

Bar Harbor Theatre Opens its First Musical

Bar Harbor, Maine

Music is in the air at the Bar Harbor Municipal Building as Bar Harbor Theatre prepares for its first musical, the popular story of a long and happy marriage, "I Do! I Do!" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. Opening night is Thursday, July 31, at 8 p.m.

"I Do! I Do!" is a musical of unusually intimate scale, with a two-person cast. All the action transpires in the bedroom of the couple, as 50 years of their married life passes, beginning with their wedding night in 1894. At Bar Harbor Theatre the couple is played by Chicago-based actors Bernie Yvon and Heidi Kettenring. Mr. Yvon has developed his career in Chicago, becoming one of the most successful leading men in that city's thriving musical theater scene. He has been featured on Broadway as Harry Houdini in the Tony Award-winning musical, "Ragtime," and has worked at many top regional theatres. Ms. Kettenring has rapidly made a name for herself in Chicago, and was called "one of the finest singers working in musical theater today" by *Chicago Arts and Entertainment*.

At the helm of the show is director Michael Weber, moonlighting from his regular position as artistic director of Little Theatre at the Center, an Equity theater in Hammond, Indiana. Mr. Weber has worked with both Mr. Yvon and Ms. Kettenring in the past, as well as with music director Matthew Ellenwood, also a professional from the Chicago area.

"I Do! I Do!" plays at the Bar Harbor Municipal Building July 31 through August 4, and August 7-10, with shows each evening at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Call 479-2479 for more information.