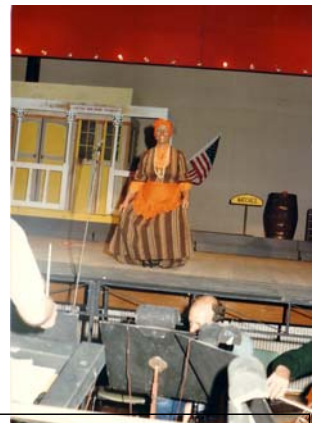
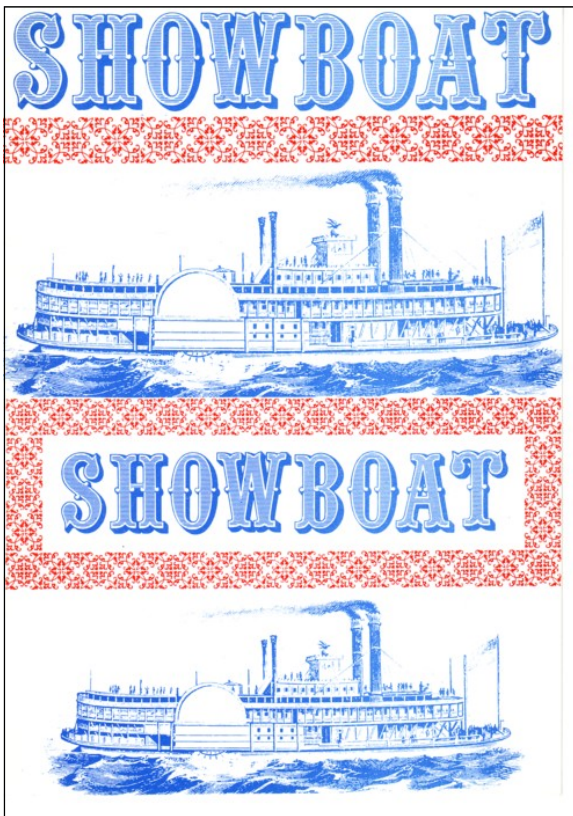


SHOWBOAT 1985



David Vibert and Bert Gale prepare to tote a few barges and lift a few bales and Liz Gale looks on. RIGHT: Ruth McCracken plays Queenie while Charles Hamilton conducts his 16th production with Tatura Male Choir and Turaton Musical Company.

'Showboat' by Turaton

Turaton's production for this year is the legendary "Showboat" which features music by Jerome Kern, and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein.

The story is based on a novel by Edna Ferber and centers on the love story of Magnolia, daughter of Captain Andy Hawks, a Showboat owner and Gaylord Karned, a gambler who seduces and then deserts Magnolia.

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	SHARYN REYNOLDS Magnolia We have great pleasure in introducing the wonderful voice and personality of this young lady to our audiences.		TONY CROSBIE Ravenal This is Tony's third production and we know that audiences will not tire of listening to his great tenor voice.
	SHONA FORD Vivacious and talented and a joy to work with. We are indeed fortunate to make use of the many talents of this versatile young lady.		PHILIP OAKES Frank Philip is no stranger to Turaton audiences, especially in comic roles. He again excels in this one as the feather-brained song and dance man.
	JOHN HYDE Steve One of the old reliable who can take on any role and make a success of it. A past George Award winner who again shows his considerable talents.		JEFF BAKER Captain Andy Jeff showed last year that he was ready for star billing and he has not let us down with his masterful portrayal of the Showboat owner.
	RUTH MCCRACKEN Queenie Ruth has been a member of the Company for many, many years and the role of Queenie is just another in a long list of successful character portrayals.		LYN PARSONS Parthy The over-bearing character she portrays is nothing like the wonderful person who has become the "mother figure" of the Company carrying out a million tasks at once.
	JIM MURPHY Joe Jim has appeared in many productions and his inspiring voice and stage presence as a director draws.		OLIVE PAEZ Julie Another of the old reliable, Olive's glorious voice gives new meaning to some of the old Tennessee songs in the show.

PRINCIPALS (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Queenie	RUTH MCCRACKEN	Steve	JOHN HYDE
Pete	IAN MEARTHUR	Parthy	LYN PARSONS
Windy	JIM CARR	Captain Andy	JEFF BAKER
Elle	SHONA FORD	Frank	PHILIP OAKES
Julie	OLIVE PAEZ	Rubber Face	KEITH BRYANT
Ravenal	TONY CROSBIE	Valton	ADRIAN AMBROSE
Magnolia	SHARYN REYNOLDS	Joe	JIM MURPHY
Barwoodman	GRAHAM PUGH	Mrs. O'Brien	HELEN BANFIELD
Max	IAN MEARTHUR	Mike	ADRIAN AMBROSE
Lottie	HEATHER CLAPP	Kim	SANDRA WHITE

DANCERS

HELEN BANFIELD	KERRY KIDNEY
MARILYN BANFIELD	KAREN KUHNAPPEL
VAL BIRCHALL	BARBARA MULLER
DIANNE BOVALINO	GLENSY PARROTT
ANDREA DEAN	KAYE WEILANDT

CHORUS

SHOWBOAT SWEETHEARTS

Lyn Austin, Gwen Barnes, Sue Bland, Judy Bryant, Heather Clapp, Bev Condon, Kathleen Collins, Lee Crosbie, Liz Gale, Karen Kuehnappel, Fiona Matthews, Dianne Middleton, Barbara Pilkington, Margaret Plunkett, Sandra Rank, Colleen Strachan, Eileen Warwick, Sandra White, Belinda Wood.

MISSISSIPPI MEN

Keith Bryant, Jim Carr, Graham Clapp, Doug Findlay, Brendan Farnan, Bert Gale, Bill Kuehnappel, John McCracken, Ted McCracken, Trevor Mason, Bill Moore, Michael Muller, Hugh Neil, Kevin O'Brien, Mark Roche, Cornelius Samuel, Warwick Shaw, Keith Stewart, Ken Tre, David Vibert, Bob Wallis.

There will be one interval of twenty minutes.