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# Otterbein College Theatre

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## THE STREETS OF NEW YORK

by Dion Boucicault

October 19-20-21-22, 1977

Director — DONALD L. PAISLEY

Designer-Technical Director — FRED J. THAYER

Costume Designer — PETIE DODRILL



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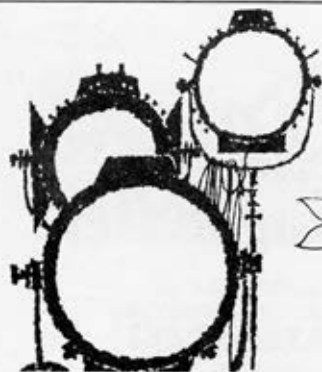
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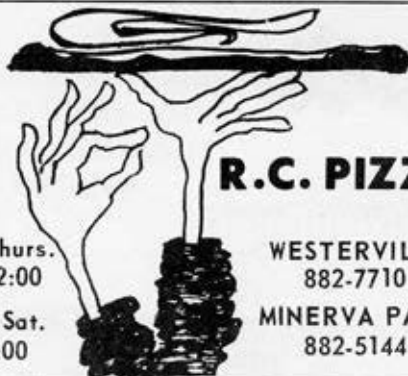


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Captain Fairweather, a noble seaman .....	Mr. Ebner*
Gideon Bloodgood, banker and felon .....	Mr. Kokai*
Badger, man of many faces .....	Mr. Blocher**
Mark Livingstone, honest but ruined young man .....	Mr. Witt*
Paul, robbed of wealth but rich in spirit .....	Mr. Schilling**
Puffy, kindly old baker .....	Mr. Downard**
Dan, a simple fire-boy .....	Mr. Burnett**
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Mrs. Fairweather, gentle wife and loving mother .....	Miss Carey*
Mrs. Puffy, a heart made of the sweetest dough .....	Miss Sigrist**
Alida, a heart as dry and hard as a biscuit .....	Miss Shelton**
Lucy, purest of souls .....	Miss Kaczmarek
Strolling Ladies and Gentlemen .....	Mr. Andrews, Miss Carter, Mr. Cary, Miss Daniels, Miss Grissinger, Mr. Howell, Mr. Kimbro, Miss Radcliffe*

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### ACT I

The commercial panic of 1877; Bloodgood prepares to abscond. Badger takes advantage of the moment; the Captain makes his deposit. Apoplexy saves the bank, or was it **MURDER**. Twenty years pass. Mark finds his old friends living in poverty. Lucy and Mark reunited. The foreclosure! "I never felt my poverty till now."

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"Old Folks at Home" ..... Mr. Burnett, Miss Kaczmarek, Miss Radcliffe, Miss Sigris

### ACT II

Badger returns; the blackmail scheme. Livingstone confesses his ruin. Alida buys a husband. Mark proposes. Lucy sacrifices her love. Badger arrested but not foiled. Months pass. Lucy reduced to begging. "The poor have one resource, they can die." Livingstone discovers his friends in wretchedness. Assistance, but is it in time?

### INTERMISSION

*Ladies please remove their hats, as their failure to do so may annoy persons behind them.*

#### BEFORE THE CURTAIN

Remarkable Barbershop Quartet ..... Mr. Burnett, Mr. Downard, Mr. Witt, Mr. Schilling  
The Sweet Sisters ..... Miss Carter, Miss Daniels, Miss Grissinger  
"Tell Them That You Saw Me" ..... Miss Kaczmarek, Mr. Blocher  
"Take Me Out To the Ball Game" ..... Miss Radcliffe

### ACT III

Despair. Plans for an easy death. **SUICIDE!** Rescue? Badger caught off guard. The evidence secured. Lucy's recovery. Disaster; the tenement fire. A heroic deed. A bride refused. Unmasking of villainy, and a daughter's shame. Justice with mercy. On with the wedding!

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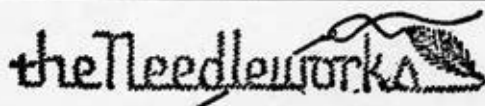
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