



Skipton's Little Theatre

2006-2007 Season
Skipton Players
Present

The Servant of Two Masters

A Farcical Comedy



by Carlo Goldoni

Directed by Thelma Hebden

Tuesday 20th to Saturday 24th February 2007 at 7.30pm

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Chairman's Message

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to our February production, 'The Servant of Two Masters' by Carlo Goldoni. The play is set about 1750 and it gives us the chance to prance about in big dresses (not the men obviously – unless they really want to!) but this is one of those rare opportunities when men can legitimately don a 'big girl's blouse' and tights!

On Saturday 10th Feb we had a Cast Outing to choose the costumes for the play. I did offer a prize to anyone who dared to wear their costume on the train home, but there weren't any takers!

The last time I wore the wig I'm wearing tonight a gentlemen in the audience thought it was my own hair – I wish! He would probably have been terribly disappointed if he had seen me in the pub afterwards. It takes me back to one of the times I went to the Town Hall in Skipton to watch a Skipton Operatics production of 'The Desert Song' when I was about 11. I was captivated by the show and immediately fell in love with the dashing Red Shadow. I went home with dreams of being swept off my feet by this handsome hero. Imagine my horror when, some days later, my mother pointed out this bald-headed chap in Skipton High Street and told me it was he who had played the part! My dreams were shattered. Oh, the magic of Theatre!

I must say a personal thank you to Thelma for directing the play through very trying personal circumstances. Many would have given up, but in the best traditions of the theatre, Thelma decided 'the show must go on'.

Also a particular thank you goes to the Bruce Woodhouse Fan Club again for their block booking.

Well, I hope you enjoy our Venetian romp and join us for the rest of the season when we shall see 'Blithe Spirit' by Noel Coward and 'Inspector Drake and the Perfekt Crime' by David Tristram. (yes, it is meant to be spelt like that)

Beryl Binns



Cast

Dr Lombardi

Chris Birch

Brighella (Innkeeper)

Alan Parkinson

Silvio (Dr Lombardi's son)

Nick Butterfield

Pantalone

Richard Wilkinson

Smeraldina

Beryl Binns

Clarice

Elizabeth Welch

Truffaldino

Bruce Woodhouse

Beatrice Rasponi

Helen Parkinson

Florindo Aretusi

Martin Cole


Porters

Philip Smith

Various Servants and Maids

Philip Smith
Chris Birch
Tom Cox
Wendy Milner,
Kate Milner





**The action takes place in a
Venetian courtyard,
during one day in the year 1750**



Production Team

Lighting and Sound Effects
Prompt
Set Construction
Set Design
Props
Poster and Programme

Tom Cox and Chris Rose
Angela Freeman
Martin Cole
Thelma Hebden
The Company
Neil Hellewell





Carlo Goldoni

Goldoni, the Italian Shakespeare, took and adapted various characters from the Commedia dell'arte, eg. Harlequin, Poirot, Pantalone and Columbine and built this play around them.

Perhaps his most innovative creations were the feisty women. A defiant daughter, a spirited sister and the original 'women's libber' Smeraldina. His greatest comic character was however, the gluttonous, libidinous, half rogue, half idiot, Truffaldino - The Servant of Two Masters, and the master of 'set pieces' or 'lazzi'.



The Director, having thanked all participating in this show personally, would like to publicly acknowledge their unfailing help and moral support during what is personally a very stressful time.

WANTED

**Actors, Actresses, Stage Hands, Make Up Artists,
Lighting Technicians, Programme Sellers,
Set Designers, Costume makers,
Scenery Shifters, Sound Engineers, Painters...etc,etc.**

Skipton Players have just the 'part' for you!

If you would like to get involved, on stage, backstage or front of house, please contact Beryl Binns Tel 01756 791552

Clairvoyant Evening
with
The White Feathers



**Scott Williams, Diane Whiteley, Paul Moore
make a welcome return to the Little Theatre**

Saturday 10th March 7.30pm. Doors open 7.00pm

Admission £8.00

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Skipton's Little Theatre

2006-2007 Season

April 24th – 28th 2007

'Blithe Spirit'

By Noel Coward
Directed by Phil Smith

June 19th – 23rd 2007

'Inspector Drake and the Perfekt Crime'

By David Tristram
Directed by Chris Birch

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