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At This Theatre

BY LOUIS BOTTO Preface by Brian Stokes Mitchell

Edited by Robert Viagas

The Ultimate Backstage Tour Of Broadway!

At This Theatre tells the complete history of Broadway in the 20th century, literally theatre by theatre, now updated, revised, and in new, larger format. PLAYBILL columnist and official archivist Louis Botto brings 63 years of theatre-going to At This Theatre, along with editor Robert Viagas, founding Managing Editor of Playbill On-Line and author of several books about the theatre.

It is a complete and authoritative history that only Botto can tell. Expanded from Botto's popular columns in PLAYBILL magazine, At This Theatre is filled with memorable stories, featuring a cast of characters including Ethel Merman, David Merrick, Katharine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy, Humphrey Bogart and hundreds more. It's also a theatrical spectacle boasting over 550 lavish illustrations of posters, programs, and photographs throughout. This is the one book for every theatre lover on your list, including yourself!

Includes a new preface by Broadway star Brian Stokes Mitchell, who won the Tony Award for his performance in Kiss Me, Kate, and nominations for King Hedley II and Ragtime.

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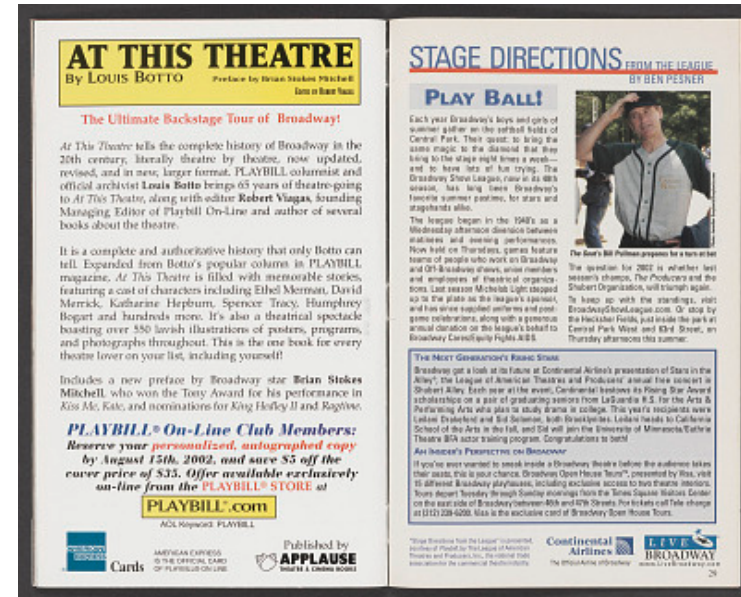
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STAGE DIRECTIONS FROM THE LEAGUE
BY BEN PESNER

PLAY BALL!

Each year Broadway's boys and girls of summer gather on the softball fields of Central Park. Their quest: to bring the same magic to the diamond that they bring to the stage eight times a week--and to have lots of fun trying. The Broadway Show League, now in its 48th season, has long been Broadway's favorite summer pastime, for stars and stagehands alike.

The league began in the 1940's as a Wednesday afternoon diversion between matinees and evening performances. Now held on Thursdays, games feature teams of people who work on Broadway and Off-Broadway shows, union members and employees of theatrical organizations. Last season Michelob Light stepped up to the plate as the league's sponsor, and has since supplied uniforms and post-game



celebrations, along with a generous annual donation on the league's behalf to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

[[image: Bill Pullman]]

The Goat's Bill Pullman prepares for a turn at bat

The question for 2002 is whether last season's champs, The Producers and the Shubert Organization, will triumph again.

To keep up with the standings, visit BroadwayShowLeague.com. Or stop by the Hecksher Fields, just inside the park at Central Park West and 63rd Street, on Thursday afternoons this summer.

THE NEXT GENERATION'S RISING STARS

Broadway got a look at its future at Continental Airline's presentation of Stars in the Alley(r), the League of American Theatres and Producers' annual free concert in Shubert Alley. Each year at the event, Continental bestows its Rising Star Ward scholarships on a pair of graduating seniors from LaGuardia H.S. for the Arts & Performing Arts who plan to study drama in college. This year's recipients were Leilani Drakeford and Sid Solomon, both Brooklynites. Leilani heads to California School of the Arts in the fall, and Sid will join the University of Minnesota/Guthrie Theatre BFA actor training program. Congratulations to both!

AN INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE ON BROADWAY

If you ever wanted to sneak inside a Broadway theatre before the audience takes their seats, this is your chance. Broadway Open House Tours (TM), presented by Visa, visit 15 different Broadway playhouses, including exclusive access to two theatre interiors. Tours depart Tuesday through Sunday mornings from the Times Square visitors Center on the east side of Broadway between 46th and 47th Streets. For tickets call Tele-charge at (212) 239-6200. Visa is the exclusive card of Broadway Open House tours.

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