

Dead Dog in a Suitcase & Other Love Songs - Rehearsal Notes

DATE: Thursday 1 st May 2014	NUMBER: 9
STAGE MANAGEMENT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could we collate some of the following items to take to rehearsals in Liverpool – <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Inflatables and inflating devices <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Plastic plumbing instruments and materials (including a funnel) <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Space Hopper 	
PROPS/ FURNITURE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The sewer pipe has been cut. - All the golf related props have been cut. - Only one gun is required, for Macheath. This should be an automatic pistol. The guns used by Lockit and Mrs Peachum are currently being mimed. - The prop knife has been cut, this will be mined. - The cigarettes and cigar referenced in the script should be fake. The cigarettes should be electronic cigarettes which glow and produce vapour but do not contain nicotine. The cigar should be fake and have a glowing tip (the same as used in Tristan and Yseult). - The megaphone should be a bullhorn megaphone in to which you speak in to one end. - The cassette player and cassettes have been cut. - The pilchard crates have been cut. - Could we extract the big station bell from the Brief Encounter to be hung somewhere on the set. - The newspaper which is read by the man on the toilet should be either The Sun or The Daily Mail. - Filch's mobile phone has been cut. - The scroll will be ripped up as part of the action in each performance and so this will be a running prop. Details TBC. - An airhorn is required which will be placed somewhere on the set. TBC. - An insectocutor is required for Lockit's office. This will be an LX practical which needs to be dimmable. - The Mayor Goodman masks on sticks should simply be an image of Ian Ross's face on a stick. 13 of these may be required. - A holder for the violin is required which can be worn by Widow Goodman on her back and from which her violin can be easily drawn from, (much like drawing out arrows for a bow and arrow). She is likely to have her violin with her all of the time. Also a wardrobe note. - The actual action of pasting posters on to placards is required which will require paste and make the posters a running prop. Details TBC. 	
LX	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The red velvet curtain should now be a red gauze curtain which runs along the front edge and SL sides of the platform and can be draw either way so it is very versatile. - An insectocutor is required for Lockit's office. This will be an LX practical which needs to be dimmable. 	
SOUND	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No notes 	
MUSIC/ INSTRUMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No notes 	

WARDROBE

- The Elders will be played by the following people –
Pg 9 – Audrey (Lord Horde), Dom (Vicar), Andrew (Judge)
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Pg66 – Rina (Lord), Martin (Vicar), Andrew (Judge)
- Later appearances of the Elders will be a mixture of puppets and cast and remain TBC.
- Martin will play the Vicar in the farce section. Martin as the Vicar is the most focused appearance.
- The showgirls at the top of Act Two will be played by Audrey, Andrew, Patrycja and Carly. (Audrey is an unnamed showgirl).
- Martin will play the vicar on pages 82 & 83.
- A holder for the violin is required which can be worn by Mrs Goodman on her back and from which her violin can be easily drawn from, (much like drawing out arrows for a bow and arrow). She is likely to have her violin with her all of the time. Also a wardrobe note.

PRODUCTION

- The Peachum voting slips which are referred to on page 75, need to fall with a ticker tape type effect. The voting slips are likely to be A5 size.
- The red velvet curtain should now be a red gauze curtain which runs along the front edge and SL sides of the platform and can be draw either way so it is very versatile.

SET

- The sewer pipe has been cut.
- We may require a model of Peachum's pilchard tower. To be discussed further with Michael Vale.
- The red velvet curtain should now be a red gauze curtain which runs along the front edge and SL sides of the platform and can be draw either way so it is very versatile.
- It is possible that only 2 x sets of treads are required. TBC.
- The trapdoors in the platform should open in opposite ways, one opening upwards and the other opening down. The higher platform should have a trap door which drops down.

GENERAL

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- There will be a short evening rehearsal tomorrow, Friday, evening.
- We would like to look at getting the lyrics to the final Greensleeves on the set by some means to encourage the audience to join in with the singing. To be discussed further.

Many thanks
Steph Curtis