

'FINIAN'S' IS FINE

Will-O-Way Play Refracts Rainbow of Charm, Talent

Reviewed by **BARBARA GIBSON**

If you would like to have an evening filled with music, laughter and romance, get yourself a ticket to the Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre production of "Finian's Rainbow."

The musical, which tells the charming story of two Irish immigrants to Rainbow Valley, Mississippi (the South, "sun") has just about everything to recommend it—delightful music, delightful songs, dancing of an extraordinarily high caliber and little children that can charm the pictures off the walls; all this and some very fine acting too.

THE MOOD of the play is set very early in the proceedings by the dancing of Connie DesAutels, who plays the part of the mute able to communicate her thoughts through her feet.

A dancer with technique and grace at her command, she is also a sensitive actress, and it is this sensitivity that gives her dancing such incredible charm.

In a part such as this, where thoughts are projected by movement and facial expression alone, it is a temptation to overdo. I am happy and amazed to say she was never guilty of this—she was sheer magic all the way.

THE TITLE ROLE of Finian was captivately played by Lee Moore. He had the audience with him from the moment of his entrance, no mean trick that, and he too, did an outstanding job of acting.

As Og, the Leprechaun whose crook of gold Finian steals, William Rudnick was another audience favorite.

Finding himself turning into a mortal now that he no longer possessed his magic gold, he also found himself attracted to girls, and his scenes concerning this new-found problem (?) were comic in the extreme. He also had the opportunity of singing "When I'm Not Near the Girl I Love" which he did delightfully.

THE GIRL WHO plays Sharon McLoneragan, Finian's daughter, is a real find. Her name is June Lorimer, and she has enough charm for three people. Blessed with a beautiful face and a winning smile that lights her eyes, she also has a singing voice of lovely quality. She negotiated all her songs, and she has many, with remarkable ease. Her voice was never edgy or forced but always sweet and pleasant.

One of her greatest assets is the "at home on the stage" quality she projects, and if she continues in this direction, she will in all

probability become a star—she has everything she needs to be one.

OTHER SMALLER roles were expertly done. One will adore the loud-mouthed southern Senator of Jim Bennett. His opening scene with his political stooge, humorously played by Alan Denizg, was hilarious.

Christopher Pifafan as Henry and Michael Pifafan as the Senator's butler were both excellent and Ron Lundmark was handsome and dashing as Sharon's lover.

THERE ARE good songs galore—"That Old Devil Moon," "If This Isn't Love" and "How Are Things in Gloccamora?" to name a few—and they follow one another fast and furiously.

Special mention must be made of the excellent accompaniment provided by Sherry Moore at the organ, and the choreography conceived by Evelyn Faltinus was a most imaginative and suited the score precisely.

Duane Peck directed the production and as you can see by the preceding paragraphs, he did a fine job. It is the responsibility of the director not only to suggest to the actors ways to obtain their very best but also to tie the various components of a play (in this case music, dance and story) into a homogeneous whole and he succeeded admirably.

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Will-O-Way Theatre for giving these talented people a showcase for their wares. Even if the play had not been the success it was, this in itself would still be an invaluable contribution to the community.

Performances of "Finian's Rainbow" will be repeated this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Kurz received his master's degree in architecture from the University of Illinois in 1956 and his bachelor of science in architecture from the same University in 1953. He has also studied at Purdue University.

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She is a native of Dallas, Tex.; studied at Southern Methodist University, the University of Michigan, Amsterdam University and the Netherlands Carillon School.

MRS. GRENIER is one of the few women members of the Guild of Carillonners in North America. She is the first and only woman ever to have played the 74-bell carillon at the Riverside Church in New York City.

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