

MAGNOLIA

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Selections from
Rogers and Roberts'
Musical
Comedy

MY MAGNOLIA

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at the
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MAGNOLIA
BABY MINE
LAUGH YOUR BLUES AWAY
SHAKE YOUR DUSTER
BABY WANTS
SUNDOWN SERENADE
PARADE of the CHRISTMAS DINNER
GEE CHEE (Charleston)
SWEET POPOPPER
GALLOPIN' DOMINOES

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Intro.

The musical score for the introduction of 'The Girl on the Boat' is written for piano. It begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, then a half note B4. This is followed by a half note chord of G4 and A4, then a half note chord of G4 and A4 with a sharp sign above it, and finally a half note chord of G4 and A4. The bass staff starts with a quarter note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, then a half note B2. This is followed by a half note chord of G2 and A2, then a half note chord of G2 and A2 with a sharp sign above it, and finally a half note chord of G2 and A2. The score continues with a series of chords and single notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff and a triplet of eighth notes in the bass staff, both marked with a '3' and a bracket. The piece concludes with a final chord in the treble staff and a final note in the bass staff.

VOICE

I am plead-ing for I'm need-ing you, Mag - no - lia,

The musical score is written on two staves. The top staff is for the voice, and the bottom staff is for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are written below the voice staff. The piano accompaniment features chords and single notes, with some measures containing triplets and slurs.

Stop your play - ing, stop de - lay - ing, do Mag - no - lia.

Hon - ey say you will, and then, —

Oh, Mag - no - lia please say when.

CHORUS

Mag - no - lia, — Mag - no - lia — you could if you would

— Mag - no - lia — Mag - no - lia — I

think that you should — While you're wait - ing

hes - i - ta - ting, time flies on Say

what you choose, we can - not use the time that's

gone Mag - no - lia — Mag - no - lia, — Oh,

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The piano accompaniment features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some measures marked with dynamics like *bp* (bristly piano) and *p* (piano). The vocal line is a simple melody with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into six systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano grand staff.

what must I do — Mag - no - lia — Mag - no - lia — it's

all up to you — Mag - no - lia — Mag - no - lia You've

known from the start — That you hold the key — to my

heart. — my heart. —

What some of the New York critics said about the musical numbers in

"MY MAGNOLIA"

"There is one song hit, called (inevitably) 'Magnolia,' which has those plaintive undertones of 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.'"—*The World*.

"Tunes of unquestionable popularity. Of the musical numbers, 'Magnolia' and 'Baby Mine' run neck and neck for the honors. Twenty or so other tunes are, in their different ways, very nearly as catchy and will also be widely tooted this summer. 'Gallop in' Dominoes,' 'Parade of the Christmas Dinner,' 'Baby Wants,' and the first act finale are as typically Negro numbers as have yet been offered across the footlights. They are almost an art of their own."—Gordon M. Leland in *The Billboard*.

"There are a few pleasing tunes."—*Evening Graphic*.

"An immense audience that packed the handsome new Mansfield Theatre almost to bursting found the Rogers & Roberts production hugely enjoyable. Principals and chorus did justice to the several tuneful numbers composed by C. Luckey Roberts and Alex Rogers, and time and again they were recalled for encores until they were scarcely able to respond. The applause was so deafening that frequently it was impossible to hear the singers and so continuous that the first act consumed nearly an hour and three quarters."—Garrrick in the *N. Y. Evening Journal*.

"A musical comedy with plenty of pleasant music—by C. Luckey Roberts, some of it George Gershwin might well be proud of, particularly 'Baby Mine' and 'Magnolia,' either of which may prove to be a dance hit on the radio and the records."—*The Morning Telegraph*.

"'My Magnolia'—we've waited for that yallah gal through several postponements—arrived last night about time for the second half of the tuneful all-colored musical show named after her at the Mansfield Theatre. Rogers & Roberts should cut out a lot of waiting for Magnolia from their high-color performance and hasten on the gal herself. It wasn't all Magnolia's fault. It was the audience's fault for being in such high good humor and making these dusky entertainers repeat all their numbers through encores."—*The New York American*.

"Some amazingly fast and expert dancing numbers that caused a curious first-night audience on holiday bent to give unusual demonstrations of approval."—*The New York Times*.

"The music is melodious."—*New York Herald Tribune*.

"The music is decidedly tin-panny."—Bide Dudley in the *Evening World*.

"An all colored musical comedy arrived at the Mansfield Theatre last night and remained until midnight, bringing with it some of the best dancing laid before these eyes in the last twelve months, at least two good songs and a good deal of unclassifiable snap and go. The two best songs of the show—'Magnolia' and 'Baby Mine.'

"Lulu Belle, who sang 'Laugh Your Blues Away' and 'Sweet Popopper' with gusto and enthusiasm, was a favorite of last night's audience.

"For the best dance number of the evening award is made to the 'Dance of the Bellhops,' one of the most extraordinary combinations of good dancing currently visible.

"A splendid dance number, 'Gee Chee,' the second best of the evening, in which the complications and insinuations and declensions of the Charleston, past perfect and plu-perfect, were dazzlingly exhibited."—*The New York Sun*.

"There are many crooning melodies in 'My Magnolia,' and chief among them is the one called 'Magnolia.' This is a long hit and no mistake."—Ray W. Harper in the *Brooklyn Citizen*.

"'My Magnolia' is a thoroughly modern musical production, pepped up with jazzy music and sprinkled liberally with features that would do justice to any other offering on the Broadway boards.

"'Baby Wants' was the high comedy mark of the show. The best song was 'Shake Your Duster,' and other good ones were 'Laugh Your Blues Away,' 'Spend It,' and 'Gallop in' Dominoes.' "

—*The Brooklyn Daily Times*.

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