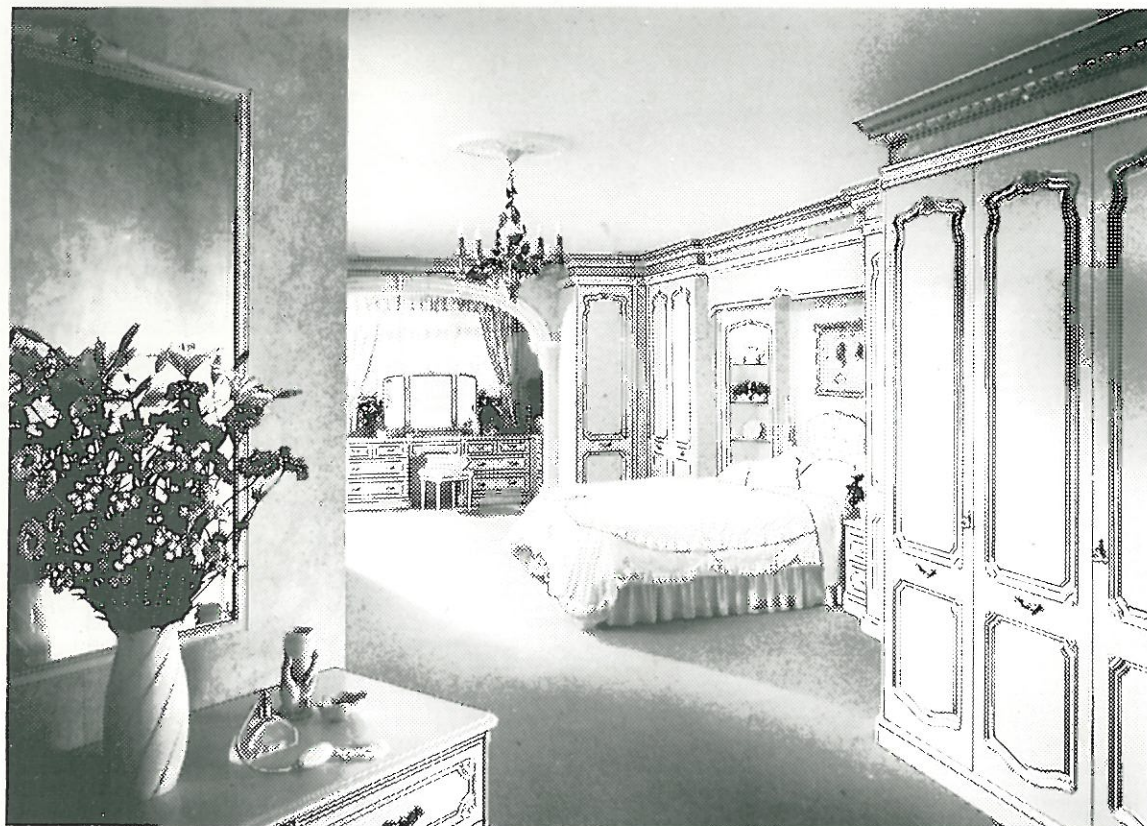


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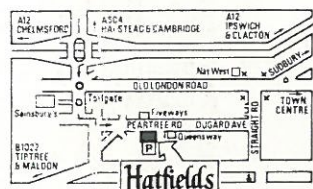
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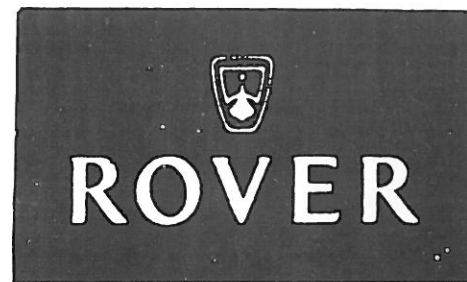
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## Chairman's Message

Welcome to the first full-scale production of "The Music Man" to be seen in Colchester. I hope you will find it as lively and invigorating as the first day on which it was performed. My thanks for this production go to Ray Jeffery and Andrew Denyer who were ably assisted by Sally Hammond, Jenny Spurgeon, Phyl Deeble and Richard Hubbard.

The hard work involved in producing such a show as "The Music Man" falls very heavily on those working backstage, out of the limelight. I offer my grateful thanks to stage management, props, make-up and wardrobe.

The Society, after much heart-searching, has decided to discontinue the Spring Show and produce only two shows a year. Next year this will mean the CO2 production of "Grease" in September and our Autumn show of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Synonymous with the Mercury Theatre has always been the name of David Forder, who has steered so capably the growth of the theatre from its origins in the old Albert Hall. Therefore, it is with great sadness that we shall bid David farewell in December. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing him a full and happy retirement. The Mercury Theatre will be all the poorer for his departure.

Finally, my thanks to you, the audience for your continued, loyal support. We look forward to seeing you in 1991.

John Enfield  
Chairman

## THE STORY OF THE SHOW

The story of the "Music Man" revolves around Professor Harold Hill, a fast-talking, plausible, travelling-salesman, who explodes upon the scene – River City in Iowa. Before very long the city is captivated by his charm and 'think system', whereby the children (and their parents) are persuaded that musical achievement is simple and rests with the professor. Harold Hill is the modern 'Pied Piper', who creates a carnival mood, none more evident than with the thrilling and well known 'Seventy-Six Trombones'.

However, before he can 'quit' the town 'ultra fast' (with advance payments), he is caught in the love trap of the piano-teacher, Marian. It is Marian who exposes Harold Hill's non-existent musical talents, but in doing so they declare themselves totally in love with "Till there was you". The show ends cleverly and unexpectedly, as the parents themselves vindicate the 'think system' and the man himself, by their own parental vanity.

The score abounds with musical invention, ranging from the clever opening train scene, the rip-roaring 'Seventy-Six Trombones', the harmonious "Lida Rose", the energetic dance number "Shipooi" and Harold's fascinating pace-setter 'Trouble', as seen through the eyes of a rival salesman.

# THE MUSIC MAN

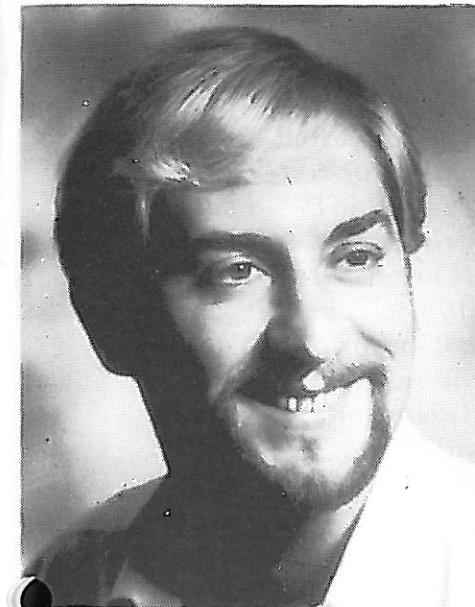
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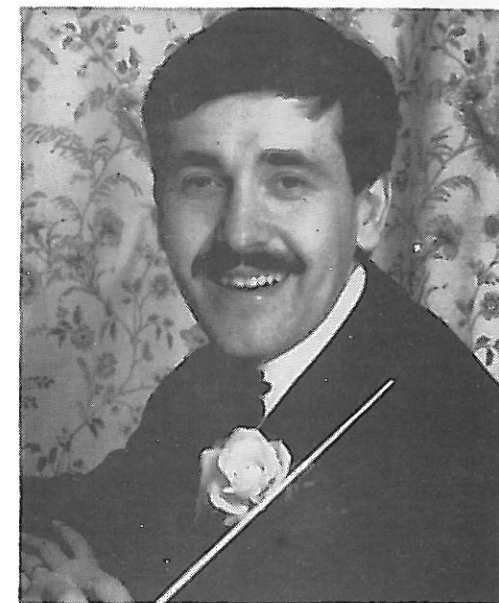
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## PREVIOUS PRODUCTIONS

1925 Gondoliers	1947 The Arcadians	1963 Kismet	1978 Fiddler on the Roof
1926 Mikado	1948 Waltz Dream	1964 The Most Happy Fella	1979 The King & I
1927 Princess Ida	1949 New Moon	1965 They Came to a City	1980 Show Boat
1929 Iolanthe	1950 The Wind and Rain	1965 The Student Prince	1981 Hello Dolly
1930 Yeomen of the Guard	1950 The Desert Song	1966 Hay Fever	1982 Camelot
1931 Trial by Jury and Pirates of Penzance	1951 The Student Prince	1966 La Belle Helene	1983 Half a Sixpence
Les Cloches de Corneville	1952 Harmony Hill	1967 Carousel	1984 Brigadoon
1932 Quaker Girl	1953 Show Boat	1968 Count of Luxembourg	1985 Guys & Dolls
1933 Mikado	1954 Brigadoon	1969 Oklahoma	1985 Carousel
1934 Gondoliers	1955 Pink Champagne	1970 Kiss Me Kate	1986 Pirates of Penzance
1935 Merrie England	1956 Vagabond King	1971 Die Fledermaus	1986 The Sound of Music
1936 Duchess of Danzig	1957 White Horse Inn	1972 Mikado	1987 South Pacific
1937 Vagabond King	1958 Summer Song	1973 Robert and Elizabeth	1987 Oliver
1938 Country Girl	1959 The Merry Widow	1974 Orpheus in the Underworld	1988 The Desert Song
1946 Beggar's Opera	1960 Song of Norway	1975 The Merry Widow	1988 Annie Get Your Gun
1947 Tom Jones	1961 Naughty Marietta	1976 My Fair Lady	1989 The Mikado
	1962 The Dancing Years	1977 The Great Waltz	1989 My Fair Lady
			1990 The Pajama Game



# THE MUSIC MAN

## CAST

Travelling Salesmen	...	...	...	Mick Hemstedt, David Moye, Nick Flower, Jim Hughes, Nigel Smith, Colin Thorne, Bob Wilson, Scott Woodrow
Charlie Cowell	...	...	...	Vic Edwards
Conductor	...	...	...	Derek Massey
Harold Hill	...	...	...	Lee Threadgold
Mayor Shinn	...	...	...	Robin Sampson
Marcellus Washburn	...	...	...	Barry Hester
Marian Paroo	...	...	...	Val Massey
Mrs. Paroo	...	...	...	Gill Plumtree
Amaryllis	...	...	...	Charlotte Morgan
Winthrop Paroo	...	...	...	Richard Morgan
Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn	...	...	...	Brenda Green
Zaneeta Shinn	...	...	...	Mandy Fincham
Gracie Shinn	...	...	...	Beverley Humphreys
Tommy Dijas	...	...	...	Philip Spurgeon
Ewart Dunlop	...	...	...	Mick Hemstedt
Jacey Squires	...	...	...	Nick Flower
Olin Britt	...	...	...	John Harvey
Oliver Hix	...	...	...	Jim Hughes
Ethel Toffelmier	...	...	...	Barbara Ryan
Alma Hix	...	...	...	Sue Nicholson
Maud Dunlop	...	...	...	Sandra Moorhouse
Mrs. Squires	...	...	...	Cindy West
Constable Locke	...	...	...	Colin Thorne
Ladies on Train	...	...	...	Debbie Andrews, Dani Fincham, Jayne Morris, Jenny Spurgeon
Understudy for Marian Paroo	...	...	...	Jayne Morris

### River City Townspeople

Debbie Andrews	Derek Massey	Ann Rozier
Sharon Cook	Jayne McKercher	Muriel Sampson
Lin Curtis	Rita Ord	Emma Spurgeon
Margaret Dunt	Amanda O'Neill	Jenny Spurgeon
Wally Edwards	Derek Phillips	Colin Thorne

### Dancers

Sally Cook	Gillian Humphreys	Jayne Morris
Dani Fincham	Mick Hemstedt	David Moye
Juliette Flower	Clare Joseph	Nigel Smith
Nick Flower	Brian Keeble	Bob Wilson
Stephanie Garnes	Nicola Massey	Scott Woodrow

### Children

Katie Bayliss	Beverley Humphreys	Natalie Paris
Marsha Catchpole	Holly Jago	Helen Robinson
Chris Curtis	Beth Keeble	Katherine Shurlock
Richard Curtis	Lizzie Lunnon	Ellie Shurlock

## FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS IN 1991

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## GREASE

and

## FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

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## ACT ONE

Scene 1 –	A Railway Coach, morning 4th July, 1912
Scene 2 –	River City, Iowa, Centre of Town – immediately following
Scene 3 –	A Street – immediately following
Scene 4 –	The Paroo's House – that evening
Scene 5 –	Madison Gymnasium – thirty minutes later
Scene 6 –	Exterior of Madison Library – immediately following
Scene 7 –	Interior of Madison Library – immediately following
Scene 8 –	A Street – the following Saturday noon
Scene 9 –	An Impressive Doorway – immediately following
Scene 10 –	The Paroo's Porch – that evening
Scene 11 –	Centre of Town, noon the following Saturday

## ACT TWO

Scene 1 –	Madison Gymnasium – the following Tuesday evening
Scene 2 –	The Hotel Porch – the following Wednesday evening
Scene 3 –	The Paroo's Porch – immediately following
Scene 4 –	The Footbridge – fifteen minutes later
Scene 5 –	A Street – immediately following
Scene 6 –	Madison Park – a few minutes later
Scene 7 –	River City High School Assembly Room – immediately following

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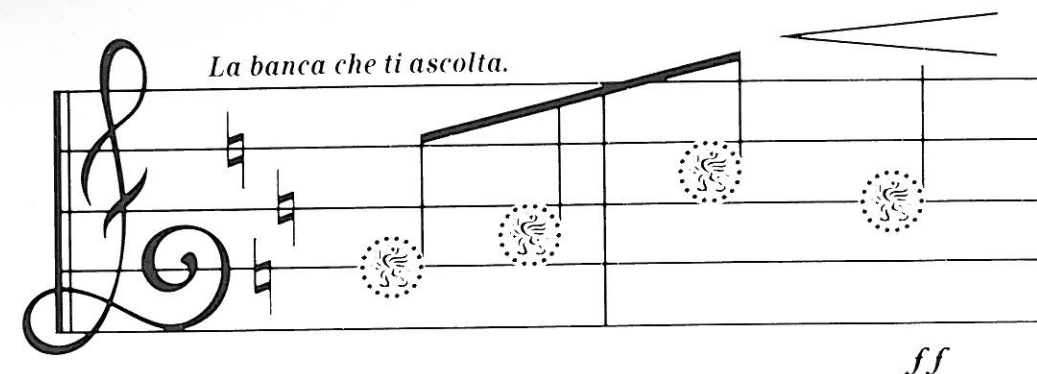
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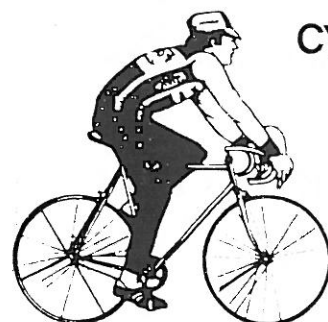
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