

## **PLAYBILL 1997**

"The Highest Shelf"

July 3, 1997

Written By Marti Hargrave

Produced by Rick Holbrook

### **SYNOPSIS:**

The Highest Shelf is a story that looks through the eyes of a young girl named Renna and her eight prized toys, (kept on "The Highest Shelf") and follows how their magical relationship changes through the years. The story begins when Renna is a young ten-year-old girl and her toys are the center of her life. Slowly, as Renna grows, the toys fade out of her awareness and are left feeling abandoned and alone. The story concludes as Renna returns to her childhood home as fully-grown, married woman with kids of her own. And it's at this time, that the toys have a decision to make; whether or not they will "come to life" for her after again being "abandoned" by Renna so many, many times before. They have to face the possibility that she could leave them and hurt them again...or of having their greatest joy – her laughter – realized once again, even if it is only for a short time. Either way, love & laughter exist in her room, on The Highest Shelf.

Scene I: Renna's Room, early evening, 1974

Songs: "Time For the Smiles" – Young Reena  
"They Can't Have You" – The Toys  
"Growing Up So Soon" – The Toys

Scene IIa: Renna's Room, late evening, 1984

Songs: "Open The Book" – Middle Reena and The Toys  
"I'll Never Let Go" – Reena's Father

Scene IIb: Renna's Room, early afternoon, 1985

Songs: "Any Moment, Any Minute" – The Toys  
"Out There" – Middle Reena  
"Someone Like You" – Soldier and The Toys

Scene III: Renna's Room, evening, 1997

Songs: "My Mistakes" – Grown Renna  
"Time For The Smiles"/ "Any Moment,  
Any Minute" – Finale – The Entire Cast

### **CAST (In Order of Appearance):**

Young Renna: Juliana Rowe, North Hills, CA  
Off-stage Voice/Grown Renna: Sandy Navalesi, Kalona, IA  
Middle Renna: Amber Cunningham, London, ONT  
Renna's Father: Craig Gruenberg, North Hills, CA  
Clemintine: Alexandria Frakes, Brighton, IA

#### The Toys:

The Soldier: John J. McClane, North Hills, CA  
The Ballerina: Katie Foster, Maui, HI  
The Jack-in-the-box: Judah Buxton, San Diego, CA  
The Movie Star: Jenny Savage, North Hills, CA  
The WWII Army Nurse: Charity Navalesi, Kalona, IA  
The Shy Genie: Jeremiah Gruenberg, North Hills, CA  
The Thing: Jennifer Jorgenson, Iowa City, IA

Squeaker: Christina Wallen, Kalona, IA  
Additional Performances By:  
Master of Ceremonies: Roger Seward, North Hills, CA  
Pre-Show Crowd  
Entertainment: Mac Hopper, Wellman, IA  
Understudies: Priscilla Fisher, Toby Bailey

**PRODUCTION STAFF:**

Producer: Rick Holbrook  
Assistants to the Producer: Jodi Seboldt, Maureen Higgins  
Assistant Directors/Stage Manager: Stephanie Coble-Frakes  
Technical Director: Gary Higgins, Marti Hargrave, Rick Holbrook  
Re-write Crew: Rick Holbrook, Scott McDonald, Roger Seward, Marti Hargrave, Cast  
Props Mistress: Havilah Minel  
Script Supervisor: Tara Stutzman  
Accountants: Shalom Abrahamson, Lisa Johnson  
Craft Services: Priscilla Fisher  
Best Girls: Lorena Barton, Cassia Bradley, Laura Demenezes, Christa Clow, Jenny Johnston, Peniela Penniman  
Transportation: Chuck Beckman, Sam Brown

**MUSIC:**

Written by: Marti Hargrave and Rick Holbrook  
Arranged, Performed and Produced by: Gary Higgins  
Executive Producer & Mixed by: Rick Holbrook  
Assistant Engineers: John Bush, Ryan Wirthlin  
Background Vocals: Chuck Beckman, Jesse Beckman, Doug Penniman, Bruce Miller, Mike Cabral, Victor Keener, Roger Seward, Steve Alder, Scott McDonald, Gary Higgins, Luke Bradley, Daniel Nakamura, Johnny Hostetter, Christa Clow, Maureen Higgins, Heidi Lietz, Maria Holbrook, Bonnie Hostetter, Mary Ann Hostetter, Monica Miller, Karen Palmquist, Jodi Seboldt, Carol Pipkin, Leslie Barker, Kara Banoczi, Alicia Cotton, Rhonda Verbek, Hannah Navalesi, Lynn Fisher, Barbara Caples, Tina Barnes, Stephanie Penniman

**SOUND:**

Design: Bruce Miller, Denny McLane  
Mixer: Rob Richardson  
Tape Operator: Gary Higgins  
Sound Crew: John Bush, Bruce Miller, Daniel Nakamura, Ryan Wirthlin, Rob Richardson, Jeremy Richardson, Cassia Bradley, Marcus Edvalson, Micah Rowe, Luke Loomis, Jake Court, Elia Ostrander, Rodrigo Andrade, Wendy Richardson

**LIGHTING:**

Design: Rick Holbrook, Gary Higgins  
Lighting Technician: John Bush  
Follow Spot: Luke Loomis  
Lighting Crew: Scott McDonald, Victor Keener, Rob Rich, Luke Loomis, Jesse Beckman, Chuck Beckman, Doug Penniman, Ethan Mullen, Jonathan Rowe, Ed Williams, Gary Higgins, Maureen Higgins, Ryan Wirthlin, Laura DeMenezes, Sam Brown, Heidi Lietz, John Bush, Uriah Bagley, Josh Meheffy

**VIDEO:**

Video Crew: Scott McDonald, Ed Williams, Mike Cabral, Peter Bagley, Caleb Kitchen  
Video Conferencing Operation: Rick Holbrook (Los Angeles), Maureen Higgins (Shiloh)  
Video Conferencing Crew – Shiloh: Kelly Wirthlin, Heidi Lietz, Christa Clow  
Video Conferencing Crew – LA: Maria Holbrook, Sandra Alex, Jodi Seboldt  
Video Conferencing Camera Operators: Ed Williams, Daniel Caples

**SET CREATION:**

Head Carpenter: Victor Keener  
Scenic Design Concept: Rick Holbrook, Linda Roane, Laurie Gerns, Ed Roane  
Model Building: Matt Walkoe, Bill Osborne, Juarez Demenezes  
Set Construction: Victor Keener, Johnny Hostetter, Roddy Day, Earl Ledebur, Daniel Caples, Josh Mehaffey, Juarez Demencez, Silas Hartman, Bill Anderson, Chuck Beckman, Jesse Beckman, Glen Coffman, Ruth Beckman, Rick Ostrander, Brian Osborne, Todd Nosek, Ken Rich, Matt Walkoe, Gary Perez, James Hartman, Ethan Mullen, Jonathan Rowe  
Set Painting: Chuck Beckman, Doug Penniman, Johanna Spencer, Steve Adler, Christa Clow, Maureen Higgins, Heidi Lietz, Cindy Cabral, Anne Meyer, Mary Kay Anderson, Lydia Fisher, Suzanne White, Bonnie Hostetter, Diana Kniefel, Bonnie Flagg, Sarah Brown, Tim Rice, Anne Rice, Pam Rice, Maria Holbrook, Mary Ann Hostetter, Debbie Kojima, Katie Foster, Donna Ostrander, Elia Ostrander, Michael Inskeep, Shalom Abrahamson, Bobbie Homans, Karen Palmquist, Peneila Penniman, Debbie Nagasaka, Jordan Seeley, Jonathan Mickelson, Joyce Arita, Jesse Arita, Leilani Makuakane-Potter, Tina Barnes, Lorena Barton, Rhonda Verbek, BJ Yoder, Kelly Wirthlin, Anaiah Spencer, Dee Dee Hoeing, Leslie Hirst, Tilka Nosek, Jodi Seboldt, Donna Hartsfield, Helene Pappas, Michael White, Luke Bradley, Alexandria Seeley, Donna Rowe, Corrine Beckman, Mick Osborne, Calik Jabari, Mike Cattell, Chere Berman, Jeanne Aucoin, Lori Seward, Chris Schultz, Kelly Wirthlin, Cassia Bradley,

Luciana Andrade, Bonnie Nisley, Havilah Meinel, Daniel Caples, Laurie Gerns, Linda Roane, Katie Linton, Debbi Johnson, Jenni Johnston, Emily Johnston, Ellen Johnston, Stephanie Penniman

**HAIR, MAKE-UP & COSTUMES:**

Design:

Heidi Leitz

Hair, Make-up, Costume Crew:

Heidi Lietz, Monica Miller, Diana Kniefel, Mary Kay Anderson, Karen Palmquist, Tilka Nosek, Anaiah Spencer, Gloria Popovici, Keah O'Conner, Karah Banoczi, Sherrie Nisley, Jeanne Elinger

**THE RICHMOND SHOOTERS  
FIREWORKS:**

Tim Schlatter, Victor Knarreburg, Gary Wallen, Jody Rogness, Chuck Rogness, Vern Turtle, Bob Ebeling, Erin Dunn, Ken Knopik, Rob Rich, Joel Ball, Monica Stockton, Reno Johnson, Mike Farrier, Larry Timinski, Laynez Ackerman, Leon Stutzman, Rick Martin, Frank Androus, Jim Miller (Honorary Members: Steve Rich, Steve Lafaurie)