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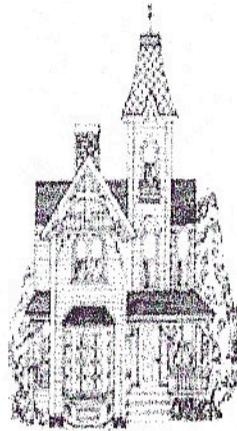
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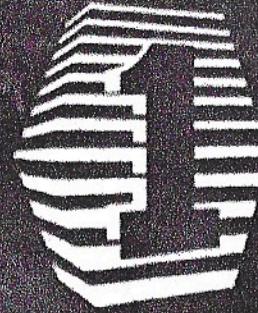
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Cast

The Toy Maker.....Kevin Jobe
Pauline.....Emily DePauw
Paul.....Drew Quintero
Aaron Blunder.....Allen Means
Paulette.....William J.B. Winn

Production Staff

Stage Director.....Brandon Thomsen
Artistic Director.....Avril Marie Bernzen
Set Designer.....Paul Denckla
Piano Accompanist.....Robert March
Program Design.....Andrea McCready
Costumes.....Drew Quintero
Quincy University Theater Department
Music Director.....Allen Means
Reservations/Education.....Avril Marie Bernzen
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The Toy Shop Story

Seymour Barab is one the foremost composers of children's opera in the United States. Since its publication in 1980, *The Toy Shop* has become a favorite of opera companies and audiences in the U.S. *The Toy Shop* has both suspense and slapstick comedy as the dolls play hide and seek with the magician, Aaron Blunder, and Paul kicks him at every opportunity.

The Toy Shop is a simple confection about a toymaker, two of his doll creations, Paul and Pauline, and Aaron Blunder, the magician who wants to steal them. The final surprise of the opera is the appearance of the gorilla, Paulette, and her pursuit of the villain. The larger theme of the opera is that it is love that makes things real. Aaron Blunder changes from a greedy, wicked magician into a person who knows that love is stronger than any other power.

Biographies

Avril Marie Bernzen – Artistic Director

Mrs. Bernzen's love of opera and classical music has led her to focus a great deal of her time toward making professional opera a reality in the Quincy area. She tirelessly serves as president of the Muddy River Opera Company and as its Artistic Director. She has sung with various opera companies, dinner theatres and other venues across the country. She has also performed with the USO in Cuba. She was director and leading actress in the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Theatre for two years. She is a graduate of Quincy College, Notre Dame Conservatory of Music in piano and the Quincy Conservatory of Music in voice. She has done graduate work in Microbiology at Central Michigan University and St. Louis University. Mrs. Bernzen operates a voice and piano studio out of her home in Quincy.

Emily DePauw – Pauline

A 2005 graduate of Quincy University, Ms. DePauw holds a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Vocal Performance and Communications and is the Administrative Director at Union Avenue Opera Company in Saint Louis. Ms. DePauw has performed such roles as Rose in *Gypsy*, Marian in *The Music Man*, Roxie in *Chicago*, and Joanne in *Godspell*. As a soloist she has been featured in Shubert's *Mass in G*, Mozart's *Laudate Dominum*, and Faure's *Requiem*. Ms DePauw has been involved with Muddy River Opera Company since 2001, and served on the board for 3 years. Most recently Ms. DePauw has been seen on stage during Union Avenue Opera's 2010 Season in *Pirates of Penzance*, *La fille du regiment*, and *Amahl and the Night Visitors* and is a charter member of the Missouri Women's Chorus.

Kevin Jobe –The Toy Maker

Mr. Jobe is a Quincy native and made his professional debut with MROC as Major General Stanley in *Pirates of Penzance*. He has appeared in previous MROC productions in minor roles and as a member of the chorus. *La Bohème*, *The Gift of the Magi*, *L'Elisir d'Amore*, and *Madama Butterfly*, to name a few. He has also been in numerous Quincy Community Theatre productions. Mr. Jobe studied voice locally with Naomi Watts before attending Faith Baptist College in Ankeny, Iowa with a double major in Theology and Music.

Allen Means--Aaron Blunder

Mr. Means teaches choir, voice, and low brass at Quincy University. He has a Master of Arts degree in vocal performance from Western Illinois University. He also has a Bachelor of Arts in trombone performance from Quincy University and a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance with teacher certification from Liberty University. Mr. Means has sung professionally with the Saint Martin Chamber Players in Peoria and the Muddy River Opera in Quincy, performing a number of principal roles. In November of 2006, Mr. Means sang the baritone solos from Faure's *Requiem* with the Quincy Symphony Chorus and chamber orchestra, and has twice sung in Quincy's Sunday Music Series.

Drew Quintero—Paul

A 2005 graduate of Quincy University, Drew Quintero has been active in Quincy theatre for over twenty-two years. Recent stage roles include Eddie in *Funny Girl*, Carmen Ghia in *The Producers* and Dennis in *All Shook Up* all at Quincy Community Theatre. While in college Mr. Quintero performed, directed and choreographed at QU as well as playing the title role in *Jekyll and Hyde*. Following graduation he was seen as Professor Harold Hill in *The Music Man* with Curtain's Up Theatre Company in Edwardsville, IL. He has performed in numerous operas with Muddy River Opera Company, in such roles as Paul in *The Toy Shop* and Sid in *Sid the Serpent Who Wanted to Sing*. During the 2005-2006 theatre season, Drew served as the Public Relations Apprentice at the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia, Pa. Not just a presence on stage, Drew has many backstage credits to his name as well. He has been stage manager for numerous productions for Muddy River Opera Company in Quincy, IL and has worked for Union Avenue Opera, in St. Louis, Mo. In September of 2005 Drew served as stage manager and ran lights for *Reluctant Pilgrim*, featuring the unknown songs of Stephen Schwartz, for the New York Musical Theatre Festival in New York City. Drew is a volunteer with QUANADA and will soon be seen as Robert in QCT's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone".

Brandon Thomsen—Stage Director

Brandon Thomsen, a native of Watertown, WI, began his life in theatre in the first grade when he played the title role in *The Gingerbread Boy*. He has since gone on to a full-time career in the performing arts – acting, teaching and directing. He attended Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee from which he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre. Since graduating, Brandon has worked with various theatre companies throughout the country. He moved to Quincy almost five years ago to serve as the Director of Student Theatre for Quincy Community Theatre. In 2010, he made his opera debut in *Madama Butterfly* with MROC, singing the role of the Official Registrar. "The people of this community are tremendously committed to seeing the arts succeed. Their passion and drive are an inspiration and make going to work every day a blessing. I am honored to be a part of this community."

William J.B. Winn—Paulette

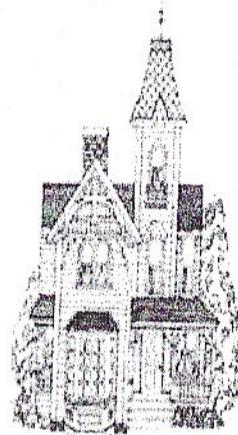
Mr. Winn is a member of the MROC Board of Directors. He is employed by the State of Illinois in Social Services. He has appeared in numerous Muddy River Opera productions, both in supporting roles and in the chorus. He sang the role of Mr. Rutledge in *The World Premier of ABE, The Musical*. He appeared in the chorus of the highly acclaimed *Madama Butterfly*. Most recently, he performed in the chorus of *The Pirates of Penzance*. Mr. Winn also performs with the Quincy Symphony Chorus.

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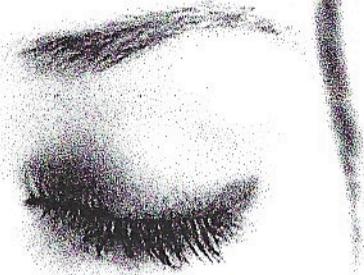
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