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The Athenee is very pleased to welcome Pirate Productions and the American International School to its Salle des Fêtes for the Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma presentation.

Besides our own activity in performing various plays and songs from the American musical repertoire, we take advantage of the opportunity to improve our contact with the American International School in order to learn from it, give our pupils an opportunity to meet and get to know one another better and possibly join forces for common ventures. We are looking forward to a successful future cooperation and express our best wishes for the success of Oklahoma.

Mr Haag - Director, Athenée.

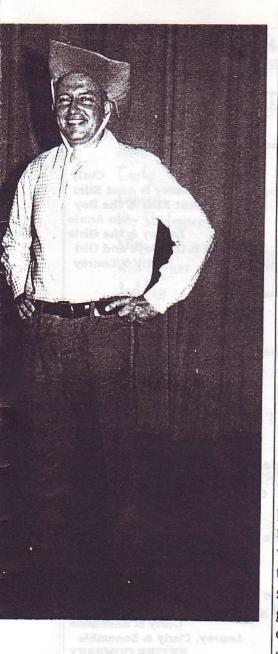
The American International School and Pirate Productions are very pleased to welcome you to their production of OKLAHOMA.

Our artistic director Eileen Nober and musical director Peggy Kenks have been putting us through our paces at a furious rate since before Christmas. Those of you who know Oklahoma will recognise that it makes extreme demands in terms of troupe size, acting, singing and dancing. Putting together such a show is no easy enterprise. All has now come together and we believe we have a show well worth viewing.

This production is the joint effort of the American International School Productions. and Pirate Luxembourg's musical theatrical group. Interestingly enouling the origins of Pirates are lodged in just such a cooperative effort! Many years ago when AISL director Harry Barteau wanted to produce "The Pirates of Penzance " and found that the student body was too small for such a production, he enlisted the aid of the local expatriate community. That show was apparantly a e tremendous success and led to the formation of Pirates as a permanent feature of Luxembourg's amateur theatre. In our Oklahoma joint venture the school is providing the directors and practise space and has a significant number of students and faculty in the cast, including several leading roles. Pirates provides the remainder of the cast, logistical, financial and public relations expertise. The result of these efforts is soon to be known but we hope you enjoy the performance and urge everyone interested in English theatre and musical comedy to judge for themselves Gerry Shields - Director.

The association of Pirate Productions and the American International School goes back almost twenty years. Pirate Productions was born from the success of a production of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, the Pirates of Penzance, organised and sponsored by the American International School. Today the roles have been reversed and it is the Pirates who are organising and sponsoring OKLAHOMA and AISL who are providing the talented expertise of Eileen Nober as director and Peggy Jenks as musical director. As before, the cast is a combination of AISL students and staff, including the director Gerry Shields and Pirate members, new and old, of many different nationalities. Oklahoma, however, marks a new departure in venue with the use of the Salle des Fêtes of the Athenee de Luxembourg. Here too there is a long standing association between the AISL and Mr Emile Haag, the director of the Athenée. Mr Haag has been both faculty and Board member of AISL and has been wonderfully welcoming to the Oklahoma team. This combination of different groups has proved an exciting mix and Pirates hopes it is one that can be repeated and extended in future productions. Our sincere thanks to all the many enormously enthusiastic people who have made Oklahoma possible.

Angela Milne, Chair, Pirate Productions.



This is a photograph of Harry Barteau, taken thirty years ago in May 1967, when he appeared in a production of Oklahoma. As you may have read, Harry was instrumental in starting Pirates. His wife told me that after the very first production of the Pirates of Penzance, a lot of people decided to start 'Pirate Productions' and were worried that Harry might think it was being taken away from him. His 'typical' reaction "good, that is what I wanted to happen", and far from being worried about it being taken away from him and the school, Harry was delighted with the start of Pirate Productions. This page is dedicated to the memory of Harry Barteau who died recently. thank him for helping to start Pirates, which has given such a lot entertainment and much enjoyment to so many people over the last twenty years.

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

Scene 1

Oh, what a beautiful mornin'

The Surrey with the Fringe on Top
Kansas City

I Cain't Say No

Many a New Day

It's a Scandal! It's a Outrage!

People Will Say We're in Love

Curly, Laurey & Aunt Eller
Will, Aunt Eller & the Boy
Ado Annie
Laurey & the Girls
Curly & Laurey

Scene 2

Pore Jud

Curly & Jud

Scene 3

Out of My Dreams

Laurey & the Girls

ACT 2

Scene 1

The Farmer and the Cowman

Carnes, Aunt Eller & Ensemble Ado Annie, Will & two girls

Scene 2

People Will Say We're in Love

Curly & Laurey

Scene 3

Oklahoma
Oh, What a Beautiful Morning
FINALE

Curly & Ensemble Laurey, Curly & Ensemble ENTIRE COMPANY

Cast List

Principals - in order of appearance

Aunt Eller
Curly
Laurey
Ike Skidmore
Slim
Will Parker
Jud Fry
Ado Annie Carnes
Ali Hakim
Gertie Cummins
Andrew Carnes

Angela Milne
David Bennett
Carole Williams
Jonathan Hearfield
Christopher van der Lugt
Doug Haley
Alex Teligadas
Natalie Ondiak
Brian Parker
Amanda Hyatt
Guy Moat
Vincente Drews

Triple trio

Carol Abel Christine Mathonet Rachel Turner Julia Vinicombe

Susan Buckalew Jieun Suh Edith van den Heuvel Isabella van Holstein

Janice Wakem

Men's Chorus

Alexander Atkins

John Hall Robert Moore

Roger Clough Gerry Shields

Ladies Chorus

Deborah Anderson Carole Dagand Erin Jordan Catarina Marques Gitte Stilling Kate Bailey Molly Guess Jij Linster-Besch Anne Servio Anna Vaudrey

Dancers

Sandy Octave Lynn Simon Daniel Jenks Barbara Curwen Catherine Blanc Christina Bienert Daniela Pavone Isabella Herber Karen Hoy

Choreography

Tap Dance and Ballet Tap Dance and Ballet

Ballet Ballet Ballet Ballet Ballet

Eileen Nober

Choreography - Farmer & Cowman

Backstage

<u>Stage Manager</u> <u>Assistant Stage Manager</u> Linda Myers Geoff Stevens

Evguenie Lourie

Backstage Crew

Ken Saunders

Malcolm Turner Thomas Stevens

Simon Critchlow

Lighting

Alan Carlisle - Lighting Plan

Sam Hariton

Adabella van der Zand

Sound

Paul Hohhman

Claude Schandel

Set Design Liz Turner

Set Building

Malcolm Turner Eugene Lourie Simon Critchlow Sam Hariton

Hannah Janiszewski

Costume Co-ordinator and Designer Lucinda Jobe

Hilary Brown

Costume production Ria Mordjil

Susie Roux

Hair

Pat Chambers Melanie Cardew

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Geoff Stevens

Jane Philpott Geoff Stevens

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building facilities. Chib

New World Theatre for the use of their lights.

Sandy Octave (Yaga Antony school of dance).

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The Seymours for the use of horse riding props.

Geoff Stevens, Anne Knickle, cast members for various props.

The Music Shop.

Janice Lemm for assisting with chorus rehearsals.

Sue Ondiak and Caroline Bailey For rehearsal lunch.

Did you know that the State of Oklahoma has Texas to the south, New Mexico to the west, Colorado and Kansas to the north and Missouri and Arkansas (Bill Clinton, ex-Governor) to the east. Members of 67 native American tribes (Indians) live in Oklahoma. The central and eastern part of the state has a lot of oil. Tulsa, in the north-east of the state has the Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art for pioneer history and Indian artefacts. Mohawk Bark, 6 miles north-east of Tulsa has a fine zoo and a herd of roaming buffalo. Gene Pitney once sang about being '24 hours from Tulsa '. The town of Pawnee was the home of Pawnee Bill, a partner of Buffalo Bill. Five Indian tribes live at Pawnee. Oklahoma City is the state capital and is in the centre of the state. It has the National Cowboy Hall of Fame with many cowboy and Indian exhibits. Anadarko is an Indian City, an authentic recreation of an Indian village, depicting dwellings of seven different tribes. The National Rodeo finals are held in Oklahoma City in December. Tulsa has an Indian week in August and an annual Tulsa Pow-wow. Anadarko has an American Indian Exposition in August with ceremonial dances, games and races. Oklahoma is on American Central time.

We hope that you have read the programme, remembered our advertisers, enjoyed an interval drink, but above all have had a great evening of entertainment.

We have all worked hard, for many hours over many months, but we have all had fun as well.

We take part in a Pirates production because we like to sing, sew, dance, paint, act, build, sell tickets, play the horn, meet new people, direct, produce or any number of other reasons. If you would be interested in doing any of the above activities, why not join us?

Just phone one of us and we will contact you when our next production is about to begin.

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