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Willowbrook patients, staff in show

The recreation department of Willowbrook State School staged a special adaptation of the musical, "Camelot," yesterday during the annual benefit luncheon of the Benevolent Society for Retarded Children in the New York Hilton Hotel, Manhattan.

A cast of 68 Willowbrook patients, aged 7 up, and members of the Willowbrook staff appeared in the show. The proceeds will go to the Island institution.

Background music was supplied by an orchestra composed of Willowbrook patients.

The program has been presented before for a similar benefit, and Dr. Jack Hammond, administrator of the Willowbrook school, has announced that the show will be staged for Project SERVE May 19 in the Columbian Lyceum, West Brighton.

Anthony Badollato, bandmaster at Willowbrook school, was in charge of the program.

During the luncheon, James F. Reville, president of the New York State Association for Retarded Children, received an award for his work. Assemblyman Moses Weinstein of Queens was the speaker.