

A CHORUS LINE – MAGGIE, CONNIE, BEBE, JUDY, KRISTINE

MAGGIE

Maggie Winslow. *(Louder!)* Maggie Winslow! ... sometimes known as Margaret, Margie, Peggy ... all of the above. Whatever, it's real and I was born in San Mateo, California, on a Thursday evening at 10:40 PM, August 17, 1950. ...

I don't know what they were for or against, really, except each other. I mean I was born to save their marriage but when my father came to pick up my mother at the hospital he said, "Well, I thought this was going to help. But I guess it's not. ..." Anyway, I did have a fantastic fantasy life. I used to dance around the living room with my arms up like this. My fantasy was that it was an Indian Chief ... And he'd say to me, "Maggie, do you wanna dance?" And I'd say, "Daddy, I would love to dance."

CONNIE

Connie Wong. It's always been Connie Wong. I was born in Chinatown - - lower east side.
(Your age?)

Ah ... December 5, four thousand six hundred and forty-two. The Year of the Chicken! ... Four foot ten, that's the story of my life! I remember when everyone was my size. Boy, that was great! But then everybody started moving up and – there I was, stuck at four foot ten! But I kept hoping and praying .. 'cause I was into dancing then, and I was good. And I wanted to grow up to be a prima ballerina. Then I went out for ... CHEERLEADER! And they told me: "No dice, you'll get lost on the football field. The pom-poms are bigger than you. I spent my whole childhood waiting to grow ... But you see, the only thing about me that grew was my desire.

BEBE

My name is Bebe Benzenheimer ... and I know, I gotta change it. Born June 6, 1949. I come from Boston, and here I am! *(she steps back, embarrassed)* *(then, later in show...)*
Oh, please – I don't wanna hear about how Broadway's dying, 'cause I just got here!

JUDY

My name is Judy Turner. My real name is Lana Turner *(laughing at her own joke)*
No, no, no, no, no – it's always been Judy Turner. Born July 21, 1947.
(starts to step back, then...) Oh, I was born in El Paso. ... El Paso, Texas.

KRISTINE

I'm Kristine Urich. Kristine Evelyn Urich. Born September 1, 1953. Oh — I'm from St. Louis, Missouri. Oh, and my married name is DeLuca. ...

Oh, god – I don't know where to begin ... Ah, well, everybody says that when I was little every time they put on the radio, I'd just get up and start dancing. And, ah .. .oh, this man came around to my house – selling ... ah .. lessons... Oh, and he was a terrific salesman – I'll never forget it – he put me up against this television set – it was one of those great big square things – and then he turned me around, picked up my foot and touched it to the back of my head and said: "This little girl could be a star!" Well, I don't know if it was the look on my face – or the fact that I wouldn't let go of his leg – but my mother saw how much it meant to me. I mean, I watched everything on television that had dancing on it – Especially --- oh, god --- every Sunday – it was, ah -- Ed Sullivan! – Every Sunday -- like church! But anyway, I always knew what I wanted to do. I wanted to be like all those people in the movies. Only it's funny. I never wanted to be Ann Miller ... I wanted to be – Doris Day. Except I had this little .. ah .. problem.