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PRODUCTION TEAM









Musical Director
Peter Snell

Assistant Director **Emma Spurgeon**

A message from the Chairman of CO2.

Once again we stage a show set in New York, a show we last presented in 1994. Whilst none of the cast are the same other names that appeared in that programme feature in this one. The continued support of the members of the main society is a vital part of bringing this production to the Mercury. I would like to take this opportunity of extending mine, and the youngsters thanks for their enthusiasm. This show with its emphasis on dance has presented another challenge to the cast, one that I am proud to see they have met to their usual high standard. **Alan Larner**

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42nd. Street The Story

The noted Broadway director Julian Marsh is starting rehearsals for his new musical "Pretty Lady" dance director Andy Lee is auditioning the chorus. While Oscar plays piano Mac the Stage Director and Billy Lawlor the show's romantic lead watch as do the writers, Bert Barry and Maggie Jones. Afterwards pretty young Peggy Sawyer arrives, it had taken her an hour to get up courage and consequently she has missed the audition. Billy, introduces himself, tries to make a date then gets her to sing for Andy. She is good, very good but it is too late. As she rushes out she bumps into Julian.

Maggie finds Peggy's purse, she is sure she will be back. Julian is worried about his leading lady Dorothy Brock who's been over the hill for ten years. Her sugar daddy Abner Dillon is putting up the money for "Pretty Lady". Julian with difficulty persuades Dorothy to sing a number as Peggy comes back, three of the chorus girls persuade her to come to lunch. Back at the theatre Andy sees Peggy's talent and hires her as an extra girl. Peggy, still hungry, faints and is carried to Miss Brock's dressing room. There Pat Denning, Dorothy's former lover tries to make Peggy comfortable. Dorothy surprises them and blows up figuring he's two-timing her. Overhearing this Abner orders Pat to leave and backs this up with a subsequent visit from two gangsters.

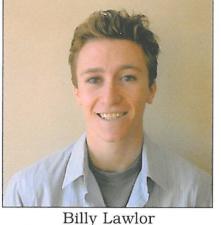
The show's tryout goes to Philadelphia, Dorothy is unhappy with how little she has to do. On opening night she rushes on at the end of Act I, collides with Peggy and then can't get up. Julian ends the performance and fires Peggy. A doctor says Dorothy has a broken ankle, Julian decides to close the show for good. The cast on hearing the news decides that a replacement is needed and Peggy could do it. Julian is convinced and rushes to the station to persuade her - with the arrival of all the company she is convinced. Back in New York Peggy has 36 hours to learn the show. With half an hour to go Dorothy arrives leg in plaster to wish her all the best and coach her on how to handle an audience. Peggy by now totally drained has to be pushed by Julian to perform. The show is a hit Peggy is an overnight sensation - a star. It does not go to her head choosing to go to a cast party rather than a society celebration. She persuades Julian to go with her – feeling on top of the world he agrees.



Bert Barry
Joe Allen



Dorothy Brock
Louise Cassidy



Billy Lawlor

Jonathon Dearden



Maggie Jones

Jez Donnelly



Andy Lee Paul Flynn



Lorrraine Fleming

Justine Garnes



Annie Reilly Joanna Haley



Abner Dillon
Philip Hawkins



Pat Denning

Daniel Howell



Phyllis Dale Victoria Leung



Peggy Sawyer
Alessanda Vermillio



Julian Marsh
Jon Venn



CAST

(In order of Appearance)

Andy Lee Mac

Annie Reilly Maggie-Jones

Bert Barry Billy Lawlor

Peggy Sawyer Lorraine Fleming

Phyllis Dale

Diane Lorimer

Gladys Ethel

Julian Marsh Dorothy Brock

Abner Dillon

Pat Denning

Frankie Millie

Thugs Doctor

Oscar / Waiter

Paul Flynn

Daniel Kerr

Joanna Haley Jez Donnelly

Joe Allen

Jonathon Dearden

Alessanda Vermillio

Justine Garnes Victoria Leung

Soophia Foroughi

Abigail Baker Tiffany Buck

Jon Venn

Louise Cassidy Philip Hawkins Daniel Howell Harry Tweddell

Rosanna White Lewis Aleta / Michael Bramley

Michael Bramley Joseph Howell

CHORUS: Lewis Aleta, Kate Beckwith, Lisa Bibby, Jodie Carter, Becky Clarke, Joseph Howell, Vicky Hunter, Rachel Kerr, Kattie Lunnon, Melissa Pipe, Anna Pool, Harry Tweddell, Anne-Marie Vile.

DANCERS: Hannah Emerson, Amy Green, Annie Homer, Dominique Horsfall, Jodie Innes, Isobel King, Melissa McDowell, Rosie McDowell, Jenna Saiz, Amy Secretan, Nicola Treliving, Georgina Wootten.

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Synopsis of Scenes and Musical Numbers Act 1

	Act 1		
Scene 1:	42 nd Street Theatre, New York	1933	
	"Audition"	en like to per a la l	Andy & Ensemble
	"Young and Healthy"		Billy & Peggy
	"Shadow Waltz"		Maggie, Dorothy & Girls
	"Shadow Waltz" (Reprise)		Dorothy
Scene 2:	Gypsy Tea Kettle		
	"Go into Your Dance"		Maggie, Peggy, Annie,
			Andy, Phyllis Lorraine
Scene 3:	On Stage		
	"You're Getting to be a Habit With Me"		Dorothy, Billy,
			Peggy & Ensemble
Scene 4:	Dorothy Brock's Dressing Room		
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Scene 5:	On Stage		
	"Getting out of Town"		Pat, Bert, Maggie, Annie,
			Dorothy & Ensemble
Scene 6:	Arch Street Theatre, Philadelphia		
beene o.	"Dames"		Billy & Ensemble
Soona 7.	Paganay Club and Darothy Prock's Suita	Hotel Stratford	
Scene 7:	Regency Club and Dorothy Brock's Suite "I Know Now"	notel Stration	Dorothy
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Scene 8:	Opening Night, Arch Street Theatre	Philadelphia	= : *
	"I Know Now" (Reprise)		Billy & Girls
	"We're in the Money"		Annie, Peggy, Lorraine, Phyllis, Billy & Ensemble
	"Act One Finale"		Dorothy, Peggy &
			Full Company
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	ACT 2	2011	
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Scene 1:	Outside Dorothy Brock's Dressing Room	10 Minutes Later	
Scene 2	Dressing Rooms at Arch Street Theatre		
Scone 2.	"Sunny Side to Every Situation"		Annie & Ensemble
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scene 3.	Stage of the Arch Street Theatre		
Scene 4:	Broad Street Station, Philadelphia		
	"Lullaby of Broadway"		Julian & Full Company
Scene 5:	42 nd Street Theatre, New York		
Scene 6.	Peggy's Dressing Room		
Scone o.	"About a Quarter to Nine"		Dorothy & Peggy
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Scene 7:	Opening Night of "Pretty Lady"		
	"Overture"		Orchestra

Annie, Bertie, Maggie, Girls

Peggy, Billy & Ensemble

Julian

"Shuffle off to Buffalo"

"42nd Street" (Reprise)

"42nd Street"

Scene 8: Backstage

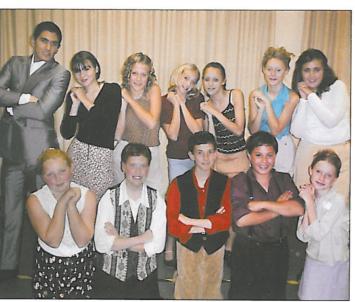
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The Dancers



The Chorus



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3 rd Sax/Clarinet	Gail Copsey	French Horn	Janet Young
Flute	Jane Sweeting	Bass	Phil Wingfield
		Percussion	Andy Dowding

Off Stage Chorus

John Enfield, Kim Jones, Sally Leung, Meg Lyons Penny Mole, David Moye, Kevin Richards, Barbara Ryan, Steve Williams, Teresa White

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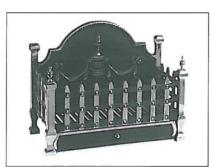


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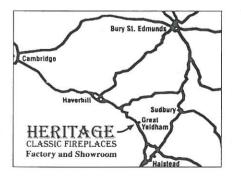
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