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30th April - 4th May 1991

PAST PRODUCTIONS

Pirates of Penzance (1913) The Mikado (1914) Iolanthe (1920)

The Yeomen of the Guard (1921)

The Gondoliers (1922) Patience (1923)

Ruddigore (1924) Trial by Jury and

HMS Pinafore (1925)

Princess Ida (1926)

The Mikado (1927) Iolanthe (1928)

Merrie England (1929)

The Gondoliers (1930)

Utopia Limited (1931)

The Yeomen of the Guard (1932)

Cox & Box and The Pirates of Penzance (1933)

Ruddigore (1934)

Princess Ida (1935) The Mikado (1936)

Iolanthe (1937)

Tom Jones (1938) Monsieur Beaucaire (1939)

Merrie England (1947)

Iolanthe (1948)

The Gondoliers (1949)

Patience (1950)

Trial by Jury and The Pirates of Penzance (1951)

Princess Ida (1952)

Utopia Limited (1952) The Mikado (1953)

Ruddigore (1954)

The Yeomen of the Guard (1955)

Trial by Jury and

HMS Pinafore (1956)

The Gondoliers (1957) Utopia Limited (1958)

Patience (1959)

Die Fledermaus (1960)

The Gipsy Baron (1961)

The Mikado (1962)

Cox & Box and The Pirates of Penzance (1963)

Merrie England (1964)

Iolanthe (1965) Princess Ida (1966)

The Gondoliers (1967)

Ruddigore (1968) La Vie Parisienne (1969)

The Yeomen of the Guard (1970)

Trial by Jury and

HMS Pinafore (1971)

Iolanthe (1972)

The Merry Widow (1973)

The Mikado (1974)

Patience (1975)

Die Fledermaus (1976)

Trial by Jury and The Pirates of Penzance (1977)

Iolanthe (1978)

Orpheus in the Underworld (1979)

The Yeomen of the Guard (1979) Carmen (1980)

The Gondoliers (1980)

The Merry Widow (1981)

Princess Ida (1981)

HMS Pinafore (1982)

Oklahoma! (1983) The Sorcerer (1983)

The Mikado (1984)

Free As Air (1984)

My Fair Lady (1985)

Ruddigore (1986)

Iolanthe (1987)

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JOAN PRESSEY

Producer

Joan trained originally as a dancer and ran her own Ballet School for many years. She joined Southampton Musical Society as a singer and dancer at the age of fifteen and has played cameo and principal roles in several productions for both that and other societies. She choreographed many shows before turning her hand to production with Salad Days for Waterside Amateur Operatic Society followed by Viva Mexico for SMS. Since then she has directed over thirty major productions and has also been instrumental in helping to start two new societies.

DAVID HOWELLS

Musical Director

David started conducting while studying in Winchester for his B.Ed. degree in Music. He formed the Yately Choral Society in 1979 and has conducted the Savoy Singers in Camberley. He has also directed music for Thames Television. This is the tenth occasion on which David has been Musical Director for the Society, previous shows having been: The Gondoliers, The Merry Widow, Princess Ida, Oklahoma!, My Fair Lady, Ruddigore, Patience, Calamity Jane and The Yeomen of the Guard.

FUTURE PRODUCTIONS

"Cavalleria Rusticana" by Pietro Mascagni

"Trial by Jury"

New members are always very welcome. In addition to singers and actors, lots of help is needed behind the scenes. Our record evening is in September and we would be delighted if you would join us. Please look for further details in the press or phone Christine Walters on 0962-852464.

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Tues 7th - Sat 11th April, 1992



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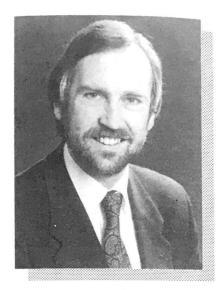
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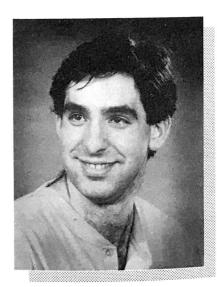
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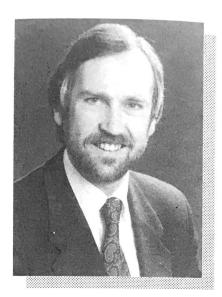
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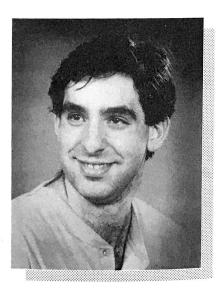
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THE STORY

"Kiss Me Kate" is the story of a theatrical company who are presenting a musical version of "The Taming of the Shrew". Lilli Vanessi, star of stage, screen and television, is returning to the stage, after making her fame and fortune on the silver screen, in order to star in this production which her fiancé, Harrison Howell, is financing as a vehicle for her. Her exhusband, Fred Graham, writer, producer and self-styled superman, is directing the production as well as co-starring. Among the cast are a night-club song-and-dance duo, Lois Lane and Bill Calhoun, appearing in their first stage show.

ACT 1

The show opens during the last stages of the final rehearsal, when Fred gives his customary pep-talk to the cast. Unknown to Fred, Bill has run up a gambling debt and has signed Fred's name on the IOU and, shortly before curtain-up on this opening night, two Mafia-type gangsters turn up to collect the outstanding debt from Fred. Meanwhile Fred has sent some flowers to Lois which have been delivered by mistake to Lilli - she thinks this is a lovely gesture from Fred, but when she finds out what is written on the card she explodes with fury, storming on stage without warning. Fred and she have an argument on stage which ends with his spanking her in full view of the audience. She refuses to continue with the show and phones her fiancé, telling him Fred has assaulted her and consequently she is ill. She is on the point of leaving the theatre when Fred has a brainwave - he tells the two gangsters that he can only pay them if Lilli carries on with the show. They prevent her from leaving and, under protest, she has to continue.

ACT 2

Harrison Howell arrives at the theatre with an ambulance, a doctor and two nurses - only to be told that Lilli is on stage and is far from being ill. He is further taken aback when Lois addresses him as Harold Murgatroyd - it turns out he sowed some wild oats in his younger days and was one of Lois' earlier conquests. However, she agrees to be understanding when Harrison asks her to be discreet as he is now engaged to Lilli.

Fred takes pains to point out craftily to Lilli the utter boredom she will experience if she marries Harrison, who believes in taking naps throughout the day in order to "rest the brain" and in fact falls soundly asleep on Lilli's settee. Meanwhile the gangsters have phoned their headquarters and find there has been a change in management - their boss Hogan has been despatched in favour of his second-in-command Gumpy. This means Fred's supposed debt is wiped out and the gangsters take their leave.

Lilli finally realises Harrison is not for her and that, all along, it is really Fred she loves. She makes this clear to him through her acting in the Finale of "The Shrew" and the way is now open for them to make a fresh start together.

"Kiss Me Kate" was first performed at the New Century Theatre, New York on 30th December, 1948.

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CAST

(In order of appearance)

The Touring Company

"The Taming of the Shrew"

Fred Graham		
Harry Trevor		David Cobbold
Lois Lane		Jane Dunton
Ralph (Stage Manager)		Harry Halliwell
Lilli Vanessi		
Hattie (Lilli's Dresser)		Liz Petley-Jones
Paul Peterson (Fred's Dresser)		Chris Read
Bill Calhoun	Lucentio	Andrew Perry-Smith
First Gangster		Russell Fairchild
Second Gangster		Martin Larcombe
		Alexis Reed
Harrison Howell		
Stage Doorman		0

Understudies

Lois - Noël Wright

Lilli - Thérèse Davies

Hattie - Alison Hickmott

Ladies' Chorus

Margaret Bone, Patricia Caldbeck, Thérèse Davies, Pamela Davis, Julia Edmunds, Margaret Green, Jan Gwynne-Howell, Catherine Halliwell, Alison Hickmott, Wiki Newey, Marie O'Brien, Catherine Poupart, Carole Steel, Louise West, Vara Williams, Pauline Wilson, Noël Wright

Gentlemen's Chorus

Mark Blaikie, Nigel Coleman, Robert Gorman Bob Jones, Jock Killick, Ben Wright

Dancers

Jenny Dickinson, Julie Eaglen, Shari Hughes, John Jackson, Mary Jackson, Andrew Perry-Smith, Chris Read, Alexis Reed, Alison Seymour, Gemma Steel, Sheila Stiling, Bridgette Stocks, Andrea Storrie, Colin Thomas, Sandra Von de Vril

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

1.	Another Op'nin', Another Show	
2.	Why Can't You Behave	
3.	Wunderbar	
4.	So In Love	
5.	* We Open in Venice	Katharine, Petruchio, Bianca and Lucentio
6.	* Tom, Dick or Harry	Bianca, Lucentio, Hortensio and Gremio
7.	* T've Come to Wive it Wealthily in Padua	
8.	* I Hate Men	Katharine
9.	* Were Thine That Special Face	
10.	* I Sing of Love	Bianca, Lucentio and Chorus
11.	* Finale	Full Company
	ACT 2	
12.	ACT 2 Entr'acte	
12. 13.		Paul and Men's Chorus
	Entr'acte	
13.	Entr'acte Too Darn Hot	Petruchia
13. 14.	Entr'acte Too Darn Hot* * Where is the Life That Late I Led?	Petruchia Lois
13. 14. 15.	Entr'acte Too Darn Hot * There is the Life That Late I Led?	#etruchia Lois Bill and Ladies' Chorus
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13. 14. 15. 16. 17.	Entr'acte Too Darn Hot * There is the Life That Late I Led? Always True to You In My Fashion Bianca So In Love (Reprise)	#etruchia Lois Bill and Ladies' Chorus Fred The Gangsters #atharine #ull Campany

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT 1

Scene 1:		Stage of the Ford Theatre, Baltimore
Scene 2:		The corridor, backstage
Scene 3:		Dressing rooms of Lilli Vanessi and Fred Graham
Scene 4:	*	Padua
Scene 5:	*	Street scene, Padua
Scene 6:		Backstage
Scene 7:		Dressing rooms of Lilli Vanessi and Fred Graham
Scene 8:	*	The church

INTERVAL

ACT 2

Scene 1:		The stage door alley
Scene 2:		Before the curtain
Scene 3:	*	Petruchia's house
Scene 4:		The corridor, backstage
Scene 5:		Dressing rooms of Lilli Vanessi and Fred Graham
Scene 6:		The corridor, backstage
Scene 7:		Before the curtain
Scene 8:	*	Baptista's home

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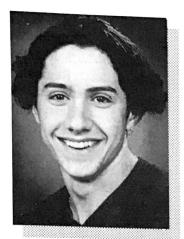
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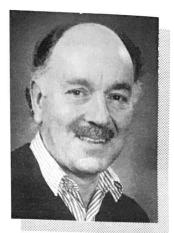
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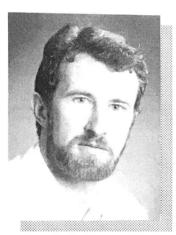
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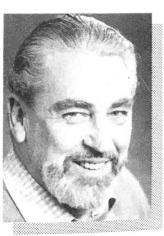
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