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OPERATIC SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

**KISS ME
KATE**

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12-16 May 1981

A message from our Chairman

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our production of 'Kiss Me Kate'. This is a show of distinct contrast between America in the 1950's off stage and Shakespeare on stage and has explored the talents of everyone involved.

Coming as it does after our production of the pantomime 'Robinson Crusoe', it also illustrates the wide variety of musical work which the Society undertakes in the course of a year.

Demanding and contrasting work is all part of the enjoyment of belonging to an Operatic Society and if any of you feel you would like to become part of this, our Membership Secretary will be pleased to hear from you.

We are the only form of regular musical theatre in the Tendring District and rely very much on the support of our audiences. We hope that you thoroughly enjoy 'Kiss Me Kate' and that you will come again to see our next pantomime in January 1982.

Finally, may I thank everyone involved in this production and the Society's many friends and helpers, with a particular thank you to our Patrons for their continued loyal support.

Mike Freeman.



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The Story of 'Kiss Me Kate'

The Show opens with the Baltimore opening of a musical version of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew". In the show with producer-actor, Fred Graham, are his former wife, Lilli; Lois, a singer in whom he is interested, and Bill Calhoun who is Lois's interest.

The irresponsible Bill informs Lois that he has signed Fred's name to a \$10,000 IOU for gambling debts, and she begs him to reform.

Fred and Lilli patch up their differences as they reminisce nostalgically about other shows in which they have appeared together. Fred sends a bouquet of roses to Lois which is delivered in error to Lilli.

As "The Taming of the Shrew" gets under way, Lois as Bianca and Bill as Lucentio discuss Bianca's inability to marry until her older sister has been affianced. Fred, as Petruchio, arrives in search of a rich wife and although Katharina, played by Lilli, states her unalterable opposition to men, Petruchio agrees to marry her, even though she is not the wife of whom he has dreamed.

Lilli discovers that her bouquet was intended for Lois and threatens to leave the show, but is prevented from doing so by two gangsters who have come to collect the IOU with Fred's signature.

Petruchio, although just married to Katharina and beginning his tempestuous wedded life, begins to yearn for his life as a single man. Because of a sudden change in gang administration, the gangsters tear up the now worthless IOU, and Lilli prepares to walk out on the show as Fred muses on his love for her. As the revival comes to a close, Lilli unexpectedly returns and in Katharina's words expresses her intention of returning to Fred. They are reunited and Lois and Bill reach their own understanding.

The 'Kiss Me Kate' Production Team

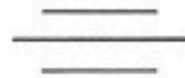


KENNETH SMITH
Production Director



ROY BUDDEN
Musical Director

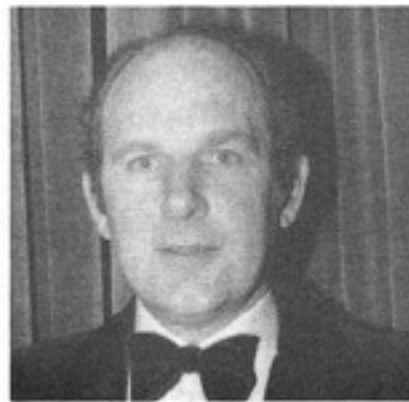
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Accompanist to the Society
Josi Cavender



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Kiss Me Kate

Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter

Book by Bella and Samuel Spewack

CAST

Fred Graham
Harry Trevor
Lois Lane
Ralph (Stage Manager)
Lilli Vanessi
Hattie
Paul
Bill Calhoun
First Gangster
Second Gangster
Harrison Howell
Gremio (First Suitor)
Hortensio (Second Suitor)

Ladies of the Chorus
Margaret Adamson
Doris Cowdell
Cindy Franklin
Vicky Haines
Coralie Jones

Gentlemen of the Chorus
Geoff Coleman
David Goodman
Alan Howard
John Locke

Dancers
Mandy Franklin
Kate Pember
Donna Robinson
Suki Smith

— Petruccio —
— Baptista —
— Bianca —

— Katharina —

— Lucentio —

Judy Jones
Marian Manning
Hilary Motson
Janet Ross
Carol Rushton

Eric Lynn
Alan Tomlinson

Sharon Steel
Sarah-Jane Taylor
Theresa Torr
Alison Tyrrel

Vic Edwards
George Osborn
Kathryn Hurren
Len Worrell
June Wenn
Beryl Taylor
Len Worrell
Brian Dack
Eric Tipple
Ken Rowlands
Keith Pollard
Tony Titcombe
Keith Redfern

Jane Shaw
Simone Smith
Tracy Spong
Jenny Spurgeon
Beryl Taylor
Sue Titcombe

The use of photographic, sound or video
recording equipment during the performance
is expressly prohibited.

Synopsis of Scenes

ACT ONE

- Scene 1: Stage of Ford's Theatre, Baltimore
- Scene 2: The Corridor, backstage.
- Scene 3: Dressing Rooms of Lilli Vanessi and Fred Graham
- Scene 4: Padua Street Scene
- Scene 5: Still Padua Street Scene
- Scene 6: Backstage
- Scene 7: Dressing Rooms of Lilli Vanessi and Fred Graham
- Scene 8: Before the Curtain
- Scene 9: Exterior Church

There will be an INTERVAL of 15 minutes

ACT TWO

- Scene 1: The Stage Door Alley
- Scene 2: Before the Curtain
- Scene 3: Petruchio'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 Safety Curtain
- Scene 8: Baptista's Home

FULLY LICENSED BAR AVAILABLE

Interval drinks may be ordered before the Performance

May we introduce . . . number ten



Our Chairman

Michael A. Freeman

'A camel', someone once bitterly remarked, 'is a horse designed by a committee'. If the implications of that idea mean that committees tend to be made up of groups of individuals with very strongly held views of their own, making consensus difficult to achieve, then the argument is very hard to refute. However, the Management Committee of this Society cannot afford to get their camelus confused with their equus, and the person who must persuade them otherwise is the Chairman of the Society, currently Michael Freeman. The Chairman could be described as a kind of Prime Minister without Portfolio, and we could wish for nobody better to fill this delicate and arduous position than Mike.

As Managing Director of the Turpins Group of Engineering Companies, he leads a very busy and complicated professional life, yet he still finds time to bring his organising abilities to bear upon the Society's financial and business affairs. Before taking the Chair, Mike was Business Manager for the Society for a number of years, being responsible for several innovations which have since borne fruit.

He has always been particularly interested in the administrative and technical end of our activities — he has been Stage Manager on several occasions — but he is not without experience as a performer, having donned greasepaint and costume in no less than seven productions, including an appearance in what he tells me was his favourite show — 'Summer Song' in 1963.

Mike's wife, Nicola, is also extremely busy on our behalf as the enthusiastic Secretary of our Social Committee, while at the same time bringing up their two very attractive small daughters, Sara and Joanne.

Mike Freeman is convinced that a most important social and cultural priority is to keep the Amateur Theatre alive and thriving, and his present ambition, he tells me, is to set up a permanent Headquarters for our Society. Knowing him as I do, I can almost see the bricks and mortar!

K.W.R.

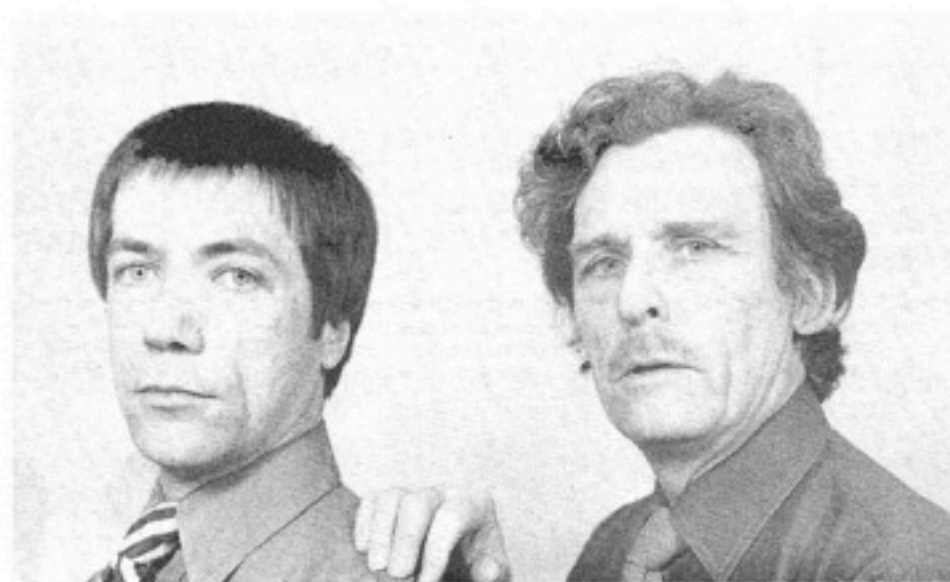
PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF THE CAST



Vic Edwards and June Wenn – “Fred and Lilli”



Kathryn Hurren and Brian Dack – “Lois and Bill”



Eric Tipple and Ken Rowlands – “The Gangsters”

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