

Presenting—

The

# AQUA BALLET





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## County of Allegheny Sesqui-Centennial

A Musical Water Pageant presenting The Champion Divers and Swimmers of Allegheny County

Directed by  
**NATHAN H. KAUFMAN**

Written by  
**HAYDN BODYCOMBE**

Music by  
**HOMER OCHSENHIRT**

Scene I.

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Swimming Race  
Swim-fest  
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Clowns  
Girls' Swimming Formations  
Sea Monster and Sea Serpents  
Women's Ballet Dance  
Men's Dance with Tridents  
Rescue of Maiden  
Dance of Joy

Scene III.

**THE CORONATION**

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Fireflies  
Monte Cristo Sack Escape  
Aquabatic Sextette  
Tritons and Water Nymphs  
Diving  
Tumblers and Fire Baton  
Dance to Neptune  
Flag Swimmers  
Fireworks Display and Finale

**CHAMPIONS ALL**

Kathryn Gibbons  
Margaret Walters  
Nellie Kaskons  
Mabel Roberts  
Betty McQuaide  
Nettie Bohonas  
June Keil  
Mildred Hinkle  
Peggy Deenihan  
Catherine Bodnar  
Louise Nelis  
Ray Cready

Milton Lederstein  
Harry Tisch  
Albert Samson  
Vety Shulnes  
Felix Kierbic  
Wm. Brown  
Wm. McQuillan  
Dick Ames  
Joseph Manko  
Wm. Manko  
Albert Beacon  
Mary Rausch

Alex Slobodian

**SONGS BY**

Barbara Brooks  
Lucille Bauch

Edward Kipp  
Alice Free

Dances by  
**KARL HEINRICH**

Lighting designed by  
**JAMES W. LINDSAY**  
**JOHN J. McKEE**

**KING NEPTUNE**  
Irwin Berman

**BARKER**  
Edward Gibbons

**NEPTUNE'S ATTENDANTS**

Olive Lester  
Margaret Fallert

Lois Jones  
Sarah Jane Allshouse

**TRUMPETERS**

Albert Thomas  
Herbert Irvin  
Edward Rocke  
Wm. Hodgkiss  
Alex Fraser  
Dave Thompson  
Charles Veder  
Jack Harris  
Russell Beckert  
George Brown  
Jack Reilly  
Arthur Fisher

Jack Charles  
Ed. Wilson  
Jake Worst  
George Fraser  
James Bramer  
Dale Grable  
Jim Hunter  
Ray Heinrichs  
Bob Engelhardt  
Ernest Hockbarth  
Frank Schaugnessey  
Albert Runiph

**INDIANS**

Walter Ader  
John Caruthers  
Eugene Caruthers  
James Coleman  
C. Doeffinger  
Nelson Drosnes  
Samuel Gourley  
George Huff  
James Jacobs  
W. Jacobs  
Robert McCrae  
Don McCrae  
B. McIntosh  
Bill Otto  
Warren Priestly  
Phil Rhoads  
William Smith  
Ed. Steytler  
Berger Steytler  
Harry Thompson  
Donald VanDyke  
Margaret Frazier  
Isabelle Arch  
Betty Hurley  
Phyllis Clarke  
Marjorie Kunkle

Charles VanGelder  
Ralph Whittaker  
David Craig  
John Morrison  
Wm. Baughman  
John Hofer  
Lloyd Drosnes  
Finley Negley  
Carl Garbe  
Wm. VanGelder  
Florence Ebock  
Frances Kuhlber  
Florence Dizinney  
Grace Harbush  
Margaret Frepwelk  
Olive Blazier  
Anna Mae Hergenvoeder  
Dorothy Briggs  
Margaret Buerkle  
Clare Relihar  
Katherine Martin  
Genevieve Kennedy  
Betty Berberich  
Ruth Kleeb  
Adele Kunkle  
Margaret Phillips

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SEPTEMBER 4 to 10, 1938

**INDIAN LOVE CALL**

Edward Kipp

Lucille Bauch

**INDIAN SPIRIT OF THE WATER**

Garnette Talchief

**MANITOU**

Wm. Flanigan

**SINGING AQUARTET**

Albert Beacon  
Alex Slobodian

Milton Lederstein  
Hymen Lederstein

**SPECTACULAR CHAIR ACT**

Ray Czachowski

**WATER DEVILS versus SEA SHARKS**

Zoltan Lupes  
Nick Aras  
Peter Choate  
Al Mastors  
Vincent Stinner  
Leo Steinhauser  
Chas. Bombos  
Mike Brodi

Ted Helba  
Paul Arvay  
John Semago  
Bob Mastors  
Frank Mosko  
John Oskin  
Dave Mastors  
Steve Semago

**CLOWNS**

John Holeczy  
Curtis Cowan  
Mike Kyak  
Jos. Manko  
Tom Anderson  
Marco Damiano

Irvin Rivkin  
Jos. Zullo  
Wm. Manko  
Tom Maher  
Lawrence Lloyd  
Frank Zerkowsky

Nick Basenko

**SWIMMERS — GIRLS**

Jeanne Andres  
Kay Bateman  
Virginia Bateman  
Audrey Barratt  
Catherine Bodnar  
Nettie Bohonas  
Jeanne Marie Boyle  
Thelma Brown  
Josephine Carnevale  
Loretta Carr  
Rose Marie Crella  
Peggy Deenihan  
Dorothy Derr  
Mary Fitzgerald  
Madeline Fohl  
Wanda Forsythe  
Doreene Gallagher  
Catherine Gavanna  
Kathryn Gibbons  
Margaret Goodman  
Freida Hengst  
Mildred Hinkle  
Rita Hochard  
Nellie Kaskons  
June Keil  
Henrietta Kestner  
Betty Kovacic  
Norma Klausing

Barbara Kramer  
Betty Kunselman  
Amelia Lisotto  
Mary Jane Lowden  
Leaneore Lutz  
Ellen Lynch  
Alice Massart  
Sally McGuire  
Betty McQuaide  
Rosemary Mraz  
Virginia Mraz  
Louise Nelis  
Lorraine Polanosky  
Helen Rankin  
Billie Rausch  
Mabel Roberts  
Dorothy Ryan  
Janet Rupprecht  
Mary C. Seibel  
Jane Shenefelt  
Anna R. Sylba  
Annabelle Tomer  
Margaret Walters  
Kay Welch  
Ruth White  
Sophia Wozniak  
Joan Wyman  
Mary Zabela

**BALLET DANCERS**

Esther Ainsman  
Doby Arner  
Bobette Bishinger  
Ann Bradley  
Ruth Conrad  
June S. Cooper  
Dale Davies  
Lillian Dorner  
Shirley Eckl  
Virginia Englert  
Bernice Fisher  
Laura Fisher  
Kathleen Friel  
Selma Jones  
Helga Lange  
Florence Levy  
Dorothy McDonald  
Geraldine McDonald  
Corinne Kessler  
Blanche Ostrum

Sylvia Perlstein  
Anna Salvetti  
Hody Short  
Lillian Supoznick  
Olive Wilson  
Walter Ambrose  
Billy Lentz  
Carl Nittman  
Joe McFerron  
Glenn C. Teare  
Alfred Berkeley  
Dorothy Woodworth  
Phyllis Saurbauch  
Lucille Zylak  
Lois McKrell  
Mary Kenah  
Ellen Bargo  
Esther Roth  
Pauline Steinberg  
Lee Broner

**SPIRIT OF VICTORY**

William Miller

**HERALD**

Israel Grossman

**WATER BABIES**

Helen Lou Stilley  
Jean Ann Lewis  
Bobby Jean Henderson  
Jackie Williams

Tommis Stanis  
Nancy Sutter  
Alice Gedney  
Mary Cready

**FIREFLIES**

Sam Shayer  
Vety Shulnes  
Walter Lunn

Walter Seng  
Peter Simon  
Walter McDermott

**SWIMMERS — BOYS**

George Allison  
George Alm  
Bill Basler  
Frank Bobell  
Sam Bodnar  
Andrew Brejda  
Wm. Bridgeman  
Morris Brookner  
Charles Brown  
Tom Busche  
Phil Coblitz  
Dorn Dodd  
Arthur Dugan  
Tom Ellis  
Myron Frank  
Earle Fisher

John Lorenzo  
Lawrence Lubisch  
John Maher  
Walter McDermott  
Bill McElhery  
George McKenzie  
Stephen Meteney  
Herbert Muse  
Jack Morris  
Joe Neustein  
Jack O'Brien  
Joseph Pash  
Frank Pociernicki  
Jack Powell  
Elmer Queen  
Paul Reardon



## SWIMMERS — BOYS (Continued)

Cyril Galko	Earl Rowe
Jack Garnham	Herbert Radin
Chester Gilkey	Walter Seng
John Hilliard	Vety Shulnes
Jack Hillman	Peter Simon
Homer Hockenberger	David Speakman
Thomas Horsman	Chauncey Steele
Raymond Hubsch	Chuck Smith
John Kelley	Norman Stein
John Kerns	Harry Tisch
Thomas Kramer	Marvin Weinberg
Carl Grossman	Louis Weber
Edward Lamb	Bill Yost
Norman Lazarus	Jerome Zaslov
Edward Leonard	Louis Zumbrook
Frank Litzenberger	Clyde Bell
Joe Locke	John Huebner

## MONTE CRISTO SACK ESCAPE

Dolores Ryan

## AQUABATIC SEXTET

Robert Hite	Dorothy Williams
Robert Schuetz	Jean Cadman
Wm. Skelly	Ann Hartman

## DIVING

Kathryn Gibbons

Bill Brown	Bill McQuillan
James Delehanty	Elmer Sweeney
Ray Cready	Dick Ames
Ray Hubsch	Alex Ciocca
Wallace Bishop	Charles Moore

"Bob" Squire

## TUMBLERS AND FIRE DIVERS

Rinaldo Secola	Albert DeLucia
Buster Ignelzi	Andrew Zambotti
Italo Costelli	Hugo Pofi
Vincent Pozzula	Frank Costelli
Charles DeNardo, Fire Baton	

## SWIMMING FLAG

Josephine Bodnar	Ted Wieclaw
Margaret Fallert	Stanley Tracey
Kathryn Gibbons	Nick Litwin
Eve Kaczorwska	Jos. Lazor
Ann Lozeko	Richard Kuchinski
Jennie Munoz	Wm. Raihall
Nellie Kaskons	Albert Samson
Pauline Fleischer	Harry Tisch
Betty Bickert	Frank Pociernicki
Patty Kaskons	Peter Kaskons
Alice Beondik	Andrew Manko
Viola Lantz	Bill Manko
Eugenia Kincz	David Dick

## FINALE

Entire Cast

## FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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Costumes..... Virginia DeArment, Glenn Teare  
Laura Fisher, Melita Fils.

Indian Ceremonial..... Walter Sarraf  
Acrobatic..... Fred Yetter  
Water Polo..... Joe Rosenal  
Water Babies..... Lula Stilley  
Aquabatic Sextet..... John J. Komp  
Floating Flag..... Emmett Ricard, Irwin Labbett  
Diving..... Bill McQuillan  
Clowns..... Haydn Bodycombe  
Swimming Formations..... Nathan H. Kaufman

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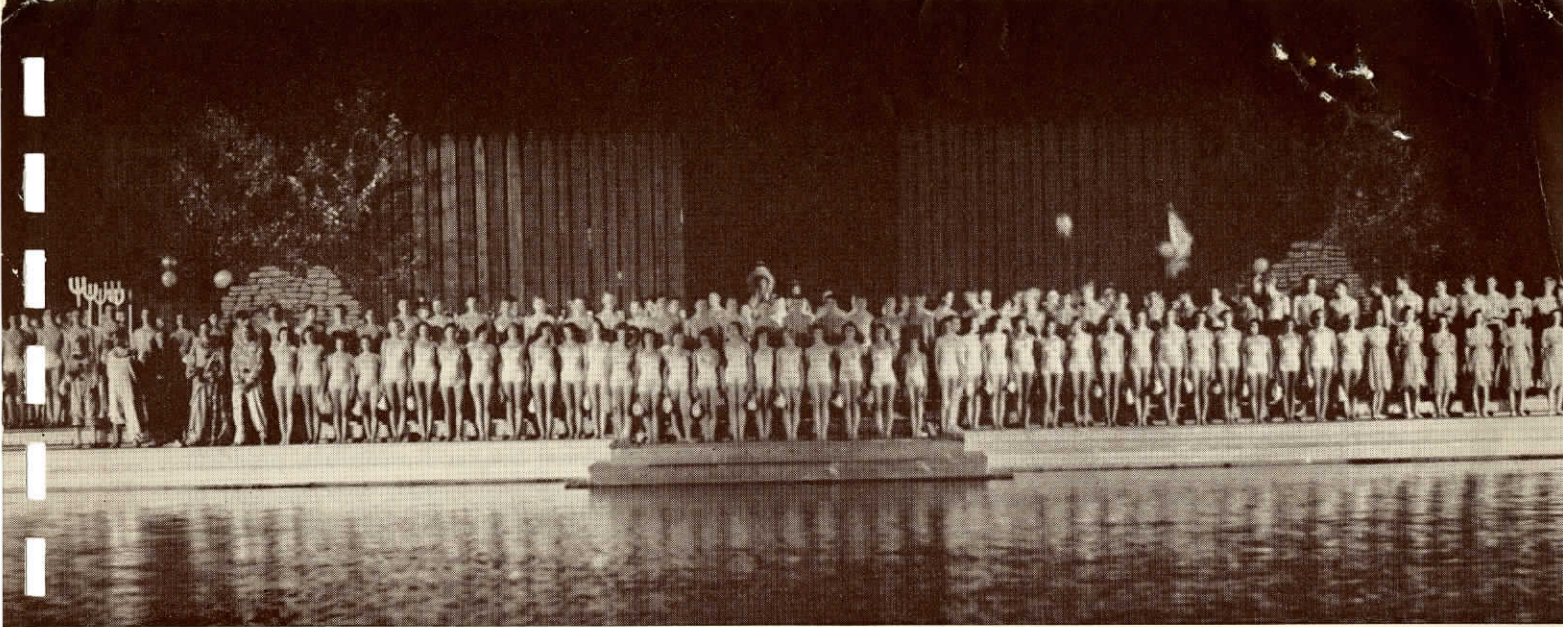
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# THE AQUA BALLET

ONE OF THE HIGH LIGHTS of the Sesqui-Centennial, a new departure from the customary fair procedure, was the presentation of the Aqua Ballet, a water spectacle that won acclaim from the quarter of a million people who witnessed it at the North Park Pool, Sept. 4 to 10.

The Aqua Ballet was a colorful fantasy built around the Cornplanter Indians who were the original settlers of the county. The theme of this water pageant, used as a thread to connect a series of interrelated aquatic and dancing episodes, dealt with the sacrifice of an Indian water sprite and her rescue by the hero of the ballet.

Special music under the direction of Homer Ochsenhirt provided the back-ground for the Aqua Ballet while the ballet dancers of Karl Heinrich added Movement and color to an already thrilling picture.

The Aqua Ballet opened with a parade of all the participants and was climaxed by the entrance of King Neptune and his court in the royal barge. King Neptune appeared in the dual role of guest of honor of the County Commissioners and as the guiding spirit of the ballet itself.

The first scene took place in an Indian village and displayed the Tribal amusements of our native Americans. Indian water formations, races and games, spirited and graceful, with traditional music as a background, served as a beautiful prelude for the events that followed. This pastoral setting was disrupted by the entrance of a returning war party. They had captured an Indian maiden and will offer her as a sacrifice to the water dragon, spirit of evil. Indian braves, brandishing bloody Tomahawks, danced into ritualistic frenzy as the dreaded dragon approached to receive his prey. The dance reached its peak as the Indians hurled the captive maiden to her destruction. Suddenly Manitou, the great spirit, appeared, towering above the stage, and outlawed the Indians for sacrificing his daughter, a water sprite.

In the second scene, after the dragon has chased the girls in the swimming formations from the pool, the

women's ballet entered and danced in supplication. Their prayer is answered as the Trident dancers swirl in and drive the water serpents from the pool. The dragon refused to leave and the hero dove in and engaged it in mortal combat. The dragon is slain and the water sprite rescued. The scene ends with a dance of victory.

The third scene started with the impressive coronation of the hero and water sprite as the Prince and Princess of the waters of Allegheny County. The water events continued and the final scene reached its height as Manitou appeared again, took back his curse and gave a blessing. The Aqua Ballet closed with a grand finale complete with fireworks, singing, dancing and water formations.

The body of the pageant contained all manner of events combining music, dancing and swimming in glorious harmony. The second scene started off with a raucous fireman's relay which included Aunt Minnie, red flannels, fire sirens and screaming damsels in distress. All sorts of spectacular acts, chair diving, underwater swimming, and a Monte Cristo sack escape added suspense to a fast moving and well organized show. Rhythmic swimming, water formations, farcical antics by clowns on the high board, tumblers, fire divers, the Aquabatic Sextette, cute water babies, a diving mat that would not stay down, a floating flag and fancy high and low board diving received round after round of well deserved applause from appreciative audiences.

Four hundred boys and girls from all parts of Allegheny County gave a performance that was remarkable in every sense of the word. Superb swimming and dancing reflected all sorts of glory to the inspiration and ability of the director. The swimmers were amateurs only in that they were under the A. A. U., the performance itself was truly professional. There is no finer group of swimmers or dancers anywhere in the United States. The response of the audience indicated that.

Allegheny County has every right to be proud of the



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