

Amsterdams Marionetten Theater

'The Impresario' - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Mr Frank, impresario



Gust, assistant



Madame Herz,



Sophia Silberklang,



Mitzi



Fifi de la Rue

About 'The Impresario'

'The impresario' is a short **opera**. The music was written by **Mozart**

What is opera?

Opera is a play in which the actors don't speak so much. Above all they sing a lot, like in a musical. But the music in opera is different: we call it '*classical music*'.

Long before the musical was invented there were opera's: they were invented 400 years ago!

What is an impresario?

An impresario is someone who selects artists for a performance or concert. He takes care that the actors or singers get good parts. Who can play a certain role the best? Are we looking for a handsome young actor or an older and grumpy type?

The actors or singers often have to audition for the parts, just like in '*The Voice of*'.

And of course, they all want to be the best singer!

The funny thing is: Mozart wrote his opera 'The Impresario' more than 200 years ago (in 1791), but the goings-on in the theatre look much the same as today. The singers and actors are pretty jealous sometimes, when someone else gets a nice part. Sometimes this results in a big row.

And: in the theater they are always short of money. In that respect nothing has changed.

The story in brief

Mister Frank, the impresario, is worried. There is hardly any money but he wants to present special opera's with, of course, the best singers. Gust, his assistant, thinks that the opera's should not be too modern and difficult. People want to enjoy themselves! And... Mister Frank should really take care with the budget.

Madame Herz, a singer, comes to audition for the leading role. Her fiancé, a banker, is very rich and wants to pay the theatre lots of money if Herz gets the part. But there is also another singer: Miss Silberklang. And well.... she is so young and pretty...

Who is Mister Frank to choose?



Lots of fun with 'The Impresario' by Mozart !

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