

7th Year

June 5, 1978

Number 23

3 New Shows on Tour

Three new shows went on the road last month and each one offered a strong program for its patrons. Two shows played in California, while the third show was playing on the Eastern coast.

First show out was the Circus California, produced and directed by Dick Garden, and it played a four week tour in California under auspices of the Cerebral Palsy Association. The tour included a show at San Quentin Prison and an opening date at the Cow Palace. Business was generally good for the tour, but probably not up to expectations.

The show's program featured a five piece band and Dick Garden as ringmaster/announcer. Acts were Ada Smeiya, tigers; Clowns in a Star Trek number; the Kneisleys, aerial cradle; Clowns, balancing eggs; Fawcett's Chimps; DeMille, wire; Najean, trapeze; the Dubinskys, unsupported ladders; Clowns; Princess Eleana, one finger stand, the Kaye Hollywood elephants presented by Ben De Wayne and Ruth Ann, sponge plunge. Clown Alley consisted of Ken Miller, Fred Lavine and Tim Hill.

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 Then the Circus came to town.

I hurried down to see the train
 Pull in on the Burlington tracks.
 Seeing the ones I care about
 That is when my thoughts went back.

My friends had bought my ticket
 I went to the Circus and sat in the seats.
 The whistle blew and the Spec began
 That is when I first felt defeat.

Could I have been so wrong
 To want to settle down?
 To forget about the Circus
 The music, the smells and the Clowns?

Miscellaneous

Royal Hanneford Circus will open its fall tour at Ontario, Canada on Sept. 8th. During the summer season the show is at the 'Americana' theme park in Middletown, Ohio.

I wasn't sure until the last show
 When the show started tearing down.
 I knew then in a few hours
 The show would be leaving town.

The whole show soon would be loaded
 I just had to go to the tracks.
 Heard Charley Smith shout, "We're Moving"
 I knew that I had to turn back.

I knew tomorrow would be different
 The Circus was leaving our town.
 Within myself I was questioning
 Why did I settle down?

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June 6-7 Tulsa, Okla.
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June 8-11 Terre Haute, Ind.
9-14 Denver, Colo.

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June 5 Champaign, Ill.
6 Frankfort, Ind.
7 Tipton
8 Winchester
9 St. Marys, Ohio
10 Galion
11 Loudonsville

Carson & Barnes - No. 2

June 5 Nanaimo, B. C.
6 Langford
7 Duncan
9 Port Alberni

Hubert Castle Circus

June 5 Grand Prairie, Albta.
6 Dawson Creek, B.C.
7-8 Prince George
9 Williams Lake
10 Kamloops
11 Revelstoke

Circus Vargas

June 5-8 Corte Madera, Calif.
9-11 Concord

El Kibel Shrine Circus

June 10-11 Costa Mesa, Calif.

Europorama

June 11 Vancouver, Wash.

Famous Hunt Circus

June 9-11 Utica, N. Y.

Hamid-Morton Circus

June 8-11 Providence, R. I.

Hoxie Bros. Circus

June 5 New Castle, Ind.
6 Richmond
7 Portland
8 Lima, Ohio
9 Bellfontaine
10 Springfield
11 Kenton

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus

June 3 Elmira, N. Y.

Pickle Family Circus

June 10-11 Santa Cruz, Calif.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

June 6-18 Philadelphia, Pa.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

June 6-11 Lexington, Ky.

Wonderful World of Circus

June 6-11 Burlington, N.C.

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In last week's column I mentioned a rumor involving a new syndicate's formation by an ex-top-echelon staff member of a world-famous circus combine. Prior to that column's release BOB DOVER admitted in print that such a syndicate has been formed and that it, indeed, did try to buy out Circus Vargas.

Heavy rains and gusty winds caused CAROL OBANDO's fifth wheel to go out of control, careen into a ditch and then climb an embankment. In truck and trailer's path was a culvert which literally dragged wheels and axles from both vehicles. Prior to M&M's Rochester showing in Feb., CARLOS OBANDO performed a pre-publicity "sky-walk", in freezing temperatures, between two buildings in downtown Rochester. He was given the "key to the city" by the Mayor, later honored by the Shrine during the circus proper with full pomp and ceremony and was also made an Honorary Member of Damascus Temple.

TED and LISA STEWART's swan song from show business evolved in Dayton during the Shrine circus. The pair was feted with a surprise farewell party and during the final show LUCKY LARABEE announced to the public it was the aerial team's last performance. Lisa was given a white orchid by Lucky, at the end of their act while the other aerial teams in the display gathered around her in center ring. Those acts were Frank and Estrelita, the Shermans and the Davids. Ruthie told me Lisa cried throughout the entire final show, also that the Stewarts sold off everything except two gorilla suits, the granny wig, shoes and cane which Lisa says she is saving for Halloween. We are indeed sorry to see these two sweet kids leave the business and wish them the very best of luck in private life.

RON KELROY, whose leg was chewed by a tiger at Chicago's Medinah Temple is recovering slowly

from the attack, and showed me one of the ugliest wounds I have ever seen. Ron is in almost constant pain and it will be quite some time before the wound heals.

Saw and visited with NANCY GIORDANO in Cincinnati. She has lost a lot of weight, carries a steel brace imbedded in her left thigh and hip, and is altered considerably in facial structure. Nancy, despite this, is in very high spirits and is (miraculously) performing her aerial act again. Plucky Nancy says she was only "slightly nervous" about returning to the "scene of the crime."

Add a thousand bucks to Gee Gee's breakdown and repair bill (already up to \$7000). On top of that, during the Kentucky dates for IAN GARDEN heavy rains caused a mountain to cave in on the one and only road to the next town, forcing Gee Gee to make a lengthy detour. The other acts had left the night before but Gee Gee, suffering exhaustion and untold mental agony, layed over to get some much needed sleep.

It's been reported that a major producer is negotiating with DAVE McMILLAN's fabulous Flying Tigers for winter dates. If successful, the acquisition of this animal attraction will be BIG NEWS indeed, perhaps enabling the producer to salvage dates which are alleged to be "in jepoardy".

SNAPSHOTS: MARIE PETTUS, terribly depressed since BERT's tragic demise, has been traveling with JACK and SANDY FULBRIGHT. Her friends hope Marie can shake off those bouts of melancholia and become active in the business very soo. . . CARMEN HALL arrived in Little Rock with a nest of baby mice (plus Momma Mouse) in her prop box which had dined on the grass fringe of her baboon props. . . PAT ANTHONY will play Hawaii for PAUL KAYE, also has 4 weeks in July of California circus dates for PARLEY SAER. . . ELFIE KLEMENTI was frantically trying to locate a vet for her pet pooch very late at night during the Little Rock date. The dog suffered from tonsilitis. . . PABLO RODRIQUEZ is reviving the old-fashioned comedy aerial bar routines. . . JUNE MILLS visited daughter PEGGY in Little Rock. Peggy and her new parner are now with Hamid-Morton, repeat the Texas dates this fall. . . also in Texas will be the MANUEL NAVARRO family whose new 3-girl cradle act is a 'Sensation' . . . ROMAN SCHMITT will play BILL KAY's western tour. . . BOBBY HUBER rigged the Fleckles date in Green Bay. . . MY-IMBA's Baboons, HALL's Bears skedded for Kennywood Park. . . WALT KING was saddled with a dangerously ill elephant recently, was forced to bow out of Cleveland for Hubler, Cincy for Garden. . . PAUL KAYE is producing a

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Show Dates

- Baretta, the Cockatoo
June 7-11 Rockford, Ill.
- Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
to June 10 Harvey, Ill.
- Century 21 Shows - Red Unit
June 5-10 Quincy, Ill.
- James H. Drew Expo Shows
June 5-10 Bluefield, W. Va.
- Doug Hanning Show (Magic)
June 6 Omaha, Nebr.
7 Topeka, Kans.
8-9 Kansas City
10 Tulsa, Okla.
11 Wichita, Kans.
- Bob Jones Pet Zoo
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VIEW

WONDERFUL WORLD OF CIRCUS

by Don Sandman

Dubsky and Jordan's "Wonderful World of Circus" played New Carlisle, Ohio, for the Rotary Club on May 19th, presenting two shows, both of which were strawed.

The show officials are: Harry Dubsky, general manager; John Dubsky, concession manager; John Jordan, treasurer; Harry Dubsky, Jr., electrician; Len Leonard (Bubba the clown) producing clown; Kenny Heller, side show and Whitey worked the props Mike Morgan is the organist and also helps out at the mike.

The performance featured: Organ prelude, followed by a pitch for the sale of flags to wave at the chimps during their act; John and Chris, dogs and chimps; Carla Wallenda and Lisa Jordan, aerial ballet on aerial moons; Shorty, the Clown with a 3x3 = 10 and he proves it and the kids love it; Cinderella and her birds, a nice display by a 7 year old; John Jordan as the Almost Human Gorilla; Clown sharpshooting number; Christina's Poodles, dress up poodles with tricks; Balloon sales; Trampoline with Lisa, Jody Jordan and Hashi Dubsky, some-

thing different with nice clowning by Hashi; The Dubsky's Risley act called the "Royal Hungarian Troupe"; Intermission.

In the second half were: Carla and Lisa with the revolving trapeze, a beautiful number; Gina's Pets or the Royal Palace Leopards presented on leash with nice props and flashy settings; the Dubsky's perch act and the final act is the colorful Geronimo and his dive from the top of the tent.

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TOM and JAN WILDS are the proud parents of "Shaun Cameron Wilds" born on April 7th. The new arrival weighed in at 7 lb. 2 oz.

PAUL BINDER, executive director of the "Big Apple Circus" reports the show will play on the site of the old Madison Square Garden in New York City, playing there from June 7th to Sept. 10th.

KEN and ROBERTA GRIFFIN are taking a busman's holiday by making a six week tour with the the University of Michigan this summer. Ken will do magic and Roberta will play parts in the show.

GARNETT W. COCHRANE reports he recently visited the Martin & Downs Circus and he and his wife really enjoyed the program.

ROSE ROMIG, wife of Irvin (Rickey the Clown) Romig of TV and Ringling circus fame, is back at home after undergoing major surgery.

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AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CIRCUS

by Mike Sporrer

The 13th annual Seattle Police Officers Guild Circus was held at the Seattle Center Coliseum on May 13-14, produced by the American Continental Circus.

A sellout crowd was on hand for the Saturday, May 13th matinee. Two performances on Friday were cancelled due to the Sonics basketball game playoffs. In all five performances were given with good crowds on hand for each show.

Having seen the show in Tacoma earlier in the year (see CR for April 17, Page 19) this year's edition continues to sharpen its overall appearance.

The new cat act under the the direction of Buckley Steele is working well, and a new tiger is expected to be added soon. This will bring the act to 3 tigers and 6 lions.

The same basic layout was used in Seattle as at Tacoma, with lighted ring curbs, red ring mats and blackouts with spotlights.

There can be no doubt this year's American Continental Circus is truly outstanding and a major indoor circus.

The program features: Herb Miller, musical director; John Miller, ringmaster; Spec 'At The Mardi Gras'; Steele's Jungle cats; the Young Duo, aerial cradle; the Hargita Troupe, ladder balance and juggling; Clowns with Navy Recruit Number; The Lemke College of Chimps; Coco Nuns, knockabouts; Miss Myoshy Amotto, hair hang; Miss Martha, contortionist; The Christianas, acrobatics; Miss Muffett, contortionist; The Guerrera's, high wire; Bill Brickle's Poodle Revue; Clowns and the Telephone gag; Aerial Ballet with an Indian theme featuring 6 swinging ladders and 4 webs, plus Miss Christina on the single trapeze and Miss Catherine on trapeze and roman rings.

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GEORGE 'Red' WHITE, former side show manager for many tented shows, is living in Reseda, Calif., and working on stage for the 'Dinah Shore' TV Show. He recently worked with **DOUG MORRIS** and **CLIFF MOSLEY**, both of the DeWayne Bros. Circus.

GLEN PARKINS, executive director of the Royal Hanneford Circus, is in California on a business trip.

PANCHO MAGANA who is working elephants on the Royal Hanneford Circus is currently breaking an uncaged leopard act for the coming season.

LOU ANN JACOBS, aerialist, is getting ready for her appearance on the Monte Carlo Circus this December.

SEÑOR RAI, magician, recently purchased new birds and props for his magic feature, which will be with the Royal Hanneford Circus this fall.

ing act; The Knops, perch pole; Clowns and the Sharpshooter; the Suarez Family, riding act; The Charles Troupe, teeterboard and another teeterboard act not listed; Congo, the Almost Human Gorilla; Buckley Steele, elephants (2) and Barbara Tata, elephants (3).

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Tour Facts

Many visitors caught Famous Hunt's premiere indoor stand (May 12-17) at the Civic Center in Philadelphia, Pa., including a number of people from Ringling's Blue Unit, appearing in New York City, who drove down on their Monday off. The visitors included Elvin Bale and Jeannette Williams, Barbara and Buckles Woodcock, members of the King Charles troupe, Bobby Johnson and several others. Also seen visiting backstage were Anita and Al Vonderheid, Tiny Phillips, Chuck Meltzer, Bill Hall, Bill Stebbings, Carol Stebbings and numerous circus fans from the area.

This was Famous Hunt's first indoor engagements which is scheduled this year. Three sell-outs highlighted the seven performances, which were enhanced by a lighted ring curb, which changes color, and a "grass" carpet which covered the entire floor.

Augmenting the regular Hunt performance for the date were the Barton-Jennier Troupe, featuring Aerialetta, Prince Najvez, Ethel's Greyhounds and Jo Ann & Sunny. The troupe also provided the bulk of the prop crew.

Famous Hunt's regular company includes Los Latinos, Trevor Bale, and Stardust, The Great Humberto, Sebastian and the Bullet Catch, Miss Bonnie Bale, aerialist, Miss Olga, revolving trapeze, The Navarros, sword-balance, Hunt's Exotic Mixed group, under the direction of Col. Bale, Alexandra the Great & Co., disco-illusion number, the Aria Bears, Bonnie Bale and a high school horse, and a clown alley including Ron DeHoff, Steve Russell, Curt Dettra and Middy Streeter.

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PEOPLE

IRVIN FELD, JEWELL NEW, THE GAONAS, ELVIN BALE and BARBARA WOODCOCK are pictured in a four page story about the Ringling Blue Unit in US magazine for May 1978.

PAUL HUDSON recently joined the Carson & Barnes Circus No. 2 Unit, and RALPH DUKE, of that show has jumped into Canada to handle advance work.

GERALD HARSHMAN recently visited Prof. Miller's Magic Time USA Show, the Ringling Red Unit and the International All Star Circus,

BILLY SHEETS is serving as both announcer and cook on the Carson & Barnes Circus No. 2 unit.

SAL CONDITO and LINWOOD 'Big Red' GARDNER, of the Ringling-Barnum Circus were subjects of a recent newspaper story titled "Devils Beneath the High Wire."

JANIE MARCELLI received news of her mother's death just before the last performance at a Quebec City Sports Show. She had to fly out in a May snowstorm to attend the funeral in Wisconsin. Roland reports they will be with Col. BILL VOORHEIS for 7 weeks, then will tour with Gastoni Attractions for 5 weeks.

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PEOPLE

NANCY GIORDANO will join the Winn Troupe and tour with Europorama for the summer season.

HUGO ZACCHINI's cannon act has been booked for the Calgary Stampede (July 6-16) in Canada.

VASHEK, high wire performer, will be working a series of fair dates during the summer this year.

CHARLES GERMAINE booked the Wenatchee Youth Circus into Billing, Montana, for a successful engagement last month;

JOHN CUNEO will have his animals, along with the HALL Bears at Marineland & Game Farm in Niagara Falls, Canada this summer.

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The animals, including a llama, camel, horse, pony, and an elephant, with a man leading each, were being transferred from the main floor to the basement, following the show's finale, when the elevator doors would not reopen once its cargo reached the basement level.

Finally the "brakes" on the doors were released and firemen raised the doors to free the animals and men. The men leading the animals managed to keep their charges calm while they were trapped in the small enclosure and there were no injuries, either to the men or animals.

... Billy Barton

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TV REPORT

Canadian TV officials are enthusiastic about the fact their new show "Circus" has been picked up by the Viacom Company, in the U. S., for projected world-wide sales before the first half hour episode has been produced. Viacom made their decision on the hour-long TV special which was aired in late April.

In that special Leslie Nielsen plays the part of the ringmaster, with singers Cal Dodd and Sherisse Laurence featured in production numbers, between the animal and trapeze acts.

However, in the weekly version, Dodd and Laurence will be both performers and co-ringmasters. Dodd is well established in Toronto, while Laurence comes from Winnipeg.

Show Report

Talent appearing with the Sam T. Polack Circus at Richmond, Va., (May 20-21) included: Pat Anthony, wild animals; Frank & Estrelita, aerial; Ethel Jennier's greyhounds; Aerialetta, trapeze; the Gutis Family, Jungle Parody; Kim Kristensen's dressage horse; Mr. Sensation, aerial; the Flying Lunas; Willy Lenz, chimps; the Charleys, acro-comedy; Jo Ann and Sunny, seal act; Francerro, head balance trapeze; the Klementis, bicycles; the Diano elephants.

The show's staff consisted of: Sam T. Polack, producer; Al Dawley, ringmaster; William Brown, musical director; John McKay, producing clown and Ron Kelroy, props. Promotional director for the engagement was Kris Krengle.

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Billy Barton (Continued)

circus date in November in Pittsburgh, the week before his Hadi Temple Shrine date at Evansville. Saddened to learn that Circus Photographer CHARLES DeWEIN's wife passed away in March. BONNIE ARMOR, who was hospitalized in April, is well, thinner, and on tour with Reggie and Sa.Sa. Bigwigs from Busch Gardens in St. Louis visited the Dobritch Circus at their Gardens in Virginia and were IMPRESSED. ED MIGLEY's father had a hernia operation, is a-okay now. AL DAWLEY has been experiencing IRS headaches - AGAIN. How nice to hear bandleader RUSS DARR say he "owes it all" to KEITH KILLINGER who took Russ at age 14 and developed his musical talent and knowledge. Maestro Keith has done this service for a great many musicians in the industry today.

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BAN ASKED

A New York-based organization, "Funds for Animals, Inc." has asked the City Council at Mississauga, Canada, to ban all circuses from the city. The Fund's field agent, Marlene Lakin asked for the ban on the basis of alleged safety hazards, cruelty to animals and flimflam promotions.

Ms. Lakin referred to a circus as "an unscrupulous business" and noted the Better Business Bureau had issued warnings about a racket in which businessmen were asked to buy circus tickets, with the funds going to charity, when in actuality the funds went to the circus.

Ms. Lakin said the Funds for Animals is against all travelling animal acts. "The circus is a misuse of animals," she added, "to train an animal to jump through a flaming hoop, you have to make it more afraid of the trainer than the fire."

Numerous letters arguing for both sides of the issue are currently being printed in the newspaper of that area. They have been prompted by the complaints and attacks against circuses by Ms. Lakin.

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Miscellaneous

The Sam T. Polack Circus, which opened in late January has wound up its winter and spring tour and will resume in September when the show has a series of dates in the south. Among those dates are a Shrine Circus for Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 20-22 and a new date in Arkansas that same month.

Famous Hunt is alternating tent dates with building dates and recently played the Armory at Newark, N. J. The show will also play some mall engagements.

The White House has asked the FCC to consider banning "all forms of solicitation by phone" of people who say they don't want to receive such calls. The administration request appears to go further than a bill introduced by Sen. Wendell Anderson and Rep. Les Aspin of Wisconsin, who called for a halt to such calls on the basis they violate the privacy of citizens.



Over the past five years poachers have reduced Kenya's elephant population by more than half, according to a report from the World Wildlife Fund.

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PRESTIME NEWS

An elephant broke loose and ran in the direction of Amy Carter, daughter of the President, on May 20th, according to news wire service reports. The elephant was part of a petting zoo sponsored by Senator Robert Kennedy as a means of raising money for a shelter for runaway children.

The reports said the elephant became unruly, then started to run towards Amy Carter, who was rescued by a Secret Service man. The President's daughter was unhurt, but the agent suffered a broken finger in the incident.

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The second half featured: John and Mike Winn in the "Death Walk"; Lani and Heidi, high school horses; Pietro & Joyce, balancing; Clowns with Dog Pie; the Edmondos, high wire; the Canestrelli Troupe, teeterboard; Kaye's Hollywood elephants presented by Ben DeWayne and the Winn Troupe, aerial motorcycle. Clown Alley consisted of Vern Woerner, producing clown, David Chabira, Bruce Warner, Fred Lavine and Tim Hill.

Bentley Bros. Circus has dates in the mid-west and east, which provides it with a rather lengthy season.

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Miscellaneous

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**SAM T. POLACK CIRCUS**

by George DaDeppo

Sam T. Polack produced a dazzling show for the Zenobia Temple at Toledo, Ohio (May 4-7) offering a sparkling array of first rate acts. The show was well paced and directed by ringmaster Al Dawley and the audience loved it and reacted strongly.

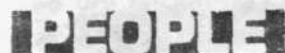
Following the usual Shrine activities the program got underway with Pat Anthony's wild animals, followed by Frank and Estrelita on the aerial perch. The Widgets were on next, followed by Ethel Jennier's greyhounds, a clown number, the amazing Miguel Ayala, tightwire, Miss Aerialetta on the single trapeze, the Fulbrights with their horses and then Prince Najvez, aerialist.

After the intermission Sandy Fulbright presented a pony drill, then came the Amazing Aguilar, perch pole; the Clowns; Senorita Margarita, hair hang; Jo Ann and Sunny, seal act; The Klementis, bicycle act; Clowns; Lee Keener and the big circus elephants; the Vickinas Troupe, acrobats; the Ramon Espana, Jr. Troupe, flying act.

Special Notes:

Equestrian director/announcer further enhanced the performance by color co-ordinating his wardrobe with the acts he was introducing. The effect was very striking.

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IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM WEST (93) who spent most of his life in show business working as a stage hand died in Oakland, Calif., on May 21st. He started his career when he was still in high school and later went on to tour with the *Arbuckle Roundup*, the *Ben Hur* show and worked with Chaplin and various film greats when movies were just getting started. He worked in Medicine shows, circuses, and appeared in a vaudeville act, doing acting and dancing. Survivors include his widow, Emma, who lives in an Oakland rest home.



ovation. The audience would not stop applauding or sit down until the Klementi Troupe was called back for an encore.

The show was produced by Sam T. Polack, Al Dawley was the ringmaster and William Brown directed the band.



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