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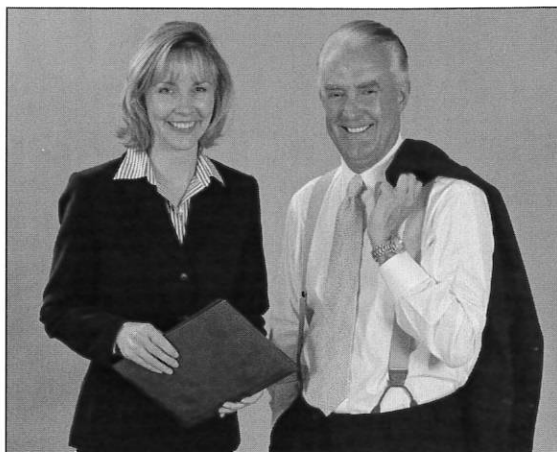
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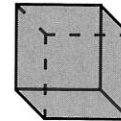
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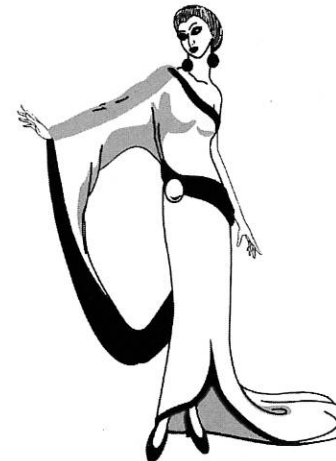
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## Synopsis of Scenes

### Act I

#### Scene 1 – The terrace of Emile de Becque's home

DITES-MOI  
A COCKEYED OPTIMIST  
TWIN SOLILOQUIES  
SOME ENCHANTED EVENING

Ngana & Jeanette  
Nellie  
Nellie & Emile  
Emile

#### Scene 2 – Another part of the island

BLOODY MARY

Sailors, Seebees & Marines

#### Scene 3 – The beach

THERE IS NOTHING LIKE A DAME  
BALI HA'I

Billis, Sailors, Seebees & Marines  
Bloody Mary

#### Scene 4 – Captain Brackett's office

#### Scene 5 – The Company street

#### Scene 6 – The beach

I'M GONNA WASH THAT MAN RIGHT OUT-A MY HAIR  
SOME ENCHANTED EVENING reprise  
A WONDERFUL GUY

Nellie & Nurses  
Emile & Nellie  
Nellie & Nurses

#### Scene 7 – The terrace of Emile de Becque's home

#### Scene 8 – Bali Ha'i

#### Scene 9 – Inside a hut on Bali Ha'i

YOUNGER THAN SPRINGTIME

Cable

#### Scene 10 – The terrace of Emile de Becque's home

FINALE ACT I

Emile & Nellie

### Act II

#### Scene 1 – The beach & performance of the "Thanksgiving Follies"

HONEY BUN

Nellie, Billis & Nurses

#### Scene 2 – The beach after the "Thanksgiving Follies"

HAPPY TALK  
YOU'VE GOT TO BE CAREFULLY TAUGHT  
THIS NEARLY WAS MINE

Bloody Mary & Liat  
Cable  
Emile

#### Scene 3 – Captain Brackett's office

#### Scene 4 – The Company street

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING reprise

Nellie

#### Scene 5 – The beach

#### Scene 6 – The terrace of Emile de Becque's home

FINALE

Emile, Nellie, Ngana & Jeanette

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 Music Director/Accompanist ..... Karen Grove  
 Choreographer ..... Merrit Spicer  
 Producer ..... Eric France  
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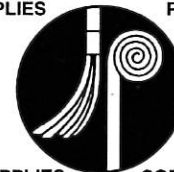


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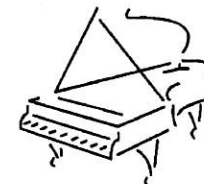
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### Nancy Henderson (Director)

Nancy is behind the scenes again after appearing as Anna in last season's spectacular production of *The King & I*. She has also appeared with the Red Mask Players and the Beef House Dinner Theatre. Nancy has stopped counting the number of shows she has been a part of for DLO, serving in nearly every capacity at one time or another. She thanks her sons, Erick and Nathan, and husband, Lon, for their support and help.



### Karen Grove (Music Director)

This is Karen's first stint as a director for Danville Light Opera, having gotten her feet wet last season as the accompanist for *Blood Brothers*. Karen is a third grade teacher at Oakwood Grade School. She also participates in several musical groups at her church. Karen says thanks to her family for letting her participate in the show and sends "Happy Anniversary" wishes to her husband John.



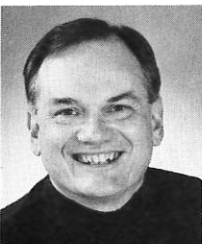
### Merrit Spicer (Choreographer)

*South Pacific* is Merrit's first show for DLO since the 1980's. She has kept busy as a part time dance instructor however and DLO is happy to welcome her back. In 2002 Merrit won Dance Instructor of the Year for Star Systems Talent Competition. She is also employed at the Veterans Illiana Medical Center. Merrit is married to Bill and is the mother of two children, Braydon and Brooklyn.



### Suzy Smalley (Nellie Forbush)

Suzy comes to South Pacific with fond memories of this show from over twenty years ago. It was the first show she had ever been involved with in high school. She is thoroughly enjoying her time back on the stage, as well as backstage, too. She appeared in all of last season's shows and has had a blast working with this awesome cast. She thanks her family, her greatest fans, from the bottom of her heart.



### Tom Harrigan (Emile de Becque)

Tom has appeared on stage many times for DLO, *Sunshine II*, and the Beef House Dinner Theatre, however his favorite stage to perform on is home plate at Wrigley Field, singing the National Anthem for the Cubs. Tom is the director of bands at North Ridge Middle School. He thanks his wife, Linda for her continuing love and support, and sends a big hug to granddaughters Lexie and Ashley.

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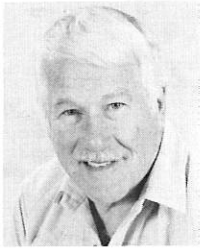
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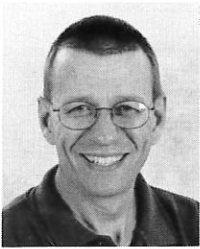
## Jeff Carter (Luther Billis)

Jeff is fairly new to DLO, with his first show being *Jesus Christ Superstar* last season. He also participated with Red Mask Players in last summer's one-act plays. Jeff is the Administrator and Pastor of the Danville Salvation Army and is the father of two. Jeff strives to live his life according to the principals of the Sermon on the Mount, and thanks God for the opportunity to participate in this show.



## Larry Finley (Captain Brackett)

Larry's rookie show with DLO was in 1984 when he appeared in *Damn Yankees*. Since that show twenty years ago he has appeared with DLO, Sunshine II Productions, Red Mask Players, DSO, and Myers Dinner Theatre. He was also in *Damn Yankees* at the North Platte Community Playhouse under the direction of his daughter, Cheri. He was most recently seen in *Barnum* at the Fischer Theatre.



## Henry Hunt (Commander Harbison)

Henry is excited to be in his second DLO show after appearing two seasons ago in *Shenandoah*. Before DLO, Henry's involvement with theatre was exclusively behind the scenes at Red Mask Players. A former accountant, Henry is currently self-employed in construction. He thanks God for the opportunity to be on stage, and also his wife, Sara for her extraordinary support. He will "never let her go".



## David Woodrow (Lieutenant Cable)

David has appeared with DLO in the title roles of *Pippin* and *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. With his talented wife Jennifer, David has directed many theatrical productions in the area, including last season's magnificent production of *The King & I*. For the past eight years David has been the Banquet Manager and Dinner Theatre director at the Beef House Dinner Theatre.



## Jennifer Woodrow (Bloody Mary)

Jennifer is in her second year of teaching at North Ridge Middle School where she also directs the award winning Redcoats show choir. Before returning to Danville, Jennifer taught for many years in Indiana. She is also active in the DAR and has directed the All American DAR Chorus in historic Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Jennifer has appeared on stage for many local theatre groups.

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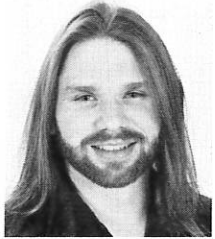
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## Eric France (Co-Producer)

Eric has been involved in theatre since he was a child and loves working in all aspects of it. He has participated with DLO in the past, most recently appearing in *Jesus Christ Superstar* last season, and he is happy to be involved fully with this production of *South Pacific*. He would like to thank his family, friends, and all of the people who have inspired him and helped him accomplish everything he has done so far.



## Stephanie Keller (Co-Producer/Assistant Director)

Stephanie is pleased to return to DLO in her fourth show. She has most recently served as the director of one of last summer's one-act plays for the Red Mask Players. She currently works at Walgreens Accounting Center and Blue Kangaroo Books, as well as running several children's reading groups. Stephanie thanks her "sounding boards" Suzy, Angie, and Karen for their support.



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Left to Right: Jason Greene, Ron Eberhardt, Thomás Gonçalves, Kris Jones.  
Not available for pictures: Elizabeth Bates, Tom Fricke and Shelly Nale.

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

What an honor, to be directing the opening production of Danville Light Opera’s 50th season. Having so many other responsibilities, I was nervous about taking on something else. However, everyone I asked to help said yes, and I feel this show has truly been a team effort. I can’t thank everyone enough. The set designers and builders have created an absolutely beautiful set, and we have a fantastic behind-the-scenes crew. The cast members have come up with many of their own costumes and helped our very efficient prop committee to locate many needed items. We were thrilled to welcome Merrit Spicer, our choreographer, back to the DLO fold and to have Karen Grove as our music director, after she got her feet wet last year as accompanist for the winter show. This production is also a family affair, with parents and children, siblings, husbands and wives, and grandparents and grandchildren participating. Not only do we have a number of DLO veterans on stage, but also many talented newcomers. The show even has an international flavor as we welcome Thomás Gonçalves, an exchange student from Brazil, to our cast. Hopefully, this show has made his experience here more interesting and enjoyable.

I hope you, the audience, take away with you the important message *South Pacific* still has to offer us... about how we see and treat others who are different from ourselves. And now, on with the show! Here’s to the next 50 years of Danville Light Opera, the finest in community musical theatre!

Nancy Henderson