

*George Burns  
and  
Gracie Allen*

*Together Again*

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### ***George Burns and Gracie Allen Together Again***

George Burns and Gracie Allen worked together as a successful comedy team that entertained vaudeville, film, radio, and television audiences for over forty years. George Burns, from New York, started as a small time vaudeville actor. Gracie Allen and her sisters, "The Four Colleens" were a song and dance act on the West Coast. When Gracie moved to the East Coast she met Burns and they decided to do an act together, George the comedian, Gracie feeding him the straight lines. Once he realized that she was getting all the

laughs Burns rewrote the act and for the next forty years was Gracie Allen's straight man.

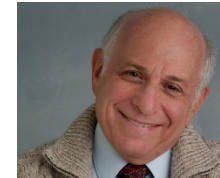
Burns wrote "Lamb Chops", the act that propelled them to top billing in the vaudeville circuit with Gracie acting as the silly, lightheaded foil. Burns and Allen made a string of one-reel comedies and then appeared the films "The Big Broadcast" and "A Damsel in Distress" with Fred Astaire. At the same time the Burns and Allen radio show became one of the most popular programs of the time. On television, The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show put faces to the radio characters audiences had come to love. After Gracie Allen retired George Burns remained in show business. At the age of 78 he won the Academy Award in "The Sunshine Boys" movie and gained greater stardom as God in the "Oh God" series. George Burns entertained audiences to the ripe old age of 100 years.

When Peter Salzer walks on stage in "Together Again" audiences see George Burns come back to life. With humor and song audiences are reminded of the era of when George Burns and Gracie Allen entertained millions. Betsy Wickard is the perfect Gracie Allen in the sketches and songs that this talented duo brings to the stage. It is a show long remembered.



### **BETSY WICKARD**

Actress BETSY WICKARD has performed in theaters and casinos throughout the country. She was a dancer/singer in The Branson Follies, The Palm Springs Follies, The Great American Follies, and Golden Girls USA. She appeared in the feature films Rocky V and Mannequin on the Move. She has appeared in numerous national commercials and print ads for major corporations. She is now living in Florida and performing on the Condo Circuit. She is delighted to be portraying Gracie Allen in "Together Again."



### **PETER SALZER**

Actor/Writer PETER SALZER has created roles on stage and on screen and has appeared in many television commercials. Peter uses his many character voices in commercials and has narrated many industrial programs. Fifteen years ago he parlayed a part as George Burns in a musical into a George Burns Tribute act which he has performed around the country. In 2001, Peter wrote the play "Together Again" which became the basis of this show when he teamed up with the talented Betsy Wickard who brings Gracie Allen to life.





