

Lorna Luft starring in role that popularized Merman

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Luft married Hooker when she was 18. Luft said she sees her sister frequently. "I stay at her house when I'm in New York." The sisters recently worked together at the Trump Casino in Atlantic City. "As a child, and the daughter of singing legend Judy Garland, 'We traveled a lot. We went on the road,' she said. Luft didn't think her life was unusual. "I used to watch shows like 'Leave It to Beaver.' I thought that was bizarre," she said. She appeared on a summer tour with her mother and her brother, Joe. Luft did her first Broadway show at 18, taking over for Shirley

MacLaine in the musical hit "Promises, Promises." She has done numerous other stage musicals and plays, television and films. She played opposite Farrah Fawcett on stage in "Extremities." "I played a wimp," she said. For two years, Luft was nurse Libby Kepler in "Trapper John, M.D." On the TV comedy-drama "Hooperman," she was cast as Peaches Markowitz (not Barkowitz) in an episode aired in December. Luft said the character may become a recurring one. "She was very sweet and pathetic." In that storyline, Peaches stole the ashes of a married man she had an affair with for 17 years, who had died.

THE VERSATILE star foresees the writers' strike continuing to September. "You're going to see a lot of reruns," she said. "That's why I'm in Birmingham."

She just put a new show together for club engagements. "You can't limit yourself nowadays," she said, adding that in addition to the writer's strike an actor's strike is on the way.

Luft also teaches apprentices at the Burt Reynolds Dinner Theatre in Jupiter, Fla. "The whole theater is run by apprentices." Although invited to the recent wedding of Reynolds and actress Lori Anderson, Luft was unable to attend. "I was rehearsing 'Girl Crazy,'" she said.

Spoof closes season

Florence Neal Brown is Aunt Hettie (left), Kim J. Fox is Pusey and Mary Lou Johnstone is Minny, in the Birmingham Village Players production of "The Girls in 509." Performances of the spoof continue at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at the playhouse in Birmingham. The plot concerns two women who have secluded themselves in their suite since Hoover lost the election in 1932. They vowed not to emerge until a Republican was elected, but politicians and the press change all that. Bill Haycock produced the play, which is directed by Barbara Gowan. The cast also includes Cliff Lundgren as Old Jim. For reservations, call 644-2075 anytime.



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Going crazy over 'Girl Crazy' with its great Gershwin songs

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Dynamic Lorna Luft sparkles as Kate, the plucky saloon singer hatched to a lovable loser. Her marvelous voice is best showcased in "Boy! What Love Has Done To Me" and "Sam and Delilah," both using a more subdued orchestral accompaniment than the brassy "I've Got Rhythm."

PROJECTING AN all-American wholesomeness, Stroman is extremely likeable as Danny. He has a clear, pleasant tenor voice and a charming, disarming grin.

Despite his garish plaid suit, Jeffrey Blair Cornell isn't quite oily enough as Kate's husband, Slick, the gambler with the roving eye. However, he excels vocally, especially belting out his ball of the "Treat Me Rough" duet.

Perky Liz Larsen is very believable as the unsophisticated Molly. Though her voice was uneven in Act I, by the second act it sounded rich and mellow in the wistful "But Not For Me."

Multitalented Oliver Woodall impresses with his vocal, dancing and comedic skills. He plays an improbable character with the improbable name of Gieber Goldfarb, the New York taxi driver who drove Danny to Arizona. Gieber stays on to become first a cowardly sheriff and eventually a local hero.

Barbara Michals teaches high school English in Southfield. A theater critic for the last 14 years, she is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

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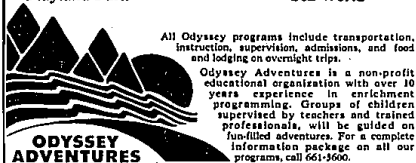
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