# LEEDS ARTS CENTRE presents



CIVIC THEATRE, LEEDS 20th to 24th JUNE 1972 at 7-30 pm

Tom, the author, afterwards

Constable Blenkinsop Chris Richmond
Victoria Betty Johnson

Mr. Gilchrist, Victoria's father Edward Lakeland

Mrs. Gilchrist, Victoria's mother Mavis Ripley
Tancred Business Men, George Westmorland

Wilberforce Victoria's Suitors Dennis Stevenson Walter Miskin, R.A.

Tony Nelson

Walter Miskin, R.A.

Cora Miskin, his wife

June Stevenson

Aquarium Keeper Derek Harrison
Mercia Jo Davey

Mavis Three Mermaids Pat Appleson

Maude Jean Blundell

Lady with a pram, Transport Officials, Bystanders, Passersby and Cockneys:

Jean Blundell, Betty Triggs, Dorothy Money, Pam Smith, Mary Nelson, Thelma Stoker, Elizabeth Wall, Mary Tipple,

> Nina Goldthorpe, John Armitage, Clive Riche, Bernard Davey, George Teale, Gordon Wilson, Derek Harrison.



Olive Richardson

At the pianos

John Hooley, Fred Raistrick

Percussion

George Deane

Dances arranged by

Jean Blundell.

PRODUCED BY ARTHUR COCKERILL

#### MUSICAL NUMBERS

#### **Overture**

#### ACT 1

Tra La La...... Tom, Victoria & full company Where Shall I Find My Love? Mr. & Mrs. Gilchrist, Victoria, Tancred & Wilberforce I'm Away . . . . . . . . . . . Walter, Cora & Ensemble Follow That Girl . . . . . . . Tom Solitary Stranger . . . . . . . Cora, Walter & Ensemble Victoria, Victoria ...... Tancred, Wilberforce, Cora, Mrs. Gilchrist & Ensemble Lost, Stolen or Strayed . . . . The Bystanders Three Victorian Mermaids . . Mercia, Mavis & Maude Aquarium Keeper & Victoria Mermaid Scales . . . . . Tom, Walter, Cora, Mrs. Gilchrist, Song and Dance Tancred, Wilberforce, Victoria & Ensemble.



#### ACT 11

Let's Take a Stroll . . . . . . . Tancred, Wilberforce & Enesmble Reprise: Follow That Girl . . Tom, Tancred, Wilberforce & Ensemble Shopping in

Shopping in

Kensington ... Cora & Walter

Taken for a Ride . . . . Victoria & Transport Officials

Lovely Meeting You

at Last . . . . Tom, Victoria & Ensemble

Waiting For Our Daughter . . Mr. & Mrs. Gilchrist

Reprise: Victoria, Victoria. Full Company

Wilbertan Soap Commercial. Tancred, Wilberforce & full

Company

Reprise: Lovely Meeting You

At Last ...... Tom, Victoria & full Company

Evening in London ..... Tom, Victoria & full Company

#### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

The action passes in the Author's flat to lay and in various parts of London in late Victorian times.

#### ACT 1

Scene 1 The Author's London flat, a spring evening

- 2 The Gilchrist drawing-room, late 1890s
- 3 Streets of London
- 4 Battersea Park
- 5 Streets of London
- 6 Albert Bridge
- 7 The Aquarium at London Zoo
- 8 City Centre

#### Interval of 15 minutes

#### ACT 11

Scene 1 The Author's flat

- 2 Streets of London
- 3 Outside Tancred's store in Kensington
- 4a The Author's flat
- 4b London Transport
- 5 Streets of London
- 6 City Centre
- 7 Streets of London
- 8 The Gilchrist drawing-room
- 9 City Centre.

The theatre bar will be open during the interval. Coffee is also available in the bar and ice cream will be sold in the auditorium.

### CIVIC THEATRE, Cookridge Street, Leeds.

Manager: Derek Rose

In accordance with the requirements of the Watch Committee of Leeds City Council:-

- (a) The public may leave at the end of the performance by all exit and entrance doors and such doors must at that time be open.
- (b) All gangways, passages and staircases must be kept entirely free from chairs or any obstruction.
- (c) The safety curtain must be lowered and raised once immediately before the commencement of each performance so as to ensure being in proper working order.

#### "They also serve ....."

Set Design Malcolm Brown

Set Construction Malcolm Brown, Geoffrey Mountain
Stage Managers Geoffrey Mountain, Malcolm Brown

Assistant Stage Managers Alan Jesson, Roger Ivey

Lighting Design Tony Braime
Prompt Hazel Spray

Costumes Maggie Rhodes, Ann Robinson and

members of the Arts Centre

Wardrobe Team

Properties Barbara Gilmour, Doreen Parker
Box Office John Pemberton, Hazel Irving,

Dennis Stevenson

Publicity Leonard Sheldon, Gordon Wilson

Front of House Manager Joan Kent
Resident Stage Manager Fred Mower

#### Thanks

We should like to thank everyone who has kindly lent uniforms and equipment for this production.

#### "The Chase"

The drawing for this programme is by Elaine Cooper of the Leeds Arts Centre Fine Arts Group.

Reprints of the drawing are on sale at 10 pence each in the foyer during the interval and in the bar after the show.



"Follow That Girl" was the third of several musicals to flow from the talented pens of Julian Slade and Dorothy Reynolds. Their first venture, "Salad Days", was originally written as a Cambridge University end-of-term review. It went down so well that it was soon produced professionally — this time at the Bristol Old Vic. From there it progressed to London and at the Vaudeville Theatre had the longest run of any musical since "Chu Chin Chow".

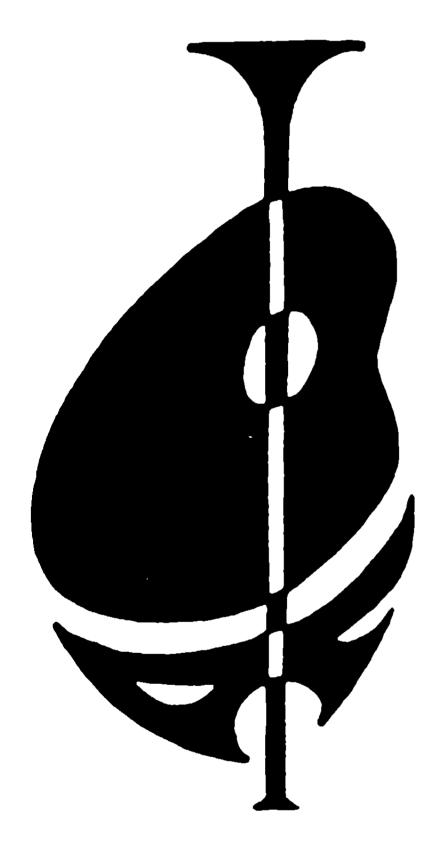
While "Salad Days" was still enjoying the wide acclaim of London theatregoers, Slade and Reynolds brought their second musical to the metropolis. This was, of course, "Free As Air", which had already been enjoyed by Leeds audiences during its pre-London run. It was another big hit and ran in the West End for some eighteen months.

Towards the end of the run of their first success, the pair rewrote another of their Bristol musicals — "Christmas in King Street". Under its new title "Follow That Girl" and with Susan Hampshire, Peter Gilmore, Patricia Routledge and Marion Grimaldi, their new show took over at the Vaudeville Theatre when "Salad Days" came off for a provincial tour.

Once again Slade and Reynolds had two shows running in the West End.

The cleverly conceived plot of "Follow That Girl" unfolds apace with songs and dialogue skilfully combined in a manner somewhat reminiscent of light opera. Add Julian Slade's excellent music, some lusty singers and the stage is set fair for your enjoyment.

## It's a summer noon, it's the opening tune and we think some words will follow soon ..........



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**About** 

Leeds

Arts

Centre . . . .

The Leeds Arts Centre was formed in 1945 as an amateur Society to encourage and foster interest in the arts.

The Drama Group mounts five plays each season at the Civic Theatre.

The Green Room Group puts on plays and other forms of entertainment in the rehearsal rooms to give members valuable experience of acting and producing before tackling major parts or productions in the Civic Theatre.

The Fine Arts Group meets twice each week throughout the year for drawing, painting and other creative work.

In addition there is a variety of social activities, such as theatre visits, outings, parties, etc.

New members are always welcome and if you are interested in joining or would like more information about any of the groups, please write

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Leeds, 2.

The Secretary,
Leeds Arts Centre,