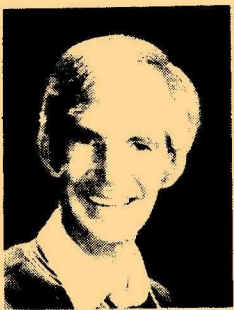


Napier Operatic Society Inc.
1887-1987

Nostalgia

A Century of Shows

NAPIER MUNICIPAL THEATRE
OCTOBER 25th, 1987



Written and
Directed by

JAMES MORGAN

Napier Operatic Society 1887 - 1987

NOSTALGIA

Napier Municipal Theatre, October 25th, 1987

100 years of musical theatre

Events such as the 1931 earthquake in Hawke's Bay are more than a frustration 50 years later when a society sets out to explore its origins.

Barrie Browne took up the challenge on behalf of Napier Operatic. Such records that remained were confused. Pencilled notes on the margins of old programmes were examples of misleading and selective memories.

Programme designers who omitted to ensure dates were printed on their creations did nothing to make his task easier. No two pieces of information unearthed by Barrie concurred.

The man was unrelenting, however. His pursuit of notes, memorabilia and newspaper clippings which would confirm the year musical theatre was established in this province eventually

led him to 1887. Napier Operatic is one of the oldest groups in New Zealand. Its members have played a large part in the development of their province.

Barrie was helped in his researches by Helen Wakely, Gerald Brown, James Morgan, Glen Ward, Syd Jago and others. Tonight's performance, scripted by James Morgan, is only a small mirror of their work.

President's Message



It is my good fortune to be president of the Napier Operatic Society at the time of its centenary. All who have been closely associated in many ways with this society will feel great pride in its accomplishments over the past 100 years.

Before we launch the society into its second century, I invite you to settle back and review the past one, a journey I'm sure you'll enjoy.

Tonight's performance will rekindle some great bouts of nostalgia. Join with me at the end in wishing Napier Operatic Society much success in the future.

F.C. TWYFORD
President

Special assistance

Robert Houston

Readers and singers

Lex Barker, Jane Pierard, Wayne Lister, Anne Corney, William Waitoa, Lesley Standing, Greg Matheson, Sharron Pardoe, Tony Ironside, Sue Wilton,

Walther Rutgers, Leanne Kyle, Jillian Sweeney, Janice Winter, Guiseppa Bartle, Anita Davies, Brendan Torley, Chris Owen, Peter Wilson, Johnny Williams, Megan Baldwin.

Dancers

Margot Cooke (soloist)
Suzanne Jones
Joanna Gregory
Alyson Gregory

Orchestra

Eric Thorpe
Anne Jago
Leon Speakman
Malcolm Thorpe
Alan Meakin

Production personnel

Director: James Morgan

Musical director: Eric Thorpe

Choral director: Karyn Briggs

Pianist, music Librarian: Anne Jago

Choreographer: Leigh Jones

Production manager: Glen Ward

Stage manager: John Matthews.

Crew: John Briggs, Michael Hyde, Paula Jepson, Brian Wright.

Wardrobe: Roz Van de Ven.

Crew: Ngaire Thompson, Linda Fell, Glen Ward, Karen Hooper, Diane Matthews, Jean Allen, Marguerite Andrews.

Properties: Helen Wakely.

Crew: Christine Kenah, Mary O'Donovan, Gail Jones, Paula Jepson, Audrey Thorpe, Sheryle Bullock, Karen White, Donna O'Shaughnessy, Jean Allen, Irene Davey.

Sound: Robert Lockyer.

Crew: Lee Lockyer, Paul Jennings.

Projection: Syd Jago.

Crew: Paula Jepson, Gillian Wilton.

Lighting: Robin Johnson.

Crew: Paul Craven, Paul Collier, Harley Jones, Kevin Bartlett, Geoff Souter, Neill Page.

Fly crew: Alan Jones, Harley Jones, Clive Buttery, Malcolm Kenah.

Picture search: Syd Jago, Helen Wakely, Anita Davies.

Make-up: Dawn McCowatt, Moyra Bewley, Minnie Wright, Trish Green.

House manager: Lyndsay Browne.

Front of House: Fred Twyford, Ian Reid.

Guests' hostess: Lee Lockyer.

Programme: Glen Ward.

Suppers: Donna O'Shaughnessy, Audrey Thorpe.

Photography: James White.

Previous productions . . .

1887: The Sorcerer

1889: The Mikado
Iolanthe

1890: Rip Van Winkle

1891: The Mikado
Iolanthe

Madame Favart

1893: Rip Van Winkle
Les Cloches de Cornville

1908: The Gondoliers

1909: The Mikado

1910: The Geisha

1911: The Runaway Girl

1912: A Greek Slave

1913: Toreador

1914: Miss Hook of Holland

1915: Blue Moon

1921: The Geisha

1923: A Country Girl

1924: Florodora

1928: The Arcadians

1929: The Sunshine Girl

1930: Our Miss Gibbs

1938: Rio Rita

1939: The Belle of New York

1940: Boots and All

1954: Chu Chin Chow

1955: The Desert Song

1956: The New Moon

1957: Oklahoma

1958: Love From Judy

1959: The Vagabond King

1960: White Horse Inn

1961: Kismet

1962: The Music Man

1963: Where's Charley?

The Merry Widow

1964: Maid of the Mountains

1965: Annie Get Your Gun

1966: Amahl and the Night Visitors

1967: Little Mary Sunshine

1968: The Sound of Music

1969: Camelot

1970: Pink Champagne

1971: South Pacific

1972: Oliver

1973: Fiddler on the Roof

1974: My Fair Lady
Amahl and the Night Visitors

1975: Man of La Mancha

1976: Pirates of Penzance

Music Hall

1977: Oops Titipu

Joseph and the Amazing

Technicolour Dreamcoat

Music Hall

1978: Oh, What a Lovely War

Music Hall

1979: The Great Waltz

Music Hall

1980: Jesus Christ Superstar

Music Hall

1981: HMS Pinafore

Hans Christian Andersen

Music Hall

1982: Cabaret

Oklahoma

Music Hall

1983: Annie

Music Hall

1984: Man of La Mancha

Music Hall

1985: The Gingerbread Man

Chicago

Music Hall

1986: Mack and Mabel

Music Hall

1987: The Sorcerer

Musical numbers

To Life (*Fiddler on the Roof*)

Oh, What a Beautiful Morning (*Oklahoma*)

I Got The Sun in the Morning (*Annie Get Your Gun*)

Get Me To The Church On Time (*My Fair Lady*)

Sunrise, Sunset (*Fiddler on the Roof*)

Pokarekare Ana

Who Will Buy? (*Oliver!*)

Poor Jud Is Daid (*Oklahoma*)

Seventy-Six Trombones (*The Music Man*)

When The Foeman Bares His Steel

(*Pirates of Penzance*)

I'm Called Little Buttercup (*HMS Pinafore*)

Three Little Maids (*The Mikado*)

Wand'ring Minstrel (*The Mikado*)

With Cat-Like Tread (*Pirates of Penzance*)

Blue Danube (*Pink Champagne*)

The Judge's Song (*Trial by Jury*)

My Name is John Wellington Wells

(*Sorcerer*)

There's No Business Like Show Business

(*Annie Get Your Gun*)

Do-Re-Me (*Sound of Music*)

Consider Yourself (*Oliver!*)

Rio Rita (*Rio Rita*)

Lover Come Back To Me (*The New Moon*)

Moonstruck (*Our Miss Gibbs*)

Oh, Oh, Oh, It's a Lovely War (*Oh, What a*

Lovely War)

The Rajah of Bhong (*A Country Girl*)

Riff Song (*Desert Song*)

Stout-Hearted Men (*The New Moon*)

Goodbye (*White Horse Inn*)

Dance of Triumph (*Desert Song*)

She Is The Belle of New York (*Belle of New*

York)

Your King and Country Want You (*Oh,*

What a Lovely War)

Drinking Song (*Student Prince . . . Boots*

and All)

The Cobbler's Song (*Chu Chin Chow*)

Many a New Day (*Oklahoma*)

Baubles, Bangles and Beads (*Kismet*)

Vilia (*Merry Widow*)

Climb Every Mountain (*The Sound of*

Music)

Money, Money (*Cabaret*)

Food, Glorious Food (*Oliver!*)

Wedding Dance (*Fiddler on the Roof*)

Hosanna (*Jesus Christ Superstar*)

Cabaret (*Cabaret*)

The Impossible Dream (*Man of La*

Mancha)

Honey Bun (*South Pacific*)