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#61 **From:** map\_06516  
**Date:** Tue Jun 19, 2001 5:41 pm  
**Subject:** Re: From England

map\_06516  
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Yes it is definitely worth it - I saw her premiere the show last year this time in Connecticut and thought she was fabulous! You need to experience her in person - very different than the personas she has created on TV - remember by the time she did TV she had already been doing Broadway for 25 years (and that was in '72). I met with her and found she is down to earth and very compassionate and caring. She may be 78 but I will tell you she does not act it or look it. Don't expect to see her redo Maude or Dorothy - as she says she has already done that - she talks about her theatre experiences and sings songs that mean something to her. She has style and presence and when she starts performing she draws you right in - charisma.<br><br>Hope this helps.<br><br>Maribeth

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#62 **From:** edithbunker500  
**Date:** Tue Jun 19, 2001 7:23 pm  
**Subject:** Re: Yikes

edithbunker500  
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Also, If you are a big Bea fan, you would've known that Bea doesnt like to wear shoes. She prefferes to not wear shoes unless she has to.<br><br>Lauren

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#63 **From:** lrclark1973  
**Date:** Tue Jun 19, 2001 11:39 pm  
**Subject:** The Show

lrclark1973  
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I just saw Bea tonight in Austin...it was awesome and I just loved it !!! I've been watching the Golden Girls for years now and and when I found out that Bea was coming here I knew that I had to go see her show and now I'm an even bigger fan...she's the best and

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#64 **From:** richmondstreet6151  
**Date:** Wed Jun 20, 2001 7:09 am  
**Subject:** Re: Yikes

richmondstreet6151  
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That's right Lauren. Bea appeared on a UK Chat show 'So Graham Norton' last January and she was brought down the stairs to the stage and Graham asked "Where's your shoes" and she said "Oh I left them in the dressing room and didn't have time to go back and get them" but we all know she prefers to be barefoot! Graham thought it was great that she was being so casual :)<br><br>Sam

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#65 **From:** blndflboi  
**Date:** Wed Jun 20, 2001 5:02 pm  
**Subject:** play nice folks:-)

blndflboi  
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Now now people, keep in mind that this is a discussion group!! Everyone is entitle to thier own opinion. I must admit, I was taken aback a little by Bea's Barefeet:-) And I have to admit that a few of the songs written by her friend were not exactly the types of songs you leave the theatre humming, nor were they the type of songs that are going to bring down the house (which I don't think they were meant to) I enjoyed the show for one simple reason: I got to be in the same room with the phenominal Bea Arthur, and experience her wit and humor live and in person. Yes, a few of the jokes I had heard before, but I didn't NOT laugh because of that. I mean I nearly pee'd myself hearing her say FUCK!!! So I beleive the show is worth seeing for the sheer enjoyment of seeing Ms. Arthur. Different tastes are what make the world go round...I personally hated RENT when I saw it, but the rest of the world thought it was a masterpiece, that doesn't make my opinion any more invalid to me...so lets keep the discussions going, I for one like to hear others feelings on why a show is good, and why a show is not:-) CAN'T WE ALL JSUT GET ALONG? LOL<br><br>As Always, Matthew

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#66 **From:** ready\_light  
**Date:** Wed Jun 20, 2001 7:44 pm  
**Subject:** song list?

ready\_light  
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can anyone post a set/song list that she performs?

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#67 **From:** vectorlime  
**Date:** Wed Jun 20, 2001 9:40 pm  
**Subject:** Re: play nice folks:-)

vectorlime  
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Matthew, I couldn't have said it any better!  
 Thank you :)<br><br>note: i loved Bea barefoot... though, when a guy outside her dressing trailer asked if he could kiss her hand and she replied, "you can kiss my foot" (which he did) i shrivled my nose :)<br><br>kev!<br>beatricearthur.com

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#68 **From:** pussycat00002001  
**Date:** Wed Jun 20, 2001 10:30 pm  
**Subject:** Re: Yikes

pussycat00002001  
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Yes I too think that criticism was VERY out of line. I saw Bea in Chicago twice already and absolutely loved her and the show...I even talked to her. She was awesome. I'd love to see her a third time when she comes to St. Louis. <br>No true fan of Bea would put her

down like that.

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#69 **From:** edithbunker500 edithbunker500  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Thu Jun 21, 2001 9:15 pm  
**Subject:** [Carroll O'Connor](#)

I know this isnt directly Bea realated, but, I wanted to let all of you know that Actor, Carroll O'Connor (Known best as Archie Bunker on All In The Family) died today (June 21st) from a heart attack in his Culver City home. <br><br>Rest in Peace, Carroll.<br><br>Lauren

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#70 **From:** pussycat00002001 pussycat00002001  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Fri Jun 22, 2001 1:51 am  
**Subject:** [Re: Carroll O'Connor](#)

Oh my gosh what a shame! He was funny. I liked the episode with him and Bea (Maude). It's funny. We were just talking about him today. my Grandpa was like 'is he still alive'? My Grandma was like "yeah". Little did we know. It's too bad.<br>(hate to get off track though!)

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#71 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Fri Jun 22, 2001 2:25 pm  
**Subject:** [Today Show - June 28th?](#)

Ms. Arthur is scheduled to promote "...And Then There's Bea" on "The Today Show" during the week of June 25th (possibly on Thursday). At this point, this is the only nationwide appearance that she has scheduled.

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#72 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Fri Jun 22, 2001 2:33 pm  
**Subject:** [Re: From England](#)

Earlier this week, I travelled to Austin, Texas, where I saw the show two nights in a row. For me, the trip was well-worth it, and I sincerely hope to see the show again when Ms. Arthur comes back to Texas later in the year.<br><br>The show is still a bit short (only about an hour and 20 minutes when I saw it; one song that I know of has been eliminated). As has been mentioned elsewhere -- it focuses heavily on her theatrical career. But if you are as interested in her stage work as I am, then you'll love it. The evening gave me a strong sense of what it must have been like for audiences who saw her in her earlier successes. During opening night, I found myself thinking, "She's still got it!"

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#73 **From:** vectorlime vectorlime  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Fri Jun 22, 2001 3:32 pm  
**Subject:** [Re: Today Show - June 28th?](#)

Thanks for the tip! I will be definitely watching out for this! This will be the second time that she has been on the Early Show in the past few years... yippy!<br><br>kev!<br>beatricearthur.com

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#74 **From:** vectorlime vectorlime  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Fri Jun 22, 2001 3:34 pm  
**Subject:** [Re: From England](#)

I'm so happy that you got to see Bea's show...  
twice at that!  
By chance the song that she  
dropped from the show was the Bob Dylan cover  
song?  
I agree with you, from the moment that she comes  
out on stage with her head held high to the moment  
that she walks off stage... "She's still got  
it!"  
Take  
care,  
kev!  
lgt.com  
beatricearthur.com

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#75 **From:** pussycat00002001  
**Date:** Fri Jun 22, 2001 4:40 pm  
**Subject:** [Re: Today Show - June 28th?](#)

pussycat00002001  
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Whoo!!! Bea on Today Show!! I am so very excited to hear about this. I'll be watching out too and setting my VCR!!!  
Thanx for letting us all know.  
-Jessica

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#76 **From:** ironicwit  
**Date:** Fri Jun 22, 2001 5:19 pm  
**Subject:** [Re: From England](#)

ironicwit  
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Yeah, it was the Dylan song. Recently, I read that "The Times, They Are a-Changin'" didn't work where it was, so I just assumed that she was going to switch the order of the songs around a bit. But she omitted that song entirely. Now I'm curious if she will put it back in later in the tour, 'cause the show definitely needs to be lengthened somewhat.  
By the way, I also had read that Ms. Arthur was wearing an Ace bandage. When I saw her, though, she had some other sort of contraption supporting her ankle. I'm not sure, but it may have been an air cast.  
Anyway, she is a wonderful performer, and I'm so grateful that I finally had a chance to see her on stage. But I was so disappointed that there were a number of empty seats each night that I was at the Paramount. After the second performance, I spoke to the house manager, who told me that Ms. Arthur's manager (or was it her producer?) knew that the show would be a "hard sell." All I can say is: That woman deserves a sell-out crowd every single night.

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#77 **From:** edithbunker500  
**Date:** Fri Jun 22, 2001 11:20 pm  
**Subject:** [Re: Today Show - June 28th?](#)

edithbunker500  
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I will be able to watch that- I will be out of school too! YAY! I will try to get some screenshots of it...I wont be able to record it because my VCR is acting up! Waaaa!  
Lauren

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#78 **From:** lrclark1973  
**Date:** Fri Jun 22, 2001 11:43 pm  
**Subject:** [Re: From England](#)

lrclark1973  
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Yea I saw that show too here in Austin the 1st night!! I thought it was awesome but yes did notice quite a few empty seats...but I think it could have been the radios' fault also cause I won 4 tickets and they were at an end of a row and left 1 seat empty at the end..so who knows! Bea was just awesome and I hope that this tour goes far! Does anyone know if Mame is on video anywhere?? I watch the Golden Girls all the time. And now more I want to see Maude and when she was on All in The Family---God rest Carroll's soul. Is there any Bea merchandise out for sell anywheres??

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- #79 **From:** pussycat00002001 pussycat00002001  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Sat Jun 23, 2001 2:35 am  
**Subject:** [Re: From England](#)
- Are You kidding??!! There's just oodles of Bea merchandise on eBay.com. Have a blast looking!<br>And you shouldn't have any trouble finding Mame on video....betcha eBay has it.<br><br>Have fun, take care!
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- #80 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Sat Jun 23, 2001 9:26 am  
**Subject:** [All in the Family - June 23-24](#)
- TVLand is airing a tribute to Carroll O'Connor by showing "All in the Family" all weekend long -- and that includes both of the episodes with Maude. The first will begin at 8:30 p.m. (CDT) tonight; the second, at 8:30 p.m. (CDT) on Sunday night. If you haven't seen 'em yet, don't miss 'em.
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- #81 **From:** chcgomatt chcgomatt  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Sat Jun 23, 2001 10:49 am  
**Subject:** [Re: From England](#)
- Hey,<br><br>Mame is available on video, my partner got it for me last fall. I think he got it from Amazon.com.<br><br>Matt
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- #82 **From:** blndflboi blndflboi  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Sat Jun 23, 2001 11:07 am  
**Subject:** [MAME](#)
- Forgive me for not being so internet inclined, but Mame, starring Lucille Ball is available at almost every video store at any Mall. I guess I'm an instant gratification kind of guy
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- #83 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Sat Jun 23, 2001 12:23 pm  
**Subject:** [If I Can't Sell It...](#)
- Does anyone know the lyrics to "If I Can't Sell It, I'll Keep Sittin' on It"? I'd never heard that song until last Tuesday evening, and I just absolutely fell in love with Ms. Arthur's rendition. Oh, how I wish she'd record it!
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- #84 **From:** tommyboyin\_2000 tommyboyin\_2000  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Sat Jun 23, 2001 3:12 pm  
**Subject:** [Re: If I Can't Sell It...](#)
- I don't know, but I loved that song too. I also liked Pirate Jenny, Let's face the music and dance, and I'll see you again. She has such a beautiful singing voice. Everyone I talk to about it says that they just can't picture her singing...I know I had my doubts prior to the show!
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- #85 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit  
✉ [Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Sat Jun 23, 2001 3:32 pm  
**Subject:** [Re: If I Can't Sell It...](#)
- Have you heard the original cast recording of

"Threepenny Opera"? If you haven't, you must hear it. Ms. Arthur has a solo ("Barbara Song"), and her voice sounds absolutely exquisite. You'd be surprised at how lovely and polished she sounds.

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#86 **From:** Irclark1973 Irclark1973  
[Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Sat Jun 23, 2001 11:10 pm  
**Subject:** Re: From England

I asked about it at Blockbuster today and they had it in the system but not in the store...I'll find it :-)

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#87 **From:** Irclark1973 Irclark1973  
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**Date:** Sat Jun 23, 2001 11:12 pm  
**Subject:** Re: If I Can't Sell It...

I know; me too...but then I remembered when she sang some on the Golden Girls. Her singing on stage is great !! But; got to wondering...at the end of the stage when Billy gets up from the piano and its still playing--did he really play the whole time??

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#88 **From:** tommyboyin\_2000 tommyboyin\_2000  
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**Date:** Sun Jun 24, 2001 4:54 am  
**Subject:** Re: If I Can't Sell It...

LOL! I have wondered the same thing, and I was hoping she was actually singing the whole time too.

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#89 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit  
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**Date:** Sun Jun 24, 2001 9:29 am  
**Subject:** Re: If I Can't Sell It...

I just assumed that the recorded piano-playing was used only at the end of the show. I also wondered if the flowers that in the vase on the piano are real or artificial. Both nights, after the theatre cleared out, I walked up to the stage and examined the set more closely -- but I still couldn't tell.

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#90 **From:** marcosvalenca marcosvalenca  
[Send Email](#)  
**Date:** Sun Jun 24, 2001 11:37 am  
**Subject:** Golden Girls on DVD/VHS.

Dear friends:<br><br>Please, go to  
<br><br><a href="http://www.petitiononline.com/golden/target=new">http://www.petitiononline.com/golden/</a><br><br>and sign the petition to have "The Golden Girls" released in DVD/ VHS. Please, ask all your friends to do the same.<br><br>Yours,<br>Marcos Rocha Valenca.

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