

Fiddler on the Roof opens second half of OPAS' '98-'99 season

'If I were a rich man ...'



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"Fiddler on the Roof" is in the same company of shows such as "Miss Saigon," "Les Miserables" and "Chicago." All of these Broadway shows share a common ground of not only being loved by the audiences that see them but also joining the ranks of some of the few record-breaking musical hits on Broadway.

The Opera and Performing Arts Society kicks off the second half of the '98-'99 season with the renowned "Fiddler on the Roof," tonight and Thursday night at 8 in Rudder Auditorium.

The 35th Anniversary tour of "Fiddler on the Roof," directed by Sammy Dallas Bayes, brings to life the same emotional and comic magic of the Broadway original. "Fiddler on the Roof," based on stories by Sloem Aleichem,

stars John Preece as the main character, Tevye.

The musical is the story of a poor Jewish family in 1905 Czarist Russia. The story revolves around the central character of Tevye and his family and Tevye's determination to hold onto the values and traditions with which he was raised.

He struggles to raise three strong-willed daughters in the rapidly changing Russia of this time period.

The story line follows this struggle as his daughters challenge his desires and wish for their own lives.

The family's story is told through dance and comedy, and it is one of perseverance and faith as the traditions of the family slowly disappear.

As the story unfolds, the musical features familiar favorites like "Tradition," "If I Were a Rich Man" and "Sunrise Sunset."

John Preece, who plays the

main character, adds this leading role to a long list of accolades.

This is Preece's third national tour with this show, and he has acted in several roles of this musical. Among Preece's many performances are "Annie," "1776" and "Man of La Mancha." He has also directed 25 productions.

Thomas said "Fiddler on the Roof" upholds OPAS's high standard of quality.

"The great thing about this performance is that most people will be familiar with the music, the story line, or even both," Thomas said.

"Audience members will walk out of this performance singing the songs, and it is the type of music that will make an impact on the audience members," he said.

Shelley Burnett, a freshman general studies major, said she chose "Fiddler on the Roof" as part of her OPAS package because of the good reputation the show carries.

"I have never seen 'Fiddler on the Roof' before, but this was one show that stood out from the others," Burnett said. "This will be my first performance to see at Texas A&M, but I expect the show to be wonderful and a whole lot of fun."

Robbie Thomas, chairman of the OPAS student committee and a senior mechanical engineering major, said the spring semester performances should be more recognizable to Texas A&M students and other OPAS' audience members.

"The shows of this semester are ones people will know about and have fun with."

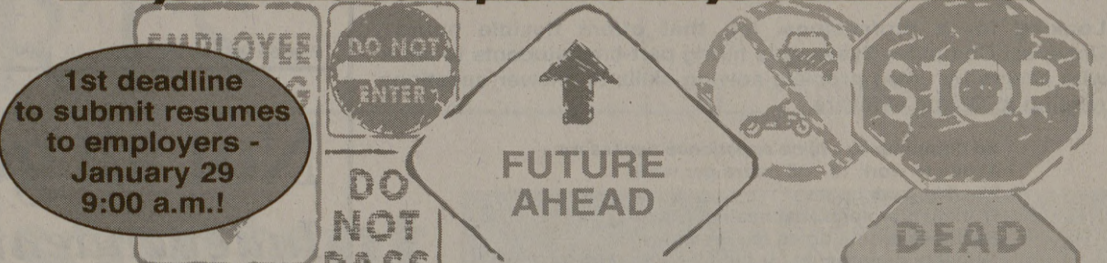
"There are action-packed shows, the ballet around Valentine's Day, 'Fiddler on the Roof,' which will be a lot of fun, and even the opera, 'Madama Butterfly' is one people are familiar with," he said.

Thomas said the shows are crowd pleasers, and the young and old alike will enjoy.

"In general, OPAS has a semester of performances that everyone will want to see," he said. "It is going to be a great semester."

For more information on "Fiddler on the Roof" or any upcoming OPAS shows, call the MSC Box Office at 845-1234.

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