

OLYMPIAN HALL, SCHUYLERVILLE, N.Y.

OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECT

Repository:	Crandall Public Library. Folklife Center Glens Falls, NY.
Creator:	I.M. Sonn (1876 – 1933)
Title:	Olympian Hall, Schuylerville, N.Y.
Dates:	1919
Quantity:	One Poster, 12 inches by 16 ¾ inches
Identification:	Art & Artifacts: Art

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Isadore Sonn was born in Greenwich, New York, in 1876, the son of Michael and Adelaide Sonn. The elder Sonns were immigrants from Germany, who arrived in the United States four years before Isadore was born. Michael had a clothing store in Greenwich, and later opened another in Schuylerville. As an adult, Isadore worked as the bookkeeper in his father's business. Born deaf, or deafened as a child, Isadore attended a school for the deaf in New York City, which is where he learned to do cartooning. "Isadore was a prolific artist and he gave away a great many pictures which are probably still hidden in local attics. Something special happened to someone, or didn't happen, and Isadore put his interpretation of it on a penny post card (it was really a penny back then) and dispatched it post haste." (*Greenwich Journal*, April 18, 1974). His pictures were displayed in the window of M. Sonn. Later a set of them were hung in the directors' room of the Greenwich National Bank. They have been exhibited again in 1974, and in 1986. Isadore Sonn died of pneumonia in Greenwich, on 7 December 1933.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Olympian Hall was built in 1873, and was used for basketball games as well as dances and other events. It was the 2nd and 3rd story of 76-78 Broad Street in the village of Schuylerville.

INDEX TERMS

Topics:	Dances Caricatures
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Places: Schuylerville, Saratoga, NY

Important People: I.M. Sonn
See attached list of people named.

Form/Genre: Two Dimensional Non-Projected Graphic

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT

This poster depicts a dance taking place in the Olympian Hall in Schuylerville in 1919. The artist has caricatured and named all the participants. The background is ochre and the figures are colored in black, red, blue etc. The image shows a stage with three musicians (violin, flute and piano) a row of chairs below the stage and another across the bottom of the picture. In between are couples dancing, or small groups talking, or sitting in the chairs. All of the pairings are comical, with a preponderance of large women dancing with smaller men. All of the people are named, and they are all (?) real people. Several of the men are dressed in World War I uniforms. There are comments accompanying some of the people:

A man in uniform (not named): "Without Service Chevrons"

Woman standing alone named Theresa Hughes: "No Body Dance with me."

Three women chatting with a soldier (all named): Tell us some of your experiences" "It must have been per-fectly won-der-ful."

The artist has included himself, dancing with Frances Hughes.

While this poster clearly depicts a scene from 1919, it is not certain that this edition was actually produced in 1919. It is printed on white cardstock and appears very crisp and un-faded. There is tape on the back edges as though it has been taped into a window. The tape is clean and fresh and it is a modern type of "invisible" Scotch tape.

LIST OF PEOPLE

Abrahams, Mr. and Mrs. M.
Allen, Harold
B., Eva
Bennett, Julia

Bennett, Rodney
 Blanchfield, Marguirte
 Bond, Agnes
 Borin, Swamp
 Briner, Mr. and Mrs. C.K.
 Bryant, James
 Bryant, Mrs. James
 Caisse, Antonio
 Callghan, Margaret
 Campbell, May and John
 Caperonis, Teddy
 Carey, Ray Jr.
 Carey, Tom
 Cheney, Joseph
 Cholakis, Gus (Manager)
 Clark, Anna
 Clark, Clem.
 Closson, O.W. and wife
 Connery, Mary
 Conners, Tim
 Cromie, Christena
 Cromie, Ella
 Cromie, W. (flute player)
 Crowley, Jack
 Cummings, McKae
 Cummings, S.
 Curtis, Pete
 Davey, Harriet
 Davignon, Marguirite
 Deyoe, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Deyoe
 Dwyer, Tom
 Ethel and Stanley
 Ewan, Mac
 Fake, Harry
 Farrell, Ray
 Fielding, Walker
 Fitzpatrick, Loyola
 Galusha, Bess
 Galusha, Cricket
 Gamache, Duke
 Gibbons, Ann
 Gordon, Helen
 Harold, Mildred
 Hemstreet, Howard
 Hughes, Dorothy
 Hughes, Esther

Hughes, Frances
 Hughes, Harry
 Hughes, Helen
 Hughes, Irene
 Hughes, James
 Hughes, Kath
 Hughes, Mamie
 Hughes, Marion
 Hughes, Milton
 Hughes, Theresa
 Hughes, Walter
 Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Sam
 Infield, John
 Ingham, Leona
 Ingham, Shep
Isadore
 Johnson, Lt.
 Lacey, Gertrude
 Lottridge, Mary
 Malloy, Edward
 Matthews, Pete
 McCarthy, Buck
 McCarty, Lauretta
 Mealey, Esther
 Merrill, Ray
 Meyers, Roy
 Millett, Harold
 Millett, Helen
 Millett, Marie
 Moore, Edward
 Morey, Hazel
 Mulrebill, James
 Ostrander, Gretchen
 Potter, Henry
 Potter, Loretta
 Riordon, Hannah
 Sallans, Andy
 Salls, Teddy
 Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer
 Smith, Bernard
 Smith, Madeline
 Spinke, Clarence
 Staney and Ethel
 Thompson, Alice
 Thompson, George
 Thompson, James

Tierney (violin player)
Tierney, Mrs. (piano player)
Tubbs, Mrs.
Turette, Lucy
Walenta, Edmund
Walenta, Mr. and Mrs.
Walker, Alex
Walsh, Francis
Webster, Mildred
Welch, Emma
Whalen, Margaret
Young, Anna
Young, Phillie
Young, Viola