

Three-Penny Opera

By Bertolt Brecht

Play no. 172

Opening show: 13/07/1960

Hebrew by: A. Shlonsky

Music: Kurt Weill

Directed by: Joseph Milo

Set by: Theo Otto

Musical Director: Frank Peleg

Cast

Mackie the Knife: R. Klatchkin

Peachum: S. Rodensky

Mrs. Peachum: S. Duar

Polly: Y. Atary

Brown: S. Fridman

Lucy: A. Tal

Filch: S. Segal

Thieves:

Matthew: B. David

Jacob: A. chizkiyahu

Robert: Y. Efrony

Jimmy: N. Shimoni

Walter: N. Javeen

Beggars:

Beggar a: H. Amitai

Beggar b: S. Bruk

Beggar c: J. Rubinstein

Beggar d: S. Offer

Beggar e: I. Robinzik

Beggar f: I. Bareket

Street Walkers:

Jenny: A. Michaeli

Trull: H. Hendler

Molly: R. Gorevitz

Betty: A. Cohen

Dolly: M. Roza

Vixen: R. Wiener

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Kimble (priest): A. Warshauer

Smith: L. Robinzik

Policeman A: A. Almog

Policeman B: J. Frenkel

First Act

We are in Peachum's store. Peachum is the head of the beggars union. His store serves as meeting place for the beggars and a place where they are able to rent the tools of their trade. A new beggar Filch, arrives to receive his begging equipment. Peachum's wife comes in and there is a discussion about

the future of their daughter, Polly. When they went to her room they discovered that she is missing. She has not been in all night.

In the center of Soho, a London slum district, Mackie the knife is celebrating his marriage to Polly Peachum. His friends, all thieves, bring him lots of presents that they have stolen. Mackie is their leader and they are overjoyed with his wedding.

Brown, chief of Police, arrives as a guest. Polly comes and tells her parents about her marriage. Peachum is shocked that Polly has married a common thief, and vows to see Mackie hanging from the gallows.

Thursday afternoon, Mackie says good-bye to his wife. He has to escape from this father-in-law. Mackie manages to escape from the police.

Second Act

Mrs. Peachum comes to the conclusion that they will find him in the house of ill fame which he visits every Thursday. She convinces Jenny, one of the "girls" whom Mackie likes very much, that if he comes, to turn him over to the police. Mackie goes to the "house" and is caught. He is put in jail. Lucy, the daughter of the chief of Police Brown, who was Mackie's mistress, helps him to escape.

Peachum is very angry that Mackie is free. That night the Coronation is to take place and in order to revenge himself against the authorities Mackie decides to hold a convention of beggars in the midst of the celebration. Brown hears about this and promises to recapture Mackie. On Friday again, Mackie goes to the "house" and is again taken by the police.

Mackie is sent to the death cell, to await his execution. A large crowd including Mackie's friends wait at the gallows to see his hanging.

The king's representative arrives with a pardon for Mackie.

The finale follows.