

Scenes from
THE LIFE OF FROEBEL

1782-1852

Celebrating

*the Diamond Jubilee of
the Froebel Educational Institute*

1892-1952

at

Ibstock Place School

Cast of the Play

PROLOGUE Nicholas

ACT I : CHILDHOOD

SCENE I: Friedrich Froebel, aged seven, is sent to a girls' school because his father has quarrelled with the master of the boys' school.

HERR FROEBEL, father of Friedrich and Pastor of Oberweissbach		Anthony
MISTRESS OF GIRLS' SCHOOL at Oberweissbach		Diana
FRIEDRICH FROEBEL		Alastair or Richard
MONITRESSES: Susan E., Christina, Ruth, Jane, Sheelagh		
CHILDREN: Camilla, Angela, Lilian, Elizabeth, Mary		
Susan	Annabel, Helen, Marcia, Diana, Gillian	
Ann	Caroline, Rosemary, Clare, Eve, Gillian, Tricia, Joan	
	Tina, Elizabeth, Judith, Barbara, Amanda, Sally	
Josephine	Elizabeth, Margaret, Rhian, Tessa	

SCENE II: Friedrich, aged ten, is in trouble with his stepmother.

FRAU FROEBEL, stepmother to Friedrich		Elizabeth
HERR FROEBEL		Anthony
SUPERINTENDENT HOFMANN, Uncle to Friedrich		Edward
FRIEDRICH, aged 10		Tim or David

SCENE III: Friedrich is sent to the boys' school at Stadt-Ilm while living with his uncle.

SUPERINTENDENT HOFFMANN		Edward
HERR BORMAN, master in the boys' school at Stadt-Ilm		Erasmus
FRIEDRICH		Tim or David
KARL		Roger or Jonathan
HEINZ		John or Christopher
OTHER BOYS: Piers, Jonathan, Ronnie, Peter, Duncan		
Adam	Tim, Richard	

ACT II : YOUTH, 1813

Four students from Berlin University, having enlisted in Lutzow's Chasseurs to drive out Napoleon, meet in a beer garden in Duisberg.

FRIEDRICH FROEBEL		Norman
BAUER, life-long friend of Froebel		Michael
MIDDENDORFF	} later to become colleagues of Froebel	Stuart
LANGETHAL		Emlyn
POT BOY		Anthony

ACT III : ACHIEVEMENT, 1850-1852

SCENE I: Baroness von Marenholtz Bulow (later to be his very able disciple) becomes interested in the Froebel movement through a chance meeting in Liebenstein.

BARONESS VON MARENHOLTZ BULOW	...	...	...	...	...	Mildred
HER COMPANION	...	...	...	...	...	Elsa
FRIEDRICH FROEBEL	...	...	...	...	...	Norman
VILLAGE CHILDREN OF LIEBENSTEIN: Elizabeth Brian Rosemary Victoria						
Brian	Katharine	Adrian	Harriet	Sara	Patrick	
Julia	Christine	Susanna	Donat	Hilary	Richard	
Richard	Phillippa	John	Jane	Virginia	Saga	
John	David	Nigel				

SCENE II: A morning in the Kindergarten Training College at Marienthal, just after Froebel, in his old age, has been acclaimed by the Congress of Teachers at Gotha.

LUISE FROEBEL	...	...	...	...	...	Barbara
BARONESS VON MARENHOLTZ BULOW	...	...	...	...	...	Mildred
FRIEDRICH FROEBEL	...	...	...	...	...	Norman
FRAULEIN HEERWART	} student teachers in the school					Eleanor
FRAULEIN DORCK						Opal
FRAULEIN RONGE						Elizabeth

CHILDREN OF THE MARIENTHAL KINDERGARTEN: Bart Bailey, George Bartlett, Robert Booth, Susan Boyd, Hilary Brown, Shane Butler, Susan Clark, Richard Cunis, Nicholas de Grunwald, Jennifer Dorrington Ward, Peter Dorrington Ward, Victoria Frank, Mary Futo, Marion Glegg, Selina Hastings, Patricia Heinsheimer, Jennifer Hobbs, Nicholas Hughes, Rosemary Hunt, Sally Jackson, Georgina Joseph, Brian Leighton, Ian Logan, Suzanne McMillan, Steven Mendoza, Susan Mock, Sally Murdoch, Kitty Nagy, Pamela Nursey, Nicolette Oppenheimer, Judith Pelham, Sebastian Pollitzer, Julian Proudman, William Rockstro, Gabrielle Seligman, Nigel Seligman, Leslie Sommer, Anne Swanton, Elizabeth Teare, Jaqueline Tiley, Christopher Walker, Jeremy Willis

SCENE III: Froebel's seventieth birthday is celebrated at Marienthal by the children of the Kindergarten and School.

LUISE FROEBEL	...	...	...	...	...	Barbara
FRIEDRICH FROEBEL	...	...	...	...	...	Norman
MIDDENDORFF	...	...	...	...	...	Stuart
CHILDREN OF THE MARIENTHAL SCHOOL: Piers Keith Lucretia Ronnie						
Lesley	Christopher	Christina	Barbara	Lindsay	Susan	
Kitty	Nicolette	Jane	Jonathan	Sebastian	Duncan	
Tim	Nigel	Elizabeth	Jennifer	Emlyn		

EPILOGUE

MIDDENDORFF	Stuart
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Production by *Edmund F. Jacobs*

Assistant Stage Manager *John Shrimpton*
Assistant Properties *Colin Saunders*
Sound Effects *James Clark, Roger Harland*
Scene Shifters: *Trevor Clare, Michael Cooper, Michael Halford, Merlin Kretzschmar, David McLardy, Martin Pedler, Paul Savill, Peter Straus, John Whitty*

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HELPERS AT THE GARDEN PARTY

Seating Stewards: *George Trevor, John Murdoch, Julian Cooke, Michael Dee*

Programme Sellers: *Simon Boome, Martin Francis, Christopher Jewett, Jeremy Metcalfe*

Waitresses: *Susan Bartlett, Judith Bone, Julia Boome, Vivien Brothers, Frances Brunton, Sally Caplan, Nicola Carr, Angela Coleman, Sidonia de Jong, Caroline Frank, Susan Hobbs, Elsa Jacobs, Elizabeth Onley, Johanna Seligman, Elizabeth Smith, Judith Thomson, Joanna Tohari, Diana Townsend*

Tidiness Squad: *Roger Cooke, Anthony Dee, Stephen Sommer*

Production by *Edmund*

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