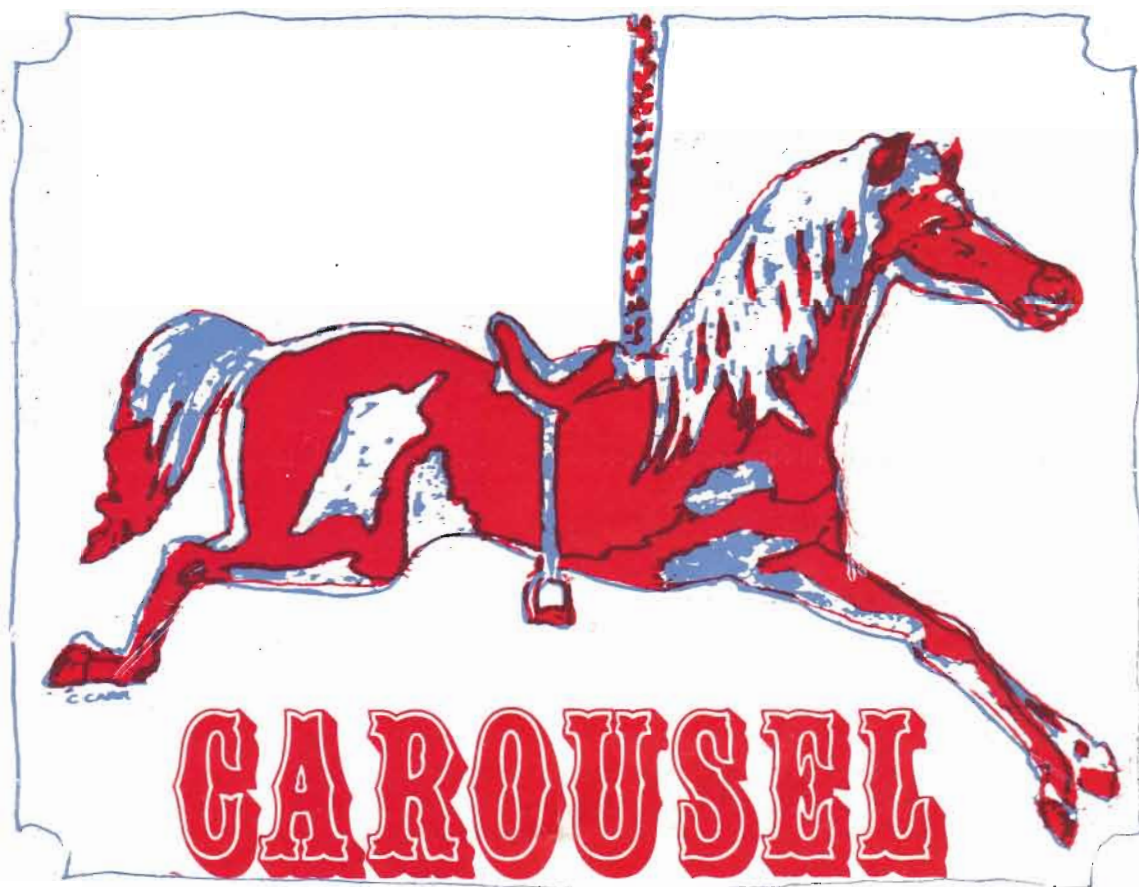


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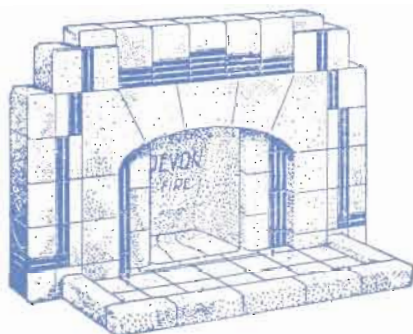
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Hon. President's Remarks

This year the Inverness Opera Company in presenting "Carousel" offer the public a complete change from last years production of "Prigadoon" and hope that the public will appreciate their versatility, and enjoy this Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical.

As in previous years, the sets, scenery and costumes have been designed and made by the Company. which means months of hard work for all concerned.

This is the second year the Company have presented their show at the Playhouse and they are all indebted to Mr Nairn and his staff for their great help and co-operation. It is no sinecure for the producers to stage a musical show on a Cinema stage, but with ingenuity they have managed to overcome obvious difficulties. The majority of the players are using outside buildings as dressing rooms, so it is a miracle of organisation that the show runs so smoothly.

I do hope that "Carousel" will be supported by the public. I appeal to those who are not associate members to join us and so support the Inverness Opera Company who yearly delight Inverness audiences with a musical production.

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The time is 1873—the place, a small town on the coast of Maine. Billy Bigelow, handsome and proud Barker for the carousel owned by Mrs Mullin in the local amusement park, and Julie Jordan, a lovely young girl who works in a factory fall in love and go off together, although it costs them both their jobs. When they return, married, they face a hostile town. In the difficult months that follow, Billy is unable to get work and Julie becomes pregnant. Finally it is June, time to get ready for the first clambake of the season. But Billy is desperate and bitter, and agrees to join his unsavory pal Jigger Craigin in a robbery. The robbery goes awry, and Billy, fearing the shame of being put in prison, kills himself.

Fifteen years later, Billy, looking down from heaven, sees that all is not well with his child, now an attractive but rejected young girl. He returns to earth for one day, makes himself visible to his daughter and gives her a star. This star, together with Billy's fatherly advice brings the girl new joy and assurance. Billy, satisfied that at last he has done something good for his child, returns to heaven.

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Julie Jordan	Louise Munro
Mrs Mullin	Janet MacInnes
Billy Bigelow	Donald Matheson
1st Policeman	Scott Don
David Bascombe	Robert McCorkindale
Nettie Fowler	Catherine Fraser
Enoch Snow	Malcolm McDougall
Jigger Craigen	James Pringle
Arminy	Betty Reid
Penny	Marjorie Stewart
Jennie	Catherine Vynner
Virginia	Margaret Robertson
Heavenly Friend	Archibald Solomon
Starkeeper	Andrew Bremner
Louise Bigelow	Cynthia MacDonald
Enoch Snow, Jr.	David Scrimgeour
Principal	Charles Sinclair
Doctor Seldon	Andrew Bremner
2nd Policeman	James Gordon
Speciality Dancer	John Sandever

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

TIME : 1873-1888

PRELUDE

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ACT I

- Scene 1 A tree-lined path along the shore. A few minutes later.
Scene 2 Nettie Fowler's Spa on the ocean front. June.

ACT II

- Scene 1 On an island across the bay. That night.
Scene 2 Mainland waterfront. An hour later.
Scene 3 Up there.
Scene 4 Down here. On a beach. Fifteen years later.
Scene 5 Outside Julie's cottage.
Scene 6 Outside a schoolhouse. Same day.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

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| 1. Prologue (The Carousel Waltz) | 9. Girls' Dance ("June is Bustin' Out All Over") |
| 2. Change of Scene | 10. Julie's Entrance |
| 3. Opening Act I—Scene II | 11. "Mister Snow" Reprise |
| 4. "Mister Snow" (Julie and Carrie Sequence) | 12. Carrie and Mr Snow Sequence ("When the Children are Asleep") |
| 5. Scene Billy and Julie ("If I Loved You") | 13. "Blow High, Blow Low" |
| 6. Opening Act I—Scene III | 14. Hornpipe |
| 7. "June is Bustin' Out All Over") | 15. Soliloquy |
| 8. Encore ("June is Bustin' Out All Over") | 16. Finale Act I |
| | 17. Entr'act |

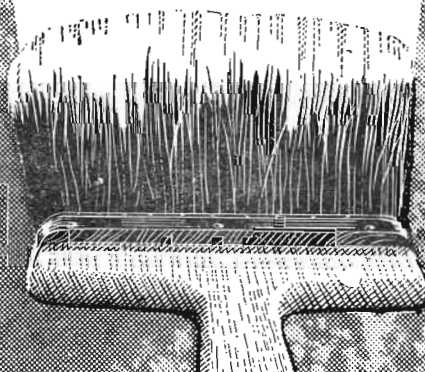
ACT II

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| 18. Opening Act II | 25. "The Highest Judge of All" |
| 19. "A Real Nice Clambake" | 26. Exit of Billy and Heavenly Friend |
| 20. "Geraniums in the Winder" (and "Stonemiller's Cut It On Stone") | 27. Ballet |
| 21. "What's the Use of Wond'rin'" | 28. "My Little Girl"—(Reprise) |
| 22. Change of Scene | 29. Carrie's Incidental |
| 23. "You'll Never Walk Alone" | 30. Porch Scene |
| 24. Incidental (Entrance of Heavenly Friend) | 31. Graduation Scene (Finale Ultimo) |

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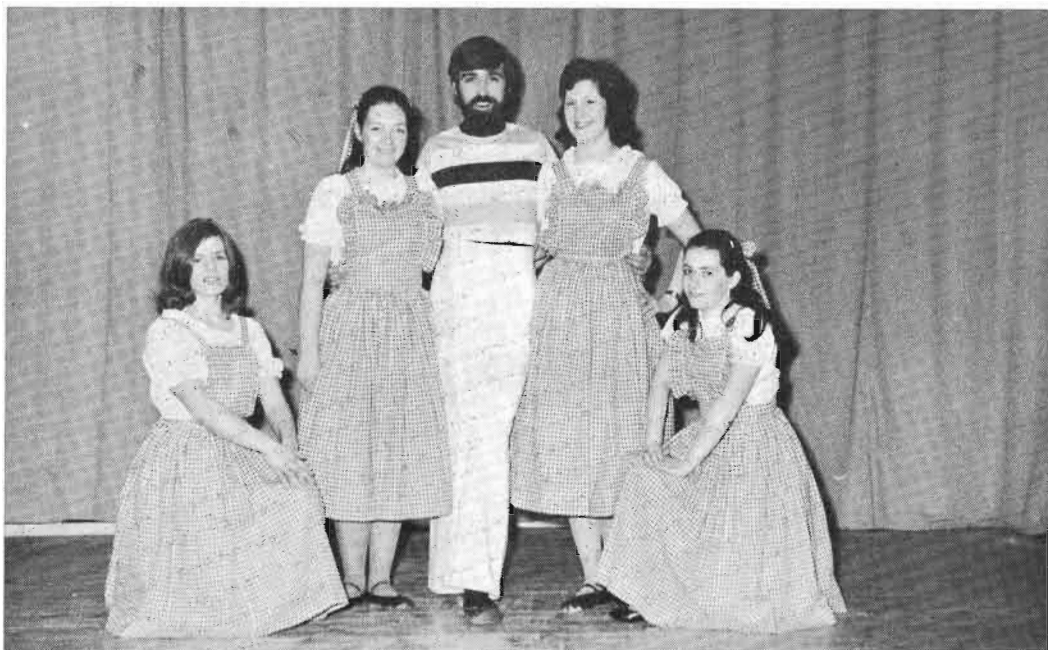
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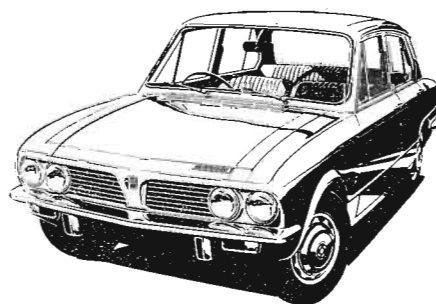
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