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“Bear Bones”; “Bingo Montage”; “Chinbash”; “Don’t Move”; Miles Green—New York  
“Andrew Ryder”; Maggie Dubin—New York  
“Slaughter on Tenth Avenue”; Richard Rodgers, from Our Town, 1958 Broadway cast recording—New York

“Racing Thoughts”; “Goldbrick”; The Orinmutes—New York  
Readings from Miles Feders and Aim Grenam—New York  
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“T’ Story of Furrington Carpenter” told by Ed Carpenter—Colorado  
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“Half Varsity” played by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Cornhusker Marching Band—Nebraska

“Lumber Barons”, from 100 Years of Humboldt County Culture and History  
“JESO-1950”, text by Virginia M. Fields, read by Meg Sewell—Arcata

“Dudebowl Story”; from Remembering America: A Sampler of the WPA American Guide Series, edited by Archie Hobson; read by David Gordon—Colorado

“Weather Cast”; text by Merri Lynne Taylor; performed by Don Alder and Merri Lynne Taylor—Oregon

“American” String Quartet, Op. 96; composed by Anton Dvorak; in Spillville, Iowa, played by the Straubku Quartet—Iowa

“The World’s Smallest Church” from Spillville: text by Patricia Hamp; read by Valda Setterfield and Meg Sewell—Iowa  
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Text excerpt from “Los Angeles Against the Mountains” by John McPherson; read by Norma Fite—Los Angeles

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I would also like to thank Alice Dowsette who has a dancer’s courage.

I think of my work as an ongoing process in which the materials I work with reappear under new circumstances. I support changes in context, the freedom to recontextualize, to alter, to add, to subtract, or to remove them for a good laugh at myself and my world. Keeping the options open extends the life span of a work and my interest in it.

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KAREN GRAHAM was born and raised in Illinois. She attended the University of Illinois and performed with the Illinois Dance Theatre. She has been with the Pick Up Company for two years.

HEIDI MICHEL began dancing and taught dance for several years in Southfield, New York. She received a B.F.A. degree from the North Carolina School of the Arts and currently studies ballet with Janet Panetta in New York. Heidi has performed with Ballet Company and Mark De-Boly.

ANGELA VAUCLLANCOURT began her early dance career in San Diego with Mauro Zizza and at Les Grands Ballet Ca dansiers and Alvin Alley Dance Center. A finalist in 1985 for the National Society of the Arts and Letters Competition, Angela has performed with Petidance, Elina King, and Lisbon Dance Company.

TIMOTHY HADJIL the second generation of Utah. He has performed with Tandy Beal, Charles Moulton, Doug Varone, and Sandy Childs. Tim joined the Pick Up Company in the fall of 1988.

JORDAN NEISTEN is a graduate of Amsterdam and began her dance training at the Dance Academy in Amsterdam, Holland. She toured Europe and Canada with Brazil Tropical and danced the opera Lalette Melleone with the Dutch National Ballet and Sanda Ballet in London. In New York, Jori danced with Rush Dance Company and Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane. She has worked with Jennifer Muller, Margaret Sappington, and Michelle Kasden, and thanks Lynn Simonson, Maggie Black, and Kathy Grant.

LUCIA MILLER has performed with Doug Varone, Baby Shang, and Donald Byrd/THE Group. She graduated from Mount Hol yoke College with a double major in biology and dance. She thanks Cindy Green, Joseph Lorenz, Peggy Baker, Anna Schmitz, and her family.

ALICE DESSEIT (Producer) began her professional career as a production stage manager specializing in opera and ballet. She was personal assistant to lighting designer/production manager/teacher Gilbert V. Hermsley and worked with him on numerous projects, including the 1976 Tony award-winning production of Porgy and Bess. President Carter’s nationally televised inaugural eve gala. In 1977 she joined the management staff of the presentations department at the Metropolitan Opera and assisted the department in producing such companies as American Ballet Theatre, the Stuttgart Ballet, Ballet Nacional de Cuba, and the Martha Graham Dance Company. Prior to the Pick Up Company, she was executive director of the Oberlin Dance Company/ San Francisco.

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CURTIS GRUND (Research) fell into a temporary job in the Pick Up Company office in the spring of 1984 through the good graces of a High School friend from Oregon. Soon he was answering phones for the Cunningham Dance Foundation, and then he was back at the Pick Up Company coordinating research for the United States Project. He was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and has lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Iowa City, Iowa, and New York. In real life he is a graduate student in Public Administration at New York University.

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The Flying Karamazovs—Making Light of Gravity

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oes the name "Flying Karamazov Brothers" suggest sibling Russian circus performers? Or perhaps detectors from their native land trying to make it in the land of opportunity? You'll be surprised to discover that the Flying Karamazov Brothers, performing at Hancher on March 15 and 16, never take to the air; are from California, not Moscow; and are brothers (but not each other). Moreover, the Karamazov style of performing owes nothing to Dosovetsky, but a great deal to the Marx Brothers. Their exuberant display of acrobatic juggling and their equally keen sense of wordplay and literary allusion make this "new wave vaudeville" an event for kids of all ages. Combining music, improvisational comedy, and technically advanced juggling, these guys put together a different performance each time, even when they repeat the same pieces time and again.

For example, "The Gamble," performed by Ivan, "The Champ," relies heavily on audience participation. Members of the audience are challenged to present items to Ivan to juggle. The only restrictions are that the items must weigh between one ounce and ten pounds and must be no bigger than a bread box. From the items presented, Ivan picks three to juggle to a count of ten. Along with the ordinary objects theater patrons might have—umbrellas, hats, shoes—people have been known to come prepared with bowls of Jello, dead fish, pizza dough, boomerangs, Christmas tree stands, and open gallons of milk. (But don't try sneaking these by the ever-watchful Hancher urchins; they've been warned.) "The Champ" is successful about 70 percent of the time, for which he receives a standing ovation. The other 30 percent? A pie in the face has become the tradition!

"Ivan's Antiques" is another eye-catching act structured around the juggling of items found exclusively—and no doubt, at great expense—in an antique store. These ingenious ideas and too many others to describe (plus, we don't want to ruin the fun) stem from over 15 years of experience.

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The Exquisite World of the Dancers and Musicians of Bali

Imagine yourself on the Indonesian island of Bali in a tight circle of villagers who surround dancers in rich costumes emblazoned with gold. As the pulse of the full gamelan orchestra begins to resonate, the dancers assume complete control of their bodies which make intricate and highly stylized movements. The timing of the musicians and dancers is perfect, as it must be to placate demons and honor spirits. The dance relates ideas, stories, or myths, and each dancer opens himself to the spirit he portrays, often entering into a trance. The roles of the spirits are traditional good or evil, tragic or comic, warrior or lover. On April 25, at 8 pm, Hancher audiences have an opportunity to become a part of this exotic display of physical brilliance when the Dancers and Musicians of Bali take to the stage. The dance form has its roots in Asia, but is distinctly part of Bali's unique culture. As the company says, "Dance was given to man by the Hindu gods as a link to the spirit world. We play in harmony with the rhythms of nature." This religious purpose is preserved by the touring company. Before each performance, a priest leads the company in prayer off stage, and a floral offering is made. Only after this ceremony is completed does the curtain rise and the audience is greeted in a formal dance of welcoming. The company performs as if at home, yet is conscious of performing for non-Balinese audiences by selecting a variety of traditional and modern pieces for presentation. To accommodate the limits of this evening, some pieces are shortened as they would each take a whole evening if danced in their entirety. The dancing position is a sharp contrast to the western style. The feet, for the most part, remain on the ground. The toes point straight up, the heels are flat, and the insteps are clapping. The feet are bent and the back is arched high. This gives a forward tilt to the pelvis which accentuates the serpentine movements of the upper half of the body. The arms are usually extended with the elbows higher than the wrists. The fingers are double jointed and constantly in motion. The head moves from side to side. The eyes dart and emphasize the motions of the rest of the body, while the face remains expressionless. Imagine the energy of the music and the beauty of the dancers. The dancers are carefully selected from among Bali's finest and are expertly trained. This training includes stripping a graceful and agile child to his teacher's body so that he cannot help but learn the intricacies and subtleties of the Balinese style.

Rich, gold-foiled brocades of purple, blue, red, green and yellow dazzle the eye and accentuate these intricate movements of the dancers. Some dances require ornate masks, collars, or head-dresses, which further add to their drama. Yet the costumes are works of art in themselves with their mirrored studs, lenses of material, and fine constructions of wood.

The orchestra, the gamelan of the village of Sebatu, is, like the dancers, a select group. A gamelan is a percussion orchestra composed mainly of xylophones, but the gamelan of Sebatu also includes gongs, cymbals, drums, bells, and two bamboo flutes. The music is complex in its rhythms rather than in its melody, and corresponds strictly with the movements of the dancers. It is intended to make sudden changes from sustained to percussive tones, from hypnotic to frenetic. The musicians, dressed in fine fabrics, are on stage with the dancers and are as much a visual part of the performance as their counterparts. One marvels at their precision as arms and mallets strike the air in unison before touching an instrument. The energy and finesse of the dancers be-long to the musicians as well. In fact, some of them are one and the same. In the dance Ketukar Tenggong, the performer, I Gede Sudarta, sits on his knees while playing percussion and dancing with the upper half of his body.

Music and dance complement each other to the extent that each plays an equal part in the performance. There are times when the dance shapes the music and leads the orchestra. In the next instant the orchestra guides the dancers. Both show their finest talents, and both spotlight the others. Each is constantly aware of the other's lead. The head percussionist can, with a slight flick of his mallet, conduct a full orchestra as the male dancers form a chorus which imitates the gamelan with staccato guttural tones. In other tales, a character actually plays an instrument. The dancers and musicians work closely together and well. They train so rigorously that their timing is perfect. They interact so thoroughly that the excitement of the evening is incredibly intense.

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Take the 1920s' American musical format, some English music hall routines, a Cinderella story, a touch of Gilbert and Sullivan and you have Me and My Girl, a fastly British musical that breezes into Hancher for performances on February 21, 22, and 23. It's a delightful piece of nostalgia that is sure to send the audience out smiling, humming, and maybe even trying "the Lambeth Walk," the dance craze that began with the original 1937 production.

This Tony Award-winning revival tells the rags-to-riches tale of a wise-cracking cockney bawbee Bill Snibson, who learns that he is the long-lost heir to an English cardboard. The catch, he is informed as he is ushered into his sumptuous estate-to-be, is that he must marry an English blushing bride. He, of course, has already found his true love, Sally Smith, whose cockney drawl would do Eliza Doolittle proud. The executors of the estate promptly set out to separate Snibson from his beloved Sally and marry him off to the conning gold-digger Lady Jacqueline Carstone. In a hilarious seduction scene, Lady Jacqueline, dressed in a revealing negligee, sings "You Would If You Could" to Snibson as the two of them slither, slide, and tumble all over a Hartwell Hall drawing-room sofa in a remarkable display of comic timing and physical agility. Mean-while, sweetheart Sally acquiesces to the wishes of Bill's newly found family and leaves her hero. For two acts he pursues her in song and comedy and in true musical comedy tradition of love which conquers all, he gets his girl. They are an irrepressible tap dancing duo who are so endearing that they can be excused their blind devotion as they sing "We'll have love, laughter, be happy every after" from the title song.

Snibson and Sally are surrounded by a stage full of slightly wacky, thoroughly likeable characters, including the family solicitor, who could be an escapee from Gilbert and Sullivan; the matronly Duchess of Dun. Snibson's Emily Post who resembles a titivated Margaret Hurst; and Sir John Tremsy, an elegant, henpecked bumbler who loves the duchess in his own way.

Much of the charm of the production comes from the glittering variety of sets and costumes. The speed and cleverness with which they are shifted and changed mirrors the fast pace and magician-style acting of the 30-member cast.

Director Michael Ockrent can take credit for the overall success of the show. He has paced the songs, the dances, and the pun-packed dialogue in a fast, balanced production that whizzes by delightfully. Me and My Girl was a real challenge for Ockrent who, in a career of 20 years, had never before directed a musical, but he couldn't resist the innocent fun, familiar tunes, and lavish production possibilities of Me and My Girl. The London-based director explains the appeal of the show both for him and the audience. "It takes people back to the kind of entertainment they had in their young days and it takes young people to terrify they have never visited before."

Me and My Girl opened in London in 1937 and played for 446 performances. At the height of its success, its composer, Noel Gay, was voted the most famous man—along with Walt Disney and politician Anthony Eden—of 1937 by the readers of a British national newspaper. Despite its success and the international craze for the Lambeth Walk which it spawned, the musical went out of favor after World War II.

The current revival was an act of faith and determination by Gay's son, Richard Armitage, a London theatrical agent. He had a feeling that in the Thatcher era of austerity, the British were ready for a bit of escapism. The problem, however, was to reconstruct the original script. Relying on some detective work and a bit of luck, he was able to track down a perforated script in the British Museum, but it lacked three songs and the final half of the script. He followed one lead to The Netherlands, but the print of a film version of The Lambeth Walk he was seeking had just been destroyed. Finally in one lucky weekend he found recordings of the three remaining songs. With most of the pieces to the puzzle in place, the script was revised and several songs written by Gay for other shows were included. Ockrent directed the London revival before bringing it to Broadway, where it won three Tony awards, five Drama Desk awards, and the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Musical. After two years, it's still packing in audiences looking for real razzle-dazzle entertainment.

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Adults $25.00/$22.00/$19.00

February 26 Sunday
Previa! School Concert
5:00 p.m.
Hancher Auditorium

February 28 Tuesday
Orpheus Chamber Orchestra with Alfred Brendel
UL students $19.50/$18.00
Nonstudents $24.50/$22.50
Hancher Auditorium

Coughing and Electronic Watches: The auditorium’s acoustics amplify the sounds of coughing and other noises. Please turn off your electronic watch alarm. The use of a handkerchief helps to muffle a cough or sneeze, and cough drops are available from the ushers. If coughing persists, you may wish to return to the lobby, where an usher can direct you to one of the soundproof observation rooms.

Smoking: Smoking is not permitted in the auditorium. If you wish to smoke during intermissions, you may do so only in the designated areas of the cafe and of the west end of the lobby.

Cameras and Tape Recorders: In compliance with copyright laws and contractual arrangements with artists, photographs and recordings may not be made during a performance. Please check your cameras and tape recorders with the house manager or an usher.

Restrooms and Drinking Fountains: Located on either side of the lobby and mezzanine.
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