

Applause! Cary Youth Theatre presents

SCRAPS!

The Ragtime Girl of Oz

February 23-25, 2018

“A play about playing with problems... singing and dancing all the way.”

V. Glasgow Koste

PLAY SUMMARY:

The magician Dr. Pipt is trying to create a slave to work for him. He sprinkles Powder of Life on a patchwork quilt and BAM! Scraps is born – and she’s not at all who Dr. Pipt had imagined. Meanwhile, Ojo, a Munchkin boy, and his uncle, Unc Nunkie, have stopped by. In the confusion, Unc Nunkie is accidentally turned to stone.

Dr. Pipt gives Ojo a list of ingredients needed to bring Unc Nunkie back to life. The items are hard to find and the journey very dangerous, but Scraps is determined to help Ojo, and they set off.

Item 1: Three hairs from a Woozy’s tail. Unfortunately, Scraps and Ojo cannot separate the Woozy from its hairs, so they decide to just bring the Woozy along with them. Before they can set off again, they’re attacked by a Plant which captures and begins to smother them. Luckily the Scarecrow shows up and shoos the Plant away. Scraps and the Scarecrow are kindred spirits and become fast friends.

Item 2: Water from a dark well. The four new friends learn where to find the well but find it blocked by a terrible war. Using humor, Scraps brings peace to the two sides. They almost get stuck in the well while collecting the water, but Scraps figures out a way to escape.

Item 3: A 6-leaved clover. Desperate, to save Unc Nunkie, Ojo picks a clover even though it’s against the law. He finally confesses and is forgiven by Princess Ozma, who reminds them that the laws of Oz are made to protect people. Ozma uses her own magic to save Unc Nunkie. Ojo, Unc Nunkie, Woozy, and Scraps realize they are each free to decide their own path in life. And the journey continues.....

Activity: Curious Cryptogram

In the play, the Hoppers and Horners are at war because of a joke that neither side understands. Luckily, Scraps figures it out. Here’s another **pun**: crack the code to crack the joke!

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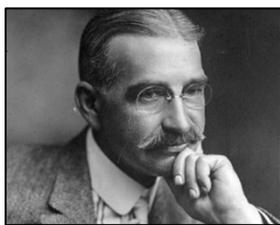
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Pun: a joke that plays on different meanings of a word, or the fact that words that sound alike have different meanings. Puzzle answer on back of this guide!

LITERARY LINK:



L. Frank Baum (1856-1919) was an American author, most famous for his 1913 novel The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, which has been called America's greatest and best-loved home grown fairy tale. Baum wrote over 55 books, more than 80 short stories, over 200 poems, and at least 42 scripts.

In 1939, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz was adapted for film. "The Wizard of Oz" is considered one of the greatest films in cinema history and continues to inspire new versions, from "The Muppets' Wizard of Oz" to the Broadway smash *Wicked*.

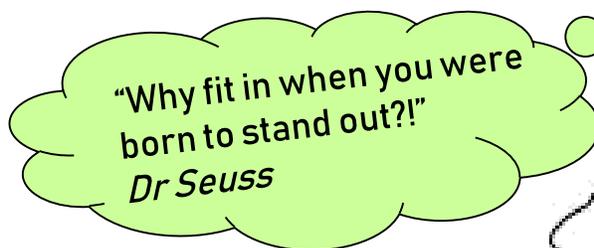


V. Glasgow Koste (1924-2010) was an actor, director, and teacher; she also received many honors and awards for playwriting. *Scraps! The Ragtime Girl of Oz* was inspired by L. Frank Baum's The Patchwork Girl of Oz. In 1986, *Scraps!* premiered at Eastern Michigan University, where Koste was a professor.

Activity: Different is Beautiful!

A patchwork quilt is made from a lot of different fabrics, patterns, and colors. Each quilt is unique, or as *Scraps* would say, "various". *Scraps* is "various", too:

Comforting ♦ Crazy ♦ Useful ♦ Durable ♦ Tough ♦ Soft ♦ Wild
Gorgeous ♦ **Impetuous** ♦ **Headstrong** ♦ Multi-colored
and more!

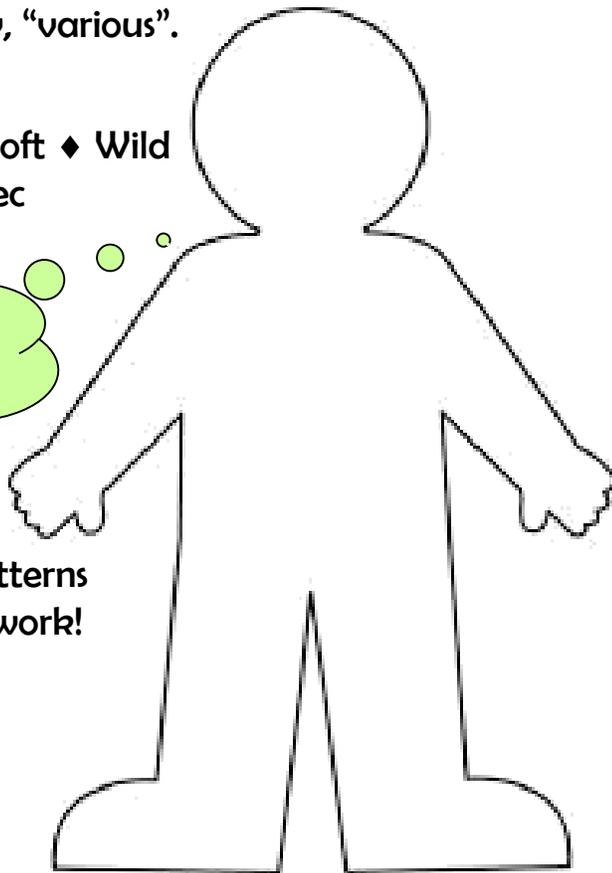


Show off the qualities, colors, and/or patterns that make up YOUR personality patchwork!



Impetuous: characterized by sudden action/emotion; "acts without thinking".

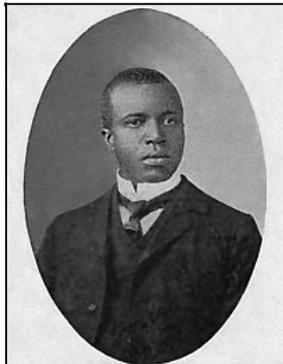
Headstrong: self-willed and stubborn



RAGTIME RHYTHM:

Ragtime, short for “ragged time”, is an American musical style that combines African syncopation with European classical music. “Ragged time” describes a style of playing piano or banjo with a syncopated melody over a steady overall beat. Syncopated rhythm has a loose, natural flow, which brings an air of excitement and spontaneity to the music.

Ragtime music is heard throughout *Scraps! The Ragtime Girl of Oz*. It brings Scraps to life, it fights off the Woozy, it accompanies a friendship dance, and more. Excitement and spontaneity? What could be more “Scraps”?



Scott Joplin (1868-1917) is one of the most famous ragtime composers; his “Maple Leaf Rag” is considered to be ragtime’s first and most influential “hit”. Joplin’s music has been featured in films, nominated for (and won!) Grammy Awards, and was a Billboard Top Album in 1974. In 1976, Joplin was posthumously awarded a Pulitzer Prize.



Curious Cryptogram Answer: *The boy sat up all night wondering where the sun went. After awhile it dawned on him.*

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