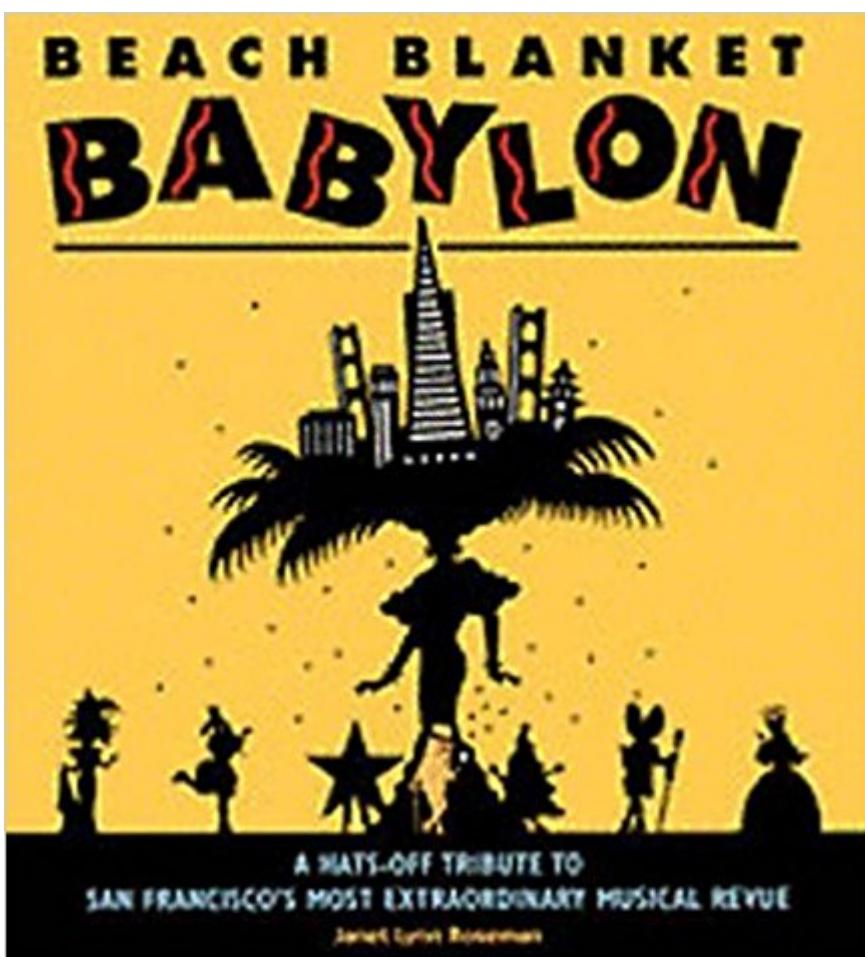


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Beach Blanket Babylon: A Hats-Off Tribute To San Francisco's Most Extraordinary Musical Revue



Synopsis

The question is, what did the Queen think of the hats? The longest-running musical revue in American history, Beach Blanket Babylon has taken audiences around the world, from Buckingham Palace to Las Vegas, and the world has in turn come to Beach Blanket Babylon. Known for outrageous humor, great music, fabulous characterizations of the famous and the infamous (from Snow White to John Travolta), and absolutely the biggest hats ever seen on stage, the show still packs the house over twenty years later at its home in San Francisco. Created by the late Steve Silver as an offshoot of his Rent-A-Freak business, with an original script by Armistead Maupin, Beach Blanket Babylon has become a legend. This visual celebration captures all the zaniness of the show and takes the reader behind the scenes, from early sketches and costume design to the ongoing creative genius that keeps Mr. Peanut tap-dancing. For anyone who loves the theater or likes to laugh, this book is the ticket.

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Bursting onto the theatrical world of 1974 like a breath of fresh helium, the campy San Francisco revue Beach Blanket Babylon established itself as the show that had the courage to put a life-size Mr. Peanut, Glinda the Good Witch of the North, and a tap-dancing Christmas tree together on a stage. Joyously glorifying the detritus of American culture, Steve Silver's monsterpiece has been delighting hip audiences (and thoroughly disorienting others) ever since. This slick paperback is really just a souvenir booklet as extravagantly overblown as one of Silver's signature 33-foot hats. It

has lots of photos and history, but, sadly, barely a quote from the show's giddily funny scripts. But it's fun just the same, a window on a countercultural phenomenon.

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It is a relic and out of print. The artistic director is dead. He was a year ahead of me @ Winfield Scott School in the Marina. This book sums up the phenomenon that was/is BBB. Waiting for the sequel by Roger J. Silver, who was in my classes 60 years ago. Sept 15, 2015---
A "must-read">>>>GOING SANE in SAN FRANCISCO--finally published! This is Roger's take on his family and interaction with his brother, the originator of BBB. Roger has included music. Roger has led a colorful life, to say the least. Happy 70th birthday, Roger, from your first girlfriend.

thanks, I remember when I worked there. Great

For those who have been fortunate enough to see Beach Blanket Babylon, this provides wonderful pictures, great information about what goes on behind the scenes, how the show got started--almost as much fun as being there--well, not quite. Fans of the show will enjoy very much.

This delightful book examines the unique theater which one man's vision successfully and energetically designed to examine the pain and parody of an evolving, contemporary American society and body politic. May Beach Blanket Babylon spread its messages both throughout the American stages and through distribution of this panoramic literary exposition. Yes, proudly, Janet Lynn Roseman is my sister!

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