

# 'Anything Goes' in complex love story

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Boy meets girl. Boy falls in love with girl. Boy stows aboard a ship to win girl from her English fiancé who is the object of the affections of a woman named Reno. Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" a musical being presented by Fairfield Summer Community Theatre, proves that love is not as simple as the old cliché alleges.

"It's a twisting and turning plot," director Jay Goodlett said. "A Wall Street broker tries to get the woman he loves, but she's engaged to an Englishman.

"Then there are gangsters trying to escape the law, and a woman who is in love with the Englishman who is engaged to the woman who should be with the stockbroker, and ... it's a complicated story."

"Anything Goes" is the fourth production for the Fairfield theater troupe and is the third production of which Goodlett has been a part.

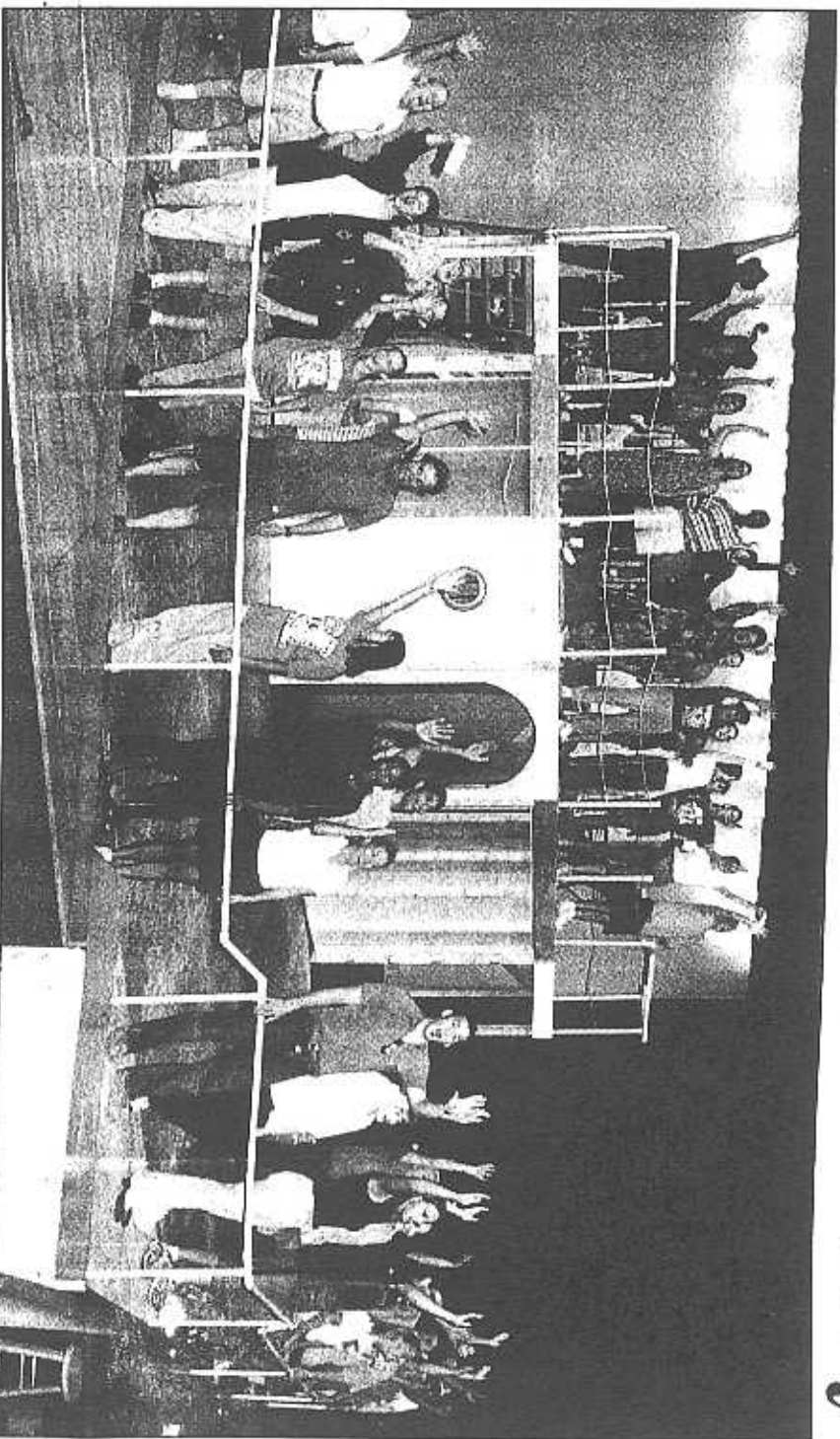
"I directed 'Carousel' in '99 and worked with them on choreography in 'The Music Man' in 2000," he said.

Goodlett is pulling double-duty in "Anything Goes," as he tackles both directing and choreography.

"It's easier to block the play, because the director blocks and the choreographer works with that, and since I'm both, I get what I want," he said.

"Except for time," he added. "I'm kind of strained for time because I'm doing both directing and choreography."

Goodlett originally suggested "Anything Goes" for the community theater. "I had been working with Fairfield theater, and I mentioned this to them as a possibility," he said. "It



The cast sings "Bon Voyage" during a recent rehearsal of the Fairfield Summer Community Theatre's production of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes." Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Fairfield Senior High School. For tickets and more information, call 942-2999, Ext. 202.

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turned out to be a popular idea."

Fairfield Summer Community Theatre consists of hundreds of community members of all ages, volunteering their time and talent to put on the annual shows, not only as the actors, but as the technical crew,

costume designers and set designers.

The lead actors in "Anything Goes" vary in age from their early 20s to their late 40s. Many have extensive theater experience, ranging from high school to professional theater. Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Performing Arts Center at Fairfield Senior High School.

Tickets are \$6 for senior citizens and \$8 for general admission and are available by phone at 942-2999, Ext. 202.