

“Summer of ‘42” – The Musical
By Foster & Kirshenbaum

Costume Plot

Note: This is a “memory play”. The three girls function as a Greek chorus representing loss of innocence when dressed as “Vargas” girls (inspired by the painter). Dorothy’s colors should be brighter as she is the one that really stands out in Hermie’s memory.

Act I, Scene One – June 1, 1942 – The Beach

Old Hermie – long trench coat & fedora, scarf & glasses (as older Hermie)
(underdressed as 15 yr. old boy) becomes young Hermie in overalls, shirt, cap
sneakers

Aggie -)

Miriam -) as Greek chorus: pin-up girl style matching swim suits

Gloria -)

Oscy – old sweatshirt, Yankee’s cap, high top sneakers, jeans

Benjie – thick black rimmed glasses, binoculars, high top sneakers, pants, shirt &
jacket/windbreaker style

Dorothy – period summer sundress/dress or shorts outfit

Pete – full military khakis (and change to: khaki pants & t shirt)

Act I, Scene Two – The Pier 3 pm

Walter Winchell – period suit, trench coat, fedora

Miriam -)

Aggie -) As Greek chorus: a’ la Andrews Sisters performing at a USO Concert

Gloria -)

specialty costumes or “pin up girl” attire – seamed hosiery, sexy negligees &
marabou trimmed mules or heeled shoes

Pete – full army khakis w/duffel bag

Dorothy – change of summer dress, headscarf

Benjie – change of shirt, repeat jeans or pants/sneakers/eyeglasses

Oscy – change of shirt, repeat ball cap/jeans/sneakers

Hermie – change of shirt, jeans/repeat sneakers

Act I, Scene Three – The Island – Morning July 4, 1942

Miriam – bathing suit, sunglasses

Aggie – bathing suit, sunglasses

Gloria – bathing suit, sunglasses

Optional: headscarves or straw hats

Oscy – repeat Yankee’s ball cap & sneakers, change of shirt,
pants (cuffs rolled up)

Hermie – change of shirt and shorts, repeat sneakers

Dorothy – purse, hat, day dress, sandals, gloves

Mr. Sanders (the druggist) – white druggist coat, white shirt, bow tie,
trousers, period shoes

Benjie – change of shirt, shorts

Act I, Scene Four – The Movies (near end of July) – evening

Miriam – satin bra/tap pants set)

Aggie - satin bra/tap pants set) as Greek Chorus w/hand held feathered fans

Gloria - satin bra/tap pants set)

Walter Winchell – repeat costume

Oscy – repeat ball cap, change of shirt, jeans

Benjie – repeat eyeglasses & sneakers, change of shirt, pants, sweater vest

Hermie – change of shirt, pants, repeat sneakers

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Miriam -) (fast change – overdress from previous) – tight blouse, skirt
Aggie -) (fast change – overdress from previous) – twin sweater set, skirt
Gloria -) (fast change – overdress from previous) – eyeglasses, blouse, jumper

Dorothy – blouse & skirt or dress, sweater, purse

Usher – jacket w/insignia, shirt, straight tie, trousers

Act I, Scene Five – Dorothy’s house

Walter Winchell – repeat costume

Benjie – repeat eyeglasses & sneakers

Gloria – repeat eyeglasses, romper

Hermie – change of shirt & pants or repeat pants

Dorothy – shorts, blouse tied to expose midriff .

Miriam -)

Aggie -) as Greek chorus – dressed in shorts & top like Dorothy

Gloria -)

Act II, Scene One – Oscy’s bedroom in August

Hermie – period style pajamas

Oscy – period style pajamas

Benjie – period style pajamas, repeat eyeglasses

Act II, Scene Two – Mr. Sanders’ store: Dorothy’s wedding anniversary/a hot day

Miriam -)

Aggie -) as Greek chorus: tap pants & bed jacket w/marabou trim

Gloria -)

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Mr. Sanders – repeat previous costume

Dorothy – summer halter dress & jacket, sunglasses, hat, purse

Oscy – shorts or jeans, shirt

Hermie – shorts, shirt

Act II, Scene Three – The Beach; late evening

Miriam – tight sweater top, shorts

Aggie – short sleeve or sleeveless blouse & romper shorts

Gloria – repeat eyeglasses, blouse & shorts

Oscy – shirt, shorts, white boxers

Benjie – repeat eyeglasses, shirt, sweater vest, jeans

Hermie – shirt, shorts with pockets for props (condoms, note paper)

Act II, Scene Four – Dorothy’s porch; pre-dawn of next day

Hermie – same as previous

Dorothy – dressed to go deliver letter, day dress

Act II, Scene Five – that same evening; the beach & Dorothy’s house

Miriam -)

Aggie -) as Greek chorus – in white military style outfits & hats

Gloria -)

Walter Winchell – repeat previous costume

Oscy – sweatshirt, jeans

Hermie – nice shirt & pants (script reference to being “all dolled up”) –
Velcro dress shirt for fast change out of

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Dorothy – dress or blouse & skirt that she can get out of easily on her own
1 change to robe or outfit from top of show

*Cast returns in costumes from top of show for final song

Hermie – dressed by 3 girls in coat, hat & scarf from top of show

Hermie double – same, coat, hat, scarf as above

Young Hermie – reappears in same costume from top of show