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# ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

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## Synopsis of Scenes

### ACT ONE

- SCENE 1— A LARGE ROOM IN A MEDIEVAL CASTLE, LATE MARCH  
SCENE 2— A CASTLE CORRIDOR, THE SAME DAY  
SCENE 3— THE CASTLE COURTYARD, A MID-APRIL MORNING THREE WEEKS LATER  
SCENE 4— A CASTLE CORRIDOR—LATER THAT DAY  
SCENE 5— WINNIFRED'S DRESSING ROOM—LATER THAT DAY  
SCENE 6— A CASTLE CORRIDOR—LATER THAT DAY  
SCENE 7— THE COURTYARD—LATE EVENING THE SAME DAY  
SCENE 8— THE GREAT HALL—A FEW MINUTES LATER  
SCENE 9— THE GREAT HALL—IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

### ACT TWO

- SCENE 1— THE GREAT HALL—SAME DAY, THAT NIGHT  
SCENE 2— WINNIFRED'S DRESSING ROOM—LATER THAT NIGHT  
SCENE 3— A CASTLE CORRIDOR—LATER THAT NIGHT  
SCENE 4— THE WIZARD'S CHAMBER—LATER THAT NIGHT  
SCENE 5— A CASTLE CORRIDOR—LATER THAT NIGHT  
SCENE 6— THE COURTYARD—A FEW MINUTES LATER  
SCENE 7— WINNIFRED'S BEDCHAMBER—LATER THAT NIGHT  
SCENE 8— A CASTLE CORRIDOR—THE NEXT MORNING  
SCENE 9— WINNIFRED'S BEDCHAMBER—A FEW MINUTES LATER

## Musical Numbers

### ACT ONE

#### Overture

- Prologue—"Many Moons Ago"..... MINSTREL  
Opening For A Princess..... DAUNTLESS, LARKEN, LADIES & KNIGHTS  
In A Little While..... HARRY, LARKEN  
In A Little While Reprise..... HARRY, LARKEN  
Shy..... WINNIFRED, KNIGHTS, DAUNTLESS,  
QUEEN, LADIES  
The Minstrel, The Jester and I..... MINSTREL, JESTER, KING  
Sensitivity..... QUEEN, WIZARD  
The Swamps of Home..... WINNIFRED, LADIES, DAUNTLESS  
Spanish Panic..... ENSEMBLE  
Normandy..... MINSTREL, LARKEN, JESTER  
Spanish Panic No. 2..... ENSEMBLE  
Song of Love..... DAUNTLESS, WINNIFRED

### ACT TWO

#### Entr'acte

- Opening—"Quiet"..... ALL  
Happily Ever After..... WINNIFRED  
Man-to-Man Talk..... DAUNTLESS, KING  
Very Soft Shoes..... JESTER  
Three O'Clock in the Morning  
Yesterday I Loved You..... HARRY, LARKEN  
Nightingale Lullaby..... NIGHTINGALE  
Finale..... ALL

## Musical Accompaniment

Pianist/Conductor

DONALD MacMILLAN

Percussion

TOM BROWN

Bass

TONY RICCOBONO







## Who's Who In The Cast

**SUSAN VERRASTRO** (*Winnifred*) has appeared in SLOC's productions of *Company*, *Grease*, *Oliver*, and in the 60th Anniversary Concert. With other area theater groups she has had roles in *Oklahoma*, *Robber Bridegroom*, *Carnival*, *Guys and Dolls* and *Pajama Game*.

**RICHARD VAN SLYKE** (*Prince Dauntless*) was last seen with SLOC as the Scarecrow in *Wizard of Oz*, and earlier in 1940's *Radio Hour*, and *Pippin*. With other area groups he appeared in *Baby Take A Bow*, *Oklahoma*, *Joseph/Dreamcoat*, *Doonesbury*, and *Pirates of Penzance*.

**THERESA A. FITZMAURICE\*** (*Queen Aggravain*) received her Bachelor of Music degree from SUC Potsdam where she appeared in *Carousel*, and *Brigadoon*. Theresa teaches music in the Niskayuna schools.

**PETER STEWART** (*King Sextimus*) has been seen in SLOC's *My Fair Lady* (twice), *A Funny Thing....Forum*, 1940's *Radio Hour*, and directed *H.M.S. Pinafore*.

**PETER J. CODELLA II** (*Jester*) has appeared in SLOC's *My Fair Lady*, *Wizard of Oz*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. At Niskayuna High School, he has had principal roles in *Fantastiks* and *West Side Story*.

**KEN ZARNOCH\*** (*Minstrel*) is a graduate of Union College and a chemist with GE's R and D Center.

**JUDY A. ROBERTS\*** (*Lady Larken*) has had principal roles in *Pippin*, *Annie*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Sound of Music*, *Guys and Dolls*, *My Fair Lady*, in area theater.

**RICHARD A. WILSON\*** (*Sir Harry*) attended Fairmont State College.

**JOE PHILLIPS** (*Wizard*) was seen in SLOC's *Sound of Music*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *A Funny Thing....Forum*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

**JOAN STICHER** (*Lady*) has been in SLOC's *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *Annie*, *Sound of Music*, *Kiss Me Kate*, and has worked on many aspects of production.

**KATHY SAWYER\*** (*Lady*) is a student and works at the Boston Store.

**CAROLYN MAGEE\*** (*Lady*) is a graduate of Dartmouth College.

**DIANE DE CONNO** (*Lady*) appeared in SLOC's *Hello Dolly* and *My Fair Lady*.

**DAN ROBERTS\*** (*Knight*) has had roles with several area theater groups.

**STEVE SPRARAGEN\*** (*Knight*) has been in several Niskayuna HS productions.

**BRUCE WILLIAMS\*** (*Knight*) is a student at Schenectady Community College.

**GINA WERTALIK\*** (*Princess No. 12*) has been in several Niskayuna HS productions.

**EMILY DAVID\*** (*Ballet Princess*) is a student at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake HS.

**DUANE PLUMMER\*** (*Nightingale*) Sings with Schenectady Choral Society, church choir and has appeared with Schenectady Theater for Children.

**ROBIN PARSLAW\*** (*Servant*) is also on the costume committee.

**TRACIE STEWART** (*Servant*) a senior at Niskayuna, was in SLOC's *Fiddler*.

## Who's Who In Production

**VIRGINIA WARD MILLS** (*Producer*) has a long history with SLOC. She co-produced *Apple Tree* and *Damn Yankees*; produced *Applause* and *Bells Are Ringing*, has been a Board member, officer, and scenic designer. A graduate of Syracuse University, Ginnie is an exhibiting painter, and Travel Representative for A.F.S. (American Field Service).

**PETER J. CODELLA** (*Director*) is directing his first show for SLOC. However, he was responsible for scenic design/construction for *Hello Dolly*, *My Fair Lady*, *Wizard of Oz*, and *Fiddler*, as well as this show. Peter is a member of the SLOC Board, and VP, Technical Operations. Peter has a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Utah State, and is a research chemist, GE's R and D Center.

**LIISA BERG\*** (*Music Director*) has been a concert soloist in California, Utah and Madrid, Spain, as well as with the Burnt Hills Oratorio Society. A private vocal teacher, Liisa has a Master of Music degree from the University of California.

**DENISE BAKER** (*Choreographer*) has served in this capacity for *My Fair Lady*, *A Funny Thing....Forum*, *Hello Dolly*, *Sweet Charity*, and been seen on stage as well. Denise is choreographer/teacher at TAS/ESIPA, and operates the Denise and Irma Baker School of Dance.

**MADELINE CODELLA** (*Assistant to the Director*) was in *My Fair Lady*, and worked on set decor for *Fiddler*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Hello Dolly*, and *My Fair Lady*. In Utah she was Secretary to the Founder and Producing Director of the Utah Shakespearean Festival.

\*Appearing with SLOC for the first time.



## *Cast of Characters*

PRINCESS WINNIFRED .....	Susan Verrastro
PRINCE DAUNTLESS .....	Richard Van Slyke
QUEEN AGGRAVAIN .....	Theresa Fitzmaurice
KING SEXTIMUS THE SILENT .....	Peter Stewart
JESTER .....	Peter Codella II
MINSTREL .....	Ken Zarnoch
LADY LARKEN .....	Judy Roberts
SIR HARRY .....	Richard Wilson
WIZARD .....	Joe Phillips
LADIES-IN-WAITING .....	Diane DeConno, Carolyn Magee, Kathy Sawyer, Joan Sticher
KNIGHTS .....	Dan Roberts, Steven Spraragen, Bruce Williams
PRINCESS NO. 12 .....	Gina Wortalik
BALLET PRINCESS (Prologue) .....	Emily David
NIGHTINGALE .....	Duane Plummer
SERVANTS .....	Robin Parslow, Tracie Stewart

## *Production Staff*

Producer .....	Virginia Mills
Director .....	Peter J. Codella
Assistant to the Director .....	Madeline J. Codella
Musical Director .....	Liisa Berg
Choreographer .....	Denise Baker
Accompanists .....	Linda Fetherston, David Raycroft Shirley Swanker, Holly West
Audition Arrangements .....	Eunice Chouffi Woody Fulton, Howard Moyer, George Cain, Ira Gilman, Lisa Croteau, Rita Croteau, Debbie Moyer, Gioia Ottaviano, Chris Pedersen
Scenic Design .....	Peter J. Codella
Construction .....	Peter J. Codella, Ted Farrell Michael Walsh, Peter Codella II
Scenic Artists .....	Madeline J. Codella Ginnie Mills, Anne Peterson, Joan Sticher
Heraldry Banner Designs .....	Madeline J. Codella
Seamstresses .....	Stella Chan, Janet Selin, Roberta Steiner
Stage Manager .....	Jack Ryan
Lighting Design .....	John E. Miller Jean Dowd, George Cain, Scott Fields Jayn McCloskey, Mary Rainey, Joan Sticher
Sound .....	Paul Croteau, Allen Angelo
Costumes .....	Ditha Norton Ellen Burns, Joanne Farrell, Jean Hafler, Jean Lewis, Florence McGinley, Robin Parslow, Betsy Wheeler
Make-up .....	Sally Farrell Lucille Carhart, Marjorie Eriole, Susan Eriole, Michael Jegabbi, Judy Merriam, Kathy Moro
Properties .....	Jenny Snyder Madeline J. Codella, Elaine Fortune, Michael Jegabbi, Tom Purcell
Playbill .....	Ginnie and Drew Mills
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