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BABES IN TOYLAND

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Set at the turn of the century, the venerable Holiday Musical, **BABES IN TOYLAND**, weaves fantasy and reality in an exploration of generations at odds. **BABES IN TOYLAND** will be presented at p.m. at .

This new version of Victor Herbert's classic operetta takes place in Toyland at the turn of the 19th century. A young brother and sister have run away because of too much discipline and too little understanding at home. The opening finds them in this land of marvelous toys who walk, talk, sing, and dance. They are all created by The Toymaker , who not only shows the children how he makes toys, but reminds them in his gentle and philosophic manner, that this is a fantasy world ("Toyland, Toyland"), and advises them to be content with themselves. Following the children is a Private Eye hired by their parents, who forces them into a dastardly plot to steal , for his own profit, the Toymaker's plans for a marvelous new marching toy soldier. Their parents arrive in a hot air balloon and are shortly caught up in the wonderfully infectious spirit of Toyland. However, arguments follow, toys are wounded, and the children become lost in the haunted forest. To the rescue come a pair of big happy bumbling mice and harmony is restored. There is a triumphant return to Toyland ("March Of The Toys") and it all ends in a festive holiday ball.

Co-authored by Alice Hammerstein Mathias, (Oscar's daughter), and William Mount-Burke from the original work which premiered in 1903, **BABES IN TOYLAND** boasts the classic tunes of the original operetta with additional songs from other Victor Herbert works. The new lyrics are by Ms. Mathias. Their new creation has been presented in New York City for thirteen seasons, and has toured nationally for five seasons. Producer Troupe America Inc., will revive their very successful touring production of **BABES IN TOYLAND** this season for a whole new generation of theatre goers.

The touring production is directed and choreographed by Randy Winkler , designed by Kevin Noteboom and costumed by Lynn Farrington with musical direction by Terry Hanson. Producer Troupe America Inc. has been touring theatrical productions since 1987, with over 100 national tours to their credit.

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