



# On Stage

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## LEADER OF THE PACK

**Music & Lyrics by Ellie Greenwich & Friends**  
**Directed by Dan Chase**

This toe-tapping, head-bobbing, finger-snapping hit retrospective celebrates the life and times of Ellie Greenwich, whose doo-wop sounds skyrocketed to the top of the charts in the 1960s.

Once upon a time, her music dominated the developing world of rock music.

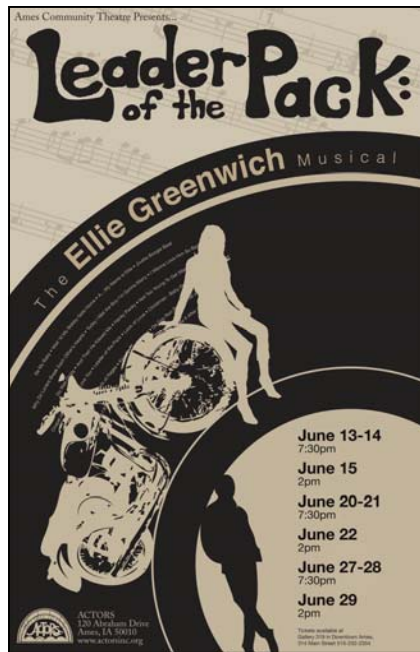
Ellie had a meteoric song-writing career back in the 1960s. She caught the ears of the fabled Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller while working for a song-publishing firm, and churned out teenage, bubble-gum record hits such as "Da Do Ron Ron" and "Be My Baby." With her longtime collaborator and future husband Jeff Barry,

Ellie was one of a talented group of Jewish kids from Brooklyn who transformed American pop music in the late 1950s and 1960s. Greenwich and Barry divorced but remained business partners even after the Beatles and the rest of the

British invasion caused a decline in their songwriting fortunes faster than you can say doo wah diddy diddy. Not bad for a star-struck girl from Levittown, Long Island, who used to cavort in front of her bedroom mirror as "The Everly Sister."

After school, these young composers would take the subway into Manhattan, meeting with skeptical music publishers and trying to sell the songs that were influenced by their daily teenage lives. Many of these

songs were written on a two-block stretch of Broadway, most notably in the Brill Building at 1650 Broadway in Midtown New York. While the songs came out of the hearts and minds of young Jewish kids, they were masterfully interpreted by young black singers and vocal groups: The Drifters, the Coasters, Ben E. King,



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the Shirelles, the Crystals, the Ronettes.

Ellie's particular rise to fame and fortune is punctuated with the virtual Hit Parade of her music: "Chapel of Love," "Da Do Ron Ron," "Be My Baby," "Hanky Panky," "Do Wah Diddy," "And Then He Kissed Me," "River Deep, Mountain High" and, of course, the title song. In addition to Ellie and Jeff Barry, *Leader of the Pack* is populated by such colorful characters as vocalist Darlene Love (the interpreter of many of Ellie's songs), Gus Sharkey (a flamboyantly eccentric "boy genius" musical producer), and the many friends and family members who influenced Ellie's music.

Leader of the Pack runs from June 13-June 29, 2008. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:30PM, Sundays at 2PM.

## *Musicians Needed*

ACTORS will present the musical *Big* in September and October to kick off our 53rd season. We are currently looking for musicians who will be available in the months of August, September and the first part of October. Here is a sampling of what we are looking for:

- Pianist (Accompanist and/or Performer)
- Electric Keyboardist (Synthesizer, OB, DX)
- Guitar
- Trumpet
- Drums
- Trombone
- Reed Instruments (saxophone, clarinet, flute, etc)
- Other percussion

If you are interested, please contact Geri Derner at [info@actorsinc.org](mailto:info@actorsinc.org) or leave a message at ACTORS at 292-2073.

## Coming Soon

# big - *The Musical*

Lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr., Music by David Shire

Performances: September 26—October 12, 2008

Based on the movie with Tom Hanks

The 1987 hit movie bursts onstage in this vibrant, funny and touching musical. When frustrated adolescent Josh Baskin wishes he were "big" and wakes up the next morning a 30-year-old man, he discovers there's much more to being an adult than he's bargained for – and learns we must all grow up at our own pace, in our own time.

## **AUDITIONS**

August 3-5, 2008 at 7:00PM  
At 120 Abraham Dr., Ames.

Many singing roles available. All Ages.

## ACTORS 2008-09 Season

ACTORS is pleased to announce our 53rd season of shows:

- *Big –The Musical* (September 26—October 12)
- *Proof* (November 28—December 14)
- *Run For Your Wife* (February 6 - 22)
- *A Nice Family Gathering* (April 3-19)
- *Blood Brothers* (June 12 - 28)

Keep visiting our web site at [www.actorsinc.org](http://www.actorsinc.org) for more information on our main stage shows, as well as other performances at our studio.

If you would like to get involved with ACTORS, *your* community theater, simply fill out the volunteer form on the web site, or ask for one the next time you are at the studio.

## Annual Meeting Notice

The Ames Community Theater Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 20th, 2008 at the ACTORS studio. All current BRAVO members are invited to attend, as well as cast and crew members who have participated in our shows this past year.

More information will be sent out in June, so watch your mailbox and the web site for more detailed information as it becomes available.

We will also be having “building clean-up days” in the weeks leading up to the annual meeting to give the building a new facelift for the season.

If you are interested in participating in the clean-up days, be sure you are subscribed to our volunteer email lists at [www.actorsinc.org](http://www.actorsinc.org).

# Leader of the Pack Ticket Order Form

To Order Tickets: 1) Enter your Name and Phone Number

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

		Season Ticket	Student Or Senior	Regular Price	Total Price
2) Check the desired show(s)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	June 13, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	June 14, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	June 15, 2:00PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	June 20, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	June 21, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	June 22, 2:00PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	June 27, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	June 28, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	June 29, 2:00PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00	\$18.00

3) Enter desired Ticket Quantities \_\_\_\_\_ Coupons, + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ +\$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4) Calculate Totals by multiplying the Ticket quantities by the price.

5) If you are a BRAVO Member, subtract \$0.50 per ticket. Member# \_\_\_\_\_ Discount =-\$ \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

6) OR, if Total Tickets is 20 or more, subtract \$0.50 per ticket. (Only one discount per ticket)  
Group Discount =-\$ \_\_\_\_\_

7) Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to our new chairs fund. Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8) Enclose a check made out to ACTORS for the Total Due. Total Due=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

9) Please indicate any special seating needs: \_\_\_\_\_

10) Send this form along with the appropriate number of coupons and/or a check with a

**SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** to: ACTORS Tickets, PO Box 1548, Ames, IA 50014-1548.



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**Don't Hug Me Christmas Carol**

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**Who's On First**

**Leader of the Pack**  
 The Elle Greenwich Musical

## *Night on the Town*

Congratulations to Lynn Fawcett, our "Night On The Town" winner for Leader of the Pack.

She receives dinner for two, flowers from Mary Kay's Flowers and Gifts, a chauffeur driven car from Wilson Cadillac-Toyota-Scion and two tickets to the show.

**Studio**

120 Abraham Drive, Ames Iowa 50014

**Tickets**

Gallery 319, 314 Main St. , Ames

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Our Mission

The mission of ACTORS is to provide leadership in the performing arts for the people of Central Iowa through live theatrical presentations and educational opportunities for all ages.

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