

HESSTON COLLEGE THEATRE PRESENTS



NORTHLAWN STUDIO THEATRE 109

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the glamorous world of 1930s Budapest, where affections change as rapidly as the seasons and romance perfumes the air! As the Kansas spring awakens our sense of hope, it is fitting to celebrate the central message of *She Loves Me*: We are each of us loveable, quirks and all, and true love awaits all good hearts.

It has been a delight bringing this hidden-gem of a production to the Hesston College stage. She Loves Me follows a storyline that has seen many adaptations since its 1930s debut. The musical first appeared on Broadway in 1963 to critical acclaim but was overshadowed by the debut of the flashier Hello, Dolly. The show had its start much earlier, however, as the play The Parfumerie, by Hungarian playwright Miklos Laszlo. It was subsequently turned into the film, The Shop Around the Corner, in 1940, starring James Stewart, followed by a 1949 musical film entitled In the Good Old Summertime, with Judy Garland. In 1998 it surfaced yet again as the film You've Got Mail, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. Over the decades audiences have been charmed by this story of feuding anonymous pen-pals who do not realize they are lovers until the very end. My hope is that you, too, will be surprised and delighted as you find a new song in your heart!

-Laura Kraybill

Location: The story takes place primarily in and around Maracek's Perfumerie in Budapest, Hungary, circa 1930.

Intermission: There will be one 10-minute intermission

Warning: There is a loud pistol shot sound in the first act

She Loves Me is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684 www.MTIShows.com

CAST

Georg Nowack Amalia Balash Steven Kodaly Illona Ritter Mr. Maraczek Arpad Laszlo, Paul Ladislav Sipos Waiter, Caroler First Customer, Couple, Caroler

Second Customer, Caroler Third Customer, Caroler Fourth Customer, Caroler Mr. Keller, Caroler Viktor, Caroler Busgirl, Caroler Nurse, Caroler Stefanie, Caroler Magda, Caroler Dancing Couple, Caroler

CREW

Technical Director/Set Designer Choreographer Stage Manager Assistant Stage Manager Master Carpenter Properties Designer Costume/Make-up Designer Light Board Operator Lighting Crew Backstage Crew

David Rudy Kayla Kauffman **Broxton Busenitz** Morgan Martin Josh Booth Nathanael Ressler JD Hershberger **Brent Yoder** Deni Brummer Amalia Understudy Rebecca Rhodes Bonita Garber Megan Goodrich David Penner Mitch Stutzman Emmali Lapp Hannah Weaver Tien Tran Faith Denwalt Becca Slabaugh

Laurie Uhler Rachel Jantzi Junau Delouis Louis-Jean Bonita Garber Tim Goertzen Deni Brummer Laurie Uhler Austin Brinkman Khrystian Glover Vicky Gunawan Hideaki Takehara

MUSICAL ORCHESTRA

Music Director/Conductor: Keyboard 1: Keyboard 2/Oboe: Violin 1: Violin 1: Violin 2: Violin 3: Cello: Bass: Flute/Piccolo: Clarinet/Bass Clarinet: Trumpet: Trombone: Percussion: Percussion: Matt Schloneger Ken Rodgers Elsa Miller Rachel Unruh Ashley Beatty Alisa Murray Alyssa Becker Emma Cloud Dalton Brummer Rachel Goering Daryan Martinez Vern Dreier Quinn Bowers Jeffrey Smoker Mitch Stutzman

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