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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With our exciting milestone 30th Anniversary season well under way, Musical Theatre Productions continues to bring spectacular musicals to our London fans and audiences.

The launch of this season saw our wildly popular, sold-out and Brickenden-nominated production of *HELLO, DOLLY!* ring in this year with uplifting messages, delightfully melodic songs and invigorating spirit. This tribute to the traditional musical style also pays homage to our long history of presenting timeless gems of entertainment for our patrons.

But we know we cannot linger solely in the rich tapestry of the golden age of Broadway. With each passing year musicals are produced on the Great White Way and, over time, styles, themes and content mature and morph into productions that reflect the current nature of our surroundings.

That is in part, why we are excited to bring you a musical with a more contemporary vibe, *THE WEDDING SINGER*. Based on the hit comedy film of the '90s, be prepared to party like it's 1985! This too is a bit of a tribute to days gone by, but this time we honour the musical stylings of the pop/rock world of the '80s. We trust that you will enjoy this light-hearted romantic musical comedy.

And we hope to see you reminisce with us once again for our final production of the monumental year with our complete night out - *SHOW OFF: 30 Years of Musical Theatre!* Our dinner-theatre gala honours the shows, and some casting, from the past 30 years of Broadway Musicals and Gilbert and Sullivan Operettas we have produced. It is sure to be an event you will not want to miss.

We would like to thank you for your continued support. We would not be here, 30 years later, without a hugely talented theatre community AND the generosity of you, our audience. It takes a small army of dedicated and talented volunteers to make these shows a reality but it would all be for naught without the support and patronage of our audiences. We are indebted to your support and your appreciation for the arts in London.

Enjoy the show and come party along with us all season.

Rick Smith
President of the Board of Directors
Musical Theatre Productions

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

My first brush with the musical version of *THE WEDDING SINGER* actually came while I was doing research for my own wedding. Of course, I had seen the film version starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, but I had no idea that it had been made into a musical. I stumbled across a YouTube video of the original Broadway cast, starring the comedian Stephen Lynch, performing the opening song, "It's Your Wedding Day," at the 2006 Tony Awards and I was immediately hooked.

I'm one of those people who gets teary at a really fantastic musical number, which might be a weird reaction to a ridiculous, up-tempo musical number set at a wedding reception in 1985. But my reaction was one of immediate happiness. I was filled with joy at the obvious fun the entire cast was having, because that's truly what *THE WEDDING SINGER* is - fun. In fact, that was the basis of my entire pitch to the MTP season selection committee: "This show is fun, the crew is fun, the cast is going to have fun, and the audience is going to have fun too. So let's do this show." Luckily the board said yes. I think the fact that our choreographer, Lindsey Runhart, and I had a sold-out run of *THE WEDDING SINGER* from 2014 at Original Kids under our belts helped our case as well.

This is not the show for you if you're looking for deep meaning and thoughtful post-show discourse. It's based on an Adam Sandler movie, so there's your first clue right there. But if you love wild fashion, killer tunes, over-the-top characters, big hair, celebrity impersonators, wedding hijinks, amazing dances, and enough 80s references to make you ask "where's the beef?" then this is definitely the show for you.

When it comes down to it, *THE WEDDING SINGER* is a show about love - finding love, losing love, dealing with heartbreak, looking for love in all the wrong (and eventually right) places, celebrating fifty years of love, wanting to be loved, and giving love a second chance. As simple and complicated as it is, love, in all its forms, is something that we can all relate to. And whether you think "love stinks" or you're a believer in "the power of love," I think deep down we all want to someday find the one we want to grow old with.

So with that, I invite you to share in the fun of *THE WEDDING SINGER* with this incredibly talented and hard-working cast and crew. We hope we can bring some smiles to your faces in this chilly February - after all, love is what we do.

Kerry Hishon
Director / Co-Producer

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ACT I

"It's Your Wedding Day"	Robbie, Sammy, George & Company
"Someday"	Julia & Female Ensemble
"Awesome"	Robbie & Julia
"Someday (Robbie's Reprise)"	Robbie
"A Note From Linda"	Linda
"Pop!"	Holly, Angie, Julia, Glen & Ensemble
"Somebody Kill Me"	Robbie
"A Note From Grandma"	Rosie
"Casualty of Love"	Robbie, Bad Haircut Guy, Cat Lady, Twinkie Lady & Ensemble
"Come Out of the Dumpster"	Julia & Robbie
"Today You Are a Man"	Robbie, Sammy & George
"George's Prayer"	George
"Not That Kinda of Thing"	Robbie, Julia, Sales Clerk & Ensemble
"Saturday Night in the City"	Holly, Robbie, Sammy, Julia,Glen, George & Ensemble

--Intermission--

ACT II

"All About the Green"	Glen, Robbie & Ensemble
"Someday (Julia's Reprise)"	Julia
"Right in Front of Your Eyes"	Holly & Sammy
"All About the Green (Reprise)"	Robbie, Ricky & Bum
"Single"	Robbie, Sammy, George, Ricky, Bum & Male Ensemble
"If I Told You"	Julia & Robbie
"Let Me Come Home"	Linda
"Not That Kind/If I Told You (Reprise)"	Robbie & Julia
"Move That Thang"	Rosie & George
"Grow Old With You"	Robbie & Julia
"It's Your Wedding Day (Finale)"	Full Company

THE BAND

Keyboard 1.....	Andrew Rethazi
Guitar/Keyboard 2.....	Jeff Lupker
Bass.....	Rob Weatherstone
Drums.....	Dereyk Goodwin
Reeds.....	Rae Cunningham

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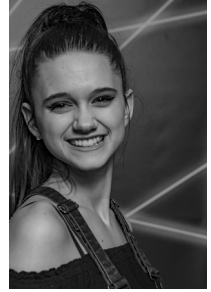
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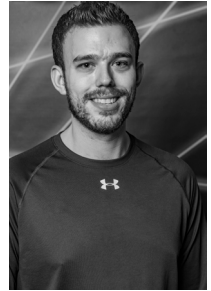
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ENSEMBLE

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Donatella McDonnough.....	THAESHA BUCKLEY
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Stage Manager.....JEREMY HEWITSON
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HANNAH McBRIDE, DANIEL McKINNON,
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Costume Design.....KATE DEMAN

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Lighting Design.....JOE RECCHIA

Lighting Operator.....CASSIE DiFELICE

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Sound Operator.....STEVE ALLEN

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