

THE
FORT SMITH LITTLE THEATRE
SEASON 45 — 1992

The
Miss
Firecracker
Contest



The Fort Smith Little Theatre

presents

The Miss Firecracker Contest

A play by
Beth Henley

Directed by
Sondra Foti

Produced by
Phanita Williams

September 24 - October 3, 1992

New York Premiere by the Manhattan Theatre Club on May 1, 1984

*Produced by Special Arrangement with The Dramatists Play Service, Inc.
440 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016*

the cast

CARNELLE SCOTTKimberly Frazier
 POPEYE JACKSONCindy Clark
 ELAIN RUTLEDGEGrayce DeWitt
 DELMOUNT WILLIAMSJim Moody
 MAC SAMJohn Gallagher
 TESSY MAHONEYMarti Holman

The Setting:

The action of the play takes place in Brookhaven, Mississippi, a small southern town.

The Time:

The ending of June and the beginning of July.

Act I: Scene 1- 5 P.M. Monday afternoon
 Scene 2- 8 P.M. the following Saturday

Act II: Scene 1- 3 P.M. the Fourth of July
 Scene 2- Several minutes later
 Scene 3- That evening

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about the author

Beth Henley was born in Jackson, Mississippi and is a graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Beside the current FSLT production, she has written the Pulitzer Prize-winning **Crimes of the Heart**, and **The Wake of Jamie Foster**.

She is considered to be one of the foremost women authors today. Her evocative style is very much akin to Tennessee Williams in depicting life in the American South.

There will a ten-minute intermission between the acts.

the production staff

DIRECTOR.....Sondra Foti
 PRODUCER.....Phanita Williams
 STAGE MANAGERTom Oliver
 SET & LIGHTING DESIGNJay Burk
 WARDROBEMartha Gooden, Lee Batchelor
 PROPERTIESDianah Gourley, Wendy Quick,
 Carol Schmidt, Mary Rollins, Kameron DeWitt
 PROMPTERLynda Taylor
 SET CONSTRUCTIONDarrel Smith, Joey Sanders,
 Jeff McAlester, Jim Atkins
 LIGHTING COMPUTER OPERATORKelly Covey
 SET DECORATIONBruce Birkhead, Clyde Hutchings,
 Jay Burk

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the acknowledgements

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KACJ	KLS
KMAG	Polly Crews
Donna Bragg	Jenny Gwinn
Aunt Jenny's Inc.	Merle McClain
The Yellow Umbrella	Gayle Ross
Merelyn Aubrey of Mr. Jon's	Carolyn Long
Luggage by <i>French</i> courtesy of Andovers	Katy Boulden
The Glamour Magic	

who's who in the cast

Kimberly Frazier (*Carnelle*)

Kimberly is a newcomer to the Fort Smith Little Theatre. She attended the University of Arkansas where she appeared in the play **Bull in a China Shop**. She now works as a speech/language pathologist for the Fort Smith public school district.

Grayce DeWitt (*Elain*)

Grayce made her stage debut in **The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas** (which she also choreographed). Other appearances have been in **Little Shop of Horrors**, **Stepping Out** (also choreographed), **The Pajama Game** (also choreographed), and **Nunsense**. Active not only in community activities, she is the owner and director of a highly successful dance studio.

Cindy Clark (*Popeye*)

Cindy has appeared in many local productions, the most recent of which was **Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean**. She is a nurse at Sparks Regional Medical Center.

Jim Moody (*Delmount*)

Jim has been involved in FSLT for fifteen years. His first role was in **A Man for All Seasons** and he was last on stage earlier this year in **Broadway Bound**. He first directed **The Women** and will direct the last production of the 1992 season, **Noises Off**. He is employed at Northside High School as an English teacher.

John Gallagher (*Mac Sam*)

John had worked backstage many years at FSLT before a change of occupation allowed him to be at rehearsals on a regular schedule. He first appeared on stage at FSLT in 1988 in **LouAnn Hampton Laverty Oberlander**. He has since been in many shows such as **Picnic, The Foreigner, The Pajama Game, and The Gazebo**. He is employed at radio station KLS 102.7

Marti Holman (*Tessy*)

Marti made her first appearance at the Little Theatre last year in **Come Back to the Five & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean**. She has worked backstage on two other shows here. Marti is a 1992 Greenwood High School graduate and is currently attending Westark Community College.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for **Noises Off**, the final production of the 1992 season will be held October 5-6 at the Little Theatre beginning at 7:30.

Directed by Jim Moody, this comedy concerns the onstage and backstage shenanigans of a second-rate British theatrical company as it tours the provinces. Enjoying a highly successful run both on Broadway and on tour, this farce was recently made into a movie starring Carol Burnett and Michael Caine.

The cast calls for six men and four women ranging in age from 20 to 65.

Those people who might be interested in working backstage are also invited to attend the tryouts.