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Director’s Notes

In 1918, World War I was finally over and our country exhaled with a huge sigh of relief. As a result, the nation celebrated, people flocked to metropolitan centers and the hedonistic “Roaring 20’s” were born! The 1929 Wall Street crash was nowhere in sight.... jazz music, art deco, the Charleston, cinema, fashion, and speak easies became part of this “more is more” celebration. The suffragette movement had taken hold and women were joining the work force. Sounds like a great setting for a “light and frothy musical” to me. Oh, let’s just throw in some tap dancing for good measure!!!

Enter Millie Dillmount stage left...... (a plucky and pragmatic girl from Salina, Kansas) who moves to New York City to marry for money not for love. In opposition to most musicals that are made into movies, Thoroughly Modern Millie actually began as a cheeky movie starring Julie Andrews in 1967, and then became a Broadway hit in 2002. It originally starred Kristen Chenoweth; however, she turned the role down to star in an ill-fated sitcom. As a result, Sutton Foster was chosen out of the chorus to play Millie and she ended up winning the Tony Award. In reconceiving the musical for the stage, the creative team kept parts of the book and original movie musical score and composed additional music (in the style of 1920’s).

The show itself is considered comic pastiche or a hodge-podge imitation. In directing this show I wanted to accomplish three goals: pay homage to the brilliance of the “flapper era”; invest in the mad-cap and convoluted story that evolves for the title character (yes, I used Mel Brooks’ Young Frankenstein as inspiration); and give validity and heart to this old fashioned and sweet love story. Combining all these ingredients into one cohesive piece where the “tone” is consistent was challenging. However, the talented performers quickly adjusted to the heightened 20’s style of acting. Conceptually, every scene change became staged and/or choreographed to reflect the constant energy of New York City and our scene/lighting/props/costume designers gave tirelessly and imaginatively to pull together this realistic yet extremely heightened world. In the process, I grew in my appreciation of America’s original art form: Musical Comedy! So, sit back, relax, smile, and enjoy being transported to a more optimistic time that we affectionately call Thoroughly Modern Millie!!!

Best,
Tim Howard
The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Department of Theatre & Dance

Presents

THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

Book by: Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan
New Music by: Jeanine Tesori
New Lyrics by: Dick Scanlan

Original Story and Screenplay by
Richard Morris
for the Universal Pictures Film

Originally Produced for Broadway by
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Millie Dillmount ......................................................... Allegra Berglund
Jimmy Smith ............................................................... John Ford-Dunker
Mrs. Meers ................................................................. Hanna Gaffney
Miss Dorothy Brown .................................................. Courtney Groves
Ching Ho ................................................................. Zachary Woods
Bun Foo ................................................................. Daniel Rigamer
Miss Flannery .......................................................... Krystina Hawkinson
Trevor Graydon ......................................................... Justun Hart
Muzzy Van Hossmere ............................................... Erica Figurin
Ethel Peas ................................................................. Grace Wales
Ruth ................................................................. Katie Bates
Gloria ................................................................. Stephanie Hansen
Alice ................................................................. Emily Lawrence
Rita ................................................................. Abbey Immer
Lucille ................................................................. Elise Lueneburg
Cora ................................................................. Emily Reeves
Muzzy’s Boys ............................................................ Micah Wallace, Jesse Michels, Evan Garry and Jedidiah Strobel

George Gershwin ...................................................... Cole Witter
Ira Gershwin/Dexter/Policeman ...................................... Nick Wheeler
Daphne ................................................................. Lauren Kacere
Dorothy Parker/The Pearl Lady ..................................... Kelsey Schmitz
Rodney ................................................................. Kyle Martin
Letch ................................................................. Evan Garry
Kenneth/Dishwasher ................................................... Matthew Cooke
Mathilde ................................................................. Ramona Marquardt
Oscar ................................................................. Oscar Smith
Cast (continued)

*Mugger/Dishwasher* ........................................................... Bryce Dutton

*Party Guest* ............................................................................. Grace Kibira

*Elegant Woman* ................................................................. Tatyana Nahiriniak

*Waiter* ............................................................................. Tyler Sandblom

*Stenographers/File Clerks* .................................................. Katie Bates

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   Evan Garry
   Stephanie Hansen
   Emily Lawrence
   Elise Lueneburg
   Kym Nolden
   Emily Reeves
   Erik Schneider
   Jacob Storer
   Grace Storer
   Micah Wallace
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Conductor/Keyboard..............................................................Bradley Vieth*

Keyboard.......................................................................................Luke Talen

Violin..............................................................................................Erin Ribble

Reeds............................................................................................Nicholas Claudio
  Kate Van Valen
  Ben Burish

Trumpet.................................................................................. Alex Shuffield
  Bennett Heinz

Trombone.........................................................................Benjamin Helmrick

Percussion...........................................................................Matthew Rhyner

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Musical Numbers

Act I

Overture.................................................................................................BAND

Not for the Life of Me............................................................................MILLIE

Not for the Life of Me(Tag)..................................................LUCILLE, RITA, ALICE, CORA, GLORIA, RUTH

Thoroughly Modern Millie..................................................MILLIE, MODERNS

How the Other Half Lives.....................................................................MISS DOROTHY, MILLIE

The Speed Test.................................................................MR. GRAYDON, MILLIE, FLANNERY, ENSEMBLE

They Don’t Know................................................................................MRS. MEERS

The Nutty Cracker Suite.........................................................................ENSEMBLE

What Do I Need With Love?.....................................................................JIMMY

Only In New York..................................................................................MUZZY

Jimmy....................................................................................................MILLIE

Act II

Forget About the Boy...............................................................MILLIE, FLANNERY, STENOGRAPHERS

Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life/
I’m Falling In Love with Someone........................................MISS DOROTHY, MR. GRAYDON

Falling in Love (Reprise)..................................................MILLIE, JIMMY, MR. GRAYDON, MISS DOROTHY

I Turned the Corner.........................................................................JIMMY, MILLIE

Muqin.........................................................................................MRS. MEERS, CHING HO, BUN FOO

Long As I’m Here with You.........................................................MUZZY, MUZZY’S BOYS

Gimme Gimme.........................................................................................MILLIE

Finale...............................................................................................COMPANY
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Assistant Stage Managers ........................................ Jessica Barnhill, Emily Lowney
Assistant Director .............................................................. Carl Swanson
Assistant Choreographer/Dance Captain .................... Stephanie Hansen
Associate Costume Designer ........................................... Amanda Martin
Milliner ................................................................. Hanna Gaffney, Susan Sherwin*
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Assistant Sound/Mix Designer ........................................ Christopher Walls
Assistant Projection Designer ........................................... Hayden Kraus
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Scenic Charge ............................................................... Brenda DeWaters
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   Mariusz Kujawski, Emilee Morton, Brynn Sicard
Deck Run Crew ............................................................. Keenan Bone, Luke Bradt, Jaclynn Joslin
   Niki McArthur, Courtney Milkent, Lindsey Paquette, Stella Taylor
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                                      Hanna Gaffney, Maria Hintze, Daniel Rigamer
                                      Christy Siebers, Shannon Ward
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