Director’s Notes

A few years ago Adam Brazier, the Artistic Director of the Charlottetown Festival, told Neil Bartram and me the extraordinary and recent true story of a town situated so deep in the mountains that it never enjoys direct sunlight. Apparently, a forward-thinking local decided that he would build a massive mirror to bring light to the town. More extraordinary still, most of the locals were appalled by this breach of tradition. How dare he!

True story.

Where some might see an interesting topic for a documentary, we saw potential for a delicious fable ... and of course, a musical!

At Michael Rubinoff’s invitation, we spent a wonderful time here working on the idea and presenting forty-five minutes of material as part of the CMTP Festival. It seemed to click. So here we are, oh so happy to be back trying out the entire piece in a full production with the support of the fantastic technical and design departments along with these wildly talented young actors.

So, take off your sunglasses, adjust your eyes to the dark, and enjoy your visit to Senza Luce!

Brian Hill

CAST in alphabetical order

Purezza Pigro........................................ Danielle Beauchamp
Mamma Sperare........................................... Georgia Bennett
Town Council, Student................................. Ben Chaffey
Paolo Sperare........................................... Ben Chiasson
Signor Radice........................................... Dean Deffett
Paolo Sperare........................................... Seth Johnson*
Town Council, Student................................. Brittni Kenny
Il Duce Pigro............................................ Ben Litner
Town Council, Student................................. Phoenix Mackenzie
Town Council, Student................................. Savanna Maxwell
Signora Secretary, Student......................... Emily Meadows
Town Council, Student................................. Greg Moreau
Papa Sperare............................................ Drew Plummer
Town Council, Student................................. Brandon Roy
Lucia.................................................... Kelsey Verzotti

* Seth Johnson will be performing the role of Paolo Sperare on performance dates:
  Friday, April 21st
  Saturday, April 22nd (matinee)

Assistant Director: Seth Johnson

 Gavin is a Lighting Designer and Production Manager for theatre, dance, opera, events and installations, excitedly returning for his second Theatre Sheridan/Brian Hill production. Notable credits and upcoming adventures include:

Lighting Design: Grand Hotel (Theatre Sheridan); John & Jen (Acting Upstage); The Last Five Years (Angelwalk Theatre); Romeo & Juliet, Hamlet, Twelfth Night & A Midsummer Night’s Dream (The Classical Theatre Project); AllOneWord (James Kudelka/Coleman-Lemieux); The Machine Stops (UofT Opera); The Disappearance of Right & Left (Peggy Baker Dance Projects); The Godot Cycle (Yes Let’s Go); Solo, Red (inDance); Duel of Ages (True Edge Productions); and the Marvel Super Heroes Science Exhibit (with Christopher Dennis for the Ontario Science Centre).

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JEFFERY PYBUS
Projection Designer

Projection Illustrations by Joe Pagnan

Special Thanks to Stage Management Mentor: Mr. Bradley Dunn
SENZA LUCE

Music and Lyrics by
Neil Bartram

Book by
Brian Hill

Director
Brian Hill

Music Director
Neil Bartram

Associate Music Director / Pianist
Chris Barillaro

Set Designer
Joe Pagnan

Costume Designer
Barbara Rowe

Lighting Designer
Gavin McDonald

Technical Crew

Stage Manager…………………...Abigail Decaire
Assistant Stage Manager…………Haley Helm
Carpentry Crew……………………Nathan Brown, Mart Coucman, Mark Greenwood, Ryan LePage, Fraser Normand, David Perrella, Holly Rundle, Lilian Stoddard, Joshua Thomas
Head Lighting Technician……………Brayden Crawford
Lighting Crew……………………Jack Brown, Michelle Campbell, Nicole Fontes, Amanda Jull, Emma Knapp, Brittany Martin, Tillie Morgan, Alex Pickles, Gil Ruston, Kristen Trevors
Properties Crew…………………..Melanie Coomber, Kaine Demerchant, Carlie Dugan, Shara-Lee Miller, Emma Mirodiek, Nicola Murch, Erin Ocampo, Grant Quinn, Emily Whalley, Monyk Zahab
Scenic Paint Crew………………..Matthew Blackwood, Maeve Byrnes, Laurel Lanaway, Serena Lee, Connor Miller, Kim Moreira, Mikayla Stranges, Xu Jia Yi (Ray)
Wardrobe Crew…………………..Maya Bowers, Josie Germon, Thomas Hinsel, Daniel Jakobi, Madalaine McCullough, Emily Stevens-Nicholls, Kassidy Noble, Stephanie Sintichakis, Mason Stares, Jillian Wilson
Assistant Technical Director………………..Jeffery Pybus
Technical Assistants………………William Leone, Peter Pharand
Production Assistants………………Lucas Andrews, Nesta Cooper, Sean Downing, Connor Ehrlichen

Running Crew

Lighting Board Operator…………….Nicole Fontes
Projections Playback………………...William Leone
Stage Hands…………………………Lucas Andrews, Laurel Lanaway
Wardrobe Dresser…………………..Tomas Hinsel