</b>
	<b>WAR</b>
"War is a Science"	Charles & The Players
"Glory"	Leading Player & The Players
	<b>THE FLESH</b>
"Simple Joys"	Leading Player
"No Time at All"	Berthe & The Players
"With You"	Pippin
	<b>REVOLUTION</b>
"Spread a Little Sunshine"	Fastrada
"Morning Glow"	Pippin & The Players
	<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b>
"On the Right Track"	Leading Player & Pippin
	<b>THE HEARTH</b>
"Kind of Woman"	Catherine & The Players
"Extraordinary"	Pippin
"Love Song"	Pippin & Catherine
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"The Finale"	The Players & Pippin

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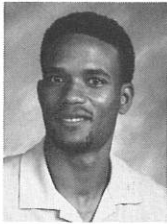
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# Biographies



## Reginald Benyard (Lewis)

*Pippin* is Reggie's first foray into the world of theatre with Danville Light Opera, or in his words "anywhere, for that matter". Hopefully it is only the first of more to come. A Jacksonville native, Reggie teaches social studies at Danville High School, where he is also the AVID coordinator. Reggie reports that he is enjoying his first theatre experience.



## Leslie Kuhn Boedicker (Catherine)

This is Leslie's third performance for Danville Light Opera. She has also appeared with The Red Mask Players and the Beef House Dinner Theatre and often works backstage with Red Mask. Leslie holds a Masters Degree in Theatre from Binghamton University. She sends special thanks to Mike, Leslie Sr., and Nikki.



## Hayley Boothe (Player)

Hayley is appearing in her fifth DLO production. She has also been involved with the Beef House Dinner Theatre. A senior at Covington High School, she is involved in Drama, French, and Spanish clubs, Yearbook, and Student Council. She sends a special thanks to her mother for helping feed her addiction to theatre.



## Creighton Cole ( Charles/Berthe)

Creighton has appeared in several Beef House Dinner Theatre shows, and *Pippin* is his second show for Danville Light Opera. He also played with the Danville Symphony from 1986 through 1992. Creighton is a claims adjuster at Brentwood Services in Champaign. He thanks his wife Amanda and daughter Emily for all their patience and support.



## Matt Dietz (Player)

Danville Light Opera welcomes Matt back for his second show. He previously appeared in *Sugar* last fall. A 2002 graduate of Danville High School, Matt participated in a number of productions with the DHS Players. He was active in the East Park Church of Christ youth group, and he is currently a freshman at Danville Area Community College, where he is majoring in theatre.



## Davyeon Groves (Player)

Davyeon worked behind the scenes for Danville Light Opera last fall during *Sugar*. He is welcomed back for his debut performance on the theatrical stage. Davyeon is currently a senior at Danville High School, and having caught the theatre bug, will appear in the DHS Players show *Cliffhanger*, in March. He thanks friends, family and the cast for their support.



## Maria L. Hammer (Player)

This is Maria's 10<sup>th</sup> production with DLO in various capacities. Her theatrical training has also included courses at the U of I. Maria is an auditor by day and a mom around the clock. She sends a great big thanks to her friends and family for their support, especially you, John. She dedicates this performance to her brother. This one's for you "Bud".



## Angi Heaton ( Fastrada)

Angi has not performed since singing in church choir as a youth, but she has had no problem getting back into the swing of it. Angi works in the surgery department at the VA Illiana Health Care. She is currently attending DACC, working toward an associates degree in medical technology. She thanks her husband and children for being so supportive of her new endeavor.



## Nancy Henderson (Co-Producer)

Nancy has stopped counting how many shows she has produced for DLO. She also works in many other backstage capacities, as well as appearing onstage for DLO, The Beef House Dinner Theatre, Sunshine II and most recently with Red Mask Players. Nancy is a teacher at Liberty School and thanks to her husband and sons for sharing so much of her with the theatre.

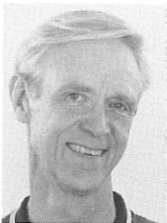


## Melissa Horton (Player)

Melissa is making her theatre debut with *Pippin*. She is a senior at Catlin High School where she is senior class secretary/treasurer and a member of the Student Council. She is also a YWCA volunteer and Jubilee Dance Academy dancer. Melissa plans to attend Illinois State University in the fall. She thanks Jesse for giving her the opportunity to participate in *Pippin*.

**Stephanie Keller (Player)**

This is Stephanie's first theatre appearance, but she has performed with both the Western Illinois and Illinois State University bands. While at Illinois State, Stephanie was a member of Tau Beta Sigma Sorority. She has worked as a nanny and is currently working in retail with plans to complete her degree in special education.

**Gary Lickfett (Set & Props)**

After his appearance in *Sugar*, and in two other shows several years ago, Gary's participation in *Pippin* is entirely behind the scenes. Building the set was a special challenge and Gary thanks his wife Dorothy for her willing cooperation. He dedicates the effort to his son Todd, now in transit to the Middle East, and hopes the result is as pleasing to see as it was fun to build!

**Jared Lutes (Theo)**

*Pippin* is Jared's first adult production with Danville Light Opera, but he has previously appeared in several DLO children's shows and three Beef House Dinner Theatre productions. Jared is a sophomore at Schlarman High School where he participates in football and track. He also fits in time to work at the Danville Health Club and the Tanning Company.

**Jesse Pierce (Director/Choreographer/Leading Player)**

Jesse has been onstage and also served as part of the creative team for many productions for Danville Light Opera and The Beef House Dinner Theatre. He studied theatre at Southern Illinois University and has also performed at the Station Theatre. Jesse works as Volunteer Coordinator at the YWCA.

**Robin Romack (Player)**

Robin returns to the DLO stage after dual roles of Miss Watson and Zoltar in last year's *BIG*. She also appeared in *Carrousel* at the Beef House Dinner Theatre this past summer. Familiar to most as a substitute teacher, Robin joins the Pippin Players in everyman's search for their corner of the sky.

**Malynda Winters (Stage Manager & Props)**

Malynda is participating in her second Danville Light Opera production, having done props for *Sugar* last fall. She works in the Vermilion County Circuit Clerk's office and volunteers with the American Cancer Society and the Fischer Theatre Restoration. She thanks her family for their support and help.

**David Woodrow (Pippin & Co-Producer)**

David is proud to stand "center stage" in this powerful production of *Pippin*. He has produced, directed, designed and performed in numerous theatrical productions in the Danville area. David and his wife, Jennifer, are the founding directors of the Beef House Dinner Theatre where they will direct *Pumpboys and Dinettes* this summer.

**Jennifer Woodrow (Music Director)**

Jennifer is happy to be home and thrilled to work with some of her favorite people on this production. She is a music teacher at East Park Elementary in Danville and has just been named the Director of the DAR All American Chorus in Washington, D.C. for July 2003. She sends much love to Jesse, Nibor, Creighton and new hubby, David.

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