

BILOXI BLUES

BY NEIL SIMON

**Biloxi, Mississippi
1943**

Biloxi Blues is the second chapter in the semi-autobiographical trilogy of Eugene Morris Jerome, alter ego of the youthful Neil Simon.

In Army basic training in the South during World War II, Eugene's dissatisfaction with military life is exacerbated by his sadistic drill sergeant, Merwin Toomey.

Eugene has three goals: to get out of the Army alive, to lose his virginity, and to fall in love. In funny, poignant lessons, he learns about friendship, sex, and, most importantly, about love.

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To make sure everyone has a good time, please: Turn off beepers, phones, and wristwatch alarms. • Refrain from whispering and unwrapping candy during the presentation. • No photos or tape-recording during the performance. We will gladly set up photos after the performance. Contact one of the ushers. • No food or drink in the auditorium.

ENJOY THE SHOW!

Parking Notice: Patrons who park in lots other than directly in front of the lobby entrance may be subject to ticketing. If you find a ticket on your car after the show, bring it immediately to the house manager and we will take care of it. And please remember, when you come to future shows, to park in the lot in front of the auditorium. Thank you.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS ...

Sunday, March 9, 3 p.m.

The Trail Band. The premier historic music ensemble from the Northwest. Chemeketa Auditorium, Building 6. Advance tickets, \$15; tickets at the door, \$17.

Saturday, March 29, 2003

Shout-Out!: "One World, One Voice." The Portland-based group has chosen Chemeketa as the venue to premiere their 2003 show. This upbeat, colorful program features a striking variety of musical styles and high-energy movement. The show's debut marks the group's third year and the release of their first CD. Chemeketa Auditorium, Building 6. General admission: \$10; students and seniors: \$7.50. Call 503-399-5240 for more information.

Sunday, April 13, 3 p.m.

The Diminuendo Wind Orchestra. Portland's Thara Memory directs this ensemble of leading regional classical and jazz performers in a new arrangement of Beethoven's 7th Symphony and in selections by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn. Chemeketa Auditorium, Building 6. Advance tickets, \$15; tickets at the door, \$17.

May 8 - 10, 15 - 17, 2003

Hello, Dolly! Book by Michael Stewart, music and lyrics by Jerry Herman. Based on the play *The Matchmaker* by Thornton Wilder. Adults \$12; seniors and students, \$9.

CAST

Eugene Morris Jerome Jason Cude
Don Carney Robert Salberg
Daisy Hannigan Dianne Bates
Rowena Lisa DeCina
Joseph Wykowski Billy Lundeen
Sgt. Merwin J. Toomey Jeff Brownson
Arnold Epstein Anthony E. Hicks
James Hennessee Aaron Jonathan Hill
Roy Selridge Martin Fogarty

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director Robert Herzog
Stage Manager Terry Rohse
Assistant Stage Managers Louise Biffle, Erin Fitch
Costumer Pat Hayter
Set and Lighting Design Terry Rohse
Stage Crew David Biffle, Katsumy Handy, Watson Sardis
Sound Jerry Robinson
Set Construction Louise Biffle, David Biffle, Katsumy Handy
Allyson Pineau, Jody Showman, Jerry Robinson, Kirstin Mueller

Special thanks to Kate Lindbeck, Loraine Fullerton, Frank Fullerton, Joe Williamson, Pentacle Theatre, McNary Theatre Department.

WHO'S WHO

Robert Herzog (Director). Robert was raised in the New York City metropolitan area. After moving to Salem, he became involved at Pentacle Theater in 1986 and has been involved in all aspects of more than 50 productions, including acting in *Romeo and Juliet*, *Twelfth Night*, *The Odd Couple*, *All My Sons* and *Strange Snow*. He has directed a number of Pentacle shows, including *Our Town*, *Glass Menagerie*, *Beauty Queen of Leenane*, and *Standing on My Knees*.

Dianne Bates (Daisy Hannigan). Dianne was born in Salem and now lives in Silverton. She is studying Theatre Arts at Chemeketa and works at The Rose of Sharon Dinner House and in the Trio office at Chemeketa. She has appeared in *The Miracle Worker*, *Stage Door*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Jeff Brownson (Sgt. Toomey). Jeff was born in Yankton, South Dakota, and now lives in Salem and works as a public information representative for the Oregon Department of Transportation. Other shows he has appeared in include *Dracula*, *Equus*, *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me*, and *Lone Star*. At Pentacle he has directed *Twilight of the Gods* and *Children of a Lesser God*.

Jason Cude (Eugene Morris Jerome). Jason was born in Salem and is currently a self-employed floorcovering installer. Other shows he has appeared in include *Noises Off* and *Twelfth Night*.

Lisa DeCina (Rowena). Lisa was born in New York City and is now a counselor with Northwest Human Services. She has appeared locally in *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, *The Importance of Being Ernest* and *Othello*.

Martin Fogarty (Roy Selridge). Martin was born and raised in Salem and attended McNary High School in Keizer. He is studying Education at Chemeketa. Previously he has appeared in *Equus*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *All's Well That Ends Well*, *Waiting for Turgy*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *The Music Man*, and *Fortinbras*.

Anthony E. Hicks (Arnold B. Epstein). Anthony attends Chemeketa Community College, where he studies Pre-electrical Engineering and Theatre. He has also worked in *Kismet*, *Heaven Can Wait*, and *Living on the Edge*.

Aaron Jonathan Hill (James J. Hennessy). Aaron was born in Ames, Iowa, and is now a Visual Communications student at Chemeketa. He is also a literacy tutor at Lamb Elementary School. He has appeared in *Brigadoon*, *West Side Story*, *An Evening With Disney*, *The Wiz* and *Mary Poppins*.

William Lundeen (Joseph Wykowski). William was born in Klamath Falls and now works in Salem as the manager of Charley's Steakery. He has appeared in *MacBeth*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *The Miser* and *All's Well That Ends Well*.

Robert Salberg (Don Carney). Robert was born in Spokane, Wash., and is now studying Education at Western Oregon University. He is a drama teacher at Howard Street Charter School and co-interim executive director of Children's Educational Theatre. He has appeared in *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Clue*. He has directed *Never Again*, *Our Town*, *Hansel and Gretel*, *The Jungle Book*, *An Evening with Shel Silverstein* and *Spellbound*.