College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

DigitalCommons@CSB/SJU

Archives History Lessons

Archives

2016

Peter Pan Productions at SJP/CSB/SJU

Peggy L. Roske College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University, proske@csbsju.edu

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/archives_history_lessons

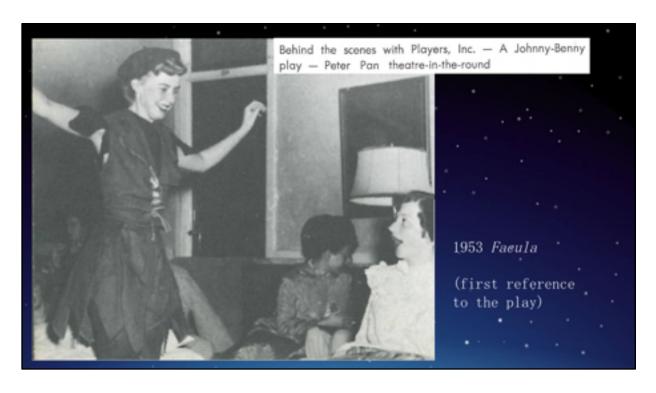
Recommended Citation

Roske, Peggy L., "Peter Pan Productions at SJP/CSB/SJU" (2016). *Archives History Lessons*. 48. https://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/archives_history_lessons/48

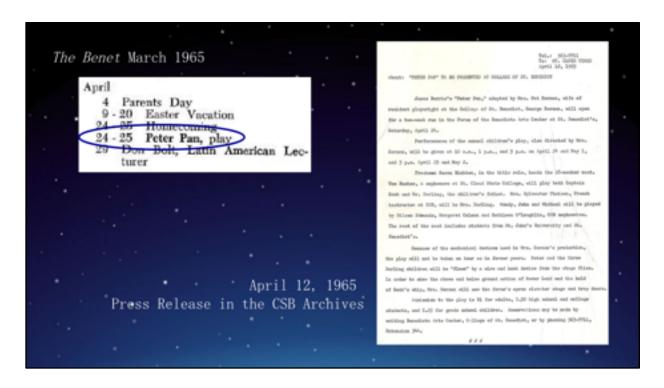
This Presentation is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@CSB/SJU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Archives History Lessons by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@CSB/SJU. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@csbsju.edu.



Ad for SJP 2016 production



1953 Facula_Page_27 http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchives/id/8382



1965 0412 Peter Pan Press Release in the CSB Archives 1965-03 The Benet Volume 30 No 3_Page_10 http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchives/id/405



1965-04-02, The Torch (CSB paper) p. 1 http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/549



<u>1965-04-02, The Torch (CSB paper)</u> p. 1

http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/549



The Record April 30, 1965

'Peter Pan' Presentation Features Johnny Pirates

Seven St. John's students are members of the cast of James Barrie's Peter Pan, adapted by Mrs. Pat Herrean, wife of resident playwright at the College of St. Benedict, George Herman, which opened for a twoweek run in the Forum of the Benedicta Arts Center at St. Benedict's, April 24.

Remaining performances of the annual children's play, also directed by Mrs. Herman, will be given at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on May 1, and at 3 p.m. May 2.

and at 3 p.m. May 2.

Freehman Susan Eichten, in the title role, heads the 28-member can. The plants is Hock's employ as SIU students Leonard Daniels, John Barrett, Chris Burke, Jerry Hertel, Joe Majors and Mark Golbach. SIU freshman John Dole dances the parts of Peter's shadow and Great Big Little Panther.

Tom Bushee, a sophomore at St.

Cloud State College, plays both Captain Hook and Mr. Durling, the children's father. Mrs. Sylvester Theisen, French instructor at CSB, is Mrs. Durling, Wendy, John and Michael are played by three CSB sophomores, Elleen Edmunds, Margaret Colman and Kathleen O'-Loughlin.

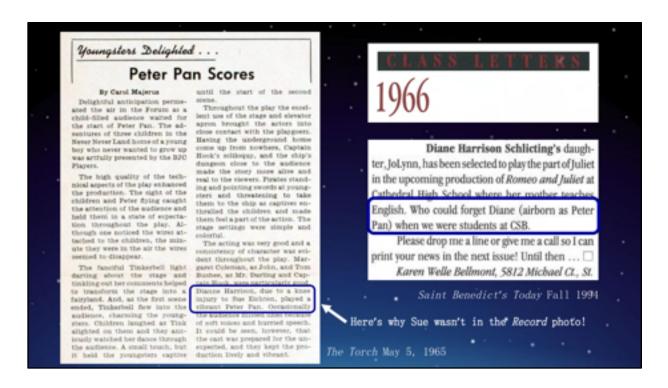
Because of the mechanical devices.

Because of the mechanical devices used in Mrs. Herman's production, the play will not be taken on tour as in former years. Peter and the three Darling children are "flown" by a wire and hook device from the stage flies. In order to show the above and below ground action of Never Land and the hold of Hook's ship, Mrs. Herman uses the forum's apron elevator stage and tray doors.

Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for high school and college students, and 25 cents for grade school children.

1965-04-30, The Record p.3

http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33634

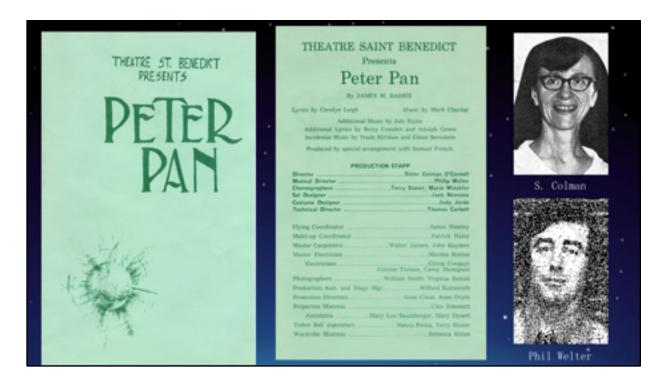


1965-05-07, The Torch, p. 4

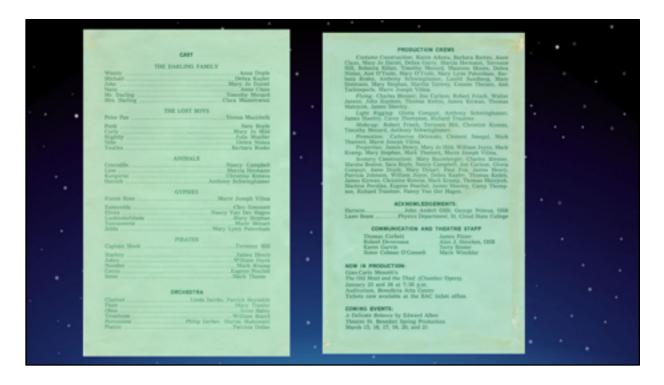
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/377

1994-09 Saint Benedict's Today Fall p.25

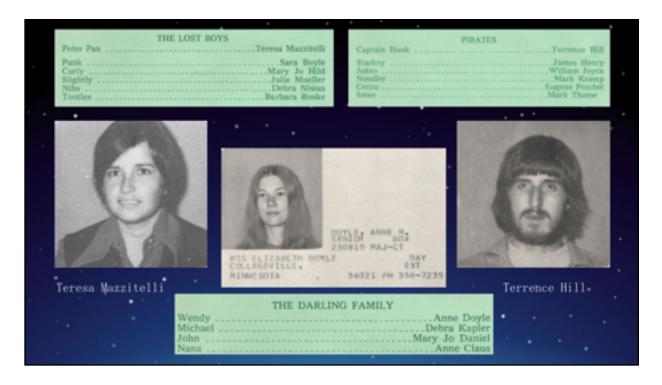
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchives/id/5086



Program from the archivist; photos from the 1971-72 Student Directory



Program from the archivist; photos from the 1971-72 *Student Directory*



Program from the archivist; photos from the 1971-72 Student Directory

S. Colman's memories from the 1972 play:

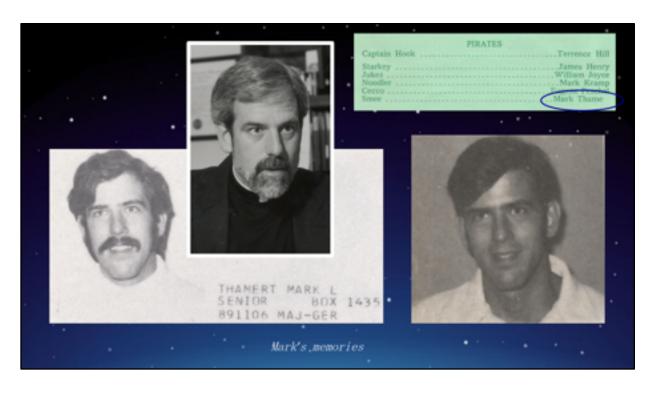
- · They used piano (flat) wire for Peter's flying.
- Peter (Terry Mazzitelli) had been told the wire was strong enough to hold up a car
- She came flying out and turned to look at the audience, and the wire snapped; she fell into the orchestra pit. [Thamert has a different version.]
- Colman, 3 flights up overseeing the lights, raced down; Terry's father, a doctor, was in the audience and also came to her rescue; she was OK.
- Terry learned how to play the part without twisting the wire.



Program from the archivist; photos from the 1971-72 *Student Directory*

Barb's memories from the play - 1972:

- She and her roommate (who was in music) tried out; Barb (nursing major) made the cut, her roommate didn't.
 - She was afraid of S. Colman (director) and was unfamiliar with theater terms like "upstage" and "downstage"
 - She played "Toodles," one of the "lost boys" and at one point in the play was the object of a tug-of-war on stage between the pirates and the lost boys/Peter Pan
 - Colman had a talk with the Lost Boys, who were "fighting like girls instead of like boys"
 - The rehearsals were really fun; the shows nerve-wracking.
 - · Peter flew into a curtain once



Program from the archivist; right photo from the 1971-72 *Student Directory,* left image from the 1972-73 *Student Directory*

Mark's memories from the play - 1972:

- Mark remembered the piano wire breaking and that Peter Pan flew into a back scenery prop and couch.
- She was singing "I'm flying" and the orchestra had to hold a
 chord until she got up from behind the couch, limped out
 and continued with the song, "I'm flying!" Lots of laughter.
- He remembers changing one of his lines to get a laugh out of the cast, and S. Colman laughed out loud too.



1973 Sagatagan, p.207 http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/SJUArchives/id/33550



Photo in the SJU (digital) Archives



Ad for SJP 2016 production Rope photo from the 1972 *Sagatagan*, p. 58 http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/SJUArchives/id/33189