

Ed Ames stars in musical

Ed Ames opens the fourth week of summer theater in Rodgers and Hammerstein's exotic musical romance "South Pacific" at the Star Theatre of Flint.

The production opens Tuesday and runs through July 13.

Ames returns to Star Theatre a third time, after having starred as Teyte in the 1977 production of "Fiddler on the Roof" and Don Quixote in "Man of La Mancha" (1979).

Ames plays the role of Emile de Becque, the French planter exiled on his South Seas island, who meets and falls in love with a pretty Navy nurse from Arkansas.

Performances are at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:45 p.m. Tickets are available at the Star Theatre's box office at Whiting Auditorium in Flint's Cultural Center or by calling 235-1454. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

THIS WORLD WAR II romance is touched with the accent of two worlds meeting and of alien individuals being thrown together in a remote world. Co-starring with Ames is Miss America 1972, Laurie Lea Schaefer, who plays the role of Ensign Nellie Forbush.

Ames made his first impact on the national scene when he and his brothers were on the top of the music charts as the Ames Brothers. Then he decided not to sing for awhile and settled into refining his acting ability at the Herbert Berghoff School for two years.

His first starring role came in an off-Broadway production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" and was followed by other hits. Ames' greatest theatrical triumph as a New York legitimate actor occurred in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," in

which he co-starred with Kirk Douglas.

He has headed regional and national companies of hits such as "Man of La Mancha" and "I Do, I Do" and has subsequently been a guest star on many major TV dramatic shows.

AN ACCOMPLISHED tennis player, skier and sailor, Ames has won several championships in the celebrity circuit.

Laurie Lea Schaefer received ecstatic reviews while making her professional acting debut opposite John Davidson in the Kenley Players production of "The Music Man."



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