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## Message from the Chairman



So get ready to 'Brush Up Your Shakespeare' and sit back for 'Another Op'nin' Another Show! I am pleased to welcome you to our autumn 2010 production: Kiss Me Kate.

I am proud to welcome nine new faces to ELODS since the last show - five of whom are men - a rarity in Am Dram!

Enfield Light Operatic & Dramatic Society are a special musical theatre group. We have a heritage stretching back to our first show, Trial By Jury in 1953. Back then the society usually put on one show a year, a G & S production. Our first musical, in the modern sense was in 1970 - Me and My Girl - and we haven't looked back. The only other time we have put on Kiss Me Kate, was in 1993 and a number of the current cast were involved.

Now, with nearly 70 members and ages ranging from 16 to ... well over retirement age, ELODS is an inclusive society for anyone who can sing and act. We also have an expanding troupe of dancers - my two left feet excluded! But ELODS is so much more. We hold social and fundraising events and have loyal front of house and back stage teams. Many members have formed life long friendships through the society while others have found life long partners.

Looking forward, we have a very exciting 2011 to look forward to with two shows that ELODS have never performed before. In the spring, our production will be Thoroughly Modern Millie, while for the autumn, we are really excited to have secured the rights to perform Andrew Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar!

For loads more information on the society generally, have a look at our web site www.elods.org.uk or please email me on markhshaw@blueyonder.co.uk if you want to get involved in any way.

I hope you enjoy the show.

Mark H Shaw October 2010

Bang On The Door Ltd wish ELODS great success in their production of 'Kiss Me Kate'





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#### **ELODS** needs you!!

Look what we have to work with at the moment!

We welcome and are always seeking new members and helpers. Whether your ambitions are to play leading parts, sing in the chorus or help out with costumes, set, front of house or backstage, we'd love to welcome you to our friendly company.

You'll find very few egos at ELODS, we are a happy family and love working together to put on a good show!

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## History

Kiss Me, Kate is a musical with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. It is structured as a play within a play, where the interior play is a musical version of William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew. The original production starred Alfred Drake, Patricia Morison, Lisa Kirk and Harold Lang.

Kiss Me, Kate was a comeback and a personal triumph for Cole Porter. After several successful musicals in the 1920s and 1930s, notably Gay Divorce, Fifty Million Frenchmen, and Anything Goes, he experienced an equestrian accident in 1937 that left him in constant pain.

Following the accident, he continued to write songs and musicals but with limited success, and some thought he was past his prime. Kiss Me, Kate was a response to Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma! and other integrated musicals, and it proved to be his biggest hit and the only one of his shows to run for more than 1,000 performances on Broadway. It won the first Tony Award presented for Best Musical, in 1949.

Interesting facts: In homage to Noel Coward, Fred quotes (in part) a famous comic line from the playwright's 1930s play *Private Lives* saying "Women should be struck regularly like gongs."

Porter wondered if Clark Gable would object to his name being used in the song Always True to You (in My Fashion): "Mister Gable, I mean Clark...". But Gable was delighted upon hearing the song, along with his name being mentioned in the lyric.

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## Synopsis

#### Act I

Egotistical Fred Graham is the director of a Broadway-bound musical version of William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew. He and his diva movie-star ex-wife Lilli Vanessi star opposite each other in the roles of Petruchio and Katharine with fierce words both on-stage and off. Meanwhile, Fred's new love interest, Lois Lane, who plays Bianca, is romantically interested in Bill Calhoun, the actor playing Lucentio. Bill loves to gamble, and it turns out that he has signed Fred's name to a big IOU [for \$10,000 from a game of craps]. Also, flowers sent by Fred to Lois are mistakenly delivered to Lilli, and Lilli realizes that she may still be in love with Fred.

At the same time, a pair of gangsters have come after Fred to collect the gambling debt to which his name has been signed.

Everyone is in the middle of performing The Taming of the Shrew on stage when Lilli discovers that Fred's flowers were really intended for Lois, and she starts an all-out war mid-performance that threatens the production's success. Lilli channels her anger into a fierce performance as Katharine where her "stage slaps" quite often hit their mark with a little too much force, all to Fred's horror which turns to anger as he loses his temper and gives her the hiding of her life right on stage for all the cast and audience to witness.

#### Act II

Lilli, blind with rage and humiliation, contacts her influential fiancé (and right-hand man to the President of the United States) General Harrison Howell, demanding that he rescue her from Fred's foul clutches and is adamant she is quitting the show and will not set foot on the stage again.

Only a successful show will provide the money that Fred needs to avoid getting his fingers broken. Fred slyly uses the gangsters to prevent the furious Lilli from walking out on the show. The gangsters join the cast to keep an eye on Lilli and make sure she does not leave the theatre.

After intermission, "The Shrew" progresses as Petruchio marries Katharine and soon misses the single life. The gangsters find out that their boss has been killed, and so the IOU is worthless, and they leave, noting that guys who know Shakespeare can impress the ladies. Since the gangsters are no longer making her stay, Lilli quits the show, walking out with her fiancé Harrison, but not before Harrison expresses his general agreement with the sentiment of "The Shrew": that men ought to rule over their wives with a firm hand. This conversation causes Lilli visible consternation about being with the General and starts to question whether she has made the right choice.



As "The Shrew" comes to a close, Lilli unexpectedly returns to the stage, and speaking as Katharine, she admits her love for Fred. Lilli and Fred are reunited, Lois and Bill come together, and all ends happily.

## Musical Synopsis - Act One

- Another Op'nin', Another Show (Hattie and Company)
- 2. Why Can't You Behave? (Lois, Bill)
- 3. Wunderbar (Fred, Lilli)
- 4. So In Love (Lilli)
- 5. We Open In Venice (Fred, Lilli, Lois, Bill)
- Tom, Dick or Harry (Bianca, Lucentio, Gremio, Hortensio)
- I've Come to Wive It Wealthily in Padua (Fred and The Men)
- 8. I Hate Men (Lilli)
- 9. Were Thine That Special Face (Fred)
- 10. Cantiamo D'Amore (Company)
- 11. Kiss Me, Kate (Fred, Lilli and Company)



- I. Too Darn Hot (Paul and Company)
- 2. Where Is the Life That Late I Led? (Fred)
- 3. Always True To You In My Fashion (Lois)
- From This Moment On (General Howell and Lilli (Broadway revival))
- 5. Bianca (Bill and Company)
- 6. So In Love (Reprise) (Fred)
- Brush Up Your Shakespeare (First Gangster, Second Gangster)
- 8. Pavane (Company)
- 9. Were Thine That Special Face (Fred)
- 10. I Am Ashamed That Women Are So Simple (Lilli)
- II. Kiss Me, Kate (Finale) (Company)





#### Production Team - The Directors



#### Julia Rufey - Director

Julia Rufey trained at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama after which she went on to work in TV, Repertory, on tour and in the West End. Performing credits include Sheila in A Chorus Line, Sally in Follies, The Bakers Wife in Into the Woods, The Wife in Putting it Together, Grace Farrell in Annie, Reno Sweeny in Anything Goes and Lilli Vanessi in Kiss Me Kate. Musical directing credits include Oklahomal, Crazy for You, South Pacific, Carousel, Song & Dance, Broadway Pirates, Annie, Anything Goes!, The Mikado, Iolanthe, The King & I, and the award-winning production of Yeoman of the Guard at the Buxton International Festival. Julia has also directed numerous straight plays and is currently on tour with the comedy sketch show, Mutton.



#### Mark Newport - Musical Director

Mark is currently working on Les Miserables, for which he has conducted performances in both London's West End and on the UK tour. Other West End credits include Woman In White, Sunset Boulevard, Phantom of the Opera, Starlight Express, Martin Guerre, Bombay Dreams, Chicago, and The Goodbye Girl. As Musical Director he has performed at Sadler's Wells, The Mermaid (Royal Gala), Whitehall and Bloomsbury theatres. He was also Assistant Conductor for Opera East on six national tours. Mark has taught at Guildford School of Acting, Mountview and Guildhall and is currently a member of staff at Westminster Kingsway College. Kiss Me Kate is Mark's 49th show with ELODS!



#### Chris Cuming - Choreographer

Chris is currently training in Directing/Performance Arts at Central School of Speech & Drama. Chris has been directing and choreographing shows including The Winter's Tale Central, The Music Man Cassio OS, The Full Monty Overtures, Billy and Mame for Green Room, Sweeney Todd, I Love You Because and tick, tick... BOOM with his own company MProductions. Chris is currently working on La Cage Aux Folles with Green Room and Our House at the Watford Palace Theatre



#### Greta Jenkins - Production Secretary

Greta has been involved with different aspects of the theatre for many years. In addition to working professionally in production and management, she has also played numerous roles for ELODS, including mad ghosts, mad sirens, mad aunts and mad grannies. She firmly denies any type casting.

## Cast of Characters (in order of appearance)

Fred Graham (Petruchio) Marc Howden Smith

Lilli Vanessi (Katharine) Natalie O' Sullivan

Bill Calhoun (Lucentio) Nic Corden

Lois Lane (Bianca) Savella Kitanos

Harry Trevor (Baptista) David Dowse

Hattie Sunny Carter

Paul David Adams

Harrison Howell Howard Wright

First Man (Gangster) Richard Bodek

Second Man (Gangster) Martin Isbister

Wardrobe Assistant Helen White

Gremio Mike Daws

Hortensio Richard Stoughton

Ralph Mark Shaw

Stage Hand Les Gershman

Stage Hand 2 Gregor Lusty

Pops Phil Morris

#### Company

Bob Jones, Fiona Corden, Hannah Thorne, Jude Stoughton, Judy Prior, Julia Harris, Lucy Pritchard, Naomi Delamore, Stephanie Wench, Sue Pritchard, Ray Schone







#### Marc Howden Smith Fred Graham (Petruchio)

This is Marc's 24th year in amateur theatre. Previous roles include Pirate King in Pirates, Curly and Judd Fry in Oklahoma, Audrey 2 (the plant) in Little Shop of Horrors and Anatoly in Chess. Marc spent 3 years at East 15 drama school and after that did various pantos, TV work and summer seasons, including Black and White Minstrels at Bognor Regis. He was also 3rd spear carrier from the left in a production of Moses in Egypt at Covent Garden.



#### Natalie O'Sullivan Lilli Vanessi (Kate)

This is Natalie's fourth year with ELODS and her first major leading role with the society. Previous roles with other companies and societies have included Ado Annie in Oklahoma, Nellie Forbush in South Pacific, Pitti Sing in Hot Mikado and Turandot in the production of the same name. She is thrilled to be playing the part of Lilli Vanessi as she is finally able to bring to light her "inner diva", although her husband says it all comes rather too naturally!



#### Savella Kitanos Lois Lane (Bianca)

This is Savella's first principal role with ELODS and she is so excited to be playing Lois (Bianca) at the age of 16. Since joining ELODS she has performed in 6 musicals, and is now at college studying Performing Arts. Savella would like to thank Julia Rufey and everyone at ELODS for all their kindness and support.



#### Nic Corden Bill Calhoun (Lucentio)

It's been a busy year for Nic in the theatre; first playing Samuel in The Pirates of Penzance, then Dave in The Full Monty, Vernon Hines in The Pajama Game, a brief cameo as Cowboy Bob in Footloose, and finally some 'proper acting' as Hector in The History Boys. He thought he could relax with the part of Lucentio and Bill but alas the choreographer had other ideas.



#### Richard Bodek First Man (Gangster)

Richard is delighted to be playing 1st man – a promotion from 2nd man in ELODS' last production of this show. Is this based on greater acting experience or bribing the director? He will let you judge. Richard has enjoyed rehearsing this great fun show with this lovely society - he met his lovely wife Sue through ELODS nearly 20 plus years ago. Enjoy the show!



#### Martin Isbister Second Man (Gangster)

This is Martin's third show with ELODS, previous ones being Singin in the Rain and The Wizard of Oz. Martin had a busy year last year with the birth of his beautiful daughter Annabelle Rose, and has been brushing up his Shakespeare while brushing up on nappy changing. Enjoy the show!



#### Howard Wright Harrison Howell

Howard joined ELODS way back in 1977. Favourite roles for ELODS and other local groups include Billy Flynn in Chicago, Judd Fry in Oklahoma!, Judge Turpin in Sweeney Todd, Pirate King in Pirates of Penzance and the Governor in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas. Howard would like to thank his wife Gill for her unfailing support. Enjoy the show!



#### Sunny Carter Hattie

Sunny is delighted to be playing sensible *Hattie* after being typecast as brainless in previous ELODS' productions of *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Pajama Game*. She also likes hats a great deal. Sunny has made great friends at ELODS, and loves them all to bits. As a lifelong Alto, she apologises for the high A in advance.



#### David Dowse Harry Trevor (Baptista)

Dave is delighted to be playing the old pro *Harry* and wily *Baptista*. He has been with quite a few other amateur dramatic groups, before settling in with ELODS – his second family! Enjoy the show.



#### Mike Daws Gremio

Before X-Factor and colour TV, Mike discovered the joys of theatre by being the magic pumpkin in *Cinderella*. He couldn't resist the chance to join ELODS for *Kiss Me Kate*, as he got the chance to wear tights again.



#### Richard Stoughton Hortensio

Richard has played many principle roles including with the RSC at The Barbican. Amongst his favourite roles are Bill Snibson (Me & My Girl) and Riff (West Side Story). Rich is delighted to appear for the second time with ELODS in Kiss Me Kate alongside lovely wife Jude. He thanks his fantastic kids Maddie and Thomas for putting up with us being away rehearsing.

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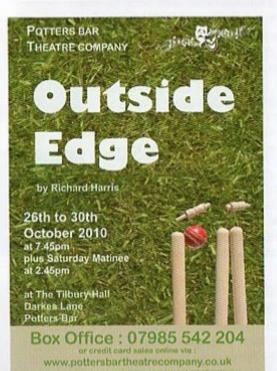


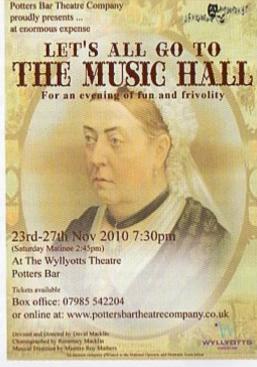
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#### The Kiss Me Kate Band

Reed I - Jessica Lowe

Reed 2 - Rachel Davis

Reed 3 - Mark Hayes

Reed 4 - Claire Frost

Trumpet I - Sam Lewis

Trumpet 2 - Adam Farrant

Horn - Andy Turner

Trombone - Matt Quick

Bass - Mike Taylor

Percussion - Mike Clowes

MD/Piano - Mark Newport

#### For Wyllyotts Theatre

General Manager - Ginny Williams Operations Manager - Christopher Edwards

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Frank Bundle, Stage Manager



Hilary Thorne, Wardrobe and Eleanor Glazer, Properties



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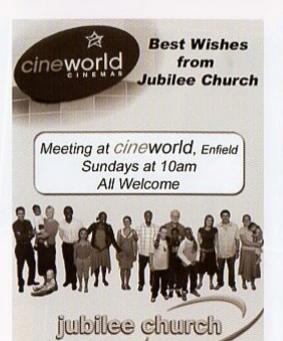
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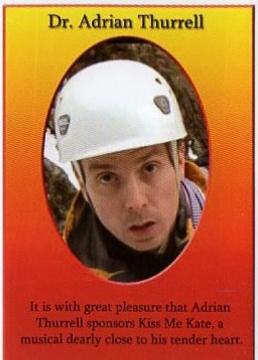
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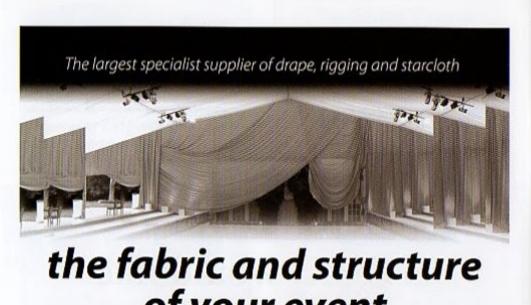
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	956	Iolanthe & Patience	1989	The Pirates of Penzance
	957	The Mikado	1,0,	Chicago
	958	Yeoman of the Guard	1990	The Pajama Game
	959	Trial by Jury		Little Mary Sunshine
	960	The Pirates of Penzance	1991	The Good Companions
	1961	The Gondoliers		Princess Ida
		The Gypsy Baron	1992	Half A Sixpence
1	962	Iolanthe		Guys and Dolls
	1963	HMS Pinafore	1993	Kiss Me Kate
	1964	Brigadoon		The Wizard of Oz
	1965	The Mikado	1994	Fiddler On the Roof
	1966	La Belle Helene		The Mikado
		Trial by Jury	1995	42nd Street Anything Goes
	1967	Ruddigore	1996	Billy
	1968	Lilac Time		Annie
		Music Hall	1997	Sweet Charity
	1969	Yeoman of the Guard		High Society
	1970	Merrie England	1998	My Fair Lady & Godspell
		Me and My Girl	1999	Crazy For You
	1971	Orpheus in the Underworld		Me and My Girl
		G & S Concert & Music Hall	2000	How to Succeed in Business
	1972	Brigadoon & The Boyfriend		Oklahoma!
		G & S Concert	2001	Hello, Dolly
	1973	Oklahoma & The Mikado		The Best Little Whorehouse
	1974	The Pajama Game & Salad		in Texas
		Days	2002	Sugar
	1975	Fiddler on the Roof	2002	Fiddler on the Roof
		How to Succeed in Business	2003	The Boardwalk Gondoliers
	1976	Iolanthe & Music Hall	2004	South Pacific
	1977	Flappers and Flannels	2004	Cabaret
	1070	Maid of the Mountain	2005	Calamity Jane
	1978	Oh! What a Lovely War	2005	The Pirates of Penzance
	1070	Orpheus In The Underworld	2006	High Society Carousel
	1979	Free As Air & The Arcadians Music Hall & Cabaret	2007	Oliver!
	1981	Carousel & Call Me Madam	2007	Hot Mikado
	1982	Sweet Charity & The Card	2008	Annie
	1983	Memories & The Gondoliers	2000	Singin' in the Rain
	1984	States Alive	2009	The Wizard of Oz
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	1985	The Sorcerer	2010	The Pajama Game
		Oklahoma!	23,3	Kiss Me Kate



1986 The Mikado

Oh! What A Lovely War

