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Back Down and My Old Friends. For the musical Purlie, Mr. Rose received three Tony Award nominations as producer, director and coauthor. Shenandoah received six Tony nominations and won two, one for John Cullum and one for Mr. Rose.

GARRY SHERMAN (Composer/Orchestrator/Vocal Arranger), who is making his debut as a Broadway composer, has had a distinguished career in all musical areas of the entertainment industry. In films, he composed music for The Heartbreak Kid and Alice's Restaurant, among others, arranged and conducted for Midnight Cowboy, Mondo Pazzo, Harlow and many more. He has also written, arranged and conducted music for numerous TV specials and arranged and conducted top 10 records with The Drifters, Freddy Scott, Garnett Mims, Lorraine Ellison, Erma Franklin, etc. For 15 years he has been the chief orchestrator for Coca-Cola, and his classical music has twice been nominated for Pulitzer Prizes.

PETER UDELL (Lyricist/Co-Author) co-authored the books and wrote the lyrics, to Gary Geld's music, for the Broadway hits, Shenandoah and Purlie. The book of Shenandoah won him a Tony Award. With Geld, Udell wrote and produced 13 songs that made the top ten lists in Billboard and Cash Box magazines. Their song, "Sealed with a Kiss" was number one three times — in 1962, 1968, and again in 1971. They won a gold record with "Hurting Each Other," which was written for the Carpenters and sold over 5 million records. "He Says The Same Things To Me" won the ASCAP Country and Western Award in 1964.

MICHAEL PETERS (Choreographer), Born in New York but now based on the West Coast, has created dances for the L.A. Shakespeare Festival's A Midsummer Night's Dream, for German tours of Jesus Christ Superstar, and for the nightclub acts of Debbie Reynolds, Donna Summer, Connie Stevens, Dee Dee Bridgewater and Lola Falana, among others. He has also staged dances for TV films like "Scott Joplin–King of Ragtime" and specials, including "Centennial" and the Dick Clark salute to Aretha Franklin. On commission he has created dances for the Barbados Dance Theater, the Bernice Johnson Theater of Arts.

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the Interboro Ballet and the Danse Academie International of Paris. This marks Mr. Peters' debut on Broadway.

ROBIN WAGNER (Scenery Designer). 1978 Tony Award and Drama Desk winner for On the Twentieth Century, has designed A Chorus Line, Ballroom, Mack and Mabel, Seesaw, Sugar, Jesus Christ Superstar, The Great White Hope, Inner City, Promises, Promises, Lenny, Hair and Sgt. Pepper on the Road. He also designed for TV and film, and designed The Rolling Stones tour for 1975. Most recently he designed for the American Ballet Theatre and for the Vienna State Opera.

ANN EMONTS (Costume Designer) Comin' Uptown marks Ms. Emonts'

Broadway design debut. Most recently she designed Potholes Off Broadway and served as resident designer for the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival. Her costumes may also be seen on Bugs Bunny and Friends during their annual Felt Forum engagement and tour. Ann is a graduate of N.Y.U. School of the Arts.

GILBERT V. HEMSLEY, JR. (Lighting Designer) is a graduate of Yale Drama School and a product of Life 101. Broadway credits include The Most Happy Fella, Your Arm's Too Short to Box With God, I Love my Wife, Monteith and Rand, Porgy and Bess and Sugar Babies. He is currently writing a book on lighting and teaches lighting design at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

HOWARD ROBERTS (Musical Director) was musical director on Broadway for Raisin, Guys and Dolls and The Wiz. He also was musical director and conductor for Harry Belafonte and the Alvin Ailey and Donald MacKayle dance companies. As a composer and orchestrator his credits include the feature film, Lord Shango; TV specials "Cindy" and "To be Young, Gifted and Black"; ballet suits Revelations, of Alvin Ailey, and Blood Memories, of Donald MacKayle. He has produced recordings for Tony Bennett and Barbra Streisand and holds a Masters Degree in music.

TIMOTHY GRAPHENREED (Dance Music Arranger) composed the dance music

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