



Steve Christensen, Mark Kuntz, and Tom Ten Eyck, with back to the set for "I've Got Rhythm." The entire transformation of the stage camera, place a platform as they worked Sunday morning readying was completed in a matter of hours.

Workers set stage for new musical

by DAN DILLON

The task may seem impossible to the uninitiated, but Sunday a group of dedicated members of the Sandy Community Players got together and accomplished it.

The members of the local theater group dismantled the set of "Harvey," which closed its run Saturday evening, erected the set for "I've Got Rhythm," which opens in July, and rehearsed on it that afternoon.

Planning is the key, according to Steve Christensen, Sandy High School music instructor, who is one of five with a hand in the new production's directorial pie.

Mark Kuntz, SUHS drama instructor, designed the new set. The principals knew that blocking for the musical production would be complex on the circular flight of stairs that surrounds of grand piano at center stage.

So, they built the set in the commons at the high school in order to block out the actors' and actresses' steps and rehearse while school was winding down and "Harvey" was occupying the stage at Sandy Community Theater.

With "Harvey's" final curtain call scheduled for last Saturday evening, the other SCP members spent the afternoon dismantling the "Rhythm" set at the high school and loading

it into a truck.

Sunday morning at 6 a.m., they tore down the "Harvey" set and began moving into the theater, platform by platform. By noon, the bulk of the work was completed and the set was onstage.

It's a move that could be repeated more frequently in the future, according to Christensen, as SCP moves toward some sort of financial stability and increases the number of its productions annually.

He said that it's nothing for theater groups in the Portland area to tear down one production and begin another presentation in the course of one week. It's an economic fact of life that theater groups cannot have their theaters standing vacant for any length of time.

He added that the cast of "Rhythm" could be ready for a Friday curtain call this week if it was necessary, thanks to the quick work transforming the theater stage.

But that premier will have a week's wait. "I've Got Rhythm" opens with a special Mt. Hood Hospice benefit July 1. Opening night, July 2, will be a \$1 night for the budget-minded, Christensen said.

After that the show will run July 3, 9, 10, 11, 17 and 18. All performances will be at 8 p.m. with the exception of July 11. That night the Players hope to take advantage of the Sandy

Mountain Festival crowd and open at 7 p.m.

The 13-member cast will present a 60-song show that Christensen and Tom Ten Eyck whittled down from some 500 preliminary selections.

The show covers the Broadway era from Gershwin to the present and will afford one novice performer an on-stage history lesson of the Great White Way.

Bob Anderson, who appeared in "Odd Couple" and "Tribute," and Mary Russell, who appeared in SUHS' "West Side Story," provide the narrative that holds the musical together.

Anderson is teaching Russell a bit of the history of show biz behind the footlights, introducing her to the music of Broadway.

He is helped by a chorus of singers that includes Lois Eblen, Katie Ten Eyck, Cindy Pick, Macy Brader, Alice Roth, Marilyn Rowell, Joan Wright, Bruce Scarth, Rob Lawson, Mark Kuntz and Dave Eagle.

The chorus is backed by a five-piece orchestra featuring Tom Ten Eyck on piano, Fred Hertrich on bass, Mike Bailor on drums, Dean Barker on alto saxophone and flute, and Christensen on trumpet.

Choreography was assisted by Bonnie Holly, Reynolds High School drama coach. Pauline Stafford is producing the show.

Keeping Posted:

Bull Run election set

THURSDAY, JUNE 17
Sandy Elementary District Board of Directors meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Cedar Ridge School library. Among the agenda topics is an engineering report on improvements to Sandy Elementary School.

Sandy Rainbow Girls meet at the Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Highway Division will speak. Sandy High School District Superintendent Jack Peters will also present a nine-minute film on education.

Cottrell School Board meets at 8 p.m. in the East Building.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19
The Sandy Grange will host a flea market and tailgate sale at the Grange Hall, 36804 SE Kelso Road. Lunch will be served and dessert will be strawberry shortcake. For table or space reservations, call 668-4952 or 668-5859.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22
An election will be held in the Bull Run School District. Some district patrons are seeking to recall members of that district's Board of Directors. Polls will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the school.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23
The Sandy TOPS Club meets at 9 a.m. at the Sandy Community Action Center.

Sandy Country Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Nelson Memorial Pioneer Park, corner of 362nd Drive and Highway 26. For information, call Pam Hauff at 668-7257.

Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce meets for its weekly luncheon meeting at noon at the Tollgate Inn. Ed Hardt, Metro Region engineer for the State

THURSDAY, JUNE 24
Sandy Golden Age Club holds at potluck luncheon at the Sandy Senior Center at noon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20
The Yamaha Gold Cup motocross race will be held at Mt. View Raceways, 38960 SE Rude Road. Money races will begin at noon.

Rebekah Lodge meets at the Odd Fellows Hall at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 21
Sandy City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at Sandy City Hall.

Concert series slated

Sit back and relax this summer in Meinig Park.

The Sandy Recreation Department will offer a series of free musical concerts beginning next Friday, June 25, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The first performance will be Cymbalum John of Eugene who plays a magnificent from Hungary called the cymbalum.

The instrument pre-dates the piano and is played with "hammers" or plucked with the fingers.

The other two concerts in the series will be the Brian Ady Trio, featuring jazz music, on July 23 and a classical guitarist on Aug. 27.

For more information, call the Sandy Recreation Department at 668-5569.

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Police nab Ohio fugitive

Sandy police last Thursday arrested an Ohio fugitive who had come into the area just the day before.

Frederick Allen Cola, 20, was taken into custody at 3:30 p.m. by Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel and lodged in the Clackamas County Jail. He was arrested on a fugitive warrant issued by the state of Ohio on charges of attempted aggravated murder, attempted aggravated robbery and four counts of kidnapping.

Monday, three people were picked up by Sandy police after siphoning gasoline from a vehicle parked on Hood Street.

Timothy Lee Seeger, 18, of Boring was charged with second-degree theft and minor in possession of alcohol; James Thomas Simmons, 20, of Oregon City was charged with second-degree thefts. A 17-year-old Sandy male

was also charged with second-degree theft in connection with the incident.

Friday, at 1:57 a.m., Sandy police took James Roger Seeger, 47, of Gresham into custody and charged him with driving under the influence of intoxicants, driving with a suspended license and failure to

display a license.

Jerry Eppler, 22, of Sandy was lodged and cited after he was stopped at the intersection of Highway 26 and Bluff Road. He was charged with driving with a suspended license and possession of less than one ounce of a controlled substance.

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