

'Barnum' To Open At Schreiber Next Week

The Port Summer Show's production, "Barnum," opens at Schreiber High School, Friday night, August 14, at 8 p.m. and runs through Monday night, August 17th. 'Barnum' is a lively musical comedy based on the life of entrepreneur and circus owner, P.T. Barnum. Joe DiFrancesco is cast in the title role with Karen Blumlein as his wife, Chairy; Brian Hecht, as the ringmaster, Bailey; and Jenny Baer, as the beautiful Swedish nightengale, Jenny Lind. The cast also includes Renee Ross as Joice Heth, the oldest woman in the world and Frank Ullman as Tom Thumb, the smallest man. More than 50 other teenagers act as clowns, jugglers and other circus performers.

'Barnum' is being produced by Kendall Walsh, a graduate of Schreiber High School and the Rochester Institute of Technology. The show is directed by Amy Hecht of Freeport, a 1987 graduate of Adelphi University. Sandy Vigliotti, now serving as the Director of the Port Washington Community Band and a music teacher in Glen Cove, is the musical director. Many alumni of Ron and Pam Meadows' Teen theater are serving as technical advisors, lighting crew and stage manager.

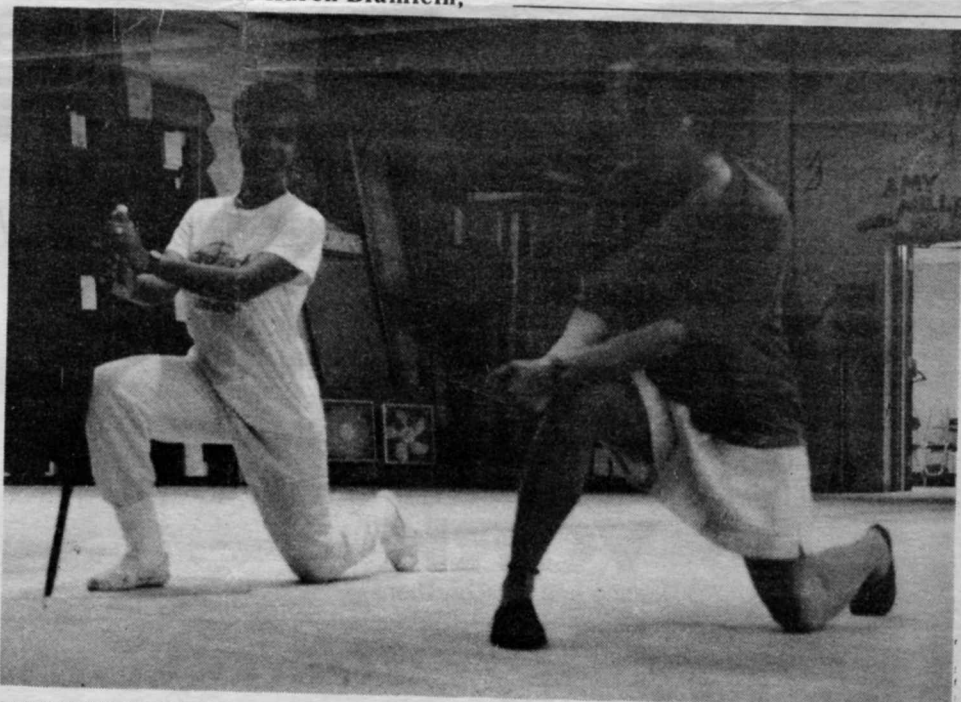
'Barnum' is the first production of the newly organized Port Summer Show. Port Summer Show is a member of the Port Washington Youth Council and is being sponsored by the Adult and Community Education Program of the Port Washington School District. The organization received a special grant from the United Community Chest of Port Washington and has received major funding from the Robert Harding Real Estate Co. Other substantial financial contributions have been made by the Port Singers, Parents Council, the Schreiber H.S. Student Government and the PTA's of Weber, Sousa, Manorhaven and Guggenheim Schools.

Tickets for the performance are priced at \$2 and may be purchased at the door.



"BARNUM" MUSICAL DIRECTOR Sandy Vigliotti (at piano) rehearses with (left to right) cast members Karen Blumlein,

**Renee Ross, and Joe DiFrancesco.
(Photo by Janet Grunwald)**



SMILES AT REHEARSAL: Renee Ross (l.), "Barnum" cast member, practices a dance routine with choreographer Michelle Stein.

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