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Set Design Kevin Bice			
Set Construction Jack Beith, John Caputo,			
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Costumes			
Dressers Carol Cartshore, John Dedes,	i		
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I am happy to have been offered the opportunity to direct and choreograph once again for the Musical Comedy Guild of Sault Ste. Marie, and, as with The Music Man, again for a show in which I once appeared as a performer. In 1988 I was cast as one of the three Proteans in the professional summer stock production of A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum for Huron Country Playhouse, and I have never forgotten the fun that I had throughout that creative process. I hope that the cast and crew of this production are likewise left with fond memories of their affiliation with the show.

The show is one-of-a-kind: once described as "a marathon vaudeville performed in togas," it was inspired by the comedies of the second century B.C. Roman playwright Plautus. Co-writers Larry Gelbart (M\*A\*S\*H, Oh, God, Tootsie) and Burt Shevelove (radio and television writer for stars like Judy Garland, Jack Paar, Red Buttons, Nancy Walker and Victor Borge) drew upon many of the stock characters found in Plautus and created a show that combines elements of vaudeville slapstick, British farce, Broadway musical and Roman comedy. As with the plays of ancient Rome, Forum incorporates the device of "actor-as-narrator" and breaks down the invisible wall between the actors and the audience, allowing the players to address the play-goers directly. Its title is derived from a famous set-up line delivered by

stand-up comics on the vaudeville circuit, "A funny thing happened to me on the way to the theatre tonight..." and the show itself actually incorporates some of Plautus' original "one-liners" into the script and score, proving that some of the world's oldest jokes can still delight us and cause us to laugh at ourselves.

There are several challenges faced by the director and by the cast with this type of production, including finding the right rhythm for the dialogue and the scenes to make certain that every joke is maximized, timing and pacing the show so that the physical and visual comedy work, deciding on how big and how broad to go with the actors' performances (I say, "Go big or go home!"), and ensuring that the brilliant but challenging music of composer Stephen Sondheim is being given the proper treatment. I believe this cast, made up of both stage veterans and newcomers alike, has risen to the challenge and I thank them for all that they brought to the table. I hope that you will appreciate the fruits of their labours, and I would also like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all of you for your support of community theatre.

Enjoy the show!





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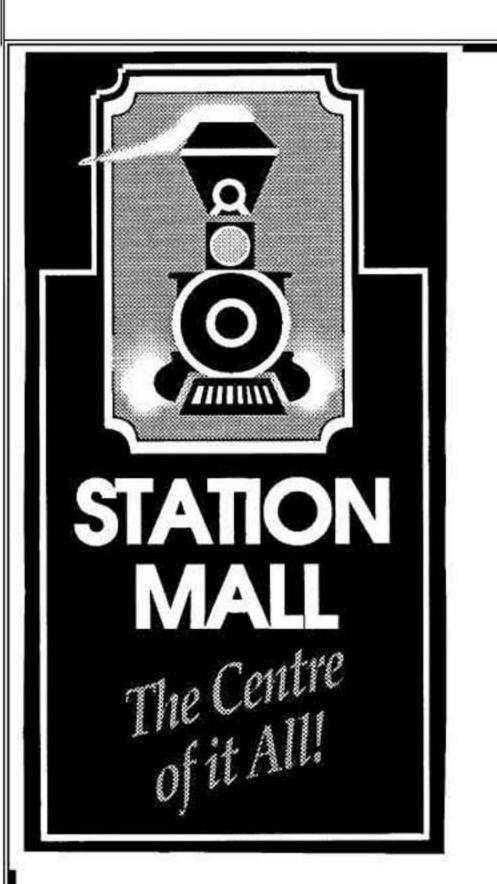


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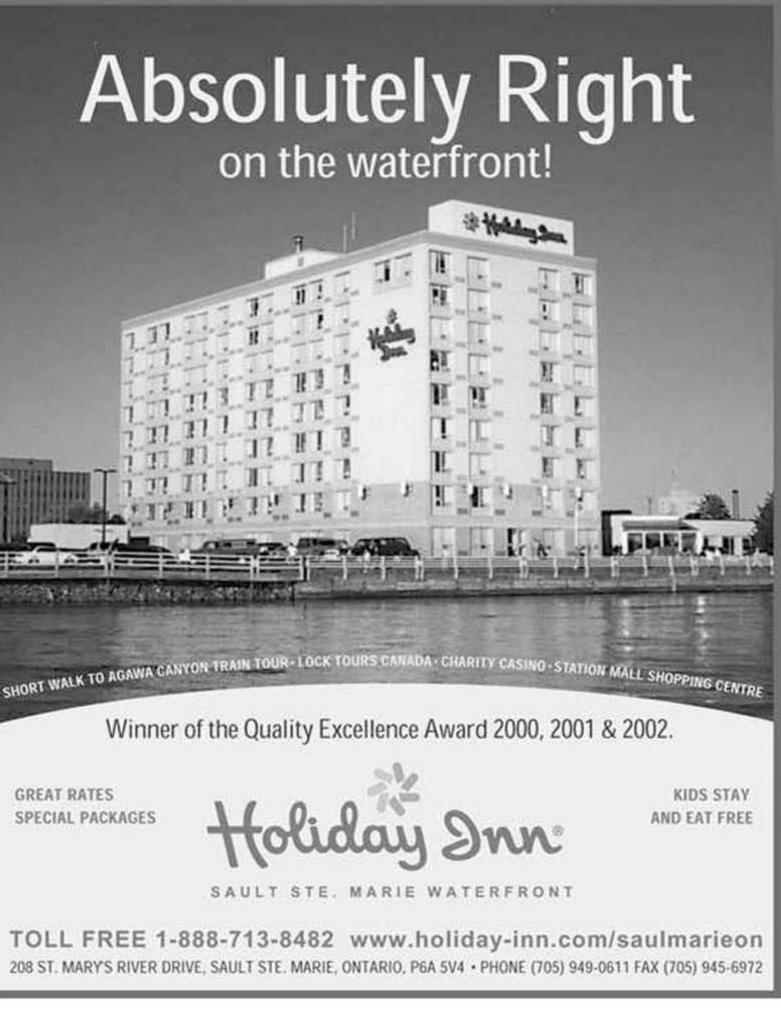


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