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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Department of Theatre and Dance presents
James Puig in
Fiddler on the Roof

HERBERT AND NICOLE WERTHEIM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
MAIN THEATRE
The faculty and staff of the Department of Theatre and Dance would like to welcome you to this production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. The opening of the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center is the culmination of a long-held dream. Since FIU's opening in 1972, we have been presenting our productions in spaces not designed to be theatres. While what we hope have been enjoyable evenings of theatre in VH 100 and DM 150, work in these spaces has always presented us with challenges. While the challenges have been stimulating to our imaginations, we have longed for a "real" theatre.

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Therald Todd
Chairperson, Department of Theatre and Dance
FIU THEATRE PRESENTS

Fiddler on the Roof

based on Sholem Aleichem stories by special permission of Arnold Perl

Book by
JOSEPH STEIN

Music by
JERRY BOCK

Lyrics by
SHELDON HARNICK

Original Direction Reproduced by Phillip M. Church

Scenic & Lighting Design......................Douglas Molash
Costume Design ................................Marilyn R. Skow
Musical Direction ..............................John Augenblick

Original Choreography Reproduced by Ron Headrick

Produced on the New York Stage by Harold Prince

Original New York Stage Production Directed and Choreographed by
JEROME ROBBINS
THE CAST

Tevye .................................................. James Puig
Golde ................................................. Ivania S. Sotomayor
Tzeitel ................................................... Amelia Berson
Hodel .................................................... Lilly Bernal
Chava .................................................... Tamala Horbianski
Shprintze ............................................... Melissa Gonzalez
Bielske .................................................. Katherine Doty
Yente ..................................................... Adriana Gaviria
Motel ..................................................... Andy Señor
Perchik .................................................. Daniel G. Pino
Lazar Wolf ............................................... Yamil Piedra
Grandma Tzeitel/Ruth ......................... Edwidge DeJean
Fruma-Sarah/Zelda ................................. Alexandra Piccione
Shandel .................................................. Maggie Gomez
Mordcha .................................................. Eduardo J. Garcia
Rabbi ..................................................... Odell Rivas
Mendel .................................................... Manny Doreste
Avram ..................................................... Darryl Levy
Nahum ................................................... Edwin Perez
Yussel ..................................................... Brandon Brito
Isaac ..................................................... Luis Arguello
Jacob ..................................................... Felix Manya
Schumuel ............................................... Oldy McFarlane
Saul ....................................................... Juan Rodriguez
Mirala ..................................................... Ivette Sotomayor
Sofia ....................................................... Robin Miller
Zahavah .................................................. Mikala Moss
Mikaella .................................................. Karol Ann Vilaire
Raisa ..................................................... Jessica Pusceddu
Suruh .................................................... Agnes Tsangaridou
Shayna ................................................... Tanisha Moore
Hannah .................................................... Yasmin Ortiz
Mezvedeve ............................................... Yesenia Salvador
Ithel ...................................................... Peggy Scirocco
Children .................................................. Stephanie Santagati & Tiffany Santagati
Constable Wladimir .............................. Michael Walters
Fyedka ................................................... Emery Sheer
Boris (1st Russian) ................................. Pablo Cartaya
Sasha (2nd Russian) ................................. Charles Quinteros
Fiddler .................................................... Paulo Díaz

ORCHESTRA

John Augenblick, conductor

Angie Harley, Sakira Harley, Dana Patterson, Hsu Chia-ting, Paul Shewchuk,
Kelley Warren, Bogar Guzman, Antony Lalli, George M. Linakis, Julio Fresno, Cindy Shea,
Matt Schuler, Sam Lussier, Jeff Meyer, Clay Lawrey, Remy Taveras, and Ludwig Anfunsø
ACT ONE

Prologue  Exterior of Tevye’s House  “Tradition”
Scene 1  Interior of Tevye’s House  “Matchmaker”
Scene 2  Exterior of Tevye’s House  “If I Were a Richman”
Scene 3  Interior of Tevye’s House  “Sabbath Prayer”
Scene 4  The Inn  “To Life”
Scene 5  A Street Outside the Inn  “Miracle of Miracles”
Scene 6  Exterior of Tevye’s House  “The Dream”
Scene 7  Tevye & Golde’s Bedroom  “Sunrise Sunset”
Scene 8  Village Street & Motel’s Tailor Shop  “Wedding Dance”

Scene 9  Tevye’s Yard
Scene 10  Tevye’s Yard

There will be one ten-minute intermission.

ACT TWO

Prologue  Exterior of Tevye’s House  “Now I Have Everything”
Scene 1  Exterior of Tevye’s House  “Do You Love Me?”
Scene 2  Village Street  “The Rumor”
Scene 3  Railroad Station  “Far From the Home I Love”
Scene 4  Village Street
Scene 5  Motel’s Tailor Shop
Scene 6  A Road  “Chava Sequence”
Scene 7  Exterior of Tevye’s House  “Tradition Reprise”
Scene 8  Exterior of Tevye’s House  “Anatevka”
DIRECTOR’S NOTES

On the night of September 22nd, 1964, at Broadway’s Imperial Theatre, a musical phenomenon took place which was to become the longest running show in Broadway history. The production was to alter the face of musical theatre with the emergence of the “concept musical.” I refer, of course, to the musical FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. It is fitting that FIU's spectacular new Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center open its doors to a new era of theatre production and training with this very same musical!

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF consistently proves to be one of the most popular musicals in American musical repertoire. What is it that keeps this musical constantly in production in professional, college and community theatres? Certainly, one cannot begin to compare it to the breathtaking technological spectacles which we are accustomed to seeing today. FIDDLER has been around for thirty-three years, showing no signs of diminishing any time soon. Perhaps the secret of its success is in a word; humanity. Here is a plot about ordinary people, people who struggle, people with a strong identification with the need for survival. Strong political overtones are unapologetically developed. Children yearn to have a voice in the fate of their lives. Tradition-bound elders are unconcerned by the progress made by the rest of the world, unconcerned, that is, until the safe haven of their community is threatened. FIDDLER ON THE ROOF is ultimately about change. The fear of change. Resistance and avoidance to change. And finally, the discovery of enlightenment through change. Such struggles, joys, fears, pleasures and doubts are punctuated with song and dance, resonating with the universal spirit of celebration, a spirit which we once possessed as children. What is so striking is that these people, Jews, oppressed and outcast, tied to a village in the Pale of Settlement in the Ukraine, openly express the celebration of life and of death. These characters remind us that, regardless of the struggle and the differences, change can be accepted without loss of faith or family connection.

Regardless of what country or language FIDDLER ON THE ROOF is performed in, the musical addresses its audience on many levels. It addresses family virtues not family values. And it is these virtues of the human condition, not values, which we see reflected in the characters which allow us to see beyond the barriers of race, creed and culture. True, the creative team of Jerome Robbins (Director/Choreographer), Joseph Stein (Book), Sheldon Harnick (Lyrics) Jerry Bock (Music) and Boris Aronson (Designer) set out to depict a metaphor of Jewish history through the story of a simple milkman, taken from the stories of Sholom Aleichem, but what they ended up with is a work which will remain timeless and current. FIDDLER ON THE ROOF delivers basic human themes and issues central to each audience member's life. And so, as the big, megabuck musicals come and go, some to pass into posterity and some into oblivion, the musical which was conceived part formula and part startling innovation will continue to enjoy constant revivals, touching our hearts and minds and renewing that precious glow of inner conviction toward a future filled with risks and possibilities.
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Scenic Artist ........................................ Douglas Molash
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Vocal Coaches ........................................ Elsie Augenblick, Susan Chastain, Carolyn Stanford
Rehearsal Accompanist ............................... Martin Labbe
Dramaturg ............................................. Tim McNamara
Research Assistant .................................. Shayna Lifshultz
Stage Manager ........................................ Phillip Aleman
Assistant Stage Manager .............................. Maria Narvaez
Asst. Assistant Stage Manager ...................... Anne Miler
Assistant to the Choreographer ...................... Patricio Suarez
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Wardrobe Crew ........................................ Carmen Cimadevilla, Edwidge DeJean, Janet Enriquez, Adriana Gaviria, Ivania Sotomayor
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