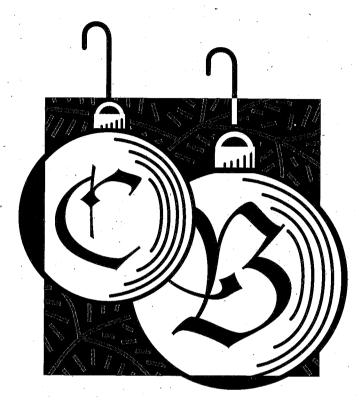


THEATRE

THE BYU DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND MEDIA ARTS IN COOPERATION WITH THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DANCE PRESENTS



The Christmas Box

BOOK AND LYRICS Eric Samuelsen COMPOSER Murray Boren

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY Richard Paul Evans

DIRECTOR Rodger Sorensen MUSIC DIRECTOR
Randy Boothe

CHOREOGRAPHER
Caroline Prohosky

CONDUCTOR Richard Brunson

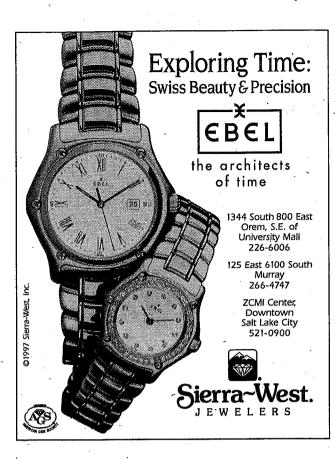
COSTUME DESIGNER
Candida K. Nichols

SCENIC DESIGNER Eric Fielding

LIGHTING DESIGNER
Loraine Edwards

SOUND DESIGNER
Scott Horman

PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER
Rachel Parker





Cast

in order of appearance

Richard David Warner

Keri Andra Johnson

Maryanne Crystal A. Heer

Jenna Annalece Boothe

Barry Norris W. Chappell, Jr.

> Angel Katie Wells

Ensemble Marilee Lewis Nancy Schofield Richie Franklin Kenneth Wright

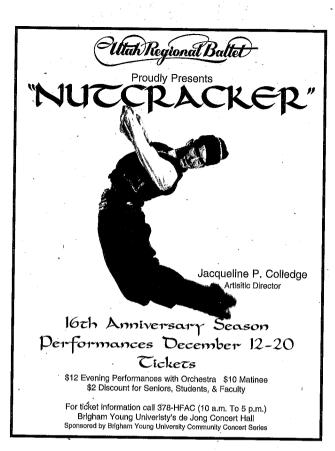
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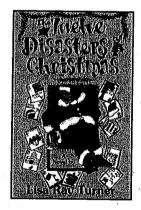
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This production is entered in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KC/ACTF). The aims of this national theater education program are to identify and promote quality in college-level theater production. To this end, each production entered is eligible for a response by a regional KC/ACTF representative, and certain students are selected to participate in KC/ACTF programs involving awards, scholarships, and special grants for actors, playwrights, designers, and critics at both like regional and national levels.

Productions entered on the Participating level are eligible for inclusion at the KC/ACTF regional festival and can also be considered for invitation to the KC/ACTF national festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, in the spring of 1998.

Last year more than 900 productions and 18,000 students participated in the American College Theater Festival nationwide. By entering this production, our department is sharing in the KC/ACTF goals to help college theater grow and to focus attention on the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.





Natalie Browning is eight months pregnant, her husband has just been transferred to Dirt Gulch, Mississippi, and her mother—in—law showed up on her doorstep— with a suitcase. She is having the worst Christmas of her life.

This hilarious sequence of mishaps completely zaps Natalie's Christmas spirit and will leave you rolling with laughter. \$7.95

BOOKCRAFT

Who's Who

in the cast and crew

Pamela Allen (Assistant Stage Manager), from Ramona, CA, is working on an MA degree in elementary education with an emphasis in drama. She wrote and directed Aesop, Again for the National AOSA Conférence in 1991. For the past 22 years she has been a teacher in Ramona.

Annalece Boothe (Jenna) is a sixth-grade student at Spanish Fork Middle School. Extremely talented, she has been dancing since she was three years old, plays the piano, cello, and flute and has several stage appearances to her credit. She thanks her family for their encouragement.

Randy Boothe (Music Director) is the head of vocal and choral studies for the music dance theatre program. He has directed *The Gift of Christmas* as well as *Faith in Every Footstep*, the LDS pioneer sesquicentennial celebration held at Cougar Stadium in July 1997. As music director, he has collaborated on *The Pirates of Penzance*, Guys and Dolls, and much more.

Richard Brunson (Conductor) is an MM student in orchestral conducting from Taylorsville, UT. Last year Richard conducted the BYU Symphony Orchestra. His principal instrument is the French horn, and he has studied with faculty member Laurence Lowe. Currently he studies conducting with Clyn Barrus.

Norris W. Chappell, Jr. (Barry), from San Diego, CA, is a sophomore student in music dance theatre. His favorite roles include Tony in West Side Story, Jack in Into the Woods, and Tony in You Can't Take It with You.

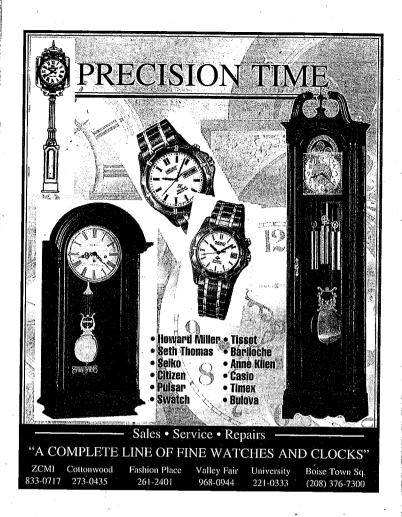
Richie Franklin (Ensemble), a freshman from Houston, TX, is in the music dance theatre program. A veteran of countless musical reviews, he has appeared as Rooster in *Annie* and Jo in *The Pajama Game*. He is an Eagle Scout, is planning a mission in the fall, and loves Christmas.

Crystal A. Heer (Maryanne), of Rexburg, ID, is a BYU graduate in vocal performance. Her credits include *The Marriage of Figaro, Hansel and Gretel, The Sound of Music,* and Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. She thanks Lori and Sophie for holding down the fort.

Andra Johnson (Keri) is a senior from Sandy, UT, in the music dance theatre program. Her favorite roles have been those of the Narrator in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat and Golda in Fiddler on the Roof. Andra has also received an outstanding actress award for a performance she gave in Moscow, Russia.

Michael Kraezek (Assistant Stage Manager), from Corte Madera, CA, is a secondary education major with an emphasis in theatre. At Ricks College Michael was the theatre council president and performed in *The Most Happy Fella*.

Marilee Lewis (Ensemble) is a fourth-year student from Huntsville, AL, in the music dance theatre program. Her favorite roles include those of Little Red Riding Hood in Into the Woods and Luisa in The Fantastiks. Marilee attended the Boston Conservatory for two years before transferring to BYU.



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Candida K. Nichols (Costume Designer), from Nampa, ID, is majoring in theatre design and technology. Her credits include *The Educated Heart, Henry V,* and *Brigadoon*. She plans to direct her own children's dance theatre company in the future.

Rachel Parker (Production Stage Manager), from Coos Bay, OR, is graduating in December in technical theatre. Her stage management experience includes *Prodigals*, *Playing for Time*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and work for The Garrens Comedy Troupe.

Joy L. Parkin (Assistant Costume Designer) is a fashion design major from Bountiful, UT. In addition to her work in this production, she also designed the makeup for Arms and the Man. In January Joy will be designing for the Clothing and Textiles Fashion Show.

Nancy Schofield (Ensemble), from Macomb, IL, is a sophomore in the music dance theatre program. She has appeared as Fiona in *Brigadoon*, Eliza Dolittle in *My Fair Lady*, and Paquette in *Candide*. She thanks her inspiring directors, her family, her roommates, and Wade.

David Warner (Richard), from Provo, has had leading roles in musicals, operas, and plays. His directing credits include professional opera, musical theatre, theatre, film, and television productions. He is a faculty member in the music dance theatre program at BYU.

Katie Wells (Angel) is a fourth-grader from Springville. Her credits are numerous (especially for a nine-year-old) and include *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Seaside,* and *Woman the Pioneer.* She thanks her family and Caroline.

Kenneth Wright (Ensemble), from Fresno, CA, is a freshman majoring in music dance theatre. He has performed in various high school productions, in community theatre, and with the Fresno Ballet. Guys and Dolls, Me and My Girl, Fiddler on the Roof, and The Mouse Trap are his favorite shows.

Orchestra Richard Brunson, conductor

Violin Alice Ashton Amy Rosevear Jason Swigert Alicia Mildenstein

Viola James Rhodes Christopher Lewis

Cello Sean McFadden Ryan Swigert

Bass Geoff Rayback

Flute Kristen Clausen Oboe Heather Dalby

Clarinet/Bass Clarinet Amy Gabbitas

Bassoon Spencer Layton

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