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EDWARD GRIEG

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TO OUR AUDIENCE

THE STORY is based on the life of the great Norwegian composer, Edvard Grieg, and opens on Midsummer's Eve in 1860. Edvard, his friend Rikard Nordraak, a poet, and Nina Hagenup, whom they both love, meet again at Troldhaugen, after Nina's absence in Copenhagen. Together they plan that Edvard shall set to music Rikard's poem in praise of Norway. It is soon apparent that it is Edvard that Nina loves, and their betrothal is announced that evening at the traditional Name Cakes ceremony. However, their romance does not run smoothly. Father Grieg does not recognise his son's genius, and insists on his following in his own footsteps into the family fish business. Mother Grieg is more understanding and takes every opportunity of encouraging Edvard in his musical career. When the famous prima donna, Louisa Giovanni, hears him play his compositions, she engages him as her accompanist and song writer. Edvard leaves Nina and his friends and begins a tour of the capitals of Europe. Rikard's poem is put aside, and the Song of Norway still remains a dream.

A year later, Edvard's friends and family visit him in Copenhagen, where they find him changed and successful under the patronage of Louisa Giovanni and her husband. His success leads on to even greater things, and Henrik Ibsen, impressed by his ability, invites him to write the music for "Peer Gynt". Louisa, possessive and showing an interest in Edvard quite apart from his music, is jealous of Nina and sets out to put every obstacle in the way of her marriage to Edvard and it is only through the intervention of Mother Grieg that it eventually takes place. But even marriage does not end the association with Louisa. Another year of travel continues and an uneasy and sometimes stormy collaboration with Ibsen goes on, and the Song of Norway remains still unwritten.

Then in Rome, Grieg hears of Rikard's death. In his grief he realises that he has failed both his friend and Nina and agrees to return to Norway. At his home in Troldhaugen at Christmas time, at the traditional festival of Kris Kringle, Grieg is happy and content at last, and is inspired to write the music to Rikard's poem. It is this music, the great Piano Concerto, which brings to an end the Song of Norway.

NO SMOKING

The audience is requested to refrain from smoking during the performance

DANCES

Norwegian Dance	-	-	arranged by	-	Joan Ross, A.I.S.T.D. M.M.A.T.D., A.N.A.T.D.
Freddy and his Fiddle	-	-	"	-	Ron Whetton
Trolger Dance	-	-	"	-	Joan Ross
Bon Vivant	-	-	"	-	Ron Whetton
Waltz Eternal	-	-	-	-	Linda Bowler
Peer Gynt Ballet	-	-	-	-	Joan Ross
Concerto Ballet	-	-	-	-	Ron Whetton and Linda Bowler

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Orchestra under the direction of ARTHU

Directed by RON WHETTON

CHARACTERS (in order of appearance)

RIKARD NORDRAAK	RON WHETTON
NINA HAGERUP	JOY APPLEBY
EDVARD GRIEG	ALAN THOMPSON
FATHER NORDRAAK	JOE HICKMAN
FATHER GRIEG	BERNARD BOURNE
MOTHER GRIEG	EFFIE SHORTHOSE
FREDDY	TERRY HICKMAN
COUNT PEPPi LE LOUP	KEN LOWE
LOUISA GIOVANNI (Countess le Loup)	GENA JACKSON
FRAU PROFESSOR NORDEN	JOYCE TALLIS
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PEER GYNT BALLET :

Delia Burns	Ruth Edwards	Sandra Ordish
Judith Dunn	Kathleen Ffrench	Carol Ross

THE CONCERTO BALLET :

Spirit of Norway	Julie Bickerton
Spirit of Grieg	Christopher Williams
North Wind	Linda Bowler
Spirit of Rikard	Ron Whetton
Ice Maidens	Jennifer Bond, Joyce Tallis, Angela Thompson, Betty Thompson

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PROLOGUE : "The Legend"

Rikard

ACT I.

Troldhaugen — Just outside the town of Bergen, Norway.
Midsummer's Eve — in the 1860's.

Hill of Dreams	-	-	-	Nina, Edvard and Rikard
Norwegian Dance	-	-	-	
"Freddy and his Fiddle"	-	-	-	Freddy and Villagers
"Now"	-	-	-	Louisa and Villagers
"Strange Music"	-	-	-	Nina and Edvard
"Midsummer's Eve"	-	-	-	Rikard and Louisa
"March of the Trolgers"	-	-	-	Company
"Hymn of Betrothal"	-	-	Mother Grieg, Rikard and Villagers	
Finale, Act I.	-	-	-	Company

ACT II.

SCENE 1 : Copenhagen — Reception Room of the Royal Conservatory. One year later.

"Bon Vivant"	-	-	-	Peppi, Edvard and Guests
"Three Loves"	-	-	-	Louisa and Edvard
Finaletto	-	-	-	Company

SCENE 2 : Rome — Tito's Chocolate Shop. One year later.

SCENE 3 : Rome — Ballroom of Villa Pincio.

"Waltz Eternal"	-	-	-	Louisa's Guests
Peer Gynt Ballet	-	-	-	Adelina and Corps de Ballet
"I Love You"	-	-	-	Nina

SCENE 4 : Troldhaugen — Interior of Grieg's Home.
Some time later.

"At Christmastime"	-	Father Grieg, Mother Grieg, Nina, Ensemble
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FINALE : CONCERTO — and the Concerto Ballet.

As Grieg plays he sees the Norway of his youth dancing happy and free. He dances with her but their joy is short-lived. The North Wind and Attendants drive them apart and dance in triumph at their separation. Then the Spirit of Rikard appears. He defeats North Wind and Attendants and reunites Grieg with his beloved Norway.

THE ORCHESTRA

<i>Leader</i>	GEORGE WALKER, L.R.A.M.	<i>Clarinets</i>	-	JIM THOMPSON,
<i>First Violin</i>	-	BRENDA HALLAM	BRIAN PERCIVAL and GEORGE WOOLCOTT	
<i>Second Violins</i>	-	LOUIS TANTI	<i>Bassoon</i>	PETER BILLSON
	-	RALPH PALIN	<i>Horn</i>	REUBEN BENISTON
<i>Viola</i>	-	NELLIE BOSITO	<i>Trumpets</i>	PETER SMITH
<i>Violoncellos</i>	-	HONOR UPHAM	<i>Trombone</i>	JOHN SMITH
	-	KEITH HARRISON	<i>Percussion</i>	GEORGE BENISTON
<i>Double Bass</i>	-	ANTHONY MORTIMER	<i>Piano</i>	EDWARD PRINCE
<i>Flute</i>	-	LYLE REID		EVELYN WOODHOUSE, L.R.A.M.
<i>Oboe</i>	-	ERIC COOPER		

The Solo Piano part in the Concerto is played by EVELYN WOODHOUSE, L.R.A.M.

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“Princess Ida”	-	-	-	October, 1958
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