



# La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts

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## Victor Herbert's Holiday Family Classic **Babes in Toyland** Plays La Mirada Theatre for 2 Shows Only

La Mirada, CA, November 14, 2007 – **La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts** is bringing **Victor Herbert's *Babes In Toyland*** home for the holidays. This special holiday treat is being performed by Troupe America for 2 performances only on Sunday, December 16, 2007 at 1:30pm and 6:00pm. Set at the turn of the twentieth century, Victor Herbert's timeless musical classic, ***Babes In Toyland***, weaves fantasy and reality for the entire family in an exploration of generations at odds.

We catch up with Alan and Jane, a young brother and sister who, feeling misunderstood and disciplined too harshly, have run away from home. As the musical opens, we join them in Toyland, a beguiling world of walking, talking toys. The kindly Toymaker, so worldly and wise, reminds the children that they now inhabit a fantasy world. Melodrama takes hold in the form of Pinkerton, a detective hired by the children's parents to return them home. But, Pinkerton has other plans as he wants the children's help stealing the Toymaker's plans for mass produced soldiers. The lessons of love and respect are rediscovered as we follow the children's adventures in Toyland.

Written by Alice Hammerstein Mathias and William Mount-Burke, this production of the time-honored holiday musical includes the famous "Toyland, Toyland," "March Of The Toys" and additional songs from other Victor Herbert operettas. The new lyrics are by Ms. Mathias.

Troupe America came on the national touring circuit in 1987 with a production of the musical *The 1940's Radio Hour* and a new holiday production of *Mr. Pickwick's Christmas*. Since then, there have been tours of *A Child's Christmas In Wales*, *The Gifts Of The Magi* – co-produced with the Lamb's Theatre of New York – *Forbidden Broadway*, *Driving Miss Daisy* and *Steel Magnolias* – co-produced with Big League Theatricals, and Troupe America's own national tours of *On Golden Pond*, *Babes In Toyland*, *Pump Boys And Dinettes*, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *The Odd Couple*, *Hank Williams: Lost Highway*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *The Sunshine Boys*, *Stephen King's Ghost Stories* and *Same Time, Next Year*.

Tickets are available for \$10, \$20 or \$30. Subscribers to La Mirada Theatre's **Programs for Young Audiences Series** will **save 50%** on tickets to ***Babes In Toyland***. Tickets and more information are available online at [www.lamiradatheatre.com](http://www.lamiradatheatre.com) or by calling the La Mirada Theatre Box Office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310.

**LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, now in its 30th year, has been hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "one of the best Broadway-style houses in Southern California." This beautiful state-of-the-art theatre has been producing quality productions for its Southern California audiences since 1977. The theatre has produced several National Tours and is the recipient of many accolades including Ovation and Emmy Awards and Tony Award nominations. The theatre is located at 14900 La Mirada Boulevard in La Mirada, near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue where the 91 and 5 freeways meet. Parking is theatre-adjacent and free. For further information call 562-944-9801 or visit [www.lamiradatheatre.com](http://www.lamiradatheatre.com).**

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