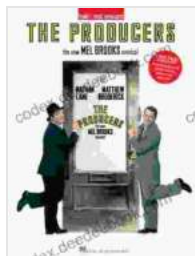


The Producers Songbook: A Journey into Broadway's Musical Marvel



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Prologue: The Birth of a Theatrical Phenomenon

The Producers, a brainchild of the comedic genius Mel Brooks, took Broadway by storm in 2001, capturing the hearts of audiences and critics alike. This Tony Award-winning musical masterpiece weaves a hilarious tale of two unscrupulous producers, Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom, who scheme to make a fortune by staging a Broadway flop.

The Producers Songbook, a piano vocal highlights edition, serves as a musical testament to the show's brilliance. It presents a treasure trove of iconic melodies and witty lyrics that have become synonymous with the Broadway phenomenon.

Chapter 1: Springtime for Hitler: A Satirical Masterpiece

One of the most memorable songs from The Producers is the opening number, "Springtime for Hitler." Set to a catchy and upbeat melody, this satirical masterpiece skewers the horrors of Nazi Germany with its tongue-in-cheek lyrics.

SPRINGTIME FOR HITLER

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CHORUS:

Get - ma - ry was hav - ing trou - ble, what a sad, sad sto - ry.

we need - ed a new lead - er to re - store us for - roet glo - ry.

Where, oh where, was the next day?
Where could that man be? We

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The hilarious lyrics, such as "Don't be stupid, be a smarty, come and join the Nazi party," underscore the absurdity of the show's premise. Brooks's genius lies in his ability to find humor in even the darkest of subjects, making "Springtime for Hitler" an unforgettable piece of musical satire.

Chapter 2: King of Broadway: The Ballad of Max Bialystock

Max Bialystock, the flamboyant and unscrupulous producer, takes center stage in "King of Broadway." This soulful ballad captures his unwavering determination to succeed, despite his questionable methods.

KING OF NEW YORK

Lyrics by JACK FELDMAN

Music by ALAN MENKEN

Hard, energetic Swing
Cm

RACK: ROMEO:

pair of new shoes with matching lac - es. A
sol - id gold watch with a chain to twirl it. My

per - ma - nent box at the Sleeps-head roe - les HENRY Pan - tra - em on / eye with a
ver - y own bed and a in - dore tee - let. MUSHU A bar - ber - shop hair - cur - tain

as - ur - ing kle. FINCH: My per - son - al pass on a golden mic - ket
costs a quar - ter. DAVEY: A reg - u - lar butt for the star re - port - er!

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Sheet music for Max Bialystock's soulful ballad, "King of Broadway," from The Producers Songbook

The lyrics, "I'm the king of Broadway, the greatest there ever will be," perfectly encapsulate Max's overinflated ego and his relentless pursuit of glory. The song's soaring melody and heartfelt delivery make it a poignant moment in the midst of the show's comedic chaos.

Chapter 3: Where Did We Go Right?: A Reflective Coda

As the curtain falls on *The Producers*, the characters reflect on their journey and the unexpected success of their disastrous play. "Where Did We Go Right?" serves as a poignant and reflective coda to the show's hilarious antics.

WHERE DID WE GO RIGHT?
from The Producers.

MUSIC BY MEL FRANK
LYRICS BY MEL FRANK AND SHELLY LONG

MAX: (Reading a card with the name "HARRY MANHATTAN")
LEO: No, only one!
MAX: (Reading the card)
LEO: No, only one!
MAX: (It was starring, starring, starring... and I found every name on it.)
LEO: No, only one!
MAX: How could this happen?

Firstly

MAX: (Sings)

The show was not a smashing success. Where did we go

And

LEO: (Sings) Christmas came early to Broadway this year.
MAX: (Sings) Who was in our starring role? Harry!
LEO: (Sings) It was so

And

MAX: (Sings) come and we make it - we both hope to find out where did we go right?

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The lyrics, "Where did we go right, where did we go wrong? We did everything we shouldn't have," capture the characters' bewilderment at their unexpected triumph. The song's gentle melody and introspective lyrics provide a fitting to the show's exuberant and over-the-top nature.

Chapter 4: The Players: A Cast of Unforgettable Characters

The Producers Songbook is not only a collection of musical highlights but also a showcase for the show's unforgettable characters. Each character is brought to life through their unique vocal solos and duets.

- **Leo Bloom:** The neurotic and lovable accountant, Leo Bloom, shines in his solo, "I Want to Be a Producer," which expresses his long-held dream of making it on Broadway.
- **Max Bialystock:** The boisterous and manipulative producer, Max Bialystock, steals the show with his bravado in "King of Broadway" and his hilarious duet with Leo, "Betrayed."
- **Ulla:** The Swedish bombshell, Ulla, adds a touch of glamour to the proceedings with her sultry rendition of "When You Got It, Flaunt It."

Epilogue: A Timeless Theatrical Legacy

The Producers Songbook is a testament to the enduring legacy of Mel Brooks's comedic genius. Its iconic melodies, witty lyrics, and unforgettable characters continue to captivate audiences worldwide.

Whether you're a seasoned musical theater enthusiast or a newcomer to Broadway's magic, The Producers Songbook offers a captivating musical journey that is sure to entertain, inspire, and leave you humming its tunes long after the final curtain falls.

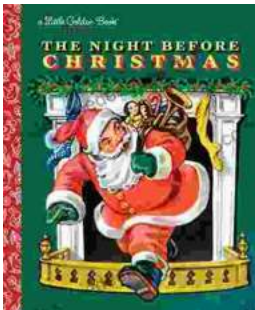


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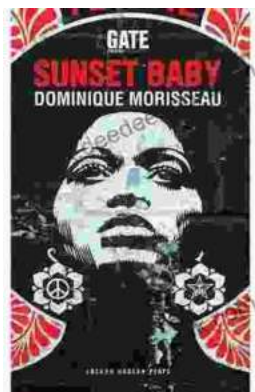
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