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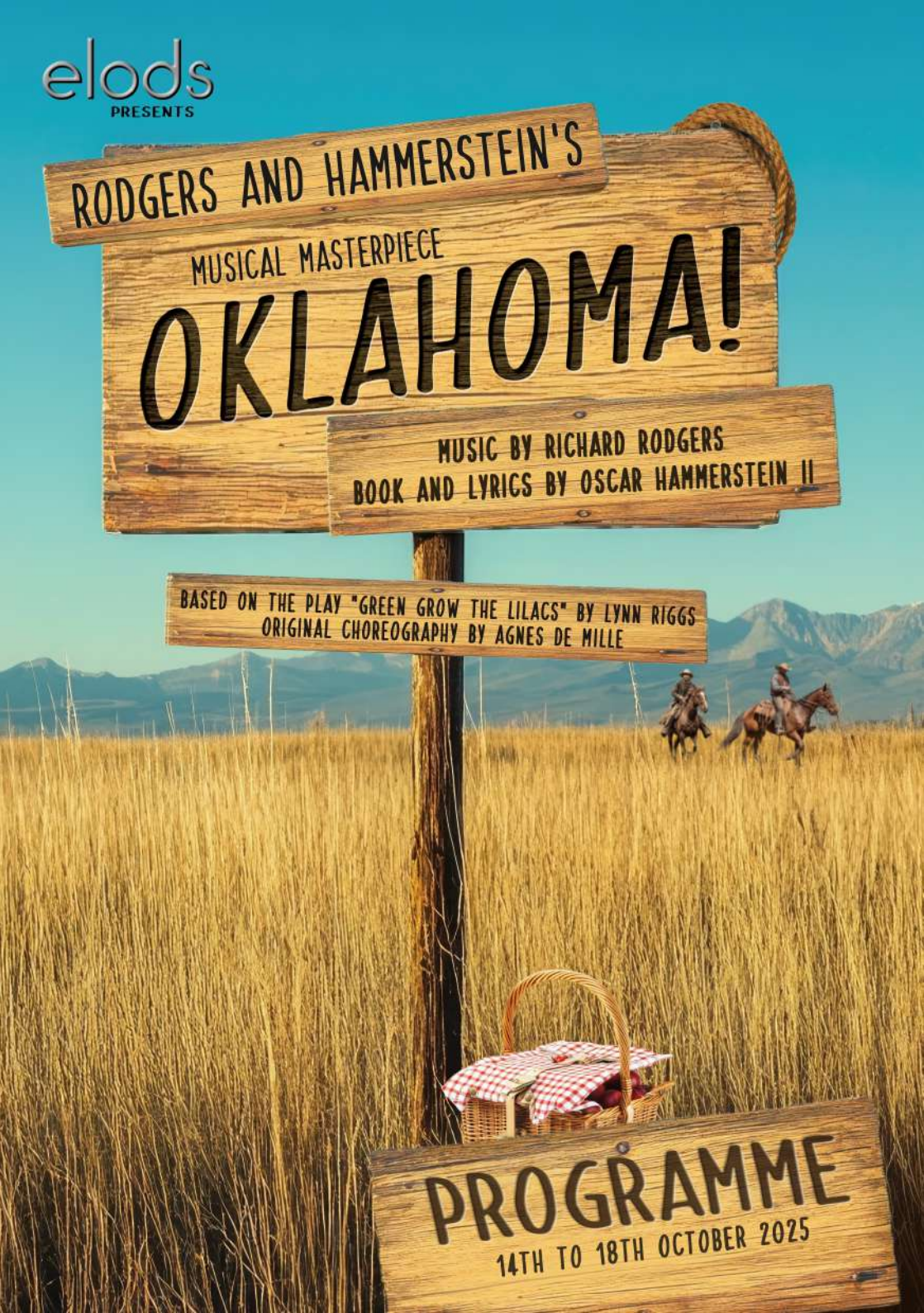
RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S

MUSICAL MASTERPIECE
OKLAHOMA!

MUSIC BY RICHARD RODGERS
BOOK AND LYRICS BY OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

BASED ON THE PLAY "GREEN GROW THE LILACS" BY LYNN RIGGS
ORIGINAL CHOREOGRAPHY BY AGNES DE MILLE

PROGRAMME
14TH TO 18TH OCTOBER 2025







A Note From The Chair

It's a real pleasure to welcome you to the Wyllyotts Theatre for ELODS' latest production – Rodgers and Hammerstein's groundbreaking musical, Oklahoma!. We're incredibly fortunate to be putting on this show under the expert direction of the highly experienced and respected John Hebden, supported by the very talented Jemma Hickman as Choreographer. Guided, as ever, by our brilliant Musical Director Mark Newport it is a joy to see our society take on another timeless classic with such enthusiasm and heart. With music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, Oklahoma! first opened on Broadway in 1943 and marked a turning point in musical theatre history. Its unforgettable songs – from the joyful "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin' " to the spirited "The Farmer and the Cowman" – have become timeless, and its influence on the genre is still felt today.

Set in the Oklahoma Territory in the early 1900s, the story centres on the blossoming romance between cowboy Curly McLain and headstrong farm girl Laurey Williams. But with rival suitors, personal tensions, and a community on the cusp of change, their journey is anything but straightforward. Filled with humour and hope, Oklahoma! is a powerful celebration of love, identity, and the pioneering spirit.

A huge thank you to our cast, crew, and creative team, whose energy and commitment have brought this show to life. Their hard work behind the scenes is what makes performances like this possible. And of course, thank you for being here. Your support means everything to us. We hope you enjoy the show and that Oklahoma! leaves you smiling, humming, and maybe even dreaming of wide open skies.

Emma

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act I

Overture

Oh, What A Beautiful Mornin' – Curly

The Surrey With The Fringe On Top – Curly, Laurey and Aunt Eller

Kansas City – Will, Aunt Eller and the Boys

The Surrey With The Fringe On Top (Reprise) – Curly

I Cain't Say No! – Ado Annie

Many A New Day – Laurey and the Girls

It's A Scandal! It's A Outrage! – Ali Hakim, Boys and Girls

People Will Say We're In Love – Curly and Laurey

Pore Jud Is Daid – Curly and Jud

Lonely Room – Jud

Out of My Dreams/Dream Ballet – Laurey and Ensemble

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act II

Entr'acte

The Farmer and The Cowman – Carnes, Aunt Eller, Curly, Will,
Ado Annie, Slim and Ensemble

All Er Nuthin' – Ado Annie and Will

People Will Say We're In Love (Reprise) – Curly and Laurey

Oklahoma – Curly, Laurey, Aunt Eller, Ike, Fred and Ensemble

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PRODUCTION TEAM

ELODS

Director - John Hebden

Musical Director - Mark Newport

Choreographer - Jemma Hickman

Production Manager - Maria Kleanthous

Production Secretary - Stef Carpenter

Costumes - Deborah Porton & Sophie Shoults

Set Contributors - Frank Bundle & Sam Stringle

Props - Helen Wikeley, Helen Coffey

Stage Manager - Mark Fitzgerald

Assistant Stage Manager - Kym Houlihan

Sound Design & Operation - Jacob Holmes

Light Design & Operation - John Castle

Additional Light Operators - Adrian Rammage

Del Sanders & Molly Wells

Front of House - Angela Edmunds

Artwork - Roger Bunnage

Programme - Naomi Delamore

WYLLYOTTS THEATRE

Theatre Manager - Ginny Williams

Technical Manager - Nigel Palmer

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CREATIVE TEAM



Musical Director - Mark Newport

Mark studied piano at the Royal Academy of Music and, alongside ELODS and teaching, has had a successful career working for many years on Les Misérables, conducting performances in London's West End and on the UK tour. Other West End credits on keyboards include Bombay Dreams, Cats, Chicago, Martin Guerre, Phantom of the Opera, Starlight Express, Sunset Boulevard, The Goodbye Girl and Woman in White. As Musical Director he has performed at Sadler's Wells, The Mermaid (Royal Gala), Whitehall and Bloomsbury theatres and was Assistant Conductor with Opera East on six national tours. Mark has taught at Guildford School of Acting, Mountview and Guildhall, and is a member of the Music Staff at Queenswood School, Hertfordshire.

Mark has been with ELODS for 39 years, Oklahoma!, being his 79th show.



Director - John Hebden

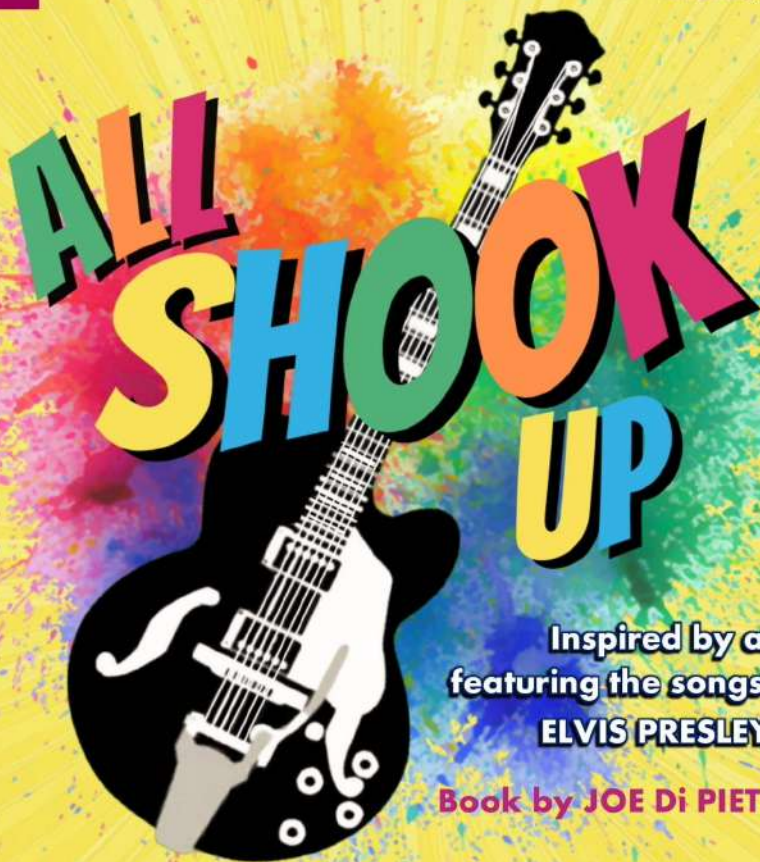
John has been associated with ELODS since 1975 both playing in their productions and directing. Favourite productions to date have been Pirates of Penzance and Little Mary Sunshine and most enjoyable parts to play Jesus in Godspell and Cornelius Hackl in Hello, Dolly! He is delighted to be back working with this young cast for Oklahoma!



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Choreographer - Jemma Hickman

Did you know that Oklahoma! was the first musical that used dance to forward the plot? Performing has formed a large part of Jemma's life, and she has drawn on her experience to bring a wide variety of dance styles to showcase the complex elements of this story. Choreography experience includes variety shows, school shows & clubs, and Woodford Pantomime 2025. Before that, Jemma remembers choreographing routines in her bedroom with her best friend including performances to her very patient parents.

Enjoy the show!



Costumes - Deborah Porton

This is Debs' 2nd outing with ELODS, having managed props for Me and My Girl in 2022. She is a big fan of Oklahoma! and was happy to step in to lead on costumes, albeit from afar, as she is also costuming 42nd Street in Radlett the same week! The costumes for this show have been very much a team effort, with Sophie Shoults, Nic Corden and Francesca Goodyear all working together to get the contemporary look we were after. ELODS haven't done a show set in modern dress for nearly 10 years, so we have a big shout out to the cast who have kept it real by sourcing their own costumes to reflect their characters. Congratulations on a fabulous show!



Costumes - Sophie Shoults

Sophie has performed with ELODS before and is thoroughly enjoying her first rummage through their famous costume store! A chronic maker of things, this is her first foray into costuming but hopefully not the last.

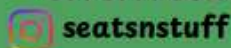


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Production Manager - Maria Kleanthous

Maria is delighted to be back as Production Manager for the fourth time for this wonderful production of Oklahoma!. The creative team, cast and crew have once again been fantastic to work with, and Maria is grateful for the chance to help bring such an iconic musical to the stage.

Maria would like to thank everyone in the company for their hard work, support and friendship - ELODS really do rock!



Stage Manager - Mark Fitzgerald

Mark has over 37 years in musical theatre, both on stage and behind the scenes. Trained in Tap, Modern, and Musical Theatre, he's also a London Champion Tap Dancer. For 17 years, he's managed productions with BSMTC Youth & BSA, earning multiple NODA awards. His credits include Rent, Matilda, Grease, Hairspray, and more. Known for his technical skills and creative vision, Mark excels in bringing directors' ideas to life and delivering high-quality local productions.



Production Secretary - Stef Carpenter

Stef has been a performing member of ELODS since 2017 and has appeared in every show since. Stef has added Production Secretary to her ELODS resume, utilising her real-life job skills as an administrator to help with communications and organisation. You can also spot Stef on stage in Oklahoma! - she has loved being a more integral part of the company more than ever and hopes you enjoy the show. Yeehaa!





THE CAST



Laurey Williams - Maddie Stoughton

Being her 10th show with ELODS, Maddie has loved every moment of Oklahoma!. Her most recent roles for ELODS were Sister Mary Robert (Sister Act), Portia (Wind in the Willows), and Anne Boleyn (SIX: Teen Edition). Other shows include 100 (Sophie), Cinderella (Cinderella), Annie (Molly), as well as appearing in a LIDL tv ad and winning the prestigious Oscar award at her drama school! Oklahoma! is a very special show to Maddie and Laurey is an absolute dream role of hers. She hopes you love the show as much as she does.



Curly McLain - Archie Beach

Archie is an aspiring triple threat, aiming for Broadway! Having almost two decades of singing under his belt, he has performed in high-profile venues such as the Roundhouse (putting on shows for thousands of people each year!) including the We Out Here festival where he performed on the main stage in front of over 10,000 people. This is Archie's third show with ELODS, where he is returning to his roots in musical theatre and is extremely excited to star as Curly McLain in this production of Oklahoma!



Aunt Eller - Claire Svoboda

Claire is delighted to be returning to the stage after a 7-year break in her ELODS debut as Aunt Eller. Historically she would be regularly seen on the North London am-dram circuit (primarily with FFBOS) and has enjoyed many roles such as Helena and Nicky in Sweet Charity, Narrator in Joseph, Mona in Best Little Whorehouse and the Brick Truck in Starlight Express. Now the kids are older she is thrilled to be back on stage, and in a fabulously feisty role with a wonderful cast.



Ado Annie - Bethany Newport

Oklahoma! is my 13th show with ELODS and I am delighted to be playing the part of Ado Annie - it was a part I 'just couldn't say no' to! Previous roles include, Sheryl Stoa in Wind in the Willows, Mercier in Scarlet Pimpernel and a 6-year-old Munchkin in The Wizard of Oz (my first show with the company & John Hebden). I've been performing since I was 4 years old, enjoying pantomimes with Stage One - a local youth drama group, school productions (including We Will Rock You and Peter Pan) and many Summer Schools.



Will Parker - Theo Hughes

Theo is delighted to be making his second appearance with ELODS, having also performed in Anything Goes. He is currently training at Platinum Academy, with aspirations of performing on a west end stage some day.



Jud Fry - Greg Wedge

Oklahoma! is Greg's first show with ELODS having been inspired to join after watching their past shows. Previous show highlights for Greg include playing Lucas in Addams Family, Eddie in Made in Dagenham and Eddie in Sister Act. He cannot wait to share the stage with the amazing talent that this cast brings, and is really looking forward to playing the bad guy for the first time and the different challenges this brings from his last role as Bill in Me And My Girl. Greg promises that he really is a nice guy/don't be scared when you see him at the bar after the show!



Ali Hakim - Mirza Malik

Mirza Malik made his acting debut in Singapore in 2002 and his musical debut in the UK in 2023. Past roles include Jack Worthing (The Importance of Being Earnest), Seigneur Acalde (Carmen), Guccio (Gianni Schicchi), Joey (Sister Act), and the Purser (Anything Goes). Ensemble roles include productions of Cavalleria Rusticana, The Pirates of Penzance, The Wind in the Willows, and The Sorcerer.



Gertie Cummings - Ellie Brunton

Ellie is delighted to be playing Gertie in Oklahoma! and has loved bringing her mischievous laugh to the stage. She's especially proud of her best friend playing Laurey – though it's proving tricky having to dislike her on stage! Ellie hopes you enjoy the show as much as she's enjoyed being part of it.



Andrew Carnes - Stephen Milligan

Stephen can't believe that it will be 25 years this Autumn that he first joined ELODS to perform in Hello, Dolly! Since then he has enjoyed participating in many shows both performing on stage and working with the back stage crew. He previously played Pa Carnes in the ELODS 2012 performance of Oklahoma! and feels that 13 years later, playing the same role, maybe he should be known as Grandpa Carnes. He hopes you enjoy the show.....



Cord Ellam - Roger Bunnage

After attending Mountview Theatre School, Roger enjoyed 35 years as a professional character performer. His many TV appearances include various robot characters, Fungus the Bogeyman and 5 very sweaty years playing Barney The Dinosaur! Roger also enjoys the challenge of creating the graphic artwork for ELODS' shows.



Slim - Zach Anstee

Zach has been a member of ELODS for 6 years and is very much looking forward to getting back on stage to play Slim in Oklahoma!. Some of his previous roles include: Eugene (Grease, TNT productions), Ben (Scarlett Pimpernel, ELODS) and Stoat Sentry (Wind in the Willows, ELODS)



Ike Skidmore - Nic Corden

Nic is once again delighted to be performing with ELODS. Oklahoma! is a favourite of his and he has very much enjoyed this production. Previous roles include Emmett in Legally Blonde; The Tin Man in Wizard of Oz; and Major General Stanley in The Pirates of Penzance. He hopes you enjoy the show!



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THE BAND

Musical Director and Piano - Mark Newport

Flute/Piccolo - Jennie Small

Clarinet - Mark Hayes

Clarinet/Bass Clarinet - Sue Pettitt

Trumpet 1 - Sam Lewis

Trumpet 2 - Laura Garwin

Trombone - Matt Quick

Violin - Lucia D'Avanzo-Lewis

Bass - Alan Coughlan

Drums/Percussion - Kieran Newport

ELODS COMMITTEE

Emma Bell - Chair

Rosie Cennamo - Secretary

Hannah Rourke - Treasurer

Maria Kleanthous - Production Manager

Paula Bland - Membership

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Maddie Stoughton - Publicity

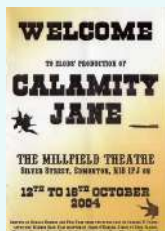
Francesca Goodyear - General Member

Stef Carpenter - General Member



ELODS - Past Shows

2025 : Anything Goes	2001 : Best Little Whorehouse	1979 : Free As Air
2024 : Sister Act	2001 : Hello Dolly	1978 : Orpheus In Underworld
2024 : Wind In The Willows	2000 : Oklahoma!	1978 : Oh! What a Lovely War
2023 : Singin' In The Rain	2000 : How To Succeed in Business...	1977 : The Maid of the Mountains
2023 : Six: Teen Edition	1999 : Me and My Girl	1977 : Flappers and Flannels
2023 : The Scarlet Pimpernel	1999 : Crazy For You	1976 : Olde Tyme Music Hall
2022 : Me and My Girl	1998 : Godspell	1976 : Iolanthe
2022 : Curtains	1998 : My Fair Lady	1975 : How To Succeed in Business...
2021 : My Fair Lady	1997 : High Society	1975 : Fiddler On The Roof
2020 : No shows due to coronavirus	1997 : Sweet Charity	1974 : Salad Days
2019 : Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	1996 : Annie	1974 : The Pajama Game
2019 : On The Town	1996 : Billy	1973 : The Mikado
2018 : The King and I	1995 : Anything Goes	1973 : Oklahoma
2018 : The Drowsy Chaperone	1995 : 42nd Street	1972 : Ballads, Songs & Snatches
2017 : Parade	1994 : The Mikado	1972 : The Boyfriend
2017 : Crazy For You	1994 : Fiddler on the Roof	1972 : Brigadoon
2016 : Guys And Dolls	1993 : The Wizard of Oz	1971 : Olde Tyme Music Hall
2016 : Legally Blonde	1993 : Kiss Me Kate	1971 : Songs Gilbert and Sullivan
2015 : Fiddler on The Roof	1992 : Guys and Dolls	1971 : Orpheus in Underworld
2015 : South Pacific	1992 : Half A Sixpence	1970 : Me and My Girl
2014 : Lend Me A Tenor	1991 : Princess Ida	1970 : Merrie England
2014 : Acorn Antiques-The Musical	1991 : The Good Companions	1969 : Gilbert & Sullivan Favourites
2013 : Whistle Down The Wind	1990 : Little Mary Sunshine	1969 : Olde Tyme Music Hall
2013 : How To Succeed in Business...	1990 : The Pajama Game	1969 : The Yeoman of the Guard
2012 : Oklahoma!	1989 : Chicago	1968 : Olde Tyme Music Hall
2012 : 42nd Street	1989 : The Pirates of Penzance	1968 : Lilac Time
2011 : Jesus Christ Superstar	1988 : Goldilocks and 3 Bears	1967 : Music and Drama Evening
2011 : Thoroughly Modern Millie	1988 : Godspell	1967 : Ruddigore
2010 : Kiss Me Kate	1987 : Cabaret	1966 : Trial By Jury
2010 : The Pajama Game	1987 : Finian's Rainbow	1966 : La Belle Helene
2009 : Iolanthe	1986 : Oh! What A Lovely War	1965 : The Mikado
2009 : The Wizard of Oz	1986 : The Mikado	1964 : Brigadoon
2008 : Charity Concert	1985 : Oklahoma!	1963 : HMS Pinafore
2008 : Annie	1985 : The Sorcerer	1962 : Iolanthe
2008 : Singing in the Rain	1984 : Fiddler on the Roof	1961 : The Gypsy Baron
2007 : Oliver	1984 : States Alive	1961 : The Gondoliers
2007 : Hot Mikado	1983 : The Gondoliers	1960 : The Pirates of Penzance
2006 : Carousel	1983 : Memories	1959 : Trial By Jury
2006 : High Society	1982 : The Card	1958 : Yeoman of the Guard
2005 : The Pirates of Penzance	1982 : Sweet Charity	1957 : The Mikado
2004 : Calamity Jane	1981 : Call Me Madam	1956 : Patience
2004 : Cabaret	1981 : Carousel	1956 : Iolanthe
2003 : Charity Concert	1980 : Cabaret	1955 : The Gondoliers
2003 : South Pacific	1980 : Music Hall	1954 : HMS Pinafore
2003 : The Boardwalk Gondoliers	1979 : The Arcadians	1953 : Trial By Jury
2002 : Fiddler on the Roof		
2002 : Sugar		



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