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LATEST UPDATE ON ANNIE 2

Annie 2 will begin rehearsals at the Goodspeed Opera House in Connecticut in April and will play for two months from May to July. Reports are that numerous changes have been made and are being made now; we do not even know at this time what the subtitle will be, but it will probably no longer be "Miss Hannigan's Revenge." We have also not yet heard anything for sure regarding cast changes, if any, at this time. New auditions were held this past month; it is a rule of Actor's Equity that when a show stops and then starts up again at a different location, new auditions must be held and previous cast members must re-audition. We will keep you posted, of course.

Many thanks for all your letters about our last issue in which we covered the Kennedy Center run of Annie 2. We probably had more response to that issue than any other we have done in recent years, and we both appreciate it a lot. Even with all the difficulties the show had, we are glad that creators, performers, and fans alike are optimistic about the future of the show, and we are all looking forward to Goodspeed. Theater Week magazine, dated February 5-11, devoted about two dozen pages to its cover story about Annie 2, including an interesting interview with Dorothy Loudon.

ANNIE



The First Annie Comic Strip of the '90s

★ Annie Stars Since Annie ... ★

MARTIN CHARNIN is performing in his own revue in New York featuring DANIELLE FINDLEY, six women from the ensemble of Annie 2, and his daughter Sasha Charnin. It is called The Hits And The Ms.'s: A Personal Songbook and features 32 songs for which he wrote the lyrics using music composed by various composers from J. S. Bach to CHARLES STROUSE....SHELLEY BRUCE recently told AP she sings with a band called One Track Mind at clubs in New Jersey, and she and her husband Ray are expecting a baby in July....BERNADETTE PETERS is going to play Tammy Faye Bakker in an upcoming TV movie about the Bakkers' TV ministry and its downfallALLISON SMITH was in San Francisco last year on the day of the October 17th earthquake preparing to tape an episode of Wolf on which she plays a runaway. She studied her script by candlelight when the power went out in her hotel.... SARAH JESSICA PARKER is starring on the new critically-acclaimed ABC-TV series Equal Justice which premiered this month. Sarah also appeared on Arsenio Hall and Good Morning America recently to talk about her new show.... Lots of action Off-Broadway: LYNNE WINTERSTELLER is in Closer Than Ever; TIM CURRY is in The Art Of Success; and STACEY LYNN BRASS is in a musical called Romance In Hard Times set in a 1930s soup kitchen....LISA SIEGEL was in the CBS-TV movie No Place Like Home with Lee Grant and also was in the ABC-TV one called Equal Justice, the pilot for the new series....JULIE STEVENS sang the Canadian National Anthem "O, Canada" at the New York Rangers hockey game against Montreal in November....DEBBIE HAMMOND was selected by the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera to join the Mini-Stars, a troupe of 35 children ranging from age 6-18 who perform their revue in the area and also go out on tour. Many Mini-Stars this year have Annie backgrounds; ERIN CONDON was with Debbie in JUDE POHL's production of Annie in 1987 (opposite former Mini-Star MONICA LEE GRADISCHEK as Annie); HEATHER MASUR was Annie in 1989 along with Orphans CHRISTAL CONDON, LISA MARINACCI, and GINA PHILISTINE; and LYN PHILISTINE was an Orphan in the 1983 Kenley (SUSAN LIPTON/MARTHA RAYE/DEAN DITTMAN) national tour. Debbie also sang three solos from Annie in A Broadway Christmas produced by Jude Pohl in Pittsburgh....ANDREA McARDLE was co-host of the St. Patrick's Day Parade telecast in New York. She was also on Joan Lunden's Everyday syndicated show, and she and Alexis are on the cover of the April 1990 Working Mother magazine....JULIE FLYNN, having played Kate with AISLING MULHERN last year in Annie in Akron, OH, played the title role this winter in Cleveland....DEBBIE GIBSON was to begin filming her movie Skirts for Columbia Pictures in January; however, due to a shakeup at Columbia Pictures, there has been a delay in the beginning of filming. Debbie's "Lost In Your Eyes" came in #13 for the year 1989 on Billboard's End Of The Year pop chart. She is also nominated for several New York Music Awards to be presented on March 31st....REBECCA BAHLING played Isabel in Mister Scrooge in December in MichiganFormer Westchester County (NY) Annie LEE SFORZA played the title role again there this winter and will play Chiffon in Little Shop Of Horrors in late MarchCRISTINA CONOMOS was in the ABC-TV Afterschool Special Over The Limit and will play a teenager in a dream sequence in The Days And Nights Of Molly Dodd on the Lifetime Channel in April....Birthdays: TONI ANN GISONDI, 15 on Jan. 1; NICOLE ANTHONY, 17 on Jan. 1; ALYSON KIRK, 20 on Jan. 14; ROSANNE SORRENTINO, 22 on Jan. 15; DANA MICHELLE MATLES, 18 on Jan. 21; SYDNEY WEEKS, 19 on Jan. 22; MARISA MORELL, 20 on Jan. 25; LOUANNE, 20 on Jan. 26; JANA ROBINSON, 15 on Feb. 4; MOLLY BETH TOTTEN, 16 on Feb. 4; APRIL LERMAN, 21 on Feb. 6; MOLLY RINGWALD, 22 on Feb. 14; ERIN DALY, 14 on Feb. 15; STEPHANIE VINE, 18 on Feb. 23; JENNINE BABO, 19 on Feb. 25; BERNADETTE PETERS, 42 on Feb. 28; ROXANNE DUNDISH, 17 on Mar. 1; SHERRY DUNDISH, 17 on Mar. 1; THEDA STEMLER, 23 on Mar. 4; SUSAN LIPTON, 17 on Mar. 4; JULIE STEVENS, 20 on Mar. 22; SARAH JESSICA PARKER, 25 on Mar. 25; LISA LYNNE, 17 on Apr. 11; JENNIFER MAILLET, 19 on Apr. 16; SHARON JORDAN, 18 on Apr. 22; CAROL BURNETT, 56 on Apr. 26.

CALENDAR OF ANNIE-VERSARIES

1990

JANUARY

- 2 The Broadway show closed at the Uris Theatre after 2,377 performances, 1983
- 3 The 1986 National Tour opened in Rochester, 1986
- 4 Annie 2 will open at the Kennedy Center in D.C. and will run until Jan. 20
- 5 Sandy's first appearance in the comic strip, 1925
- 14 Broadway's fifth Annie, ALYSON KIRK, will be 20
- 15 The 3rd National's first Annie, ROSAMNE SORRENTINO, will be 22
- 20 Little Orphan Annie comic strip creator HAROLD GRAY was born, 1894
- 25 Annie in the 2nd National, MARISA MORELL, will be 20
- 26 Annie in the 2nd National and the 1st National, LOUANNE, will be 20
- 29 Allison Smith became Broadway's fourth Annie, 1980

FEBRUARY

- 7 The Broadway show's 2,000th performance, 1982
- 28 Shelley Bruce became Broadway's second Annie, 1978

MARCH

- 1 Annie Broadway preview opened at the Kennedy Center in Washington, 1977
- 1 The 5 Broadway Annies had a reunion at an Englewood, NJ Annie show, 1986
- 4 Annie in the 1st National, THEDA STEMLER, will be 23
- 6 Sarah Jessica Parker became Broadway's third Annie, 1979
- 23 The 1st National Tour opened in Toronto, 1978
- 25 Broadway's third Annie, SARAH JESSICA PARKER, will be 25

APRIL

- 11 The 1984 National Tour's Annie, LISA LYNNE, will be 17
- 21 The Broadway show opened at the Alvin Theatre, 1977
- 21 Andrea McArdle became Broadway's first Annie, 1977

MAY

- 3 The London show opened at the Victoria Palace Theatre, 1978
- 5 Broadway's second Annie, SHELLEY BRUCE, will be 25
- 6 Annie in the 4th National, KATHLEEN SISK, will be 18
- 9 Harold Gray died at age 74, 1968
- 19 Bill Berloni found Sandy in the pound in Connecticut, 1976
- 21 The movie premiered in New York, Los Angeles, and Toronto, 1982

JUNE

- 5 Annie won 7 Tony Awards including Best Musical, 1977
- 7 Annie's composer, CHARLES STROUSE, will be 62
- 22 The 2nd National Tour opened in San Francisco, 1978
- 28 The movie's Annie, AILEEN QUINN, will be 19

JULY

- 18 Annie in Annie 2, DANIELLE FINDLEY, will be 12
- 22 Allison Smith's 1,000th performance on Broadway, 1982
- 24 The 1984 National Tour opened in Atlanta, 1984
- 27 The 1986 National Tour's Annie, SARAH BETHANY REYNOLDS, will be 17
- 31 The 2nd National's first Annie, PATRICIA ANN PATTS, will be 23

AUGUST

- 5 Harold Gray's Little Orphan Annie comic strip began, 1924
- 5 The movie's director JOHN HUSTON was born, 1906
- 10 Annie, starring Kristen Vigard, opened at the Goodspeed Opera House, 1976
- 14 Annie's writer, THOMAS MEEHAN, will be 61
- 28 John Huston died at age 81, 1987

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Principal filming of the movie ended, 1981
- 8 The 4th National's first Annie, MOLLIE HALL, will be 20
- 8 Alyson Kirk became Broadway's fifth Annie, 1982
- 11 The 4th National Tour opened in West Point, 1981
- 12 The Broadway show's 1,000th performance, 1979
- 27 Annie meets "Daddy" Warbucks in the comic strip, 1924

OCTOBER

- 3 The 3rd National Tour opened in Dallas, 1979
- 18 Ann Marie Hudge Warbucks was born, 1922 (movie version)
- 27 The comic strip was dropped from the Chicago Tribune, 1925
- 28 The comic strip was reinstated in the Chicago Tribune, 1925
- 28 Ann Elizabeth Hudge Bennett Warbucks was born, 1922 (play version)

NOVEMBER

- 2 Little Orphan Annie Sunday comic strip began, 1924
- 5 Broadway's first Annie, ANDREA McARDLE, will be 27
- 19 BILL BERLONI shares his birthday with Broadway's SANDY, who will be c. 16
- 24 Annie's lyricist and director, MARTIN CHARMIN, will be 36
- 30 The second Little Orphan Annie movie, starring Ann Gillis, premiered, 1938

DECEMBER

- 3 Leonard Starr's Annie comic strip began, 1979
- 9 Broadway's fourth Annie, ALLISON SMITH, will be 21
- 22 Previews of Annie 2 opened at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., 1989
- 24 The first Little Orphan Annie movie, starring Mitzi Green, premiered, 1932
- 27 Annie in the 2nd National, KRISTI COOMBS, will be 19
- 31 Annie was left on the Orphanage steps, 1922

SOME OF THE FACES OF ANNIE 2: MISS HANNIGAN'S REVENGE



LAUREN MITCHELL
Grace Farrell



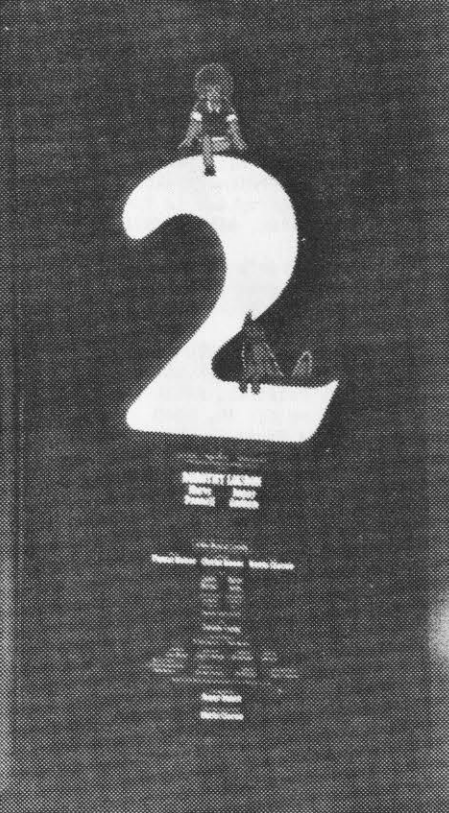
MR. & MRS. MARTIN CHARNIN
Director-Lyricist



COURTNEY EARL
Orphan **2**



RAYMOND THORNE
Franklin D. Roosevelt



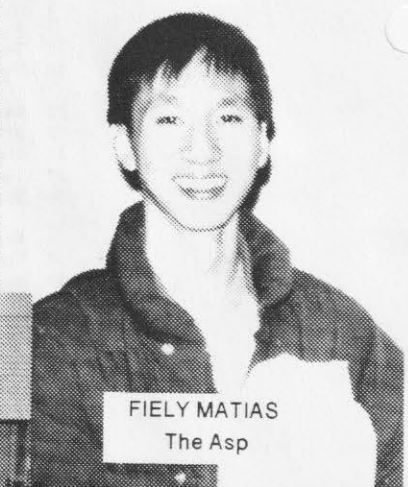
MORIAH "SHINING DOVE" SNYDER
Orphan



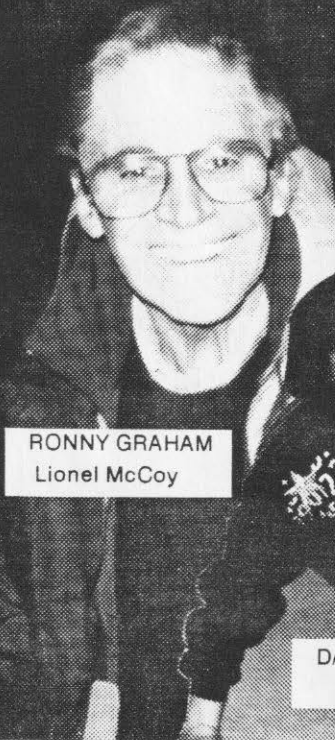
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Drake



BILL BERLONI
Animal Trainer



FIELY MATIAS
The Asp



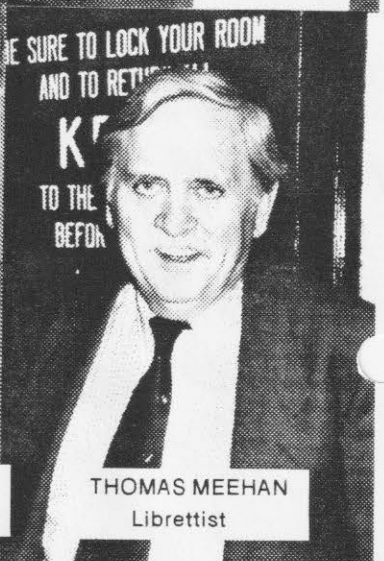
RONNY GRAHAM
Lionel McCoy



DANIELLE FINDLEY & BEAU
Annie Warbucks & Sandy



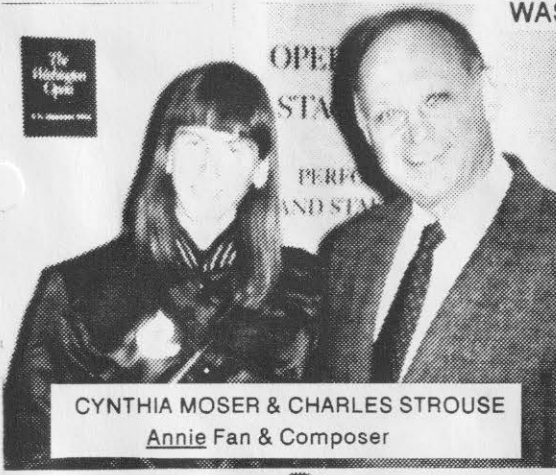
MARIAN SELDES & NATALIA HARRIS
Mrs. Marietta Christmas & Orphan



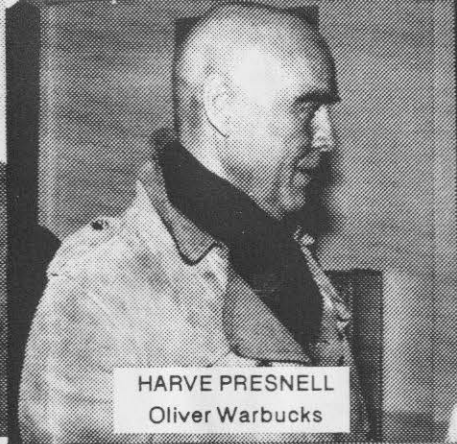
THOMAS MEEHAN
Librettist

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CYNTHIA MOSER & CHARLES STROUSE
Annie Fan & Composer



HARVE PRESNELL
Oliver Warbucks



DOROTHY LOUDON
Miss Hannigan

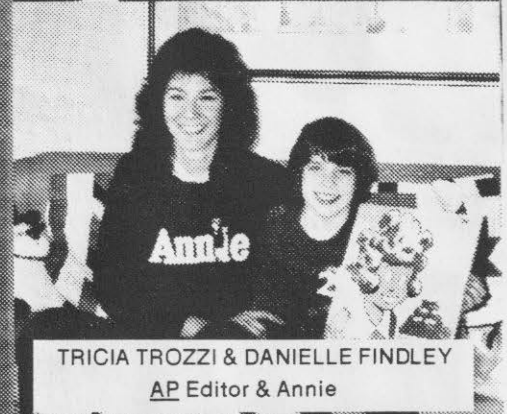


BILL BERLONI, BEAU & MOOLLY
Trainer, Sandy and understudy

ANNIE 2
Miss Hannigan's Revenge

Production Credits in Alphabetical Order

ELLEN ANDRE	GRENDA M. GELMAN	KAREN M. IRVIN
ET ASHLOCK	LAUREN GORDON	BILL NOLLE
BEAU	ROBBY GRIFFIN	MICHELLE OSTEN
JANE BOOLE	MARY-BO GREEN	TON PERCASSI
BILL BRACKEN	SARAH KNAPP	HARVE PRESNELL
KAREN L. BYERS	DOROTHY LOUDON	SCOTT ROBERTSON
BRIAN TAYLOR DWANER	JULIANA MARX	MARIAN SELDRE
EMERY WILLIAM DUNNIN	FLYNN MARRAS	J.K. SHANNON
GLADY GLADY	GERRY McINTYRE	DOROTHY STRAUSS
TERENCE F. GARRER	DIANNE McNEIL	RAYMOND TUNG
MICHAEL GERMAN	T.J. MEYERS	MICHAEL WALSH
GLADYS GRAY	LAUREN MITCHELL	GLADY WOODALL
DANIELLE FINDLEY	MAXLEY	
C. S. MOSER	BARBARA MORSE	



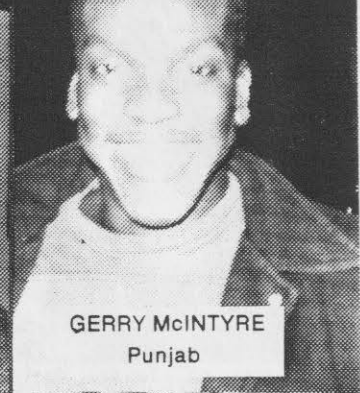
TRICIA TROZZI & DANIELLE FINDLEY
AP Editor & Annie



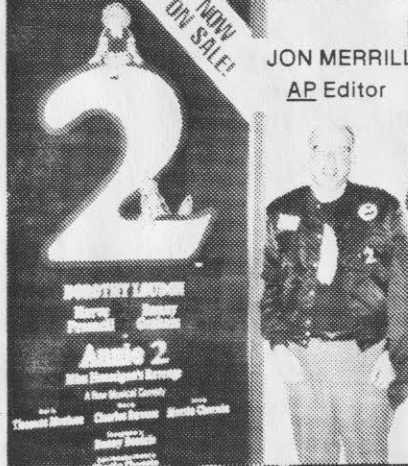
PETER HOWARD
Musical Director



SCOTT ROBERTSON
Maurice/Charlie Spinoli



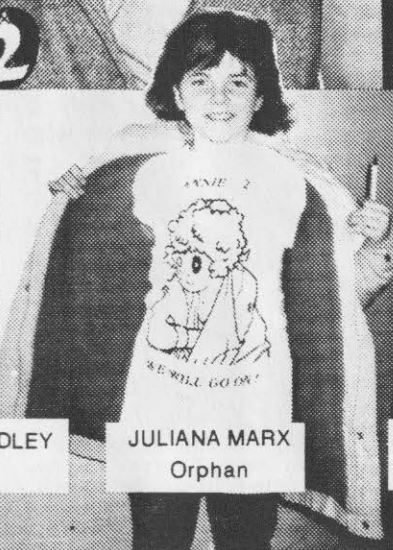
GERRY McINTYRE
Punjab



JON MERRILL
AP Editor



BRENDA LASATER & DANIELLE FINDLEY
Annie & her real-life mom



JULIANA MARX
Orphan



JENNIFER BETH GLICK
Orphan



SANDY
(Just visiting)

Photos by CYNTHIA MOSER



NEW ROCHELLE, NY - Top row, Iba Dawson, Gina Rende, Danielle Ingolia, Kate Rajala, Journet Shaw; middle row, Tara Reehill, Chrissy Keller; bottom row, Christina Begonia, Marissa Grimaldi, Marissa Barile, Cathy Muscat, Lee Sforza (Annie), Angela Dixon



Debbie Hammond
A Broadway Christmas
Pittsburgh, PA



BUDD LAKE, NJ - Top row, Jaclyn Suggs, Jeralyn Aragona (Annie), Kristy Corriero, Holly DiGiosaffatte, Beth Sambar; bottom row, Jennifer Lakata, Tara Pacella, Josiyn Wilschek



SALT LAKE CITY, UT - Top row, Kristin Gooch, Rebecca Brinkman, Amy McClellan, Jennifer Wainwright, Erin Holmberg; bottom row, Jill Thomas, Sarah Suzanne Palmer, Maryl Lyn Dover (Annie), Natasha Sanchez

Submitted by Larry Benton



CLEVELAND, OH - Top row, Emily Shin Yee, Jennifer Preisler, Emily Dunlop; bottom row, Erin Saffran, Alison McConnell, Julie Flynn (Annie), Brooke Bowie

Submitted by Cynthia Moser

UTAH ACTRESSES TURN TO COUNTRY MUSIC

The singing teenage Osborn Sisters from Salt Lake City have been performing together for a few years now, having discovered on a family car trip when they were younger that they harmonized well together. Since then, they have traveled to California and Las Vegas, as well as New York, to perform.

Kelsi, 15, made her professional debut in 1987 when she played the title role in Annie in Sundance, Utah. Since then she has won several talent contests and was in the movie Saturday's Warrior.

Kelsi is the middle voice (second soprano) in the trio and is the lead singer. Cassidy, 14, is the soprano voice in the group. She has been in numerous stage productions, and both she and Kelsi were in Annie in Salt Lake City in late 1988. Their older sister Kristyn, 19, is the alto and is in college majoring in music. Like her sisters, Kristyn has been in several stage productions and has begun to write songs for the group to perform and record. Together, the Osborn Sisters do many types of music when they perform live, but their fine vocal harmonies lend themselves best to their first love of country music. Sometimes their little sister Karli joins them on stage for a few songs. The whole Osborn family loved Annie and they enjoy keeping up with what is going on with it in AP.



Submitted by Larry Benton

In January 1990 the Osborn Sisters' first single, "Only On The Radio" was released on the Nashville-based West-Sound label. They are very excited to have their record out, and they are planning to go to Nashville in April for some more recording. If you hear some fine harmonizing on your local country stations, it may very well be the Osborn Sisters.

Congratulations, Kristyn, Kelsi, and Cassidy, from Annie People on your new single, and we wish you all the best with your recording career!

CARYN LYN JONES PERFORMS IN THE STAR SEARCH 90 SEMI-FINALS

Caryn Lyn Jones sang "Where The Boys Are" in the Star Search 90 competition semi-finals, which were televised on the weekend of February 17th-18th. The multi-talented, vivacious 11-year-old from Nutley, New Jersey won the right to be in the semi-finals by winning four consecutive times in Round One last fall. Caryn has performed many types of songs in her professional career, but on Star Search she chose pop oldies; "Where The Boys Are" was a top 5 hit in 1961 by pop great Connie Francis. Unfortunately, Caryn was defeated in the semi-finals by the same girl who had finally ended Caryn's four-win reign as a Junior Vocalist last fall.

Caryn has been doing theater for half her life and performed as Molly in Annie in front of all five of the Broadway Annies at the reunion in Englewood, NJ in 1986. She also originated the role of Bessie in The House In The Woods, which played in New York City, Tarrytown, NY, and at the Goodspeed Opera House in Connecticut. Now Caryn seems to be most interested in getting ready for a recording career. She has a small studio at home in the corner of her den where she is learning to write and produce demos under the expert guidance of her good friend and former New York Youngstars showcase compatriot, Debbie Gibson.



Two new books on Debbie Gibson are in your local bookstore. The first, published by Diamond Books (\$9.95), is called Between The Lines and co-authored by Debbie herself along with Mark Bego. Over one hundred photos are included.

In the book Debbie describes her numerous auditions for the Broadway national tours of Annie back when she was younger. "I knew that I was too tall," writes Debbie, "but I always went to the auditions anyway. They wanted midgets! ...So, I used to wear baggy pants, and I'd bend my knees so I wouldn't look an inch too tall! Well, someone went by and tapped all of our knees, and suddenly I rose above the rest of the group. That was the end of that...."

This book is an excellent overview of Debbie's life and career up until now and is presented in the first person in Debbie's own words.

The second book is called Debbie Gibson: Electric Star and is by Randi Reisfeld of 16 magazine. When I first saw it I was put off by the blurb on the back which was full of errors, e.g., "...five #1 hits before she graduated..."; Debbie has had two #1 hits, and only the first was when she was still in high school. However, I know that the back cover blurb of a book such as this is usually NOT written by the book's author, and I was pleasantly surprised that the actual book contained accurate facts. This book (Bantam Books, \$2.95) depicts in much more detail Debbie's perseverance and personal dedication through her early teens on the way to her finally landing a record contract, and the important role her family and relatives had in supporting and helping her along. There are also some recollections about Debbie's local Annie production in 1983 and also about the Youngstars showcase at Something Different in New York.

Guild Press of Indiana has reprinted the Orphant Annie Story Book by Johnny Gruelle, originally published in 1921 and inspired by the poem written in the 1880s by James Whitcomb Riley (see enclosed ad). "Orphant" is presumably an old word for "orphan" or possibly a way of spelling "orphaned" in dialect.

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