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A Musical by Stephen Sondheim



Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Book by James Lapine Based on the film 'Passione D'Amore, directed by Ettore Scola

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Amy's View

by David Hare



Ipswich Operatic & Dramatic Society



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- *Won N.O.D.A Eastern Area 'Best Production' Shield 1999
- ** Won N.O.D.A Eastern Area Councillors Cup 2000
- *** Won an ESTAA for best play 2003 and the N.O.D.A Eastern Area Councillors Cup 2003

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'Passion' by Stephen Sondheim. 6 -10 June 2006. New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich.

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Director Pat Taplin

Set Design Dave Borthwick

Lighting Design Philip Rawe

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Stage Properties Una Jenkins & Brenda Caddick

Publicity Photographs Denis Taplin

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Set Construction and Stage Crew Dave Borthwick, Georgina Beard, Ian Quickfall, Don Perry, Mike Cook, Steve Wooldridge, Caroline Whitfield

Refreshment Team Phil & Tracey Cory, Linda & Steve Wooldridge, Mike Cook and friends of Gallery players.



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An extract from an interview with David Hare Author and Richard Eyre, Director;

RE One of the things which characterises your work - and is rare among theatre writers - is a preoccupation with the relationship between people's private lives and their public lives.

DH Well it just doesn't seem to me complete to write about people as if they exist in a vacuum. When I was growing up, the theatre that I went to was largely set in rooms. There were standing sets and people came through doors and there was something called "the outside world" which existed outside that room. Inside the room were people who existed as if in aspic. Often they were dramas which were taking place inside the characters' own heads. I felt very strongly that a lot of what we suffer, a lot of what we feel, a lot of what makes us laugh is to do with the particular time and place we are in. There's an epic tradition in English drama, which is, if you like, Shakespearean. It got replaced in the 19th century, for all sorts of reasons, particularly by Chekhov, I don't know that I've believed the central claim of Chekhov, namely that you can as well represent historical events by their effect on a group of people in a room, as you can by actually trying to show those events.

RE It's a paradox that Chekhov, a writer who in his plays deals above all with private lives, in all his letters thunders on about how he wants his plays to show people how to live their lives better.

DH Chekhov is obviously a fascinating playwright, but I don't respond to his technique as directly as I do to Shakespeare's. If there's a battle, Shakespeare wants you to do the battle. When there's a murder, he shows you the murder. With rare exceptions, he actually puts it on stage. I think that's what I wanted. It was terribly important that we should evolve a scenic style which delivers you the outside world as well as the room.



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We have previously won the cup for "Baker's Wife" and "Kiss Me Like You Mean It"



The National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) was founded in 1899 to help and support Amateur Theatre in the United Kingdom. The Association is run as a business with offices in Peterborough, managed by a Chief Executive, Mark Pemberton, with a team of staff. They provide play scripts, scores and sheet music at discounted prices and represent the interests of the amateur theatre. There is a Council with an elected President, currently Mr Eric Smart a Scotsman of The Eastern Region, with area councillors covering all of the UK. Long Service Medals are awarded to individuals for Service to Amateur Theatre and a recent innovation is the recognition of young people's contribution to the world of live entertainment.

Incidentally the Patron is The Lord Lloyd Webber.



Amy's View







