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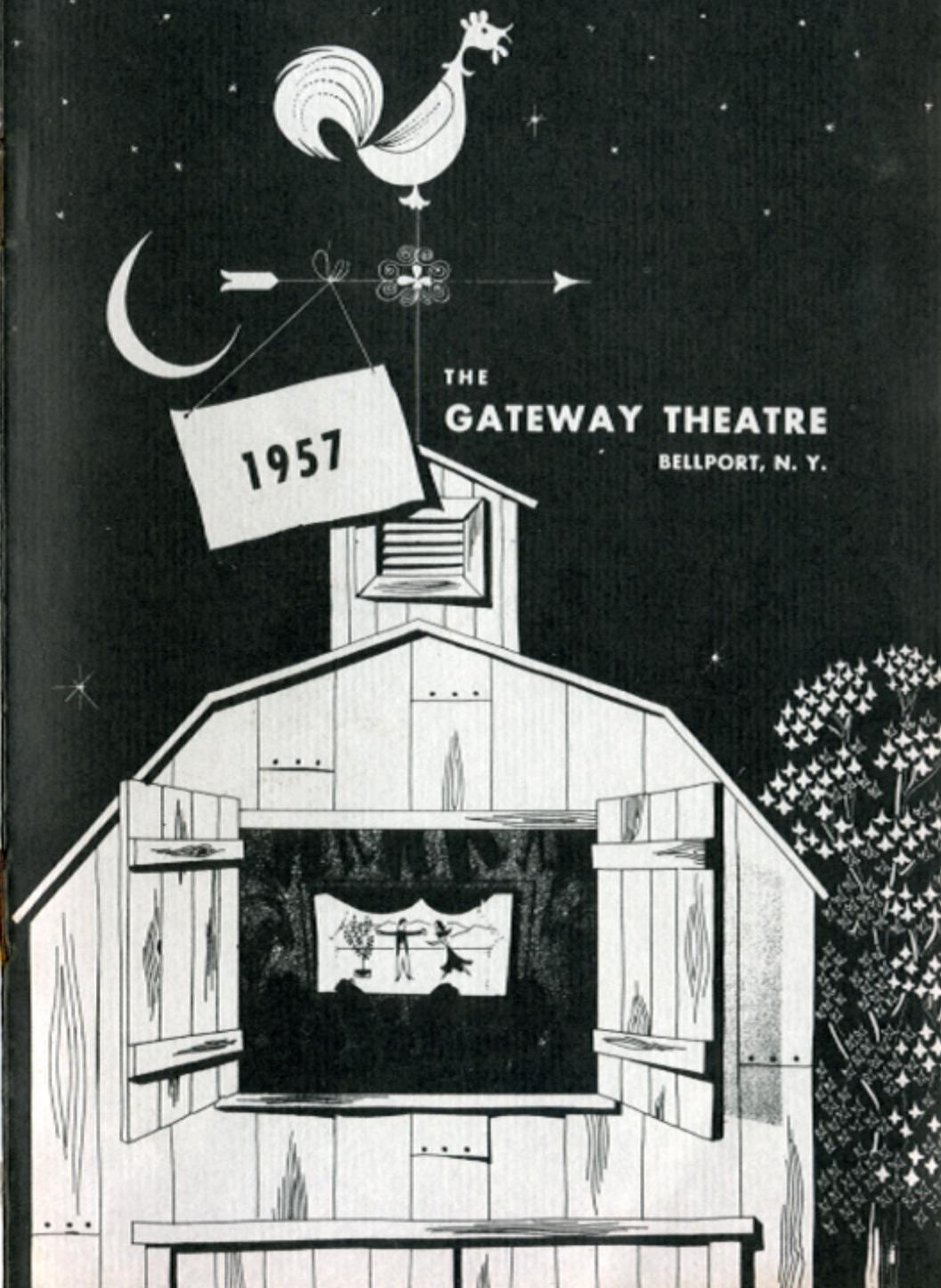


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**THE ACTORS** on parade in these trappings represent ideas, colored, illumined, and objectified by playwright, director, and actor. These ideas conceived in thought have been born to that playwright who best sees the need for the fulfillment of these ideas. Victor Hugo once said "There is nothing in this world so powerful as an idea whose time has come".

**THE IDEAS** conceived in the minds of our playwrights today reflect, as they did through all ages, the life around them, and their comment on it. If this view is seen with a twinkle in the eye, the idea is called a comedy. If life presents problems unsurmountable by the human man, the idea becomes a drama, or even a tragedy. Ideas representing life in our theatre of 1957 show man as confused, jealous, frustrated, enigmatic, blind as a mortal seems to be, but on the whole, contented, seeking and able to get by with a smile and a song.

**LANGUAGE** used in today's theatre perhaps seems more coarse than usual, and character relations are exposed in not the most subtle manner. But one who knows theatre and history is aware that these same ideas have been expressed in a manner parallel to the times from Shakespeare on down. If we seem to be shocked by the mirror before us, let us do something to change the image before the glass.

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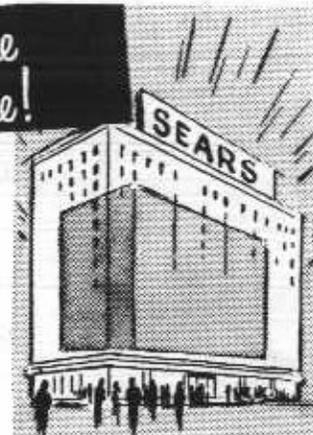
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MILT COMMONS who was first seen at Gateway as the evil Mr. Snell in SOLID GOLD CADILLAC, which he also directed, reversed his field the next week to reappear as the benevolent Mr. Pannypacker. He continued with various states of pleasantness through RAINMAKER and SABRINA FAIR. Such drastic switches are consistent with the long series of roles ranging from the boy-next-door to a visitor-from-outer-space that Milt has played in his career. His stock credits range literally from Maine to California. In New York he has appeared at the Blackfriars Theatre, and for the past two winters has acted and directed for the Pittsburgh Miniature Theatre.

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INTERESTED PATRONS of the Gateway Theatre will be happy to know that much time and effort has been spent this summer in rigging a new lighting system and sound room - which helps make for more fluid action on the arena stage. These are open for inspection after the show.

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**ULU GROSARD** comes to Gateway as director from N.Y.C. where he is head of the Theatre Workshop. He last directed Off-Broadway, Sean O'Casey's *BEDTIME STORY* and John Patrick's

*THE CURIOUS SAVAGE*. He has directed at the Circle Theatre, Chicago; the Fort Bragg Theatre, N. C., and the Teatro Juvenil, Havana, Cuba. Mr. Grosbard studied directing at the Yale Drama School.



**LES HARRIS** made his first appearance on the Gateway stage in *TEA AND SYMPATHY*. As scene designer, his sets for *PENNY-PACKER*, *RAIN-MAKER*, *I AM A CAMERA* and *TO-*

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**RAY BARBATA** will be remembered by Gateway audiences for his impressionable roles in TEA AND SYMPATHY, DIAL M FOR MURDER, SOLID GOLD CADILLAC, and TENDER TRAP. This is Mr. Barbata's fifth season of Summer Stock, having been with the Niswaw Summer Theatre in Minnesota for 2 seasons and with the Barn Theatre in Kalamazoo, Mich., where he scored in GUYS AND DOLLS and CAINE MUTINY. While in the Army, he played in a Signal Corps film and toured the U. S. and Canada in Special Service productions. During the past winter Ray has been active with the International Lyric Org., has appeared on Omnibus, and with Sibhan McKenna in ST. JOAN.

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**JOHN COSTELLO**, Gateway's primitive dance teacher, was seen last summer in BUS STOP and RAINMAKER. He has toured two seasons in such Children's Theatre productions as ALICE IN WONDERLAND, PETER AND THE WOLF and the NUTCRACKER SUITE. He appeared for 3 months at the Cherry Lane Theatre in Picasso's DESIRE TRAPPED BY THE TAIL and for 4 months at the Cabaret Theatre in New Orleans in THE DRUNKARD. He has studied dance with Charles Weidman and Katherine Dunham.

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