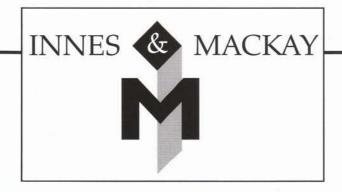
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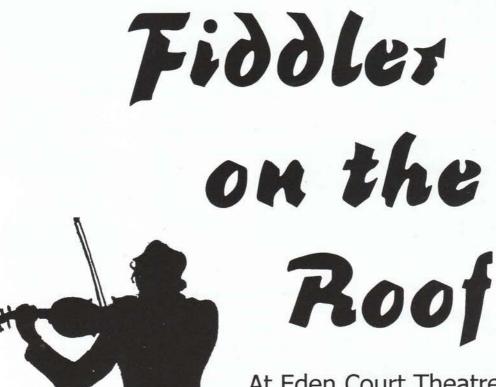
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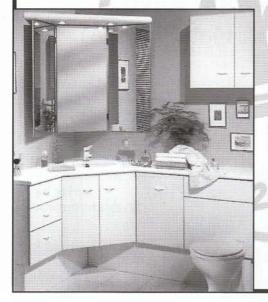
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#### From our Honorary President

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I extend a very warm welcome to you all this evening, in this the 75th Anniversary Year of Inverness Opera Company.



It is interesting to note that when the Company was formed in 1925, their first production was of *The Mikado*, performed in the 'Old Central Halls Picture House'. Later this was re-named 'The Empire Theatre' after a stage was provided. When the Empire Theatre closed in 1970, the Company moved to the Playhouse Cinema – then came the disastrous fire when it burnt down in 1972. However, true to the saying 'the show must go on', the Company continued with productions in the Royal Academy and High School halls until the opening of Eden Court Theatre in 1976.

I am sure you will agree that a tremendous debt of gratitude is due to the many amateur artists who, over the past 75 years, have presented wonderful productions in a very professional manner. Tonight's performance is the result of dedicated rehearsals which commenced last September, and I am sure you will enjoy this 75th Anniversary production of Fiddler on the Roof.

Fiddler on the Roof was first presented at the Imperial Theatre, New York on 22nd September 1964 and ran for 3,242 performances. It was first produced in London at Her Majesty's Theatre on 16th February 1967 where it ran for 2,030 performances.

The famous Jewish actor Chaim Topol is synonymous with the role of Tevye, the milkman, which he has performed all over the world. In 1971 a film version appeared, starring Topol and directed by Norman Jewison.

Inverness Opera Company first performed the show in 1973 and again in 1983. In tonight's performance, as on both previous occasions, the role of Tevye is being played by Inverness' own Topol, Scott Don!

Inverness Opera Company would like to express their gratitude to CSC Forest Products Ltd. for their very generous sponsorship of this production. Also thanks to our Patrons and Commercial Patrons for their continued support.

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## The Story of Fiddler on the Roof

A fiddler sits on the roof of the home of Tevye, the milkman, in the small Russian village of Anatevka. It is 1905, towards the end of Tsarist rule. The precariousness of the musician and the solitary beauty of his music sum up the situation of the village's Jewish population, whose strengths in changing times are their cultural and religious roots. On a personal level, such changes are evident in the marriage arrangements for Tevye and his wife Golde's five daughters. Yente, the matchmaker, has arranged for Tzeitel, the eldest, to marry the widowed butcher Lazar. Tzeitel, however, wants to marry for love, not money, setting her sights on the destitute tailor Motel, a childhood friend. The three sisters Tzeitel, Hodel and Chava sing of their plight.

Tevye returns from a hard day's work with his carthorse lame. He politely enquires of God whether it would make all that much difference to the scheme of things if a little more good fortune could come his way. The village also learns, from university student Perchik, that the authorities are evicting Jews from some surrounding villages. Although Perchik's views are a little too revolutionary for him, Tevye takes the young man into his home for the Sabbath meal.

Although Tevye does not care for Lazar he recognises him as a good match for Tzeitel, and the two men toast the arrangement. Things are not going well. There is news of anti-Jewish demonstrations in the village. Back home, Perchik encourages the

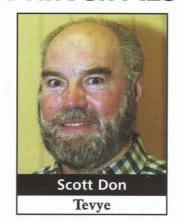
daughters to question family values, and Tzeitel tells her father that she loves Motel. Tevye finally gives in to Tzeitel, and Motel is delirious. In order to persuade Golde to accept the new arrangement, Tevye invents a dream in which her grandmother has told him that Tzeitel will marry Motel. At the wedding, Tevye and Golde grow mellow and meditative. Tradition is broken again when Perchik takes Tevye's daughter Hodel to the dance floor, for men and women cannot dance together in public. Tevye covers by taking Golde onto the floor, but the ceremony is suddenly terminated by an anti-Jewish demonstration.

Perchik wants to return to the city where revolution is brewing, and Hodel agrees to their engagement. Tevye and Golde are startled at how love now comes first, before tradition, unlike in their day. News arrives that Perchik has been arrested in Kiev, and Hodel determines to go to him and get married, despite her fear of leaving her home.

Things continue to break down. Tevye's third daughter, Chava, falls in love with a Russian, and she then decides to ignore her father and marry outside the faith. The pogroms are now upon them, and the village's Jewish community reluctantly admit that they must leave. Chava and her husband depart for Cracow, but the rest of the family head for the safety of America. As the fiddler departs with them, everyone mourns the loss of their village.



## **PRINCIPALS**





















#### **CAST**

Tevye (The Milkman): Scott Don

Golde (His Wife): Alison Munro

Tzeitel: Sophie McCook

Hodel: Lynda Thomson

(His Daughters) Chava: Aileen Hendry

Shprintze: Carmen Donald

Bielke: Elizabeth Hay

Motel (The Tailor): Gordon Fleming

Perchik (The Student): Trevor Nicol

Fyedka: Richard Miemczyk

Lazar Wolf (The Butcher): Douglas Yule

Yente (The Matchmaker): Maureen Pringle

Fruma-Sarah: Fiona Doughty

Granma Tzeitel: Elaine Peter
(The Innkeeper): Alistair Cooke

Mordcha (The Innkeeper): Alistair Cooke Russian: Baxter Murray

Rabbi: Bob Lown

Mendel (His Son): Andy MacBride

Avram (The Bookseller): Eddie Docherty

Constable: John Green

Shandel (Motel's Mother): Louise Munro

Priest: Jim Pringle

Nachum (The Beggar): Donald Matheson

Russian Dancers: Claire Cameron, Amanda Chisholm,

Carmen Donald, Michelle Froud, Lynsey Grant, Elizabeth Hay

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Fiddler: Gillian Cuthbert

Boys: Mark Watson, Alistair Levings

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Trumpet 1: Brian Mitchell

Trumpet 2: Heather Hook
Trombone: Brian Keddie

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Violin B: Robin Calvert

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#### MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

Overture

Prologue - TRADITION

(Tevye and Chorus)

MATCHMAKER

(Hodel, Chava and Tzeitel)

IF I WERE A RICH MAN (Tevve)

SABBATH PRAYER

(Tevye, Golde and Chorus)

TO LIFE

(Tevye, Lazar Wolf and Male Chorus)

TEVYE'S MONOLOGUE (Tevve)

MIRACLE OF MIRACLES (Motel)

THE DREAM

(Granma, Rabbi, Tevve, Fruma-Sarah

and Chorus)

SUNRISE, SUNSET

(Tevye, Golde, Perchik, Hodel and Chorus)

WEDDING DANCE

ACT 2

Entracte

NOW I HAVE EVERYTHING

(Perchik and Hodel)

TEVYE'S REBUTTAL (Tevve)

DO YOU LOVE ME? (Tevye and Golde)

THE RUMOUR (Chorus and Principals) FAR FROM THE HOME I LOVE (Hodel)

CHAVA SEQUENCE (Tevye)

ANATEVKA (Chorus and Principals)

#### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

THE PLACE: Anatevka, a small village in Russia

THE TIME: 1905 on the eve of the Russian Revolutionary period

ACT 1

Prologue

Scene One: Scene Two: Kitchen in Tevve's house Exterior of Tevye's house

Scene Three:

Interior of Tevye's house

Scene Four: The Inn

Scene Five:

Street outside the Inn

Scene Six:

On a bench outside Tevye's house

Scene Seven:

Tevve's bedroom

Scene Eight:

Village street and Motel's tailor shop

Scene Nine:

Section of Tevye's yard

ACT 2

Prologue

Scene One:

Exterior of Tevye's house

Scene Two:

Village street

Scene Three:

Exterior of railroad station

Scene Four:

Village street

Scene Five:

Motel's tailor shop

Scene Six:

Somewhere on the outskirts of the village

Scene Seven:

The Barn

Scene Eight:

Outside Tevye's house

Epilogue



 $Back\ row\ (1\ to\ r):\ Bob\ Lown,\ Rabbi\ \cdot\ John\ Green,\ Constable\ \cdot\ Andy\ MacBride,\ Mendel\ \cdot\ Donald\ Matheson,\ Nachum\ (Beggar)\ \cdot\ Eddie\ Docherty,\ Avram\ (Bookseller)$ 

Front row (1 to r): Elaine Peter, Granma Tzeitel · Carmen Donald, Shprintze · Alistair Cooke, Mordcha (Innkeeper) · Fiona Doughty, Fruma-Sarah · Elizabeth Hay, Bielke



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1951	The Quaker Girl	1972	Carousel	1987	The New Moon
1952	Yeomen of the Guard	1972	The Pajama Game	1988	Carousel
1953	Merrie England	1973	Fiddler on the Roof	1989	Merrie England
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1955	The Mikado	1975	The Boyfriend	1991	The Gondoliers
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1959	The Gipsy Baron	1976	Cabaret	1993	Oklahoma
1960	The Merry Widow	1977	The Mikado	1994	The Gipsy Baron
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1962	Die Fledermaus	1978	Showboat	1996	Call Me Madam
1963	White Horse Inn	1978	My Fair Lady	1997	The Mikado
1964	Showboat	1979	Oh, Susanna	1997	Guys and Dolls
1965	Call Me Madam	1980	Yeomen of the Guard	1998	Me and My Girl
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