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of Music" and "Camelot".

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Well-known Napier personality Cecil Fitzwater is responsible for the musical side of our production. As musical director he is required to assemble and train the orchestra and to rehearse all principals and chorus.

Cecil brings a wealth of experience with him and his musical ability is known throughout New Zealand.

He has been associated with many other societies, bands, choirs and orchestras, for several years. Although at times he may have been tempted to find other uses for his baton, the cast found it a pleasure to work under his direction.

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LEIGH JONES

"Pink Champagne" offers Leigh Jones great opportunities to show her creative talents with the ballet. Strauss melodies are ideally suited for ballet, and we are sure you will be delighted with Leigh's contribution to this production.



ADAPTORS' NOTE

The adaptors, Eric Maschwitz and Bernard Grun, were deeply conscious of their responsibility in making any alterations to such a masterpiece as "Die Fledermaus". Revision has been confined to making the action a little clearer and more consecutive. All the famous numbers have been retained and where feasible, chorus parts have been added since from the operatic societies' point of view, one of the principal shortcomings of "Die Fledermaus" has always been the small amount of work provided for the ensemble. Having confessed to these (they hope) minor pieces of vandalism the adaptors leave "Pink Champagne" — the revised "Die Fledermaus" — to your generous consideration.

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PINK CHAMPAGNE

The story is set in Vienna on a spring morning 1874, at the apartment of Rosalinda and Gabriel Eisenstein.

Rosalinda has a new admirer, Alfred, a singer from the State Opera, who has just arrived to serenade her.

Gabriel, the wayward husband, is thought to be abed. But no . . . This "ladies man" has been out all night with his best friend Dr Falke and still hasn't arrived home!

He's forgotten that today is his 10th wedding anniversary and that his darling wife has remembered it — with a new smoking cap and jacket for him.

Gabriel the gay blade, in a recent escapade after a fancy dress ball, tipped Falke into a local fountain. Falke dressed in the costume of a bat (Die Fledermaus) came out of the fountain very wet and very angry.

The public of Vienna were amused, but not so the law. Gabriel was caught and tonight he's off to jail for disturbing the peace. Falke would never think of having revenge on Gabriel — or

would he?

Gabriel arrives home to his now not-so-adoring wife and later receives a call from Falke who brings with him an invitation to the event of the year, Prince Orlovsky's Pink Champagne Ball. Gabriel cannot attend — remember the prison sentence? "Why not go and enjoy yourself and report to the jail at midnight," says Falke.

A grand idea — this party is not one to be missed! Falke also has an invitation for Rosalinda which he gives after Gabriel has left.

Adele, the maid of the household, receives three visitors who are going to the ball and they have come to press Adele to attend with them.

Adele, alas, must stay to console her mistress who is outwardly dejected that her husband is to be incarcerated. But wait — she'll get there somehow!

That evening, alone, Rosalinda becomes indescreet; she receives her admirer Alfred who, although a nuisance, is company. He presses his suit and is progressing well, but is suddenly disturbed by Frank, the Governor of the jail, who has come to arrest Gabriel early, so that he also may attend the Ball.

Alfred, dressed in the husband's smoking jacket and cap, is caught in flagrante and is honourable enough not to disgrace Rosalinda. He is therefore taken for Gabriel and off to jail he goes.

Now the rest of us can go to Prince Orlovsky's Ball! What a night! Pink Champagne! There we find Orlovsky looking ever so bored.

And Gabriel is there with his beautiful chiming watch which he uses to beguile the young ladies — it's never failed him yet. There's a beauty from the State Theatre, Mademoiselle Olga,

gowned to perfection — but doesn't she remind you of Adele?

And who is the Hungarian beauty in the mask? Could it be

Rosalinda?
Falke is there, and haven't we seen this Chevalier Chagrin somewhere before? He looks much like the prison governor.

Enough, why concern ourselves, Vienna in the spring is made for dancing, happiness and pink champagne . . .

Somehow, there's still a secret smile on Dr Falke's face.



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JUNE KAUTER

WARDROBE

Behind this show June Kauter has been busy with her band of dressmakers, all costumes on stage are the product of their wonderful effort.

As wardrobe mistress June has designed and assembled yards and yards of colourful materials, measured and remeasured each and everyone in the cast, altered suits, hats, costumes, capes, uniforms and what-have-you. Being wardrobe mistress for such a show is a tremendous task. Our thanks to June and her helpers.

CEDRIC WHITE

LIGHTING

Lighting plays as important part in the production of any show. For some time now Cedric White has designed the lighting effects for this society.

He has accepted this responsibility cheerfully and patiently. There is no other man in Hawke's Bay with similar ability in lighting a musical to bring out the best in costumes and scenery and interpreting mood with lights.



JOHN COLLIER

SCENE DESIGN

Luckily for the society it has as its anchor for scene design, construction supervision and stage management, John Collier. John modelled and supervised the building of all scenery in "Pink Champagne". This has been no small task and with at least 20 skilled assistants many long and hard hours of work have produced what you see on stage. As with "Camelot" John and his construction team have established an unequalled standard. The construction crew is the backbone of this society and under John's leadership they are creating a solid foundation for the society's future.

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DAWN UNSWORTH

Almost 11 years ago to the day Dawn played "Rosalinda" in the Auckland Light Opera Company's production of "Pink Champagne". She has taken leading parts in musicals in either Napier, Hastings, Hamilton or Auckland every year since that time. She has sung as soloist with choral societies and orchestras and most recently she was soprano soloist in the "Creation". In her spare time she also teaches singing. Her other loves are floral art and, of course, her family.

GRANT GOODWIN

Wellington-born Grant is a newcomer to this society, but not to stage work. A pupil of the late Silvio Truda he gained first stage experience with Karori Dramatic Society. A pleasant vocalist, Grant is coming into demand as a singer at public engagements.

PAT BOWEN

Pat also comes to us from Wellington, where she learnt singing as a pupil of the late Lazlo Rogatsy. She has taken leads in "Pirates of Penzance", "Tom Jones", "The Boyfriend" and "The Maid of the Mountains". Her lyrical soprano voice will, we hope, be heard more often in musicals for this society.

BUDDY COLLINS

For his role of Lancelot in "Camelot", Buddy was accorded well-earned acclaim. We feel he will add further lustre to his already proven stage ability by his performance as Alfred, a part that is most demanding.

ANTHONY BEWLEY

A King in "Amahl" was Anthony's first performance for this society. He has a fine, controlled, singing voice and we welcome him back to the society in the role of Frank.

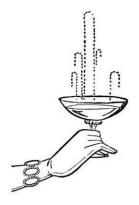
PETER MACKIE

Peter is vice-president of the Hastings Group Theatre. He played Merlyn for this society in "Camelot" last year. He is one of the solid core of actors in Hawke's Bay who is in demand by a number of societies.

CAMPBELL SOUTER

Campbell was born in Napier, but moved to Auckland at an early age. Since returning he has been part-time choirmaster for the Baptist Church. Campbell plays it tough by laying concrete in his spare time.

Pink Champagne





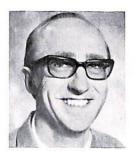
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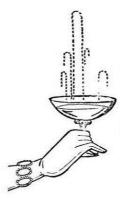


ANTHONY BEWLEY, Frank



CAMPBELL SOUTTER, Prince Orlovsky

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THE SCENES

The play takes place in Vienna in 1874.

ACT I

Scene 1: Eisenstein apartment, morning.

Scene 2: Cafe Trauber, early evening.

Scene 3: Eisenstein apartment, late evening.

ACT II

Orlovsky Palace, 2 a.m.

ACT III

Anteroom of a city jail, dawn

THE CAST

MITZI	GLENYS JENKINS
ADELE	PAT BOWEN
IDA	CLARICE THEW
LEA	MARILYN MOLLRING
LILLI	JEANETTE JAMIESON
ROSALINDA	DAWN UNSWORTH
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FRANK	ANTHONY BEWLEY
FROSCH	BUNNY UNSWORTH
ORLOVSKY	
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CORPS DE BALLET

— Iris Springer, Lynda Poynter, Deidre Jones, Gaynor Saxon, Pam Russell, Josephine Hepburn.



THE NUMBERS

Overture

Orchestra

ACT I

Bird of Beauty Alfred and Chorus What a Ball Adele, Ida, Lea, Lilli, Mitzi, Chorus Reprise: What a Night Rosalinda and Adele When it's Springtime in Vienna Rosalind and Chorus Go to Law, Go to Ruin Rosalinda, Gabriel, Blind Reprise: What a Ball Gabriel and Falke Reprise: Springtime in Vienna Chorus

To You I Raise a Glass of Wine

Alfred, Trauber and Chorus Poor Lonely Wife Rosalinda, Gabriel, Adele First Finale Rosalinda, Alfred, Frank and Chorus

(a) Take a Glass of Sparkling Wine

(b) Although We're Minions of the Law (c) If Late One Evining You Should See

ACT II

Opening Chorus Chancun a Son Gout

Orlovsky, Adele, Ida, Lilli, Lea and Chorus

It Really is Amusing

Orlovsky, Falke, Adele, Gabriel and Chorus Lilt of Gypsy Music Rosalinda, Chorus, Ballet

Polka de Paree

Gabriel, Frank, Adele, Ida, Lea and Lili I'm in Heaven Gabriel and Rosalinda

Second Finale

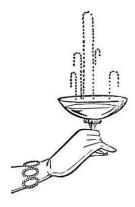
Falke, Orlovsky, Frank, Gabriel, Rosalinda, Adele Chorus, Ballet

- (a) Pink Champagne (b) Brother Mine
- (c) Blue Danube Ballet
- (d) Oh, What a Night

ACT III

Opening Perpetuum Mobile Coy Village Charmer In This Situation Third Finale Finale Ultimo

Alfred and Warders Frank and Ballet Adele, Ida, Lilli, Lea Rosalinda, Alfred, Gabriel The Company The Company



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Publicly we acknowledge our debt to Win. For 17 years she has been pianist for this society and we hope her memories of rehearsals and shows well done will keep her happy in the knowledge that we have always relied on and loved her. Although now retired she has again rehearsed several of our principals this year. It was with a sense of pride that the society paid her this year its highest tribute, Honorary Life Membership.



PIANIST—CHRISTINE JULIER

The duties of pianist are long hours of repetition at rehearsals and a thorough knowledge of music. To Christine Julier, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., our thanks for her patient understanding and cheerful manner in this most important position.

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