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The Rothschilds is an uplifting, true story of the Jewish family that grew from the confines of the Frankfurt ghetto to become a dominant banking power throughout Europe. It's a show in celebration not only of emancipation, but of the strength of family.



Based on "The Rothschilds" by Frederic Morton
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• CAST OF CHARACTERS •

(In order of appearance)

<i>Prince William of Hesse</i>	Larry Maranhville
<i>Guard</i>	Thomas D. Bambury
<i>Mayer Rothschild</i>	Jeffrey Singer
<i>First Urchin</i>	Robb Harrison
<i>Second Urchin</i>	Noah Feldman
<i>Third Urchin</i>	Robert Gennett
<i>Gutele Rothschild</i>	Carolyn Williams
<i>First Vendor</i>	William Gray
<i>Second Vendor</i>	Jim Leveskas
<i>Third Vendor</i>	Jack Wheeler
<i>Budurus</i>	Arthur Forget
<i>First Banker</i>	Thomas D. Bambury
<i>Second Banker</i>	Jon Tanzman
<i>Young Amshel Rothschild</i>	Noah Feldman
<i>Young Solomon Rothschild</i>	Martin Zeller
<i>Young Nathan Rothschild</i>	Robert Gennett
<i>Young Jacob Rothschild</i>	Michael Turner
<i>Blum</i>	William Gray
<i>Mrs. Kaufman</i>	Rachel Pearlman
<i>Mrs. Segal</i>	Leslie Maiello Gennett
<i>Pauper</i>	Jon Tanzman
<i>Amshel Rothschild</i>	Michael Query
<i>Solomon Rothschild</i>	William Harrison
<i>Jacob Rothschild</i>	John C. Babjeck, Jr.
<i>Nathan Rothschild</i>	Jim Fraser
<i>Kalman Rothschild</i>	Andrew Meidenbauer
<i>Joseph Fouche</i>	Larry Maranhville
<i>Herries</i>	Larry Maranhville
<i>Skeptic</i>	Thomas D. Bambury
<i>Hannah Cohen</i>	Elisabeth Bischoff
<i>Prince Metternich</i>	Larry Maranhville

• Ensemble •

Carol Arnold, Thomas D. Bambury, Arthur Forget, Leslie Maiello Gennett,
William Gray, Robb Harrison, Jim Leveskas, Steven Misenhimer,
Rachel Pearlman, Alison Sharpley, Jon Tanzman, Jack Wheeler

• SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS •

ACT I

Prologue - 1772

Pleasure and Privilege Prince William and Ensemble

Scene 1 Outside the Gate of the Jewish Ghetto in Frankfort - 1772

Scene 2 Mayer Rothschild's Shop in the Frankfort Ghetto - 1772

One Room Mayer and Gutele

Scene 3 The Frankfort Fairgrounds - 1773

He Tossed a Coin Mayer, Vendors and Ensemble

Scene 4 The Study of Prince William of Hesse - 1773

Sons Mayer and Gutele

Scene 5 The Rothschild Shop - 1788

Continuation of *Sons* Mayer, Gutele, Young Amshel, Young Solomon,
..... Young Nathan and Young Jacob

Scene 6 The Rothschild Shop - 1788

Scene 7 The Rothschild Shop - 1804

Everything Gutele, Nathan, Amshel, Solomon, Jacob and Kalman

Scene 8 Prince William's Study - 1804

Rothschild and Sons Mayer, Nathan, Amshel, Solomon, Jacob, Kalman
Allons Fouche and Male Ensemble

Scene 9 The Rothschild Shop - 1804 (Reprises)

Rothschild and Sons Mayer, Nathan, Amshel, Solomon, Jacob, Kalman
Sons Mayer and Gutele

• 15-Minute Intermission •

ACT II

Scene 1 Outside the London Royal Stock Exchange - 1805

Hymn: *Give England Strength* Herries and Male Ensemble

They Say Skeptic and Male Ensemble

This Amazing London Town Nathan and Male Ensemble

Scene 2 Inside the London Royal Stock Exchange - 1806

Reprise: *They Say* Skeptic and Male Ensemble

Scene 3 The Rothschild Shop and Hannah's Garden - 1806-1811

I'm in Love! I'm in Love Nathan

Reprise: *I'm in Love! I'm in Love!* Hannah

Scene 4 The Rothschild Home - 1812

In My Own Lifetime Mayer

Scene 5 The Ballroom at Aix-La-Chapelle - 1818

Have You Ever Seen a Prettier Little Congress ... Metternich & Ensemble
Stability Metternich & Ensemble

Scene 6 The Rothschild Home - 1818

Scene 7 Various European Capitals - 1818

Bonds: Nathan, Solomon, Kalman, Amshel, Jacob, Metternich, Ensemble

Scene 8 The Rothschild Home - 1818



THE ROTHSCHILDS Cast • December 4-20, 1992 SLOC Production

• WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST •

JEFFREY SINGER (*Mayer Rothschild*) is returning to the theatre after 10 years' absence. He is a NYC theatre graduate and has appeared in regional northeast theatres, toured nationally, and has feature film, TV and commercial credits. Jeffrey is president of Singer's Jewelers in Troy. He would like to thank his wife, Linda, for making *Mayer* possible.

LARRY MARANVILLE (*Prince William, Fouche, Herries, Metternich*) has eight Broadway shows to his credit, including roles in *Evita, Pippin, No Strings* and *Applause*. He danced with Lucille Ball in the film *Mame* and in nightclub acts with Juliette Prowse, Ann-Margret, Raquel Welch and Ginger Rogers. He has danced, choreographed and directed in the USA and in Europe. This is a fond return for Larry, who appeared on the SLOC stage in 1955.

JIM FRASER (*Nathan Rothschild*) appeared with SLOC in last season's *Cabaret* as Cliff Bradshaw. Other roles with SLOC include Beauregard in *Mame*, Roger Sherman in *1776*, and the company of *Sing for Your Supper*. He has performed at Proctor's Theatre in the 1991 production of *Hearts of Fire* and *The Christmas Show* (Bob Cratchit). He enjoys his dual role of actor and set designer for this production. A former Navy pilot, Jim now works as a construction manager.

CAROLYN WILLIAMS (*Gutele*) played Irene Malloy in SLOC's *Hello, Dolly!* and Sister Sophia in *The Sound of Music*. She has also worked with ESIPA and Plaza Players, and was Fiona in *Brigadoon* with the Charleston (W. Va.) Light Opera Guild. Carolyn is a music teacher at Shenendehowa Schools and is an organist at Burnt Hills United Methodist Church.

MICHAEL QUERY (*Amschel Rothschild*) recently moved to Schenectady from Utica where he played and starred in several productions for Chatham Theatre Company, in residence at Becks Grove Dinner Theatre. Leading roles include Buddy Baker in *Come Blow Your Horn* and Norman Cornell in *Star-Spangled Girl*.

WILLIAM HARRISON (*Solomon Rothschild*) made his SLOC debut last season as Frederic in *The Pirates of Penzance*. He has performed locally with Opera Excelsior and has appeared as soloist with many area choral groups. He is tenor soloist at First Presbyterian Church and Temple Beth Emeth in Albany.

JOHN C. BABJECK, JR. (*Jacob Rothschild*) made his SLOC debut as a pirate in last year's *The Pirates of Penzance*. He also played the role of a papa and bottle dancer with Spotlight Players' *Fiddler on the Roof* last summer. John is currently studying classical music with voice instructor Mimi O'Neill of Albany.

ANDREW MEIDENBAUER (*Kalman Rothschild*) is currently a Shenendehowa High School senior. His most recent role was Perchik in Spotlight Players' *Fiddler on the Roof*. Andy is excited to be making his SLOC debut in *The Rothschilds*.

LIS BISCHOFF-ORMSBEE (*Hannah*) previous SLOC roles have included Philia in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and Cleo in *Most Happy Fella*. She has also appeared in shows for Schenectady Civic.

ARTHUR FORGET (*Budurus*) last appeared in SLOC's *Mame* and *Cinderella* (1989-91). His favorite roles include Motel in *Fiddler* and Sid in *Pajama Game*, both at Russell Sage. He is a florist with Emil Nagengast Florist in Albany. 7

• PRODUCTION STAFF •

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Director/Choreographer	<i>Helena Binder Bress</i>
Musical Director	<i>Vincent Bonafede</i>
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Costumes	<i>Sandra Catricala</i>
<i>Brent Griffin, Karen Kamner, Maria Newnham, Ditha Norton, Patty Pawliczak, Lynne Roblin, Mary Ann Turner, Anna Watso, Patty Wensley, June Wolf, Nancy Zeller</i>	
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• WHO'S WHO IN PRODUCTION •

HELENA BINDER BRESS (*Director/Choreographer*) has performed for SLOC as Sally Bowles (*Cabaret*) and Peter Pan, and in *George M*, *Godspell* and *Gypsy*; she choreographed *I Love My Wife* and *Cinderella*. Ms. Bress has appeared in over 60 productions locally and, as director and choreographer, has staged numerous productions for area schools and organizations. She was a teacher/artist with ESIPA for eight years and is currently a free-lance performing artist and director and is owner/director of The Acting School, Schenectady.

GINNIE and DREW MILLS (*Producers/Scenic Artists*) produced SLOC's *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (1991) and were scenic designers for *Cabaret* (1992). They have produced or designed numerous shows; each has been an officer and served terms on the SLOC Board. Drew has also had principal roles in more than a dozen shows in their 30-year association with SLOC. Drew is retired Director of the Arts for the NYS Education Department. Ginnie is a retired art teacher. Both are exhibiting artists.

VINCENT BONAFEDE (*Musical Director*) most recently has been musical director of SLOC's *Chicago* and *Cinderella*. He has also served in this capacity for SLOC's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*; *The Wizard of Oz*; *Hello, Dolly!* and many more. Vince is vocal music director of Hoosic Valley Central School and is choir director/organist of Lynnwood Reformed Church in Guilderland.

HENRY SKOBURN (*Lighting Designer*) is a producer/director of television and video production. He has volunteered his talents to produce and perform in several musical productions for his synagogue. This is his first venture with the Schenectady Light Opera Company.

SANDRA DIANETTI CATRICALA (*Costume Coordinator*) has been a costumer locally for 10 years, six of which were spent with ESIPA as a cutter-drafter and wardrobe supervisor and as designer for *Ten Little Indians* and *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. She has made costumes for Shakespeare on the Plaza, Capital Rep and Park Playhouse. She is currently teaching at Ballston Spa Middle School and refinishing antique clothing for Daybreak in Albany.

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