

NEW DISCOVERIES SINCE THE FIRST PRINTING

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with Eddie Laughton

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Aug 12, 1959	Ventnor Mile Stretch	Ventnor, NJ
May 6, 1962	Baldwin Plaza Little League Field*	Los Angeles, CA

*Charity/benefit/tribute appearance

Since the first printing of *A Tour de Farce* in 2023, eleven additional personal appearances have been discovered. Rather than being inserted chronologically into the main body of the book, these newly discovered engagements are summarized in this appendix.

Six of the newly uncovered stops were Sunday visits by Moe, Larry, and Curly to Steubenville, Ohio's Capitol Theatre, unearthed thanks to newly available Steubenville newspaper archives. When Pittsburgh's Stanley Theatre closed on Sundays due to Pennsylvania's blue laws, the Boys would venture to nearby Steubenville to perform, much as when the Earle Theatre in Philadelphia closed on Sundays, when they would travel to nearby Camden, New Jersey.

One of the Steubenville shows took place on December 7, 1941, the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The attack took place around 8:00 AM Hawaii time (2:00 PM Steubenville time), about an hour before the Stooges took the stage at the Capitol for their first show that day at 3:15 PM.

Another discovery is a September 1936 show featuring Moe, Larry, and Curly at Atlantic City's Ritz Garden nightclub, a venue they had already played in July of that year.

Also uncovered were a pair of appearances by Moe, Larry, and Shemp. These were one-night stands in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Spartanburg, South Carolina, that were part of the Boys' 1947 tour dates with the June Carr–Ron Ormond entertainment unit.

Finally, two new shows featuring Moe, Larry, and Joe DeRita include an August 1959 performance at a water ski show in Ventnor, New Jersey, and a Sunday afternoon appearance in 1962 at the opening of the Baldwin Plaza Little League.

Sep 6, 1936 **Ritz Garden** **Atlantic City, NJ**
With the Astor Theatre in Reading, Pennsylvania, closed on Sundays, Moe, Larry, and Curly took a break in their week-long appearance there to make a quick side trip for a Sunday night show at this Jersey Shore nightclub.

• The Ritz Garden nightclub was part of the adjoining Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Aug 1, 1937 **Capitol Theatre** **Steubenville, OH**
The Boys took advantage of the Sunday closure of Pittsburgh's Stanley Theatre to make their first-ever appearance in nearby Steubenville, Ohio.

An ad for the newly discovered appearance at the State Theatre in Spartanburg, SC, November 3, 1947.

Jan 16, 1938 Capitol Theatre Steubenville, OH
 The Stooges shared the stage bill with Stepin Fetchit, Gloria Gilbert, and The 3 Queens, the same supporting cast from their concurrent week at the Stanley in Pittsburgh.

Aug 14, 1938 Capitol Theatre Steubenville, OH
 Making their second visit of the year here, the Boys were supported on stage by band leader Jan Savitt and his NBC Top Hatters.

- *Swing It, Professor*, a film that featured former Ted Healy stooges Mousie Garner, Dick Hakins, and Sammy Wolfe appearing as “The Gentlemaniacs,” played on screen during the Stooges’ engagement.

Dec 7, 1941 Capitol Theatre Steubenville, OH
 The Stooges performed four shows, taking the stage for the first show about an hour after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. None of the performances that day were cancelled.

Sep 6, 1942 Capitol Theatre Steubenville, OH
 The Boys did shows at 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, and 9:30 PM, joined in the stage bill by the Berry Brothers and the Lou Breese Orchestra.

Jul 25, 1943 Capitol Theatre Steubenville, OH
 This was Moe, Larry, and Curly’s seventh and final Sunday appearance in Steubenville.

- The Capitol Theatre was demolished in the early 1970s.

Oct 23, 1947 State Theatre Winston-Salem, NC
 Moe, Larry, and Shemp made the Stooges’ only appearance in Winston-Salem. The trio performed as part of the June Carr–Ron Ormond entertainment unit.

Nov 3, 1947 State Theatre Spartanburg, SC
 In their first and only visit to Spartanburg, the Boys did five stage shows, appearing with the Western/hillbilly musicians the Rodeo Revelers, tap dancer Chris Randall, and the acrobatic team of Morris & Morris.

Aug 12, 1959 Ventnor Mile Stretch Ventnor, NJ
 Moe, Larry, and Joe DeRita took time off from their engagement at nearby Atlantic City’s Steel Pier to be the opener for a twenty-one-act water ski show sponsored by the *Atlantic City Press* newspaper. The show was free and kicked off at 6:30 PM.

May 6, 1962 Baldwin Plaza Little League Field Los Angeles, CA

The Stooges made an appearance at opening day ceremonies of the Baldwin Plaza Little League. Joining them were their *Three Stooges in Orbit* co-stars Emil Sitka and Carol Christensen, actors James Darren and Mickey Callan, as well as actor and boxer Kid Chissell.

- Ed Goldstein, prop master for *The Three Stooges in Orbit*, was also president of the Baldwin Plaza Little League and acted as master of ceremonies.



Play ball: Kids from the Baldwin Plaza Little League (and friends) visit the set of *Three Stooges in Orbit* at Producers Studio on North Bronson Avenue in Los Angeles, April 1962. The Boys returned the favor about a week later, appearing at the league’s opening day ceremonies with other *Orbit* cast members Carol Christensen and Emil Sitka (back row, second from far right).