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Musical Director: Violet Graham Choreographer: Marjorie Corden

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Set Design & Building: Gerry Smith

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This is the story of the simple pioneering folk in Oklahoma nearly 90 years ago. Aunt Eller one of the sturdy women of that period, runs the homestead of her neice, Laurey. Curly, a young cowboy, is in love with Laurey, but finds an intense rival in Iud. the hired hand on the homestead.

Will Parker, another love-sick cowboy, finds great difficulty in wooing Ado Annie - the girl who "Cain't say no" - when she takes up with Ali Hakim, the Persian pedlar man.

Laurey, torn between her feelings for Curly and her fear of Jud, believes she can find the answer to her troubles through the medium of an elixir which Ali Hakim has sold her. She opens the bottle, takes a deep breath and as she floats away on her dream the Ballet begins.

This depicts Laurey being married to Curly but Jud appears and the rivals fight. Laurev gives herself to Jud in order to save Curly and as she awakes from her dream

Jud appears to take her to the "Box Social".

At the social, Laurey loses her fear of Jud and orders him away for good, and when

Curly appears she falls into his arms and agrees to marry him.

Jud arrives at the wedding festivities and fights with Curly, during which Jud is killed by falling on his own knife. Curly is advised to surrender to the law but Aunt Eller's ingenuity ensures that a verdict of "accidental death" is acclaimed as the couple depart on their honeymoon.

#### ———— Musical Numbers —

### Act I Scene 1

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"Oh!, What a beautiful Mornin"	Curky
"The Surrey with the Fringe on the Top"	Curly, Laurey and Aunt Eller
"Kansas City"	Will, Aunt Eller and the Company
"I Cain't Say No"	Ado Annie
"Many a New Day"	Laurey and the Girls
"It's a Scandal! It's an Outrage!"	Ali Hakim and the Boys
"People will Say We're in Love"	
Scene 2	
"Poor Jud is Daid"	Curly and Jud
"Lonely Room"	Jud
Scene 3	<i>'</i>
"Out of My Dreams"	Laurey and the Girls
Dream Balletda	nced by Richard Bowden, Carol Derbyshire
	and Tony George

	and Tony George
Act II	
Scene 1	
"The Farmer and the Cowman"	Carnes, Aunt Eller, Curly, Will, Ado Annie and Company
"All er Nothin'"	
Scene 2	
Reprise: "People will Say We're in Love"	Curly and Laurey
Scene 3	
"Oklahoma!"Curley, Laurey,	Aunt Eller, Ike, Slim and Company
Finale	The Company

#### CAST in order of appearance.....

Aunt Eller IILL EDWARDS Curly DERRY MARTIN

Laurey LORRAINE GEORGE

Ike Skidmore STEVE TOTTMAN

Fred TONY GEORGE

Slim BILL BENNETT

Will Parker NICK WILLIAMSON

Iud Frv DAVID IRWIN

Ado Annie Carnes SALLY GORE

Ali Hakim, a pedlar CRAIG GILL

"Giggling" Gertie Cummings ANNE IONES

Andrew Carnes IOHN DIXON

Cord Elam PETER SHAW

#### Dream Ballet Characters......

Curly RICHARD BOWDEN Laurey CAROL DERBYSHIRE **Jud TONY GEORGE** 

#### Farmers Daughters and Ranchers Gals......

Jill Baxter, Sylvia Blogg, Pauline Booker, Jeni Bourne, Margaret Bowden, Delia Butterworth, Betty Dale, Pat Drywood, Eve Frampton, Tina Hearne, Aldwyth Humphries, Betty Reid, Frances Shaw, Theresa Short, Val Short, Kelly Stewart.

#### Cowpokes and Farmers.....

Bill Bennett, Richard Bowden, Mike Corden, Bob Drywood, Tony George, Denis Mike Kendrick, Howdle, Peter Shaw, Steve Tottman.

#### Dancin' Gals.....

Carol Derbyshire, Julie Payne, Emma Toone, Christine Turner, Karen Van Walwyk

#### Orchestra.....

#### Musical Director VIOLET GRAHAM

Louise Leask - Violin, Malcolm Jackson - Keyboard, Mary McLeod - Clarinet, Owen James - Trombone, Bob Spoore - Percussion

#### ——— SYNOPSIS OF SCENES –

#### Act I

Scene 1

In front of Laurey's Farmhouse

Scene 2

The Smoke House

Scene 3

In front of Laurey's Farmhouse

Scene 4

The Dream Ballet

#### Act II

Scene 1 The Box Social Scene 2

The Auction and the Dance

Scene 3

Back at the Farmhouse

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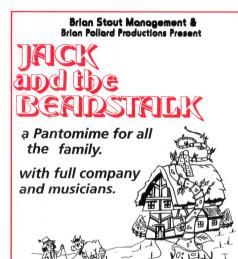
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