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Inverness Opera Company

presents

The Merry Widow

Music by
Franz Lehar

Thursday, Friday & Saturday
1, 2 & 3 March 1984

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Music by Franz Lehár

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Music adapted and arranged by Ronald Hanmer

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Inverness Opera Company (founded 1927)



The Inverness Opera Company have elected to present 'The Merry Widow' by Franz Lehar as their 1984 production.

The operatta was first performed in Vienna in the year 1905. It was ecstatically received, and set society tapping its' toes to Lehar's lilting music, making him one of the most popular composers of his time. Over a thousand performances were given, breaking all previous box office records, placing it firmly among the 'classic operettas' performed all over the world to the perennial delight of its many international audiences.

In this particular presentation the Inverness Opera Company hope to achieve an evening enabling the audience to catch a glimpse of a carefree moment in a period of history which 'The Merry Widow' so brilliantly encapsulates not only through the plot, which is uncomplicated, though wittily unfolded — but through the music that evokes so well a cafe society which sublimated the world's problem to swishing its skirts to the lilt of the waltz, charming us out of the everyday to a less mundane, light and pleasurable — if not a little nostalgic — time in the past.

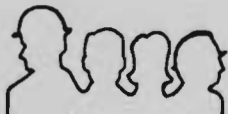
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Previous Productions

Inverness Opera Company has been in existence since 1927. The productions since the war have been as follows:

1947	The Mikado	1969	Guys and Dolls
1948	Iolanthe	1970	Summer Song
1949	The Gondoliers	1971	Brigadoon
1950	The Pirates of Penzance	1971	South Pacific
1951	The Quaker Girl	1972	Carousel
1952	Yeoman of the Guard	1972	The Pajama Game
1953	Merric England	1973	Fiddler on the Roof
1954	Concerts etc.	1974	Oklahoma
1955	The Mikado	1975	The Boyfriend
1958	Maid of the Mountains	1975	Trial by Jury
1959	The Gypsy Baron	1976	Cabaret
1960	The Merry Widow	1977	No No Nanette
1961	Oklahoma	1977	The Mikado
1962	Die Fledermaus	1978	Showboat
1963	White Horse Inn	1978	My Fair Lady
1964	Showboat	1979	Oh Susanna
1965	Call Me Madam	1980	Yeoman of the Guard
1966	New Moon	1980	Hello Dolly
1967	Rose Marie	1981	The Pajama Game
1968	The Desert Song	1982	The White Horse Inn
1969	Finain's Rainbow	1983	Fiddler on the Roof

The next production will be 'The Pirates of Penzance'.

Cast List

<i>Anna — Madame Glavari</i>	Mary Smith	<i>GRISSETTES:</i>	
<i>Danila — Count Danilovitch</i>	Charles Sinclair	<i>Lolo</i>	Stella Reynolds
<i>Baron Zeta</i>	Scott Don	<i>Dodo</i>	Norma Irvine
<i>Valencienne — Baroness Zeta</i>	Christine Fraser	<i>Jou-Jou</i>	Maureen Pringle
<i>Camille — Count de Rosillon</i>	Nicholas Nicol	<i>Frou-Frou</i>	Cynthia Nicol
<i>Njegus</i>	David Proudfoot	<i>Clo-Clo</i>	Marion Stewart
<i>St. Brioche</i>	Ian Fairgrieve	<i>Margot</i>	Louise Munro
<i>Cascada</i>	Fergus Ewart		
<i>Kromov</i>	Matt Smith		
<i>Olga</i>	Wilma Torrance		
<i>Bogdanovitsch</i>	Tom Notman		
<i>Pritsch</i>	James Pringle		
<i>Sylvia</i>	Kathleen Muir		
<i>Praskovia</i>	Jan Proudfoot		

Ladies' Chorus

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Producer

John Claudius

Assistant Producer

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Musical Director

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Musical Assistant

Evelyn MacDougall

Stage Director

George Reynolds

Stage Assistants

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Choreography

Margaret Firth

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Marion Simpson

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Set constructed and painted by George Reynolds assisted by Bill Harvey & Gordon Duncan.

Orchestra:

Conductor

Geoffrey Anderson

Organ

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Percussion

Geoff Blogg

Piano

Sheila Bruce

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The Merry Widow

Musical Numbers

ACT I

Overture

1. "Pontevedro in Paree" (*Cascada, Zeta and Ensemble*).
2. Melos.
3. "A Highly Respectable Wife" (*Valencienne and Camille*).
4. "So Many Men Admire Me" (*Valencienne and Camille*).
5. Melos (*Ballroom Walz*).
6. "You'll Find Me at Maxim's" (*Danilo and Ladies*).
7. "It Goes to Show" (*Anna and Danilo*).
8. Finale, Act I (*Anna, Valencienne, Danilo, Camille, St. Brioche, Cascada and Chorus*).

ACT II

9. Opening, Act II.
10. "Vilia" (*Anna and Ensemble*).
- 10a. Reprise (*Chorus*).
11. "Driving in the Park with You" (*Anna and Danilo*).
12. "Women! Women! Women!" (*Danilo, Cascada, St. Brioche, Zeta, Kromov, Bogdanovitsch and Pritsch*).
13. Introduction to the Waltz Scene (*Anna and Danilo*).
14. "The Waltz Scene" (*Anna and Danilo*).
- 14a. Melos.
15. Romance: "Flow'rs are Awakened in Maytime" (*Valencienne and Camille*).
16. Finale, Act II, Part One (*Anna, Valencienne, Danilo, Camille, Zeta, Njegus*).
17. Finale, Act II, Part Two (*Ensemble*).
18. Finale, Act II, Part Three (*Anna, Valencienne, Danilo and Ensemble*).
19. Finale, Act II, Part Four (*Anna, Danilo and Ensemble*).
20. Finale, Act II, Part Five (*Ensemble*).
21. Entr'acte.

ACT III

22. Opening Dance.
- 22a. Melos.
23. The Grisettes' Song (*Valencienne, Lolo, Dodo, Jou-Jou, Frou-Frou, Clo-Clo, Margot and Ensemble*).
- 23a. Reprise "You'll Find Me At Maxim's" (*Grisettes and Danilo*).
24. The Merry Widow Waltz (*Anna and Danilo*).
25. Finale, Act III (*Ensemble*).

SCENES

ACT 1: A Salon in the Pontevedrian Embassy in Paris.

ACT II: The Gardens of Madame Glavari's Residence — early the following evening.

ACT III: The same — à la Maxim's — later that night

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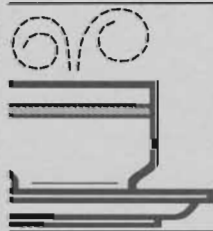
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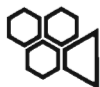
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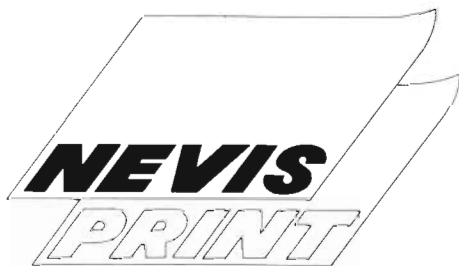
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