

BARBRA STREISAND INTERNATIONAL FAN CLUB

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HAVE WE HAD NEWS! We already knew that Barbra Streisand would make her debut as a mooooovie star in "Funny Girl," and that she would follow it with the film version of "On A Clear Day You Can See Forever" -- but we were overwhelmed with the news that she was chosen for the coveted role of Dolly Gallagher Levi for the flick of "Hello, Dolly!" which she'll begin early in 1968. ("Clear Day" will be third.)

Ernest Lehman, who is writing and producing "Hello, Dolly!" for 20th Century Fox, told why he chose Miss Streisand: "Barbra is a warm, appealing personality, and I believe she will be enormously sympathetic as a manipulator of the lives of other people." (Dolly's a matchmaker, you know.) "She's a great singer, a natural actress and a gifted comedienne. She has a timeless quality, which means she could be Dolly Levi of 1890 as well as Barbra Streisand of 1967." FRANKLY, WE COULDN'T AGREE MORE!

OH, OH, OMAR: Just days before rehearsals were due to begin on "Funny Girl," producer Ray Stark signed Omar Sharif for the role of Nicky Arnstein. The attractive Egyptian star made his American motion picture debut in "Lawrence of Arabia" and achieved fame with "Doctor Zhivago." He'll be a handsome ruffled shirt for Fanny. William Wyler directs.

HELLO, WALLY! And Academy Award winner Walter Matthau has already been signed to play Horace Vandergelder, the wealthy merchant from Yonkers whom Dolly sets her sights on. Matthau, who describes himself as "a sort of Ukranian Cary Grant," won his Oscar for "The Fortune Cookie" and is currently filming the movie version of his big stage hit, "The Odd Couple."

Neither Sharif nor Matthau has ever sung before. Guess they figure everyone will be listening to Barbra!

BEST NEWS YET!

Before emersing herself in a full year's movie-making, Barbra wanted to perform "live" for as many fans as possible. TWO ALL-BARBRA CONCERTS are set, East Coast and West.

On Saturday, June 17, she will give a concert in Central Park's Sheep Meadow. AND IT'S FOR FREE!! Bring blankets, cushions, food, and yourself to the Sheep Meadow and get a good seat on the grass. You're part of the show because it's all going to be taped for Barbra's fourth Special. Cameras roaming the concert field, cameras mounted on helicopters overhead, cameras on Barbra, cameras everywhere will capture the greatest conert yê! Let's have a tremendous turnout for Barbra's special evening. Dress comfortably, bring your friends and look forward to an historic show business event.

Meanwhile, back on the West Coast, it's "An Evening With Barbra" at the HOLLYWOOD BOWL, Sunday, July 9. Tickets are available at the Hollywood Bowl ticket outlets or by mail for \$9.75, 7.75, 6.75, 4.75, and \$2.75. Better hurry, because there's no extra room on the grass there.

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TV NEWS: Fan Club member Liz Murray of Bayonne, N.J., who won last year's membership drive, was delighted to learn what her first prize would be. Liz was invited to be a special guest in the audience for "Belle of 14th Street," Barbra's third CBS-TV Special (scheduled for October). The entire audience was composed of "extras" costumed in Gay Nineties attire, the period of the vaudeville show. Due to certain legalities, only employees of the sponsor, Monsanto, could be used on-camera. If not for this restriction, the fan club would have been invited. However, special clearance was set up for Liz, who looked simply gorgeous in her blue satin gown (complete with bustle).

On the show, you'll see a rousing, patriotic number with Jason Robards, Barbra, Lee Allen, and a cute 11-year old, Susan Alpern; a tear-jerking refrain by vaudeville veteran John Bubbles; an 11-minute quick-change version of Shakespeare's "Tempest," starring Barbra and Robards; Barbra as a German lieder singer and a boy soprano; plus a striptease number by the Belle Herself, billed as an Unforgettable Forget-Me-Not. You'll also see Jason Robards dance with the beef trust girls, a chorus of 200 lb. beauties.

Unfortunately, the taping of "Belle of 14th Street" ran so late that Barbra's appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show the next day had to be cancelled.

The music from "Belle of 14th Street" will be available on Columbia Records later this year.

It is hoped that a beautiful full-color art nouveau poster illustrating "Belle of 14th Street" will be printed and distributed nation-wide before the special is aired. Art nouveau is the name given to the elegant style of illustration popular at the turn of the century. A lovely memory of the show. Watch for the airdate in your newspapers, TV Guide or next Streizette.

FAMILY FACTS: The long-awaited Look Magazine photo essay of Barbra, Elliott and Jason is scheduled for a mid-July issue.

SUCH SWANK: The Beverly Hills house that the Goulds are living in was originally built by Greta Garbo.

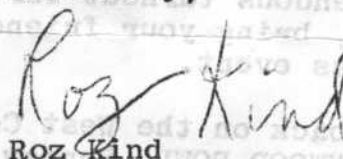
SORRY... Several members have already sent in money for the Souvenir Book which has been unavoidably delayed in shipping. As soon as they are again available, you will receive it--or your money back! We have your names on file.

NEW AND RENEWAL MEMBERS: Please, please remember to send the four (4) self-addressed, stamped envelopes along with your fan club application and dues. We increased the Streizettes from 3 to 4 a year, but can't send any if we don't have the properly addressed envelopes. And, large (#10) envelopes are preferable.

As always, members and friends continue to send in sketches and paintings of our favorite performer. Barbra has asked me to thank you for these beautiful gifts. Many are hung in her dressing room and office for visitors to see. She would also like to thank all who sent thoughtful birthday messages.

Hope you get to one of the concerts, if you can. Have a smashing summer.

Sincerely,


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