

*“Her Hands Will Dance,
Her Heart Will Sing”*

A Play of Our Own, Part IV

by Stephan C. Baldwin



BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE

ENSEMBLE THEATRE

In cooperation with the

Jackson-Mann Alumni Association

PRESENT THE WORLD PREMIERE OF

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DIRECTED BY

DR. STEPHEN LEVINE

Assistant Director/Stage Manager

DONALD BAILLARGEON

Music Composed by

MARILYN LEVINE

Set Designer/Technical Director

DR. RICHARD J. WARYE

Lighting Designer

RICHARD CAMUSO

Choreographer

JEANETTE TWIGG

WHO'S WHO

Jeannie Ouellette (Ruth Bone) is a graduate of the Boston School for the Deaf, and St. Mary's School for the Deaf in Buffalo, N.Y. 1975 found her in completion of a program for the Deaf Technical Vocational Institute in St. Paul Minnesota. Proficient in mime and with an avid interest in drama and basketball, this show makes Jean's debut here on the Bridgewater stage.

A Junior at Taunton High School, David Ornelas (Victor Kant) is making his first stage appearance here at Bridgewater State College. Danny hails from Taunton and his interests include motorcycles and old cars.

Originally from Hartford Connecticut, Roger Dickinson (Edgar Daniels) attended the American School for the Deaf. Roger is the father of five beautiful children and has been working for Factory Mutual in Norwood for 11 years. His future plans hopefully include a degree from Bridgewater State College.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Two and a half years ago! November, 1979. A man came into my office to discuss playwriting: simple enough, I suppose. As we spoke I observed: He's my age; not a student; wears a hearing aid; seems to read lips; speech is near perfect, though; really bright and verbal. He said, "The deaf love theatre, but can't find any!" Ironic. He said, "The deaf are natural actors, but have nothing to perform!" Fascinating. He said so many things, and he's still speaking. I'm still listening, too, continually struck by the world his words and images reveal. It is my own world.

In 1980, Stephen Baldwin and I began to work together on several short play projects, as preparation for a larger goal. I also asked the BSC students and faculty to present a full length play written by Steve. They agreed: a premiere! Then, suddenly, Broadway audiences were stunned by the Tony (Best Play) Award winning drama, *Children of a Lesser God*; television audiences saw major deaf characters portrayed on "Barney Miller" and "The Incredible Hulk;" and a new children's television program, "Rainbow," features the deaf. Steve and I found ourselves on a bandwagon without ever having jumped! Ah, well. Tonight we hope the hearing will listen, the deaf will watch, and both will grow.

CAST

(In order of appearance)

MARY LAWSON..... Mary Ellen Keen
DOCTOR BIRD.....Robyn Silva
RUTH BONE..... Jeannie Ouellette
SISTER MARGARITA.....Lisa Caron
DOCTOR DEVINE.....Stephen Lee
VOICE OF RUTH..... Denise Cormier
LINDA MAY BONE..... Carolyn O'Neil
LEO KANT..... Michael Ricciardi
VIC KANT..... Daniel Ornelas
VOICE OF VIC..... Karl Wiedergott
FATHER MCCANN.....Donald Baillargeon
DAVID BONE.....John Richards
EDGAR DANIELS.....Roger Dickinson
VOICE OF EDGAR..... John Plausse

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I

Scene 1: Hallway
Scene 2: Conference Room
Scene 3: Audiology Testing Room
Scene 4: Conference Room
Scene 5: Classroom
Scene 6: Conference Room

ACT II

Scene 1: Dance studio
Scene 2: Ruth's living room

PRODUCTION STAFF

Set Construction..... Bill Kadra
Lighting..... Richard Camuso
Sound.....Lynn Benoit, Sally Richardson
Properties.....Marion Norton, **Sharon Silva**
Publicity.....Lori Pender
Make-up.....Jeanette Mercier
Box Office.....**Beverly Mulherin**
Program.....**Robyn Silva**
House Manager.....Kerri Rock
Set Painting.....Barbara MacDonald, Aline Rhinehold
Shift.....Alan Talbot

CREWS

Donald Baillargeon	Beverly Mulherin
Lynn Benoit	Marion Norton
Richard Camuso	Lori Pender
Lisa Caron	Jean Prall
Diane DiGiampietro	Aline Rhinehold
Allen Fleming	John Richards
David Hunt	Sally Richardson
Bill Kadra	Kerri Rock
Mary Ellen Keen	Phyllis Schwendenman
Mitsie Hayward	Sharon Silva
Joe Lachimia	Robyn Silva
Barbara MacDonald	Alan Talbot
Tim McKellick	Joe Wallace
Jeanette Mercier	Brenda Walsh

SPECIAL THANKS

Carol Baldwin	Karen Lawrence
Diane Wilkinson	Bel-Tone

*THERE WILL **BE** A FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERMISSION BETWEEN ACTS*

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