



12th to 22nd February 1997 at 7.30pm

MR CINDERS



An enchanting musical comedy

Music by Vivian Ellis and Richard Myers

Book and Lyrics by Clifford Grey and Greatrex Newman

Sponsored by Potterton Myson Limited



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Additional Lyrics by LEO ROBIN

Director - DENZIL PUGH
Musical Director - BILL BOSWORTH
Choreographer - JULIE BEDLOW-HOWARD
Set Designer - COLLETT TOWNS
Lighting Design - MIKE CRISWELL

CAST

Lumley - NEIL MONRO-DAVIES
Sir George Lancaster - MARTIN GREEN
Guy - ROGER HARDING
Lady Lancaster - JUDY MURDOCH
Cynthia - AMANDA GLANVILLE
Jim - SEAN WORRELL
Phyllis - JULIE BEDLOW-HOWARD
Becky Bartlett - NIKKI SHURVINTON
Penelope Parks - KATH GRAY
Millicent Miller - SUE BENCH
Billy - DEAN MULLIS
Charles - MARK JEFFERIES
Mr Kemp - JOHN FENNER
Smith - KEVIN MCCREEVY
Jill - TRACEY JAMES
Minerva - ANNABELLE BREWER
Lucy Smith - AMANDA GLANVILLE
P.C. Mox - DOUGLAS WATSON
Bunny - ADAM SCHUMACHER
Eoid - SARAH MEACHAM
Donna Lucia D'Esmerelda - VANESSA COMER

ACT ONE
Scene One - In front of Merton Chase, on a summer's afternoon
Scene Two - A corner of the garden
Scene Three - The Hall at Merton Chase

ACT TWO
Scene One - The Ballroom at The Towers
Scene Two - The grounds of the Towers
Scene Three - Another part of the grounds
Scene Four - The terrace at Merton Chase - the following morning

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

- ACT 1**
1. Tennis - Guy, Phyllis, Company
 2. True to Two - Lumley, Company
 3. I Want the World to Know - Guy, Phyllis, Company
 4. One Man Girl - Jill, Jim
 5. Reprise True to Two - Minerva, Lumley, Guy, Bunny, Charles
 6. Oh with the Breeze - Minerva, Company
 7. At the Ball - Guy, Lumley, Jim
 8. Spread a Little Happiness - Jim
 9. Reprise Spread a Little Happiness - Jill

- ACT 2**
10. Entr'acte - Orchestra
 11. 1800 Century Drag - Minerva, Company
 12. She's My Lovely - Henry Kemp
 13. Please Mr Cinders - Jill, Company
 14. On the Avenue - Jim
 15. Every Little Moment - Minerva, Lumley
 16. I've Got You - Jill, Jim
 17. Honeymoon for Four - Minerva, Phyllis, Guy, Lumley
 18. Reprise One Man Girl - Jim, Jill
 19. Finale - Company

MUSICIANS

Piano - GILL CAHILL
Piano - ROSSMARY GOWERS
Reeds - IRIS ATTREE
Bass - NICK WELCH
Drums - BAZ WITHAM

PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager - ERIC TAYLOR
Deputy Stage Manager - MARGARET BOSWORTH
Wardrobe - MARGARET SHEPHERD, MARIELINE GORRILL
Properties - TRISH SPILLMAN, KATY RUSH
Assistant Stage Managers - ELIZABETH COMPTON, MARGARET SIMMONS, CHARLIE HARTWELL, STEVE RUSH
Lighting Operators - AMY HAMMILTON, LOUISE BRIGGS, SARAH BACH, CAROL NICHOLLS
Set Construction - SARAH BACH, DAVID ELLIS, RON GREY, GRAHAM HUBBARD, RICHARD MOORE, GRAHAM TAYLOR, STEPHEN TAYLOR, ANNE WOOD
Theater Technician - SUE HAMILTON
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Not an unqualified song of praise

Mr Cinders, Loft Theatre, until February 22. THERE was a disappointingly small audience for the Loft Theatre's production of the musical *Mr Cinders* on Wednesday evening.

It was perhaps to be expected because the show is hardly an outstanding example of the 1920s theme the Loft chose to celebrate its 75th birthday.

The staging was attractive with a small orchestra on a raised platform at the back of the stage and minimal scene changes.

Acting is clearly the forte of the Loft, not singing. There was energetic dancing, but many of the songs, which were not distinguished to begin with, were delivered without the assurance required for this genre.

Soak it to em should be the watchword.

The two leads, Sean Worrell and Tracey James were effective and Neil Munro-Davies demonstrated how you should project yourself. Judy Murdoch was delightfully obnoxious as the domineering lady of the house impressed only by the new neighbour, an American millionaire, and Vanessa Comer made the most of a cameo part as a South American bombshell.

Vivien Ellis and Richard Myers wrote the music, which featured two songs we knew, *She's My Lovely* and *Spread a Little Happiness*.

The show was directed by Denzil Pugh. — Trace Harrison

● On Sunday the distinguished television and film writer Andrew Davies, who lives in Kenilworth, will be the star at a birthday evening of video extracts and audience discussion.

OUTLOOK Rating **



Roger Harding, Sean Worrell and Neil Munro-Davies as the Lancaster brothers. C97/280/17A



