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October 6-8 and 13-15 at 8:00 p.m. and October 9 at 2:00 p.m. at Bell Theatre.

### WORLD PREMIERE PLAY

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### THE THREE CUCKOLDS

February 14-18 at 8:00 p.m. and February 19 at 2:00 p.m. at Bell Theatre A play created by Leon Katz from an anonymous scenario of the **commedia dell'arte**. Three dense husbands, three pretty wives, a very clever servant, acrobatics, old jokes, bright colors, and the original slapstick. You'll live happily ever after.

### HOLD ME!

March 27-31 at 8:00 p.m. and April 1 at 2:00 p.m. at Hulsey Center, Studio 311

Once again UAB Theatre and Dance and Alpha Psi Omega team up to present an evening of exciting theatre. Three women and two men talk, shout, laugh and cry about the problems of living in our modern day world. Hold Me! is a contemporary "slice-of-life" drama from the wickedly funny pen of Jules Feiffer.



April 24-28 at 8:00 p.m. at Bell Theatre WARNING: This play, by Martin Sherman, realistically depicts the Nazi persecution of homosexuals in concentration camps during World War II. It contains graphic violence, nudity and adult language. Parental discretion is strongly advised.

### DANCE

UAB will present three exciting dance concerts ranging from the classics to the modern. The beautiful expression of life through the graceful movements of UAB students will be choreographed by Edith Barnes and Stevan Grebel.

Let your imagination soar as you enjoy three stimulating evenings in the world of music and dance.

### **BALLET** — Fall Repertory

November 11 & 12 at 8:00 at the Bell Theatre

### DANSCAPE

March 2 & 3 at 8:00 at the Bell Theatre

BALLET — Spring Repertory May 11 & 12 at 8:00 at the Bell Theatre

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### The Producer: BOB YOWELL

Dr. Bob Yowell is Chairman of the Department of Theatre and Dance at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. After he received his Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University in 1972, Dr. Yowell went on to teach at Western Carolina University and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Included in his directing credits are Antigone, Pippin, Tartuffe, Death of a Salesman, and most recently UAB's production of Equus. In 1983, Dr. Yowell's production of Grease won UAB an Obelisk award for Best Direction of a Musical Play.

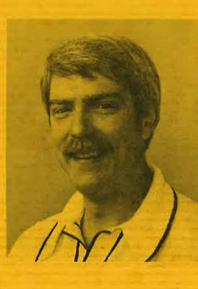
### The Director: **RICK PLUMMER**

Rick Plummer is Assistant Professor of Theatre at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, where he directs the acting sequence. Dr. Plummer has a varied career as a professional actor, director and teacher. His acting/directing credits include Off-Off-Broadway, TV, stock, tour and university/community theatre. He has taught at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Southern Illinois University, where he earned his Ph.D. as a teaching fellow; and at Manchester College. No newcomer to outdoor drama, Dr. Plummer directed the world premiere and subsequent season of The Firemakers, in Bristol, Indiana; served as production stage manager for the world premiere of Dust on Her Petticoats, in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and has been the assistant director for the 1980 and 1982 seasons of The Smoky Mountain Passion Play.

### Set & Light Designer/ Technical Director: MORGAN BILLINGSLEY

Morgan Billingsley, an Assistant Professor in the UAB Department of Theatre and Dance, received his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Mississippi. Having worked professionally with movies, television, concerts, theatre and dance groups, his credits include Lighting Designer/Technical Director/Stage Manager for the Jackson Ballet, 1980-82; Alabama Dance Theatre's production of The Nutcracker; Lighting Director for Bolero, PBS/Mississippi ETV; and Production Stage Manager for the 1st and 2nd USA International Ballet Competitions. Mr. Billingsley will be Lighting Consultant for the Mississippi Pavillion at the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans.





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### Music Director: RON REITZ

Ron Reitz has been Director of Bands at UAB since 1981. He was formerly the Director of Bands at Jackson State Community College in Jackson, Tennessee. Mr. Reitz has conducted community productions of Man of La Mancha, Fiddler on the Roof, Music Man and the Fall '83 production of Grease. He has a B.M.E. from Florida State University and a M.M.E. from Indiana University.



Edith Barnes, an Associate Professor of Dance at UAB, received her Master of Fine Arts Degree in Dance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Her experience includes choreographing over twenty modern dances at UAB; choreography for Fiddler on the Roof, My Fair Lady, Camelot, The King and I, and The Sound of Music. In 1976, she choreographed several dances for NBC's Today Show, "A Bicentennial Salute to Alabama."

### Costume Designer: KATHLEEN NUERNBERG

Kathleen Nuernberg, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance, received her Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ms. Nuernberg has designed for several professional companies including the Virginia Shakespeare Festival and the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival. She has also designed for the University of Wisconsin's Children's Theatre, Backdrop Players, Sinfonicron Opera Company, and the Front Royal Little Theatre.



Carolyn Billingsley is currently a Theatre Management Consultant at UAB. Her professional experience includes Performing Arts Program Director at the Mississippi Arts Commission, Assistant Administrator of the Jackson Ballet, and Assistant Touring Manager for the University of Mississippi's production of Godspell. Mrs. Billingsley received her Master of Arts degree from the University of Mississippi.



### **Choreographer: EDITH BARNES**



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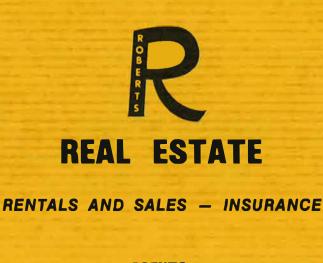
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Everything's Alright
This Jesus Must Die
Hosanna
Simon Zealotes / Poor Jerusalem
Pilate's Dream
The Temple
Everything's Alright
Don't Know How to Love Him
Damned for All Time / Blood Money

The Last Supper The Arrest Peter's Denial Pilate & Christ Could We Start Again, Please Judas' Death Trial by Pilate Superstar ..... Crucifixion

### 15 Minute Intermission

### Act II

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# CAST

Jesus	Russ Beasley
* Judas Iscariot	James Stovall
Mary Magdalene	Margery Pegues
Caiaphas	Bart Grooms
Peter	Greg Lowrey
Pontius Pilate	Jack Cannon
Annas	Joe Bowlby
Herod	Bob Penny
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Simon	Mark Germain
Apostles	Johnny Armstrong, Mark Clive, Wisdom Donkor, Gary Earnest,
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\*Appears through the courtesy of Actors Equity Association

## **MUSICIANS**

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Larry Ward	
Robert Kaye	Electric Bass
James Hoskins	Percussion
Doug Ury	Synthesizers

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# **PRODUCTION/ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Producers	Bob Yowell, Martin L. Everse
Director	
Ausic Director	
Choreographer	Edith Barnes
et & Light Designer / Technical Di	rector Morgan Billingsley
Costume Designer	Kathleen Nuernberg
Assistant Director / Stage Manager	·
Costume Shop Supervisor	
Costume Shop Assistants	Jeff Todhunter, Jacky Randall
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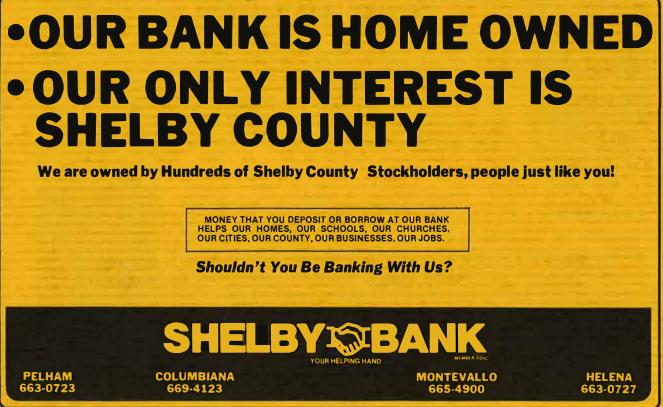
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# THE CAST -



**JESUS:** Russ Beasley has performed in more than twenty stage productions under the jurisdiction of Actors Equity Association. He had featured roles in the Tony nominated Broadway musicals Gigi and Very Good Eddie and has appeared in dinner theatres, night clubs, Off-Broadway, LORT theatres and national tours as well as in soap operas and in national commercials. Locally, Mr. Beasley has appeared as a guest artist for UAB's Town and Gown Theatre three times and was the tenor solist in the Beethoven Choral Fantasy with the Birmingham Symphony. As a teacher, he has been on the faculties of several colleges including Long Beach State University in California and Birmingham Southern College.

JUDAS: James Stovall, a native of Baltimore, has been performing since childhood. He studied theatre, dance, and voice at Morgan State University with Joseph Eubanks and "Fame's" Debbie Allen. While at Urban Musical Theatre in Washington, he premiered in Billy Noname and The Me Nobody Knows. As a soloist with the Morehouse College Glee Club, he performed at Avery Fisher Hall-Lincoln Center, President Carter's inauguration, and a special White House Concert in the East Room. His other performance experience includes roles in Porgy and Bess, and the operas "Rigaletto," "Die Fledermaus," and "Madame Butterfly."



\*Mr. Stovall appears through the courtesy of Actor's Equity Association.



MARY MAGDALENE: Margery Pegues is currently Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Her performance experience includes Soprano soloist to the Spoleto Contemporary Music Festival in Spoleto, Italy; soloist in a European tour of classical and contemporary music; U.S. representative in the Cultural Exchange Program Concert Tour to Russia and Spain; and a member of the original cast in Houston Grand Opera Company's national tour of Porgy and Bexx. Ms. Pegues has also performed professionally as soloist on television and acted in commercials and stock theatre.

CAIAPHAS: Bart Grooms is a Pastoral Counseling Resident at Baptist Medical Centers. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Mr. Grooms has acted in several productions, including A Cry of Players and The Wild Duck, and the musicals Whispers on the Wind and The Fantasticks. As a vocalist, he performed with the UAB Good Time Jazz Band, Indian Springs Schools Glee Club, Vanderbilt Concert Choir and Vanderbilt Chamber Singers.





**PETER:** Greg Lowery will be a Freshman at Auburn University. His high school performing experience includes the roles of Pippin in Pippin, Perchick in Fiddler on the Roof, and Riff in West Side Story. Mr. Lowery won the 1983 Obelisk award for Best Male Performance in a Musical for his role of Danny Zuko in UAB's production of Grease.

**PONTIUS PILATE:** Jack Cannon has been acting in Birmingham for the past six years. A member of the Birmingham Shakespeare Ensemble and WBHM's Globe Playhouse of the Air, he makes his theatre home at UAB. Mr. Cannon has had lead parts in many productions including The House of Blue Leaves, Equus, All the Way Home, Grease and two seasons of Summerfest. In addition to acting, he has directed two shows and will be directing Hold Me at UAB next spring.



ANNAS: Joe Bowlby holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Birmingham Southern College. A tenor soloist at St. Mary Episcopal Church, he played lead roles in Magic Flute, Kiss Me Kate, Postcard from Morocco, and Show Boat. In 1979, he appeared as a company member of the UAB Town and Gown's Summerfest.

HEROD: Dr. Bob Penny is an Associate Professor of English and Theatre at UAB. He has directed and acted in several Off-Broadway productions as well as appeared in several lead roles in Birmingham. During the past years he has been seen in The Diary of Anne Frank, Butley, The Tempest, Waiting for Godot, A Christmas Carol and UAB's Bedroom Farce. Next fall, Dr. Penny will tour with the Birmingham Children's Theatre production of Rumplestiltskin through six states, including New York.



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# THE CAST -



SIMON: Mark R. Germain, an Art History major at UAB, has performed in dance, music and theatre productions. Some of his credits include roles from Anyone Can Whistle, House of Blue Leaves, Night of January 16th, and God-

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## **THEATRE/DANCE UAB**

The Department of Theatre and Dance at UAB offers a wide range of opportunities for participation in its multi-faceted academic and production programs. Unlike many performing arts departments, Theatre/ Dance UAB offers intimate, "hands-on" educational experience. Small classes drawn from one of the state's most comprehensive theatre/dance curriculums insure direct and personal instruction, and all students at UAB are invited to work as either actors. dancers or technicians in representative world dramas, ballets, modern, jazz and specialty dance concerts from a rich and varied production season.

Administered within the College of Humanities, the Theatre/Dance program has strong ties with the departments of Music and English, making it possible to offer a unique blend of the Humanities and the Performing Arts. Several areas of emphasis are available for the Theatre/Dance major: Acting/Directing concentration; Technical Theatre concentration; Ballet; Modern/Jazz; an unusual Theatre/Dance emphasis; an interdisciplinary major, offered in cooperation

with the English Department, entitled "The Dramatics of Literature''; and a generalist's Theatre concentration.

As the performing arts embrace a wide range of disciplines, Theatre/Dance UAB is committed to solid training within the liberal arts context. Academic and production programs include opportunities for both the student who wants only to enrich self expression and develop cultural sensibilities and the student with professional interests in the arts. A large percentage of students take Theatre/Dance course primarily to develop greater awareness and expressiveness or to gain skills which will ultimately be used avocationally or in vocations outside Theatre/Dance. A small number pursue careers in professional theatre and dance or plan to teach. However, all courses aim for a high level of critical and performance skill, and no qualitative distinctions are made in terms of students' goals.

These several programs are reinforced by a rich production season at the Bell Theatre, the Hulsey Performing Arts Center Studio Theatre 311, and at various "found" spaces across the UAB campus and around the state. The Birmingham Shakespeare Ensemble tours Jefferson County Schools as Artists in Residence, and the Globe Playhouse of the Air, heard regularly on WBHM, offers unique experience in classical radio drama. Ballet UAB, Danscape UAB, and Town and Gown Theatre all provide many opportunities for practical training at UAB. One exciting feature of Theatre/Dance UAB is its commmitment to student directed, designed and choreographed works. Under faculty supervision, students produce their own theatre and dance. Students may earn credit for all production involvement at UAB, and such opportunities are nearly as extensive as the student chooses.







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