

Little Mary Sunshine

Book, Music and Lyrics by Rick Besoyan

Directed by Roger Moon

July 22-26, 1970



The Story

One of the most successful Off Broadway stage shows, it played to packed houses in Greenwich Village for almost three years and won every award for its score and enchanting performance. It was billed as "a musical about an old operetta"---a musical spoof of old time favorites like "Rose Marie" and "Naughty Marietta"-- but gently kidded and made delightful in its own right. With its deliberately corny songs and naive situations, it pokes fun at all the cliches of the innocent musicals our grandparents enjoyed, but it is done freshly and with flair; it quickly wins audiences with its brilliant fooling. There are 24 songs in all, including thundering choruses, schmaltzy waltzes and lilting duets-- all kidding and all in fun. The plot is a little bit of everything: Colorado Rangers, a stalwart Captain, a lovely Mary, a chorus of simpering school girls and a villainous Indian. It pokes fun at the over earnest heroes and heroines, dastardly villains and every coquettish soubrettes of that bygone era. As a loving lampoon, it has become something of an American institution as well as an international favorite.

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French.

