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## "AuntieMame"

Recently I had occasion to go through some old files in search of some material which seemed to be
iding from me, when out fell a Souvenir Programme of HOLLYWOOD HOTEL, a show that we presented some hiding from me, when out fell a Souvenir Programme of HOLLYWOD HOTEL, a show that we presented years ago at this theatre. How well I remember all the beauty, gaiety, glamour and entertainment of it. Willie
Then one scene leaped vividly to my memory, and once more I heard that great American artist, Wil Howard, portraying the character of Eddie Cantor, asking, "Please tell me Mr. Ziegfeld which of all your productions gave you the greatest pleasure?
Well, if anyone were to ask me that same question 1 am afraid the answer would not be as readily on my
ips as on those of the great Ziegfeld.
But I do know that AUNTIE MAME could possibly be one. It has the potential. The book by Patrick Dennis is a world-wide best seller. The play is written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee (a team famous for their
'Inherit the Wind," "Look, Ma, I'm Dancing," "The Gang's all Here" and "Shangri-la"). Originally staged by America's foremost director, Morton Da Costa (of "No Time for Sergeants" and "The Music Man" fame), it has been a success wherever it has played
Immediately after its Broadway opening, John Carroll visited New York and secured the Australasian rights xperienced withe. Our star is a grand person and a proven brilliant artist, our director from U.S.A. thoroughl The cast selected to support Shirl Conway represents the cream of tifth with which he has now been associated future.

Speaking of the future I om hapay to ate uperb, record-breaking, multiple-award winner, THE MUSIC MAN, about which you may reed more year the ages of this programme. Biginal broareturn to AUNTIE MAME. We have endeavoured to stage it here on a scale comparable to its And, finally, we hope that and of this performane that we have been successful in doing just that

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## SHIRI COWWAY

"Auntic Mame"

Dear Audience: It is seldom that an artist has the opportunity to write her own biblio-
graphy. The responsibility entailed and the sheer weight of conscience gives smal margin to any possible embroidering of the
truth.

For example, it is necessary to include the fact that one has been born somewhere outside of a town called Franklinville, which is located in the western part of New York
State, in the year 1916 . I arrived on the State, in the year 1916. I arrived on the
full crest of one of the worst floods that territory has ever seen. This was a natural birth with a vengeance, because there was

Surviving all minor cuts and bruises, including a broken arm due to experiments in
flying from the top of our apple tree without bencit of parachue, scrambled my way through the University of Mirhigan for
Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Speech Therapy. The reason the major wasn't in
Theatre Arts was about six feet three inches tall with an authoritative voice and an eye of fire, whose name was father.
Perhaps it was sheer wilfulness that propelled me into my career, which is now my
very life. From my first show with Eddie Cantor in 1941 , where I thought I was very large in the chorus, right up until now the theatre.

My apprenticeship was served under people
like Ethel Merman, Rodgers and Hammerstein and Merner and Loewe, I have neve stein and "Lerner and Loewe.
arrived "over night,"," as the expression

I've been what they term a "star" for some ten years, both in New York and in London. And what a ioxful "Sprinkling of stardust for this American artist to to "
don't feel like a star, and never have, simply because I haven't a clue as to how one is supposed to feel. I it has anything to do with surface pageantry, it makes me feel uncomfortable. If it has anything to do with portroying a satisfyin rol I'm risht at home and happy os a lark.

That rather sums up the way I feel right now: right at home and happy as a lark.
It is my privilege, and my intention, and incidentally also in my contract, that I make you feel exactly the
same. I hope I can, and I hope you do.



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