

A Mark of Excellence

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Norma Terrace Theatre/
Goodspeed-at-Chester
(Conn)

1 July-5 August 1984; run
extended through 12 Aug
'84

Longacre Theatre
10-30 January 1985 preview
31 January-6 February
1985

Based, in part, on the book
'*The Merry Partners*', by EJ
Hahn, this book was written
by Michael Stewart, music

by Max Showalter, lyrics by
Peter Walker. Joe Layton, di-
rected the Broadway run.

'H-a-double r-i-g-a-n spells
'Harrigan' '. I remember my
dad singing this first line from
the George M Cohan song. Un-
til I saw '*Harrigan 'n Hart*', I
had no idea it was about one-
half of a famous late 19th cen-
tury vaudeville team, Edward
Harrigan. The other half of the
team was Tony Hart, played by
Mark in both the Connecticut
and Broadway runs.



Tony Hart wearing a
nightgown and hair in
ringlets. Singing 'Put Me
in My Little Bed', Mark
sang and slid his way
across the stage. Quick
thinking by his co-star,
Harry Groener, pre-
vented him from sliding
off the stage. Only the
rather horrified face on
Groener had anyone real-
izing that the grab was
not part of the perform-
ance. Mark never faltered



Some of the songs featured,
such as 'Mulligan Guard' and 'I
Love to Follow a Band' are vin-
tage vaudeville material. New
songs and sketches were
blended in, relating the history
of the partnership, though cer-
tain facts were downplayed. An
interesting note: combining
story-telling, singing and danc-
ing, Harrigan began what
eventually evolved as the
Broadway musical.

One of my favourite skits had

Notes from the Editor

You've bought the video to every movie Mark has been in. Collected interview clippings from magazines. Printed out transcripts from online chats Mark has done. Photos bought at conventions. Ahh... Bet you don't have the most collectible Mark Hamill item of all: pocket lint!

Yes, you read that correctly. Pocket lint.

Recently on eBay, someone ran an auction for lint supposedly taken from one of Mark's suits at the

dry cleaner's. Starting at \$1.95, bidding was fast and furious at the end. The winner paid \$61.00.

The screenshot shows an eBay auction listing for 'Star Wars Mark Hamill's Pocket Lint- No Joke' (Item # 149636383). The listing is for a quantity of 1, with a starting bid of \$1.95. The auction has ended on Jan-25-02 at 16:01:10 PST. The seller is 'j.Mogjackets (16)'. The listing includes a 'Payment Details' section with a 'Buy It Now' price of \$61.00 and a 'Payment Instructions' section. The 'Description' section at the bottom states: 'This was taken from Mr. Hamill's suit, pocket in a dry cleaners. Buy a piece of the free. This is not to be collected for years to come. PLEASE ASK! How do you plan to pay for their clothes? This is a great start. Bid now, pay later. Will ship for free. No reserve.'

Anyone interested in some swamp land?

eBay Bid History for Star Wars Mark Hamill's Pocket Lint- No Joke (Item # 149636383)

Quantity	Price bid	Time bid	# of bids
1	\$1.95		16

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View page with email addresses (Accessible to Sellers only)

Bidding History (Highest bids first)

User ID	Bid Amount	Date of Bid
sew500@ip191.com	\$61.00	Jan-31-02 16:32:41 PST
sswarc-collector-121	\$60.00	Feb-01-02 07:34:58 PST
epw@mediaspace.com	\$54.00	Feb-01-02 07:34:46 PST
geowarc-collector-121	\$52.00	Feb-01-02 07:34:24 PST
sswarc-collector-121	\$50.00	Jan-31-02 16:18:29 PST
sswarc@ip191.com	\$40.00	Jan-31-02 16:18:18 PST
sswarc@ip191.com	\$30.00	Jan-31-02 16:18:12 PST
sswarc@ip191.com	\$25.00	Jan-31-02 16:18:10 PST
sswarc@ip191.com	\$20.00	Jan-31-02 16:18:05 PST
sswarc@ip191.com	\$15.00	Jan-31-02 16:06:11 PST
epw@ip191.com	\$10.00	Jan-31-02 15:49:19 PST
sswarc@ip191.com	\$7.00	Jan-28-02 13:44:45 PST
epw@ip191.com	\$6.00	Jan-26-02 15:48:22 PST
epw@ip191.com	\$5.00	Jan-27-02 19:15:22 PST
sswarc@ip191.com	\$4.00	Jan-28-02 13:54:19 PST
sswarc@ip191.com	\$2.00	Jan-26-02 05:44:02 PST

On 4 May 2002, Mark will be receiving an award from Oakland, CA. As many of you know, this is the city he was born in :) So, no, Mark will not be at SW Celebration II in Indianapolis.

Future Watch and Did You Catch?

Mark will be the subject of an upcoming A&E 'Biography' episode. Look for it to air on 21 May.

If your cable company carries the Discovery Health Channel, check the listings for when 'Body Challenge' airs. Mark narrates this three-show series.

Cartoon Network has been running 'Time Squad' mara-

thons every few weeks, on the weekend. If you haven't seen this cartoon series, do make an effort to. It's hilarious! The regular air time is back to Friday nights, 9.00 pm ET.

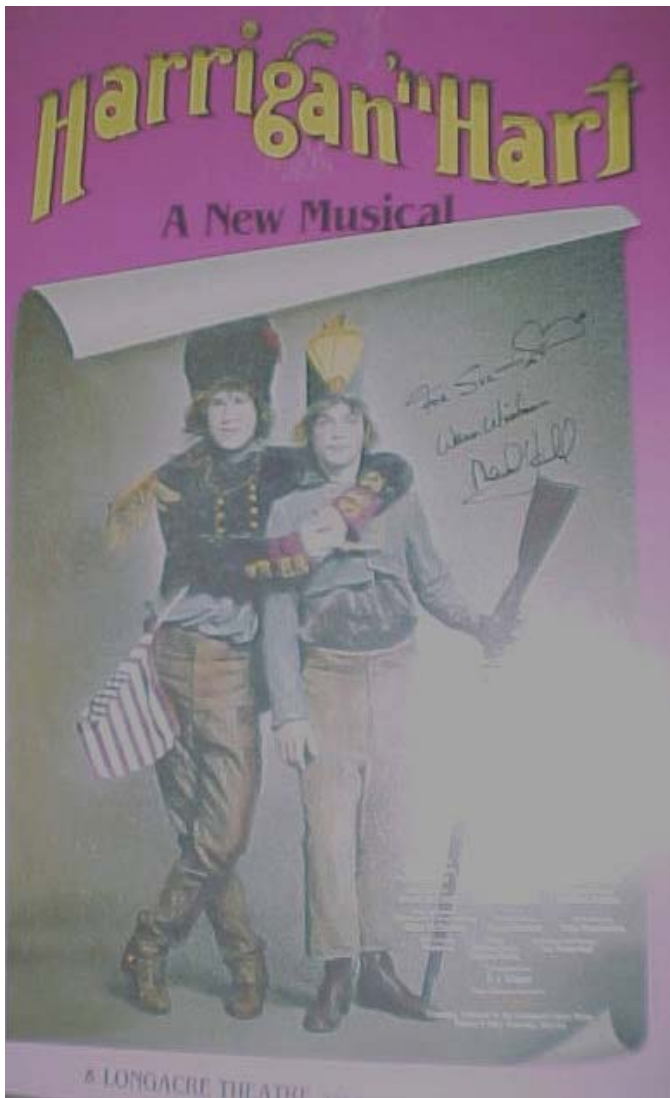
Online and looking for something fun to do? MSN.com will be having an interview/quiz with Mark on their Outsmart section.

Mark will be in another epi-

sode of *Son of the Beach* this season.

Still no air date for Mark's scripted episode of 'VIP'.

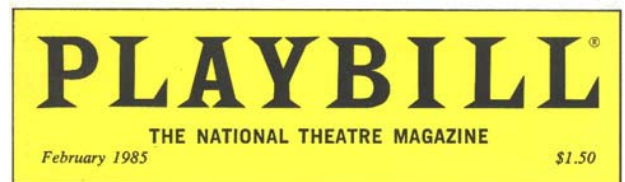
Likewise, no more news concerning 'Thank You, Good Night'. Mark plays the father figure, Karl.



actor in a musical. 'Yes Mark Hamill can sing and dance, and how!' (Joel Siegal, ABC-TV); 'Mark Hamill... Is a revelation— it's about as far from his 'Star Wars' role as one can travel, reminding one that he was, indeed, quite good in 'The Elephant Man' and 'Amadeus' ' (Susan Granger,

way critics very harsh reviews of the play itself. Sadly, people seemed to become more critical if they saw the play after reading or seeing the reviews. Something that brought laughs from the audience when I went during previews, had little or no response from the audience when a friend saw the play just after it opened.

Closing a week after it opened, 'Harrigan 'n Hart' at the time it was staged, was the most expensive musical ever put on. I regret I wasn't able to take my older son to see it.



with his singing.

Mark received excellent reviews for his work, which earned him a 1985 Drama Desk nomination for outstanding performance by an

WMCA Radio) 'Harrigan 'n Hart'... continues to be blessed by Mark Hamill's vibrant Tony Hart... His performance remains the heart of the musical.' (Markland Taylor, New Haven Register)



The personal reviews were not enough to overcome some Broad-



Mark Hamill as Tony Hart in "Harrigan 'n Hart"

MARK HAMILL sings & dances in "Harrigan 'n Hart" / Laila Robins—the new onstage love of JEREMY IRONS / Night of 100 Stars II / OFF-B'WAY's Changing Face / LONDON: What's Playing / Three Theatre Exhibits / Plus: Dorothy Loudon • ALBERT FINNEY • Dana Ivey



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