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It has been an exhilarating summer at The Old Globe. We began with our Open House in June, which drew thousands of visitors to experience what goes on behind the scenes at this extraordinary three-theatre complex. Our Summer Shakespeare Festival garnered raves from critics and audiences across the board, while our production of The Sisters Rosensweig was one of the best-selling plays in Globe history.

We now begin our 2006/7 Winter Season with the acclaimed production of Hershey Felder’s George Gershwin Alone, a fascinating musical play about the life and work of one of America’s most celebrated composers. The Carter plays host to Pig Farm, a co-world premiere by Tony Award-winner Greg Kotis (Urinetown) that takes a satirical look at farming in America today.

This fall the Globe will be represented heavily on Broadway as well. In October, last season’s sold-out production of the Twyla Tharp/Bob Dylan musical, THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN’, will open at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre, and just two weeks later, our annual holiday favorite – Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas! – will open at the Hilton Theatre. 2006 will have seen four Globe shows playing in New York, including Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, and the thrilling Chita Rivera: The Dancer’s Life, bringing the total to 19 Globe shows that have transferred to Broadway!

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In October Twyla Tharp’s dance-musical, THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN’, will open at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre, and just two weeks later the San Diego holiday favorite — Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas! — will open at the Hilton Theatre. This production was directed by Artistic Director Jack O’Brien and has been generously supported for nine outstanding years in San Diego by Globe friend and supporter Audrey Geisel.

Once these two musicals are up and running, the Globe will have had four shows playing on Broadway in 2006. This includes Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, helmed by O’Brien, and Chita Rivera: The Dancer’s Life.

Broadway producers look to the Globe as an ideal place to try out productions destined for New York. With its tremendous record of successful Broadway transfers, the Globe’s reputation for producing outstanding theatre of all genres — from musicals to Shakespeare — is known throughout the industry.

Additionally, the Globe’s budget and production schedule rank in the top ten theatres in the United States by the Theatre Communications Group. The Globe also boasts some of the best scene, costume and prop shops and rehearsal facilities in the country, and our artisans work closely with outside designers to realize their creative visions.

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Dear Friends,

Children throughout San Diego County are returning to their classrooms, and The Old Globe is joining them with some of our best education programs yet. With these programs, the Globe provides learning experiences for young audiences through the exploration of language, history and human nature.

For our in-school touring program this fall the featured play is The Stones, a powerful story of two teenagers who discover the harsh consequences of seemingly harmless decisions. Based on a true story, The Stones was written specifically for at-risk youth and helps encourage discussions about peer pressure and personal responsibility.

Other Globe education programs this fall include the Shakespeare Initiatives and the ever-popular Grinch Children’s Initiatives, which includes more than 14,000 free and discounted tickets for children to attend a performance of Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

Education programs are a significant component of the Globe’s mission. Currently through our Capital Campaign, The Old Globe is raising critical funds to build a new Education Center on the Globe campus. This facility will greatly enhance the Globe’s ability to present education and outreach programs, performances and workshops.

To support these efforts, we are seeking special funding, and many of you will soon receive gift requests by mail. Please consider giving generously to help the Globe and its mission to reach out to students throughout our community.

On behalf of the Board, I thank you for making the Globe a part of your life.

Kathryn Hattox
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**Joan and Irwin Jacobs**

Joan and Irwin Jacobs have been enthusiastic supporters of The Old Globe for many years. They have been loyal subscribers and members for over 20 years, and during that time, the Theatre has greatly benefited from their generosity and involvement. Previous Old Globe production sponsorships include *Macbeth, Resurrection Blues, Smash* and *Julius Caesar*. Joan and Irwin are active throughout the San Diego community, supporting numerous organizations, including UCSD, the Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego Opera, La Jolla Music Society, La Jolla Playhouse and the San Diego Symphony. The Old Globe applauds the leadership of Joan and Irwin Jacobs for their dedication and commitment to the San Diego community. We are extremely pleased to recognize this extraordinary couple as sponsors for this production.
Since 1985, The Shubert Foundation has awarded The Old Globe more than $1.3 million, and each year the Theatre continues to receive one of its most generous grants from this foundation. The Globe gratefully acknowledges the Shubert Foundation for its commitment to theatre and dance companies across the United States.

In the mid-19th Century, three brothers — Sam, Lee and Jacob J. Shubert — immigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe. By 1882, their father’s alcoholism rendered him incapable of supporting the family, and the boys were forced to go to work. The oldest, Lee Shubert, was just ten years old when he began selling newspapers in front of a local theatre. Over time their involvement with theatre grew, and working together, the Shubert brothers eventually founded the largest theatre empire of the 20th Century.

In 1945 Lee and J.J. Shubert established The Shubert Foundation in memory of their brother Sam had who died in 1905 following a train crash. The Shubert Foundation serves as sole shareholder of The Shubert Organizations, Inc. — America’s oldest professional theatre company. To this day, the company remains at the forefront of the American Theatre under the leadership of Chairman Gerald Schoenfeld, President Philip J. Smith and Executive Vice President Robert E. Wankel.

The Shubert Foundation, dedicated to sustaining and advancing not-for-profit, professional resident theatre and dance companies throughout the United States, awards unrestricted grants to organizations demonstrating artistic achievement, administrative strength and fiscal stability. They encourage theatres on their roster to make way for the second or third productions of vibrant new plays, as well as world premieres—so that more new work can be fully realized and enter the national repertoire. The Shubert brothers, along with those who continue working to sustain their vision through the auspices of The Shubert Foundation, deserve a hearty round of applause from theatre audiences and artists everywhere.
Profiles

HERSHEY FELDER

(General Manager/Playwright)

Broadway, London’s West End: George Gershwin Alone
(Helen Hayes Theatre, Duchess Theatre). Regional and international appearances include Monsieur Chopin, Chicago’s Royal George Theatre, American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge MA, Hartford Stage; George Gershwin Alone, 2004-2005 Chicago; 1999-2004 at Ford’s Theatre, American Repertory Theatre, Hartford Stage, as well as Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Florida, and others. Upcoming: George Gershwin Alone at the Geffen Playhouse, Los Angeles; Monsieur Chopin in Paris and Warsaw. Compositions include Fairytale, a musical; Les Anges de Paris, Suite for Violin and Piano; Song Settings, poetry by Vachel Lindsay; Aliyah, Concerto for Piano and Orchestra; Hollywood Sweet, for Piano and Orchestra; Etudes Thematiques for Piano. Recordings include Love Songs of the Yiddish Theatre, Back from Broadway, and George Gershwin Alone and Monsieur Chopin for the WFMT Radio Network Recordings label. Current projects include the completion of the “Composer Trilogy” with Beethoven, as well as a Negaunee Foundation Chicago commission to complete Noah’s Ark, an opera. Mr. Felder is on the Board of Directors of the Chicago College of Performing Arts, and the Board of Directors of America’s historic Ford’s Theatre in Washington, DC. He has also been a Scholar in Residence at Harvard University’s Department of Music. Mr. Felder is married to Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada.

JOEL ZWICK

(Director)

Joel Zwick directed My Big Fat Greek Wedding, the highest-grossing romantic comedy of all time, produced by Tom Hanks, Rita Wilson and Gary Goetzman. Recent films include Fat Albert (with Bill Cosby), and Elvis Has Left the Building, starring John Corbett and Kim Basinger. Currently, Mr. Zwick is recognized as Hollywood’s most prolific director of episodic television, having the direction of 525 episodes to his credit. These include having directed 21 pilots, which have gone on to become regular series. Television shows include: Laverne & Shirley, Mork & Mindy, Bosom Buddies, Webster, Perfect Strangers, Full House, Step by Step, Family Matters, It’s a Living, The Wayans Bros., Joanie Loves Chachi, Jamie Fox, Kirk, Parent’s Hood, Angie, On Our Own, Two of a Kind, Love Boat, Hangin’ with Mr. Cooper, etc. Mr. Zwick began his theatrical career at La Mama E.T.C., as director of the La Mama Plexus. He has directed on Broadway, off-Broadway, and Broadway touring companies. Previous New York productions have included George Gershwin Alone (Broadway, London, Chicago), Dance with Me (Tony nomination), Shenandoah (Broadway national tour), Oklahoma (national tour) and Cold Storage (American Place Theater). He acted in the original New York production of MacBird. He directed Esther (Promenade Theater, NY), Merry-Go-Round (Chicago and Las Vegas), Last Chance Saloon and Woyceck (West End, London). Mr. Zwick has taught drama at Yale University, Brooklyn College, Queens College, Wheaton College, and the University of Southern California. He is a graduate (B.A., M.A.) of Brooklyn College.

YAELE PARDESS

(Scene Design)

Yael first collaborated with Hershey Felder on George Gershwin Alone in Los Angeles, followed by productions on Broadway, London, and throughout the U.S. Prior projects with Mr. Felder include Romantique, Sing, and Back from Broadway. Her work has been seen on Broadway and many major regional theatres including the Mark Taper Forum, the Guthrie Theatre, A.C.T., ART Cambridge, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and Hartford Stage. Yael began her theatre career designing sets and costumes in Israel. Since moving to the United States 18 years ago, she has designed more than 150 sets, many of which were award winners such as: Blade to the Heat, Scenes from an Execution, Richard the II, Much Ado about Nothing, Burn This, Stand Up Tragedy, The Cherry Orchard, Death and the Maiden, to name a few. She has collaborated with leading directors such as Joel Zwick, Tom Moore, Assad Kelada, David Lee, Kristofer Tabori, Robert Egan, Oscar Eustis, Jo Bonney, Peggy Shannon, Seret Scott and Ron Link. In addition, Yael is art directing for commercials, and multimedia venues. While working at a Los Angeles-based design company, she art directed theatre shows with multiple stages and sets, multimedia and special effects for: Movie Magic (in collaboration with Steven Spielberg), for Universal Studios in Japan; The Star of Destiny at the Bob Bullock History Museum in Austin, Texas - a Theo Award winning production; Lincoln Eyes, which is on display at Springfield Lincoln Library, IL. Yael also teaches theatre set design at the University of Southern California.

MICHAE T. GILLIAM

(Scene Design)

Michael Gilliam’s work has been seen on Broadway, off-Broadway and regionally at such theatres as Arena Stage, The Old Globe, Mark Taper Forum, Seattle Repertory, Goodman Theatre, Guthrie Theater, Pasadena Playhouse, Philadelphia Theatre Company, Prince Music Theater, Denver Center, Arizona Theatre Company, Syracuse Stage. Awards: Los Angeles Ovation Awards, Los Angeles Drama Critic’s Circle Award, Dramalogue Awards, Garland Awards, Robby Awards and the 1999 Career Achievement Award from the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle.

JON GOTTLIEB

(Scene Design)

Jon Gottlieb serves as resident sound designer for Center Theatre Group at Mark Taper Forum/Ahmanson Theatres and heads the Sound Design program at California Institute of the Arts. Recent Broadway designs include: QED (Lincoln Center), Master Class by Terrence McNally, and Neil Simon’s The Dinner Party. Recent Los Angeles credits include King Lear for
The Center for New Theater at CalArts, Oscar and Felix at the Geffen Playhouse and The Moliere Comedies at the Mark Taper Forum. Mr. Gottlieb has received eight LADCC Awards, over 60 Drama-Logue and L.A. Weekly Awards, Career Achievement Awards from The Los Angeles Theatre Alliance, the L.A. Weekly and the Los Angeles Theatre Center, and was recently presented with the Distinguished Artist Award from the Los Angeles Music Center Club 100. For Disney Imagineering, he created original sound effects and design for two attractions at Walt Disney World in Florida.

MORGAN CROMWELL  
(Production Stage Manager)
Morgan has been working in live theatre in the Chicago area for the past 20 years. She has designed shows for Chicago Dramatists, Opera Theatre North, Lifeline Theatre, Chicago College of the Performing Arts at Roosevelt University, Oakton Community College, Light Opera Works, Pegasus Players, and various children's theatres. Set designs include Soft Target, The Phantom Tollbooth, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Costume designs include The Barber of Seville, Company, The Laramie Project, Cyrano de Bergerac, and Working. Properties designs include Pilgrims of the Night, The Threepenny Opera, Balm in Gilead, The Lady from the Sea, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Good Woman of Setzuan, The Love of the Nightingale, Sirens of Titan, Countess Maritza, and Kismet. Morgan has had the honor of working with artists and companies such as DuPage Opera Theatre, Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Chicago Festival Ballet, Ballet Jazz de Montreal, The Flying Karamazov Brothers, Momix, Savion Glover, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Dianne Reeves, Twyla Tharp, Arlo Guthrie, The Irish Rovers, Corky Siegel, Bonnie Koloc, Sandy Hackett (The Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean) and many others, including Hershey Felder in George Gershwin Alone and Monsieur Chopin.

MATT MARSDEN  
(Production Manager/Technical Director)
Matt is currently at the Royal George Theatre in Chicago where he has been part of the production teams for The Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean; I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change; George Gershwin Alone; Bleacher Bums; Graham Norton: Red Handled; Comfortable Shoes; and The Flying Karamazov Brothers. Before the Royal George, Matt was a freelance Lighting Director, Production Manager, and a Project Manager (Becker Studios, Inc.). Matt's career has included work- ing on lighting for Olympic City at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta; feature film campaigns for Inspector Gadget and Disney's Hercules; National Conventions and Trade Shows for McDonald's, Ace Hardware, Square D, and Maxxsonics, USA. Retail environments and displays for Sony Galleries, H2O+, and recently a NASFM award-winning national in-store display program for Merrell Shoes. In the theatre, Matt was engaged to assist in the opening of Chicago's newest Drury Lane Theatre (at Water Tower Place) and production managed their inaugural show The Full Monty and then Mornings at Seven starring Katherine Helmond. Matt was also part of the team that created Eighty-Eight Entertainment's new work, Monsieur Chopin. Thanks to all who make show- biz fun (including Hershey Felder), and Matt loves Nettie.

SAMANTHA F. VOXAKIS  
(Executive Director, Eighty-Eight Entertainment)
Samantha is a native of Baltimore MD, where she attended Loyola College on full academic scholarship and graduated summa cum laude. Her twelve years with the Baltimore Orioles included a number of extraordinary events, including the opening of Camden Yards and Cal Ripken's 2131 game. Co-producer: George Gershwin Alone (Chicago, Hartford), Monsieur Chopin (Chicago, Cambridge, Hartford). With thanks to Mr. Felder and the GGALA.

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ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR THIS PRODUCTION
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Donor Spotlight: Conrad Prebys

“I live everyday like it’s my last,” says Conrad Prebys, “and I’m having a hell of a time doing it!” Mr. Prebys is the owner of Progress Construction and Management Company. He is also one of San Diego’s greatest charitable philanthropists.

“After the loss of a close friend, I got to thinking that I don’t exactly have a lot of birthdays left, so it’s time to get prepared,” says Mr. Prebys. “I suppose I’ve accumulated quite an estate over the years, and I plan to set up 90% of this into a charitable foundation to be distributed after I pass from this scene. However, sometimes, I have realized that it’s just more fun to do it while I’m alive.” While Conrad does not enjoy the term ‘giving back,’ he notes that “San Diego has been very good to me, and I just want to do good things with my money, such as funding worthy causes in the area. I really get a kick out of it!”

Mr. Prebys is very proud to be a long-time supporter of the East County Boys and Girls Club, and to support the arts throughout San Diego. His voice seems to fill with awe as he says, “I love the arts and always have. Thank God I have that in my life.” His love of the arts in San Diego was expressed this year when Mr. Prebys donated $10 million to The Old Globe’s Securing a Landmark Capital Campaign.

As he explains it, “I know the difference between a friend and an acquaintance.” As a friend of the Globe, he had the opportunity to meet one of his favorite playwrights in 2004. “I treasure a picture I have of my wonderful sweetheart Debbie Turner when we met Arthur Miller at The Old Globe.” The quality of the Globe’s productions and the dedication of its staff are another reason for Mr. Prebys’ support. “I’ve never known a more talented group of people, and doggone it, the Globe has only one direction to go and I want to be a part of that and support it.”

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: A NEW THEATRE COMPLEX

Ensuring the long-term stability of The Old Globe is the goal of the Theatre’s Capital Campaign. Securing a San Diego Landmark, and will be achieved through three key initiatives: increasing the Globe’s endowment; strengthening the Theatre’s annual fund; and improving facilities on The Old Globe campus.

To accomplish the facilities goal, a renovation and construction project is being planned to create a new theatre and education center on the site of the Cassius Carter Centre Stage and attached to the Old Globe Theatre. This facility will include front-of-house and backstage improvements that address current issues of safety and audience comfort, which have arisen during the 40-year life of this facility.

In recognition of his $10 million gift, the two-theatre complex, which will house the new Education Center, lobbies, work spaces, green room, dressing rooms and Lady Carolyn’s Pub, will be named the Conrad Prebys Theatre Center.

The most significant addition to the campus will be a new state-of-the-art Education Center, which will allow the Globe to expand education and outreach programs which serve more than 40,000 each year.

For more information about The Old Globe’s Capital Campaign, please contact Director of Development, Todd R. Schultz at (619) 231-1941, ext. 2310.
GEORGE GERSHWIN ALONE

The question most often asked by journalists, artists and the public is “What discovery about George Gershwin surprised you most?”

The response that immediately comes to mind is the polarization of opinion about everything Gershwin. He was beloved by the public at large, but he divided the critics in half. His friends and acquaintances said they either loved him deeply, or simply tolerated him. There were those that said he was a womanizer, and others that he had only one mistress — his music.

Musicians and composers either loved his playing and composing — or completely dismissed it. There were friends who said he was a man in love with his art, and others who said he was a man in love with himself. While Rouben Mamoulian, famed director of Porgy and Bess, said that George had a genuine way of observing himself from the outside, Harold Arlen and other friends claimed that George lacked any ability for self-analysis. And although he engaged in sessions with a psychoanalyst over a lengthy period, George himself said that he really had no interest in looking deep inside.

A child of Russian-Jewish immigrants, George Gershwin brought dance music into the concert hall and made a “lady out of jazz.” He composed America’s greatest opera with the Black South as its subject matter, which interestingly enough, led to a number of anti-Semitic attacks. George’s personal letters reveal a very kind-hearted man, but there are a number of accounts to the contrary. There are recordings of George Gershwin’s own playing that are masterful, and others that reveal technical and musical deficiencies.

So given this polarization of thought, what was George Gershwin really like, and why did so many respond to him the way they did? The Music.

Thank you for attending George Gershwin Alone.

— Hershey Felder

AUTHOR’S NOTE

George Gershwin Alone, which had its world premiere in 1999, is the third “movement” of a trilogy entitled “The Composer Sonata.” The first movement, Beethoven, will have its world premiere this coming season, and the intermediate romantic movement, Monsieur Chopin, has been playing since August, 2005.

Traditionally, a Sonata is made up of three movements. The first movement is generally in “sonata form.” It is a highly-structured work that begins with a thematic statement, which is then followed by a “working out” section, followed by a return of the themes, then further development, and finally a rounding out — a coda. First movements are generally dramatic, architectural, deeply thoughtful and emotional. This is Beethoven.

Traditionally, the second movement of a sonata is a “Romanza” of sorts, a lush and expression of soul. This is Monsieur Chopin.

Finally — the last movement of the traditional sonata, is generally dance-like, extroverted and joyous, though still in some way thematically related to the previous two movements. This is George Gershwin Alone — the themes of which are suggested in both of its predecessors.
OUR CONNECTION TO GEORGE
By Hershey Felder

In 1932, American composer George Gershwin was a guest on the Fleischmann Hour Radio Show, hosted by the classic American crooner, Rudy Vallee. Radio was still quite new, and for the first time in history, people from across the nation were able to tune in and catch a few live magical moments, all at the same time. Some years after George died his older lyricist brother, Ira, came across a number of long-forgotten acetate discs stored in a family closet. To Ira’s shock, on one of the discs was a complete and clear recording of this very radio show. Immediately after Vallee’s brief introduction, there is a frisson of energy and George’s fingers hit the keys in a rising major chromatic passage that gives birth to a glorious improvisation as good as its name: Fascinating Rhythm. The music and playing is infused with such joy that it is impossible not to want to dive into the recording itself and somehow be a part of a world long gone. There is something in George Gershwin’s music, and even more so when one hears him play it, that brings him, completely and unequivocally, to life. What is even more miraculous is that when one hears this recording, one feels it to be familiar. What is it about George Gershwin and his music that makes us “hearing music in the heart of noise.”

Gershwin grew up to capture American sound in music — “our national pep, our metropolitan madness, our blues.” His formal keyboard lessons began at the age of 10, at which point, he immediately commandeered the family piano away from his older and more bookish brother, Ira. George’s public musical life began when he was 15, pounding out tunes for prospective sheet music publishers and buyers on New York’s famed Tin-Pan Alley. With a natural keyboard ability and a special gift for melody and harmony, George quickly made his way from song-plugger to songwriter; and by the time he was 26 years old, with the 1924 New York premiere of Rhapsody in Blue — to concert hall composer and major international star.

Songwriter Irving Berlin quipped, “George Gershwin is the only songwriter I knew who became a composer.” George himself never cast aside his natural gift for the creation of the great American song. In fact, he was writing songs right up until the very end when he died of a brain tumor in 1937 at age 38. As the last thing that George was working on when he died was a melody left only in sketch form, it was up to his brother Ira, with whom George wrote some of the world’s most enduring love songs, and their friend, musician Vernon Duke, to complete Our Love is Here to Stay. Almost three quarters of a century later, there is no doubt that Ira’s great romantic lyric also describes the enduring quality of his and his brother’s love — their work. George and Ira’s most beloved songs have made their way into the public consciousness not just because of their inventive and haunting sounds, but also because of the humanity of Ira’s words. However, the most famous Gershwin work of all is the wordless Rhapsody in Blue. How is it that a concerto-like collection of loosely strung together themes and variations from a young composer without much of a structural master plan is as beloved 80 years after its debut as on the day its first note was born? Why do we connect to this piece in the way we do?...

...Although throughout the years “serious” musicologists have complained about the structure of the Rhapsody, one only has to look at the first few pages to see George’s genius upon which he builds the entire piece. Two simple themes are turned...
This is what America is about. We hold onto what we believe....

It has been said by those in the know, that the Rhapsody’s Finale doesn't broaden enough to allow us the full effect of a climax — that it sneaks up on us, and robs us of the time to feel satisfied.

Naturally! With such vision as George Gershwin had, such a gift — and still, so much more to say — how could George have given it a solid, full-blown and final end? America was just beginning, as was its greatest composer, and the energetic and punchy finale is about the excitement of all which still lies ahead.

That George Gershwin didn’t live to see the opening night of Oklahoma or West Side Story, My Fair Lady, or Fiddler on the Roof or even meet Obi-Wan, John Williams and Star Wars, is a tragedy. By right, a father should be present at the successes of his young sons. But even though he died when just a young man himself, 67 years after he is gone, we still connect to his music as if it were just composed today, and composed especially for us — because what George Gershwin created was more than just the foundation of a musical and cultural country. He left us with the musical reflection of who we are.

— Hershey Felder, February, 2004

PHOTO CREDITS: Page 11: Hershey Felder as George Gershwin Alone, photo by Mark Garvin; Page 12: (1) George Gershwin (2) Swanee from St. Louis (1920), Do It Again from The French Doll (1922) and Yankee Doodle Blues from Strike of 1922 (3) - R George Gershwin, DuBose Heyward, Ira Gershwin, photo from the Gershwin Collection at the Library of Congress. (Page 13) George Gershwin plays piano at the RKO convention in June 1937. Taken by an unknown photographer. This is the last photograph taken of the composer.

A SELECTION OF COMPOSITIONS … BY GEORGE GERSHWIN

➤ George White’s Scandals of 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924
➤ Lady, Be Good! (1924, lyrics by Ira Gershwin)
➤ Rhapsody in Blue (1924), his most famous work, a symphonic jazz composition for Paul Whiteman’s jazz band & piano; premiered at Aeolian Hall
➤ Concerto in F (1925), three movements for piano and orchestra; premiered in Carnegie Hall by the New York Symphony Orchestra, Walter Damrosch conducting
➤ Oh, Kay! (1926, lyrics by Ira Gershwin and Howard Dietz)
  • Includes the song, Someone to Watch Over Me
➤ Strike Up The Band (1927, lyrics by Ira Gershwin); premiered in Philadelphia
➤ Funny Face (1927, lyrics by Ira Gershwin)
➤ An American in Paris (1928), a symphonic poem with elements of jazz and realistic Parisian sound effects; premiered at Carnegie Hall by the New York Philharmonic, Walter Damrosch conducting
➤ Show Girl (1929, lyrics by Ira Gershwin and Gus Kahn)
➤ Girl Crazy (1930, lyrics by Ira Gershwin)
➤ Of Thee I Sing (1931, lyrics by Ira Gershwin)
  • Awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1932 the first musical to win that award, although only Ira Gershwin and the bookwriters were awarded the Prize, but not George Gershwin
➤ Second Rhapsody (1931), for piano and orchestra, based on the score for a musical sequence from Delicious; premiered at the Boston Symphony Hall by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Serge Koussevitzky conducting
➤ Cuban Overture (1932), originally titled Rumba, a tone poem featuring elements of native Cuban dance and folk music; premiered at the Lewisohn Stadium of the City University of New York, Gershwin conducting
➤ Variations on I Got Rhythm (1934), a set of interesting variations on his famous song, for piano and orchestra
➤ Porgy and Bess (1935, lyrics by Ira Gershwin and DuBose Heyward)
  • Revived on Broadway in 1942, 1943, 1953, 1976 (Houston Grand Opera; winner of the Tony Award for Most Innovative Revival of a Musical, directed by Jack O’Brien) and 198

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LOUIS G. SPISTO  
**Executive Director**

Louis G. Spisto has been Executive Director of The Old Globe since October, 2002. During his tenure, Spisto spearheaded the return of the Globe’s acclaimed Shakespeare Repertory Season and produced several world-premiere plays and musicals, including the current Broadway musical *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. During the past two seasons, the organization has grown its subscription audience an unprecedented amount, counteracting a trend in the non-profit theatre industry and resulting in the highest level of attendance in over a decade. Prior to coming to the Globe, Spisto served as the Executive Director of American Ballet Theatre in New York City. While there, he increased ticket income and annual contributions for the organization by nearly 20 percent. He also tripled the Ballet’s touring weeks and the resources devoted to education and training programs. Spisto has also served as the President of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, where he provided fundraising leadership and creative direction for the orchestra’s $60 million renovation project, and helped dramatically increase ticket sales while initiating several new series for the orchestra. Spisto established a reputation as a superb arts executive here in California, where he spent over ten years as the Executive Director of the Pacific Symphony Orchestra in Orange County. During his tenure there, he tripled the orchestra’s annual budget, all while eliminating a prior deficit and successfully completing the orchestra’s first endowment campaign. In addition, he established a series of innovative recording projects with Sony Classical and oversaw a number of nationally recognized commissioning programs. A strong advocate of arts education, Spisto built one of the largest and most respected music training and outreach efforts. During his career, Spisto has also served as Director of Marketing for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and Director of Operations and Development for the Performing Arts Center, UC Berkeley. He holds a Masters degree from the University of Wisconsin in Arts Administration and a Bachelors of Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame, and spent many years acting, directing and producing plays and musicals throughout his student days, as well as in professional summer theatre.

JERRY PATCH  
**Resident Artistic Director**

Jerry Patch was appointed Resident Artistic Director of The Old Globe in February 2005. He most recently served as the Dramaturg and member of the long standing artistic team at Southern California’s Tony Award-winning South Coast Repertory (SCR), where he coordinated the development of 150 new plays, including three Pulitzer Prize winners and numerous other finalists. Patch became the top choice for this new role at the Globe due to his many years of artistic accomplishments, his exceptional relationships with the nation’s leading directors and playwrights, and his enthusiastic commitment to new work. While at SCR, Patch worked as Dramaturg on numerous new works, including Donald Margulies’ *Sight Unseen* and *Brooklyn Boy*, which just opened to critical acclaim on Broadway, Margaret Edson’s Pulitzer Prize-winning *Wit*, Howard Korder’s *Search and Destroy*, Amy Freed’s *The Beard of Avon*, as well as *Intimate Apparel*, *Freedomland* and several world-premieres by Richard Greenberg, including *Three Days of Rain* and *A Naked Girl on the Appian Way*. In addition, he co-conceived *The Education of Randy Newman* with Michael Roth and Mr. Newman. Patch also served as the project director of SCR’s renowned Pacific Playwrights Festival, which annually introduces seven new plays to an audience of national theatre leaders. Typically, more than 75% of the plays presented receive multiple productions in theatres across the country. During his tenure at SCR, Patch also held the position of Artistic Director (1990-1997) of *The Sundance Theatre Program*, which included the Sundance Playwrights Laboratory, one of the nation’s leading new play development programs. Additionally, he ran the Sundance Summer Theatre, a repertory of 2-3 productions staged outdoors for Utah audiences and the Sundance Children’s Theatre, which is dedicated to the development and presentation of new works for family audiences by leading American playwrights. He has also served as a consulting Dramaturg for New York’s renowned Roundabout Theatre Company, one of two of the largest theatre companies in the country.

JACK O’BRIEN  
**Artistic Director**

Recent Globe productions include *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (currently playing on Broadway), *Imaginary Friends, Twelfth Night, The Full Monty, The Seagull, The Magic Fire, Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas!,* the world premieres of Associate Artist A.R. Gurney’s *Labor Day* and Tina Howe’s *Pink’s Crossing*, as well as *Time and Again, The Doctor Is Out (Getting Away With Murder)* by Stephen Sondheim and George Furth, plus productions of *Henry IV, Much Ado About Nothing, Oleanna, Damned Yankees, King Lear, Ghosts, Hamlet, Uncle Vanya,* and world premieres of Terrence McNally’s *Up in San Antonio*, A.R. Gurney’s *The Snow Ball* and *The Cocktail Hour, Tom Dulack’s Breaking Legs, Stephen Metcalfe’s Emily, ELSEWHERE: Henry IV (Tony Award); Hatspray (Tony Award); The Invention of Love (Tony nominations, best director and play), Lincoln Center Theatre; The Full Monty (Tony nominations, best director and musical), Eugene O’Neill Theatre; More to Love; Labor Day, Manhattan Theatre Club; St. Louis Woman, City Center Encore; Pride’s Crossing, The Little Foxes, Happgood (Lucille Lortel Award for Direction, 1995), Lincoln Center; Damned Yankees (Tony nomination, best musical revival); Two Shakespearean Actors (Tony nominations, best director and play) on Broadway; Porgy and Bess for Houston Grand Opera and Broadway (Tony Award), as well as Radio City Music Hall; The Magic Flute, San Francisco Opera; Tosca, Santa Fe Opera; Cool Sun Tattie and Aisie, Houston Grand Opera; The Most Happy Fella, Michigan Opera and Broadway. TV: *An Enemy of the People, All My Sons, I Never Sang for My Father, Painting Churches, and The Skin of Our Teeth*, all for PBS’s American Playhouse. Recent awards: 2004 Thomas Degaetani Award (USITT), 2002 “Mr. Abbott” Award (SDCF), 2001 Joan Cullman Award for Extraordinary Creativity, 2001 Joe A. Callaway Award (SDCF), the Drama League’s Julia Hansen Award for Excellence in Directing, 2001. Member, College of Fellows of the American Theatre; Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, University of San Diego. Mr. O’Brien a member of the College of Fellows of the American Theatre.
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