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The Blackfriars Theatre

The Providence Art
Theatre Co.
production of

little

VICTORIES

by Lavonne Mueller

Friday, December 7 at 8 pm

PLAYBILL



Whatever you can do,
or dream you can,
begin it;
Boldness has genius,
power and magic in it.

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LITTLE VICTORIES

by

Lavonne Mueller

Directed by

David H. Burr

Scenery by

Peter Burr

Lighting by

Russell Champa

Makeup by

Donna Palumbo

Costumes by

Peter Burr

Susan Moniz

Donna Palumbo

CAST

Susan B. Anthony BECKY ANDERSON
'Joan of Arc ANNA DISTEFANO
Marshall / Captain Battau MATT TOUPIN
Hotel Owner / Tailor JOHN E. POWLESLAND
Captain Lavour / Ben STEPHEN LYNCH
Saddle Tramp / Miner THOMAS KING
Bar Dog / Archer RICHARD PURRO
Mother's Voice DONNA PALUMBO
Judge's Voice DAVID BURR
Cardinal's Voice JOHN BIRT

Time: Last half of the 1880s and 1429.

Place: Various locations in the American West and in
medieval France.

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There will be one ten minute intermission.

Playwright's Notes

The Play: Several years ago, at a midwestern writers' conference, I encouraged participants to write about war. I felt it was important for women to examine an issue dominated by men. After all, I said to the group, one of the greatest generals the world has known was a woman. I was astounded that nobody knew who that general was. This was the "germ" for Joan of Arc in Little Victories.

The "germ" for Susan B. Anthony came about in a more subtle way. I randomly picked up a biography of Anthony and was startled to find that she traveled out West at a time when few women were there and the life was one of enormous hardships.

I chose to put Susan B. Anthony and Joan of Arc in a play because they both survived in a landscape of men. They not only survived but triumphed, yet they died believing themselves failures. It was possible to shake the world and not know it.

Susan died in 1906; women received the right to vote in 1920. Joan died in 1431; she was canonized a saint in 1920.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager Peter Burr
Prop Crew Aaron Burr

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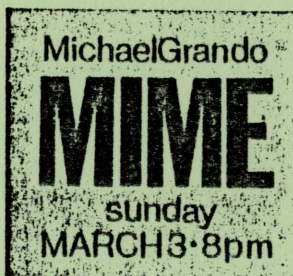
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