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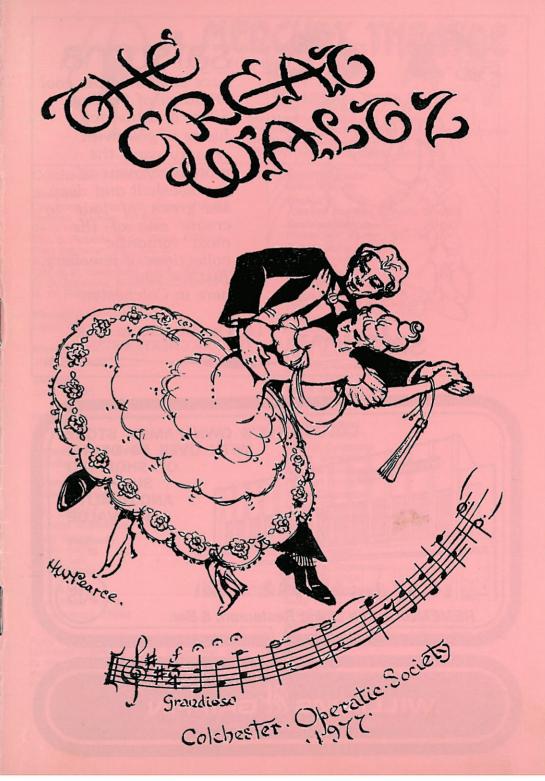
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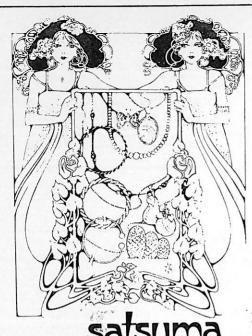
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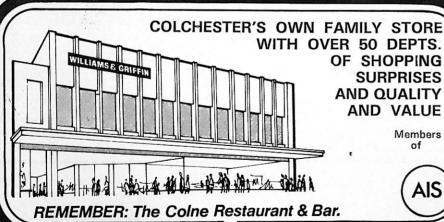




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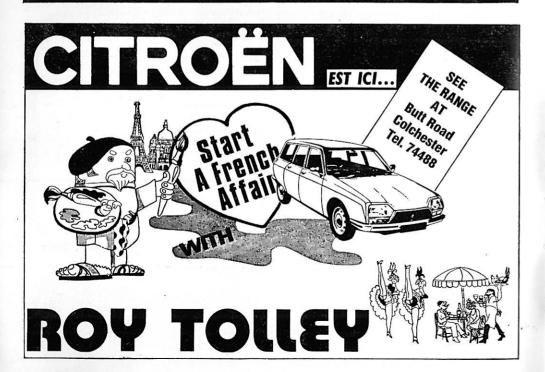
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THE STORY

The play is set in Vienna in the mid 1840s. At Ebeseder's Coffee Shop, Ebeseder and his daughter, Resi, are preparing a surprise birthday party for Johann Strauss, senior. Dommayer, proprietor of the fashionable restaurant where Strauss and his orchesta are a great attraction, arrives looking for Hirsch, Strauss' manager, because he has heard the maestro is to leave shortly on a tour of Europe.

Resi is in love with Strauss' son, Schani. Overhearing the news she suggests that Schani should conduct in his father's absence, and believes that he is being deliberately overshadowed.

Meanwhile Helene Vernet, the prima donna, arrives for her debut at the Opera House. She confides to Ebeseder that she is, in fact, Trudi Platzmeyer who, 12 years ago was a girl friend of Strauss.

Strauss tries to persuade his son to give up composing and take up banking instead. Ebeseder, however, is trying to encourage Schani to become a confectioner, but Resi insists that Schani's music must come first.

At the party Strauss meets Helene, but does not recognise her. He is captivated, and plans to cancel his tour. Drechsler, Strauss' concert master, breaks the news to Strauss that Schani is to take over at Dommayer's during his father's absence. Schani begins to play and sing one of his own compositions. Helene is impressed but Strauss is torn between jealousy and admiration, and refuses to permit Schani to conduct at Dommayer's. Schani feels it impossible to progress in the shadow of his father, and decides to go away to prove himself.

Two months later. Strauss returns from his tour to a rendezous with Helene in the Vienna Woods. Schani has returned from Budapest where he has been playing in a gypsy cafe. Helene conspires with Drechsler to whisk Strauss away from the "welcome home" concert, and, at the last moment, leaving the rostrum to Schani. Helene offers her carriage to take Strauss to the American Embassy to discuss a concert tour of the States, and secretly instructs her coachman to drive very slowly. The audience in the restaurant become very restless waiting for Strauss. Helene and Drechsler persuade Dommayer to let Schani conduct. At first the audience is disappointed, but gradually the magic of "The Blue Danube" waltz takes hold of them. There is a moment of tension when Strauss returns, and then with a gracious gesture he takes the baton from his son to conduct the last main theme of the waltz before returning it, with a bow, to the new Waltz King of Vienna.

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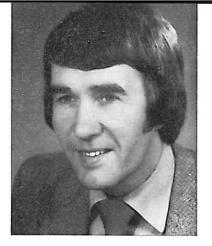
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	"Two by Two" Composers, Hirsch and Ensemble
	"A Waltz with Wings" Resi and Dommayer
	"I'm in Love with Vienna" Helene and Ensemble
2.	The Apartment of Johann Strauss, Snr.
	"My Philosophy of Life" Johann Strauss
3.	The Kitchen at Ebeseder's
	"Love and Gingerbread" Schani, Resi and Ebeseder
	"Action in the Kitchen" Katie, Albert, Ebeseder and Dancers
4.	The Garden at Ebeseder's
	"Teeter Totter Me" Schani and Helene
	"Happy Birthday" Ensemble
	"The Years are You" Johann and Ensemble
	"The State of the Dance" Katie, Hirsch, Hartkopf, Frau Haberwatzel and Ensemble
	"Radetsky March" Dancers and Ensemble
	"Of Men and Violins" Helene and Johann
5.	The Living Room at Ebeseder's
	"An Artist's Life" Schani and Resi
	FINALE ACT ONE Johann, Schani, Helene, Resi and Ensemble
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Additional lyrics by Forman Brown
Book by Jerome Chodorov based on the
version by Moss Hart and Milton Lazarus

ACT TWO

	1.	The Vienna Woods, about two months later				
		"The Enchanted Wood" Johann and Helene				
	2.	Outside Dommayer's Gardens				
		"Celebrated People" Dommayer, Hartkopf and Ensemble				
	3.	Dommayer's Garden's				
		"At Dommayer's" Dommayer, Hartkopf, Hirsch and Ensemble				
		"The Gipsy Told Me" Schani and Resi				
		"Tritsch Tratsch Polka" Dommayer, Hartkopf and Ensemble				
		"No Two Ways" Johann, Schani, Helene and Resi				
	4.	The Musicians' Room				
		"We Hate Music" Hirsch, Hartkopf and Dommayer				
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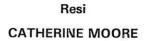


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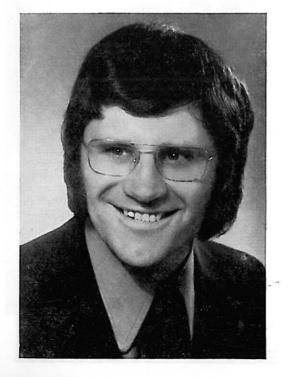
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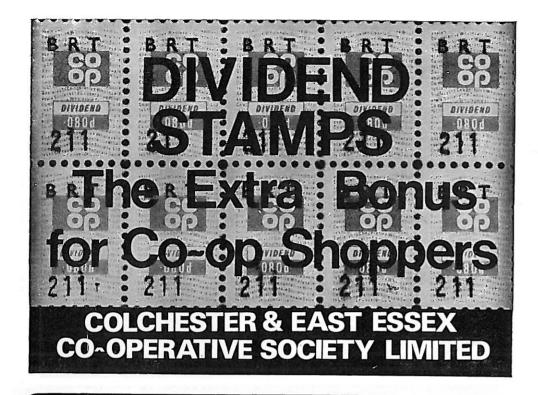
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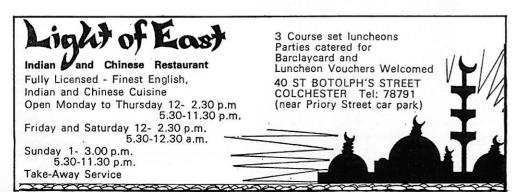




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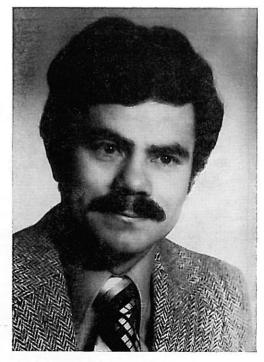
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