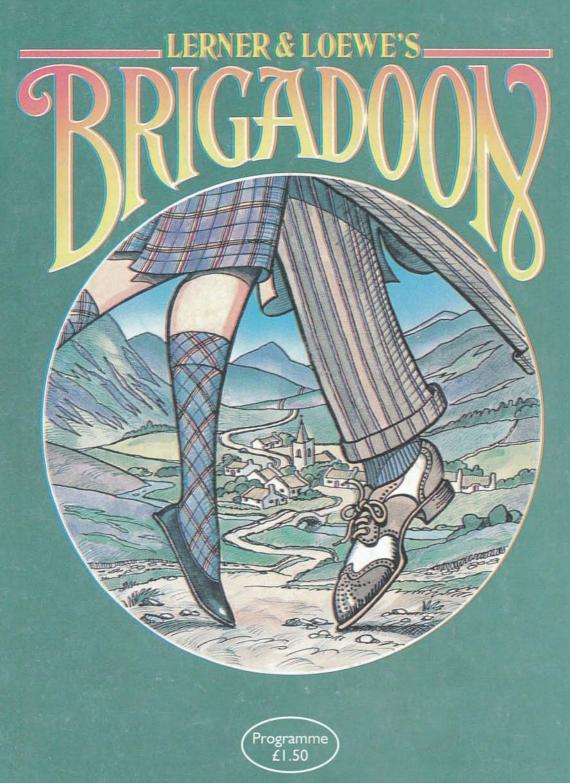
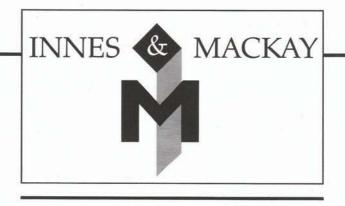
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BRIGADOON

At Eden Court Theatre Wed 21st – Sat 24th March 2001. At 7.30pm (Sat. Mat. 2.30pm)



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Special thanks to Jimmy Pringle and Sandra Green for involvement in setting the early stages of this production

From our Honorary President

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen, and a warm welcome to Inverness Opera Company's production of "Brigadoon". This is the third time that the company has performed this show.

The first occasion was immediately after the Empire

Theatre closed in 1970. The company moved to the Playhouse for the production in 1971 and the second production took place in Eden Court Theatre in 1990.

Rehearsals for this production started in September last year and a great deal of hard work has gone into the finished result, which you will see tonight. I hope you will sit back, relax and enjoy the show.

Last year was our 75th anniversary. This year we celebrate with the Management and Staff of Eden Court Theatre, their 25th annivesary of the opening of the Theatre and we offer our warmest congratulations and thanks to all who have been so helpful to Inverness Opera Company over the years. For myself, as a former member of Inverness Town Council, who by a majority vote, decided to build a Theatre and Conference Centre, I am proud to have been, along with the late Provost William Smith and councillor Rev Douglas Baxter, very much involved with the provision of Eden Court Theatre, which has been enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of patrons and delegates over the past 25 years. May the Theatre go from strength to strength over the next 25 years and beyond, with Inverness Opera Company performing to capacity audiences. *Brigadoon* was first presented at the Ziegfield Theatre on 13th March 1947 and ran for 581 performances. It has undergone many revivals down through the years. The film version of *Brigadoon* starred Gene Kelly. First performance at His Majesty's Theatre, London on 14th April 1949,

Lerner's book was based on a story by Friedrich Gerstacker that concerned a mythical German village called *Germelshausen* that was under an evil magic curse.

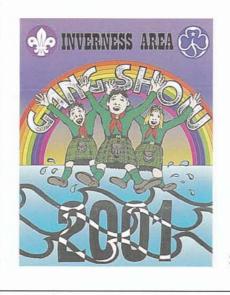
In Lerner's play it is a Scottish village called *Brigadoon* that is under an enchantment of being invisible to the outside world – except for one day every hundred years. The people of the village go on leading their customary lives; but each day when they awakened it is a hundred years later.

Inverness Opera Company first performed the show in 1971 and again in 1990.

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The Story of Brigadoon

On an early morning in May, in a forest in the Highlands of Scotland, Tommy Albright and Jeff Douglas, two Americans on a hunting holiday, are lost. Despite the fact that there is no town shown on their map, one suddenly appears out of the Highland mist. Being hungry and tired, they decide to explore the town in search of food and rest.

Jeff is well attended to by Meg Brockie while Tommy makes friends with Fiona MacKeith who is shopping in preparation for her sister Jean's wedding to Charlie Cameron.

Meg takes Jeff into the forest to an open shed where Jeff hopes to get some rest – if Meg will let him.

Jean MacKeith packs her belongings with help from the girls in the village while trying to avoid being seen by Charlie before the wedding.

Harry Ritchie also had desires on Jean and feels that he will never be able to make anything of himself without her as his bride.

Tommy and Jeff meet up again later, in the village and compare their days' experiences. Tommy looks at the MacKeith family Bible and is perplexed by the names and dates that he reads there. He quizzes Fiona for an explanation and she finally agrees to take both him and Jeff to see Mr Murdoch, the Dominie, who will be able to tell them the story of Brigadoon.

Mr Murdoch explains what happened to Brigadoon two hundred years ago when, out of concern for the souls of the people of his parish, Mr Forsythe, the minister, prayed to God for a miracle that would make Brigadoon and all the people in it vanish into the Highland mist. Vanish but not forever. It would all return just as it was for one day every hundred years. In this way the people would not be in any century long enough to be touched by any evils that might come to Brigadoon from the outside world. Tommy decides to stick around for the wedding celebration and to see if the place evaporates like Mr Murdoch says. But Harry, who cannot come to terms with Jean marrying Charlie, exclaims he is leaving Brigadoon, which will end the enchantment for all. And Brigadoon will disappear forever.

A desperate chase ensues through the forest by the men of the village trying to stop Harry from leaving Brigadoon but as they catch up with him, Harry trips and falls, fatally striking his head on a rock.

Not wishing to upset the wedding celebrations, the men decide not to tell of Harry's death until the next day.

Tommy starts to realise that he is falling for Fiona and wants to stay with her in Brigadoon.

The wedding celebration is interrupted by the sound of bagpipes playing a lament and Donald Ritchie entering with his dead son Harry. All join the funeral procession.

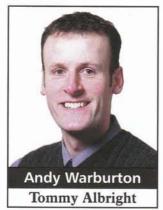
Having talked with Jeff, Tommy realises that he is not certain about staying so he tells Fiona he must leave. They part as Fiona and Brigadoon vanish into the mist.

Four months later Tommy meets up with Jeff in a New York City bar. Tommy is there to finalise wedding arrangements with his fiancée, Jane Ashton. Tommy's thoughts keep returning to Fiona, and he suddenly realises that he can't marry Jane because he loves Fiona.

Tommy talks Jeff into returning to Scotland so that he can revisit the spot where Brigadoon had appeared. Hoping for a miracle, since he loves Fiona so deeply...



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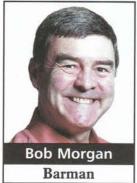


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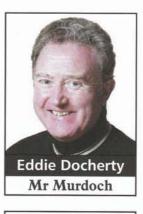


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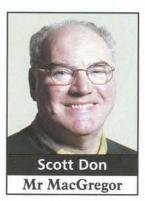












CAST

(In the order of appearance)

Tommy Albright: Jeff Douglas: Angus MacMonies Donald Ritchie: Mhairi: Maggie Abernethy: MacGregor: Stuart Cameron: Harry Ritchie, (Donald's son): Meg Brockie: Andrew MacKeith Fiona: Jean: Charlie Cameron, (betrothed to Jean): Mr Murdoch, (the Dominie): Frank, (a bartender): Jane Ashton, (Tommy's fiancée): Piper:

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ACT 1

1.	Introduction	(Orchestra)					
2.	Prologue	(Chorus)					
3.	BRIGADOON	(Chorus)					
4.	Vendor's Calls (Stuart, MacGregor and Chorus)						
5.	DOWN IN MACCONNACHY SQUARE (Sandy, MacGregor, Stuart, Meg and Chorus)						
6.	WAITIN' FOR MY DEARIE	(Fiona and Girls)					
7.	I'LL GO HOME WITH BONNIE JEAN (Charlie and Chorus)						
7a.	Dance and Bonnie Jean Ballet						
8.	THE HEATHER ON THE HILL						
	()	'ommy and Fiona)					
8a.	Rain Scene	(Chorus)					
9.	THE LOVE OF MY LIFE	(Meg)					
9a.	Change of Scene Music	(Orchestra)					
10.	JEANIE'S PACKIN' UP	(Girls)					
11.	COME TO ME BEND TO ME	(Charlie)					
11a	. Dance "Come to Me" Ballet	(Jean and Girls)					
12.	ALMOST LIKE BEING IN LO						
	(Tommy and Fiona)						
13.	Bible Scene Music	(Orchestra)					
14.	Change of Scene Music	(Chorus)					
15.	End of Murdoch Scene Music	(Chorus)					
16.	Entrance of the Clans						
17.	Wedding Ceremony						
18.	Wedding Dance	(Piper)					
19.	Sword Dance and Reel (Harry, Sword	Dancer and Piper)					
20.	End of Act Music	(Orchestra)					

ACT 2

21. Entr'acte Music	(Orchestra)				
22. The Chase					
(MacGregor, Stuart, T	ommy, Men's Chorus)				
22a. Change of Scene Music	(Orchestra)				
23. THERE BUT FOR YOU G	O I (Tommy)				
24. Glen Scene Opening Music	(Orchestra)				
24a. MY MOTHER'S WEDDIN	I' DAY				
	(Meg and Chorus)				
24b.Dance	(Chorus)				
25. The Funeral	(Piper)				
Funeral Dance	(Maggie)				
26. FROM THIS DAY ON (Fiona and Tomm					
26a. Farewell Music	(Chorus)				
27. Change of Scene Music	(Orchestra)				
28. Reprises					
(A) COME TO ME, BEND	TO ME (Fiona)				
(B) THE HEATHER ON T	HE HILL				
(Fiona, Girls, I	MacGregor and Stuart)				
(C) I'LL GO HOME WITH	I BONNIE JEAN				
	(Charlie)				
(D) FROM THIS DAY ON	(Fiona and Tommy)				
(E) DOWN IN MACCONN					
	(Chorus)				
29. Change of Scene Music	(Orchestra and Piper)				
30. Finale	(Chorus)				

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

THE PLACE: The Scottish Highlands

THE TIME: May 1946

Act 1

- Scene 1: A forest in the Scottish Highlands, about five o'clock on a May morning, 1946
- Scene 2: A road in Brigadoon, then the village square MacConnachy Square nine o'clock
 - the same morning.
- Scene 3: The Brokie Bothy. about noon the same day.
- Scene 4: The MacKeith House. Mid-afternoon the same day.
- Scene 5: Outside the house of Mr Murdoch. Immediately following.
- Scene 6: Outside the Kirk. Early evening, the same day.

Act 2

Scene 1: A forest near the border of Brigadoon. Later that evening	Scene 1:	A fores	st near t	the border	of Brigadoon.	Later that	evening
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- Scene 2: A road in Brigadoon. A few minutes later
- Scene 3: The Glen. A short while later.
- Scene 4: A bar in New York city. Four months later late afternoon.
- Scene 5: The forest. (same as Act 1 Scene 1). Some days later.



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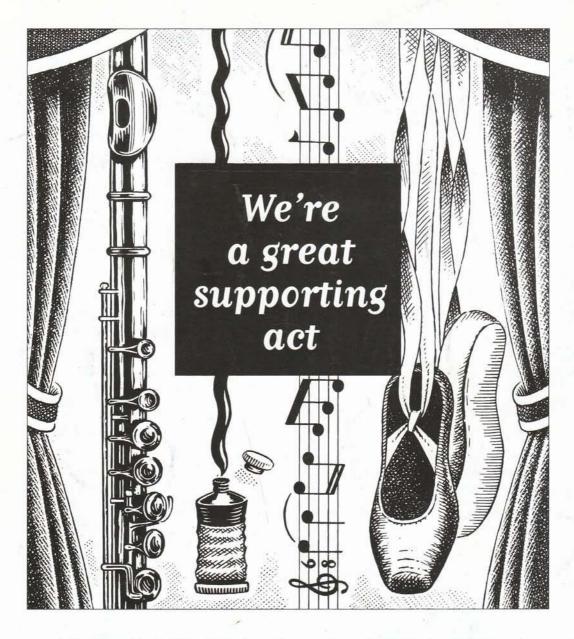
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