Who’s Who
Among the
Triangle Shows
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Welcome to the Long Kickline
Once Uponzi Time

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• *Po-Ca-Hon-Tas* opened in May 1891 and is considered the first “Triangle Show”. The music was student-composed and the book was student-adapted.

• Several other early shows were not written for Triangle, including *Katherine, Who’s Who, Snowball, A Tiger Lily* and *Lend Me Five Shillings*.

• *A Woodland Wedding* was the first show to tour past Trenton and New Brunswick.

• Three Triangle Shows re-ran: *Po-Ca-Hon-Tas, Hon. Julius Caesar* (twice), *The King of Pomeru*.

• The Triangle Club built McCarter Theatre. The first Triangle Show there was *The Golden Dog*. 
• Notable Triangle alumni include Booth Tarkington 1893, Edmund Wilson 1916, F. Scott Fitzgerald 1917, Josh Logan ’31, Jimmy Stewart ’32, José Ferrer ’33, T. Berry Brazelton ’40, Clark Gesner ’60, Jeff Moss ’63, Doug McGrath ’80, Brooke Shields ’87, Lesley Wake Webster ’96, Ellie Kemper ’02. More graduate every year!
Coeducation came to Princeton in 1969-70. The Triangle Show had become coed the previous year.

From 1970 to 1998, Triangle shows opened in the spring and went on tour the following winter. Before and since, they opened in the fall and toured in the same school year. They always come back for an encore at Reunions.
Triangle shows that aren’t Triangle Shows

• Here are just a few examples of non-”mainstage” Triangle shows, generally produced in the spring until 1970 and after 1999, and in the fall from 1971 to 1998.

• Triangle welcomes each year’s incoming Princeton class with “Frosh Week” revues of past and present Triangle hits.

• Triangle performs sketches and songs at various university and community events, in between major tour performances, and at other times throughout the year.

1976-77 fall show
The Boy Friend

1977-78 fall show
Godspell

1978-79 fall show
String of Pearls

1981-82 tour
Fool's Gold

1991-92
Centennial Revue

1996-97 The
Tiger Roars-PU
250th

1999-2000 spring show
Rude
Olympics

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2009-10 spring show
Cornell
West Side Story

2012-13 spring show
Shirley You’re Joking,
Mrs. Tilghman!

2016-17 Frosh Week show
Are You Feeling ‘20 Too?

2018-19 spring show
Terrace
Bueller’s Day Off

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