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The Shirley Jones story is the quintessential American Cinderella Dream. It's almost Hollywood legend and it remains a living part of the lady that continues to work and grow and nurture her unique role as the embodiment of all that is wonderful about the American woman.

Shirley had a normal, carefree childhood. However, she was already showing signs of extraordinary talent by the age of six, when she became the youngest member of her church choir.

Immediately following her graduation from high school, Shirley went on to compete in the Miss Pennsylvania pageant. She became the first runner up and was awarded a scholarship to the famed Pittsburgh Playhouse.

Following her apprenticeship at the playhouse, Shirley borrowed a mere \$160 from her father to take on the Big Apple, promising to return home when the money was gone. Incredibly, America's number one musical show masters would have Paul Levinton Jones' little girl signed to an exclusive personal contract before the month, her very first audition, and only \$110 were gone.

Her first stage appearance was as one of the nurses in that same Broadway musical "South Pacific." Rodgers and Hammerstein then graduated their fresh discovery to a small role in their new musical "Me and Juliet". She faired so well she would play its lead in the subsequent national tour. It was during this tour that preparations for the movie version of "Oklahoma!" began in Hollywood.

The movie follow-ups to this smash hit came like rapid-fire for the nation's girl next door: "The Courtship of Eddies Father" opposite Glenn Ford. "Bedtime Story", "The Happy Ending", "The Cheyenne Social Club", "Never Steal Anything Small", "Two Rode Together", "Pepe", "April Love", "Fluffy", "Beyond the Poseidon Adventure" and "Tank". And of course, she starred opposite her "Oklahoma!" co-star Gordon MacRae in the perennial Rodgers and Hammerstein motion picture musical "Carousel".

Recently, for Shirley has made numerous summer tours starring in favorite musicals such as "The Sound of Music", "Show Boat" and "42nd Street". In 1999 Shirley starred in the family film "Ping". She has also accepted some fabulous guest appearances on popular network shows such as "The Drew Carey Show," "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch" and "That '70s Show".

We are afforded a deeper insight into Shirley's formula for success by this quote offered by her husband Marty Ingels: "It is hard to conceive of a human being the likes of that consummate lady, who can somehow live and function in a world of flowers and frenzy, and see only the flowers."

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