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The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Book by Hugh Wheeler From adaptation by Christopher Bond

Originally directed by Harold Prince

Originally produced on Broadway by Richard Barr, Charles Woodward, Robert Fryer,
Mary Lea Johnson, Martin Richards in association with Dean & Judy Manns

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president's foreword



As President of the Macclesfield Majestic Theatre Group, I am delighted to pen the foreword for this season's production, *Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*. Incidentally, some years ago, in the stage play of the same name, I had the role of the 'policeman' who had very few lines to deliver, but I have probably more than made up for such reticence in the intervening years!

Sweeney Todd is a musical thriller which transports audience and players to Victorian London, a mighty industrial city, at the heart of the world's greatest empire, where a gruesome tale is about to unfold. An engaging plot of intrigue and double-dealing is accompanied by the music and lyrics of Stephen Sondheim, and as such, we are promised a rich and atmospheric production illuminated by an excellent score.

I am personally confident that the talent and ability of everyone concerned with the Macclesfield Majestic Theatre Group will make this another memorable and inspiring production.

The fine reputation of the Macclesfield Majestic Theatre Group goes from strength to strength and I am more than delighted, once again, to send best wishes for a successful and enjoyable show.

NICHOLAS R. WINTERTON M.P.

chairperson's message



This production of *Sweeney Todd* is a very special one for the Macclesfield Majestic Theatre Group as it is not only the first show to be staged here at the new drama hall at Fallibroome School but it also marks the 30th anniversary of the formation of the society.

Since the closure of the Majestic cinema we have led a somewhat nomadic existence. It has taken a great deal of work by many people to obtain this base back in Macclesfield and it is my fervent wish that Fallibroome School will be our permanent home for many years to come. My thanks go to Mike Batson and his staff for all their assistance in the run up to the production.

Sweeney Todd is a difficult show both musically and dramatically and I would like to thank the Production Team and the cast for their unstinting work during rehearsals. Paul Shortt is a perfectionist both as a producer and set designer and the M.M.T.G are very fortunate to be able to call on his many talents.

Finally I would like to say "thank-you" to the people of Macclesfield who have made the last thirty years so worthwhile for the Majestic Theatre Group.

KEITH S. PREECE *Chairperson*

synopsis

19th Century London. Fleet Street and its environs.

Sweeney Todd, a barber, unjustly imprisoned and deported to Australia by the corrupt Judge Turpin, returns home after 15 years, only to find his wife is dead and his daughter a 'ward' of the Judge.

Swearing revenge he teams up with the amoral Mrs. Lovett.

Sweeney stalks his prey only to be denied his moment of vengeance. Turning in disappointed revulsion against 'all' mankind he sharpens his razor whilst Mrs. Lovett cheerfully uses the end results of his crimes in her hitherto 'meatless' meat pies.

As the 'Grand Guinol' effects, killing and dramatic escapes begin to mount, this astonishing melodrama reaches its harrowing climax ...

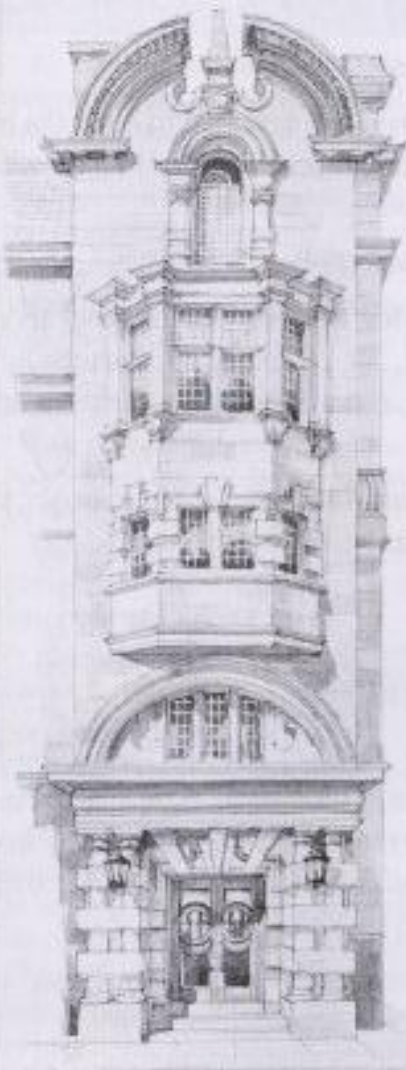
the history of the musical

Sweeney Todd is a very different and exciting musical based on a Victorian melodrama, *The String of Pearls*, which itself is based on the actual events around 1800 of a barber murdering his customers and 'disposing' of their bodies, assisted by his culinary accomplice, for their mutual profit.

The original play was reworked by playwright, Christopher Bond, to include many social comments.

Cast by Stephen Sondheim into musical form, the end result is an astonishing creation, as comedic as it is powerful - collecting 8 Tony Awards including Best Musical.

Sondheim wrote both lyrics and music, fusing them into a quite different format. Gone are the set piece numbers halting to action; dialogue is kept to a minimum and music is almost continuous order sung recit. Constant changes to key signatures, rhythm and timing - often from bar to bar - make the score an extremely difficult but totally rewarding experience.



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In 1973 Stephen was so impressed when seeing the original play, the 'String of Pearls', that he converted it into 'Sweeney Todd'. While he was writing this score, we were representing clients on employment issues arising from the new 'Employment and Training Act'.

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Sweeney Todd

Cast

SWEENEY TODD.....	Stephen Clayton
MRS. LOVETT.....	Diane McIntyre
BEGGAR WOMAN.....	Louise McIntyre
PIRELLI.....	Glyn Taylor
TOBIAS.....	Stephen Donnelly
ANTHONY.....	Michael Daws
JOHANNA.....	Gemma Moss
JUDGE TURPIN.....	Richard Cornish
BEADLE.....	Mike Raymond
MR. FOGG.....	Kevin Clarke
LUCY.....	Angela McIntyre

Men's Chorus

Tom Brown, Kevin Clarke, Peter Cliffe, David McGuinness, Andrew Venables, Paul Yandell, Andrew Laidlaw, Peter Beard, Peter Burke, Harry Newton, Keith Preece, Jim Snaith.

Ladies' Chorus

Helen Brady, Olga Buckley, Jean Clayton, Margaret Cornish, Maria Hart, Tessa Hart, Sheila Hill, Helen Jones, Lucie Knutton, Pauline Maurice, Carol Pratt, Peggy Russell, Andie Waterson, Donna Woodley, Rebecca Lucas, Leanne Preece, Bev Jones, Dawn Dale.

Musicians

<i>Keyboards</i>	Ian Jones	<i>Double Bass</i>	Anne Phillips
	Martyn Donaldson	<i>Trumpets</i>	Chris Butterworth
			Huw James
<i>Flute</i>	Hazel Hunter	<i>Trombones</i>	Kevin Downing
<i>Oboe</i>	Sheila Kent		Anthony Longdon
<i>Clarinet</i>	Malcolm Griffiths	<i>Percussion</i>	Anne Bracegirdle
<i>Violin</i>	Martyn Donaldson		Jonathon Gregory

Scenes

ACT ONE

Scene 1	London Docks
Scene 2	Mrs. Lovett's Pie Shop
Scene 3	Exterior, Judge Turpin's house
Scene 4	St. Dunstan's Market Place
Scene 5	Judge Turpin's house
Scene 6	Pie Shop / Tonsorial Parlour
Scene 7	Courtroom
Scene 8	Judge Turpin's house
Scene 9	Pie Shop / Todd's Parlour

Scene 1	Pie Shop / Beer Garden
	Todd's Parlour
Scene 2	London Streets
Scene 3	Todd's Parlour
Scene 4	The Bakehouse
Scene 5	Exterior, Fogg's Asylum
Scene 6	Mrs. Lovett's Parlour
Scene 7	Bakehouse
Scene 8	Mrs. Lovett's Parlour
Scene 9	Fogg's Asylum
Scene 10	London Street
Scene 11	Todd's Parlour
Scene 12	Bakehouse

Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

1. Prelude.....	Orchestra
2. The Ballad of Sweeney Todd.....	Company
3. No Place Like London.....	Anthony, Todd, Beggar Woman
4. Worst Pies in London.....	Mrs. Lovett
5. Poor Thing.....	Mrs. Lovett
6. My Friends.....	Todd, Mrs. Lovett
7. Green Finch and Linnet Bird.....	Johanna
8. Ah Miss.....	Anthony, Johanna, Beggar Woman
9. Johanna.....	Anthony
10. Pirelli's Miracle Elixir.....	Tobias, Todd, Mrs. Lovett, Ensemble
11. The Contest.....	Pirelli
12. Johanna.....	Judge Turpin
13. Wait.....	Mrs. Lovett, Beggar Woman
14. Kiss Me.....	Johanna, Anthony
15. Ladies in their Sensitivities.....	Beadle
16. Kiss Me.....	Johanna, Anthony, Beadle, Judge
17. Pretty Woman.....	Todd, Judge
18. Epiphany.....	Todd, Mrs. Lovett
19. A Little Priest.....	Todd, Mrs. Lovett

ACT TWO

20. God That's Good.....	Tobias, Mrs. Lovett, Beggar Woman, Company
21. Johanna Sequence.....	Anthony, Todd, Johanna, Beggar Woman
22. By The Sea.....	Mrs. Lovett, Todd
23. Wigmaker Sequence - The Letter.....	Todd, Anthony, Quintet
24. Not While I'm Around.....	Tobias
25. Parlour Songs.....	Beadle
26. Fogg's Asylum.....	Ensemble
27. City On Fire.....	Ensemble, Johanna
28. Searching.....	Mrs. Lovett, Todd, Beggar Woman
29. The Judge's Return.....	Todd, Judge
30. Final Scene.....	Todd, Mrs. Lovett, Company
31. Exit Music.....	Orchestra



Paul Shortt
Producer



Heather Hayes-Wilson
Musical Director

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