

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Prologue ..... Before the Curtain  
 Act I ..... In Front of the Blue Mill  
     \*“The Little Red Hen”—First Grade  
     Directed by Neva Karban  
 Interlude ..... Before the Curtain  
 Act II, Scene I ..... Interior of Court Stable  
     Scene II ..... The Same Evening, Two Days Later  
     \*“The Fly That Married the Bumblebee”—Second Grade  
     \*“And He Fiddled Away”—Directed by Ora Erway  
 Interlude ..... Before the Curtain  
 Act III Scene I ..... The Queen’s Room in the Palace  
     Scene II ..... Old North Gate—Midnight  
     \*“Weevily Wheat”—American Folk Song and Dance—Third Grade  
     Directed by Isabelle Fritschen  
     Scene III ..... The Throne Room—Morning

— THE STORY —

Act I

Once upon a time, in a far-off country, a stranger wandered to the Blue Mill with some grain to be ground. He became a willing listener while the miller boasted that his daughter Gretchen could spin straw into gold. The King’s men, who have been hunting in the nearby forest, overhear this wondrous tale, report it to the king, and forthwith the miller is ordered to bring his daughter to court to prove her skill.

Act II

Gretchen, at court, is put to work, but is helpless and fearful until a dwarf, Rumpelstiltskin, appears and offers his aid. In payment he bargains first for her necklace, then her ring, and spins the straw as she sleeps. The king is pleased and promises to make Gretchen his queen if she spins a third and last load of straw. With no valuables left, Gretchen readily agrees to the dwarf’s shrewd demand for her first-born child. The straw becomes gold, and Gretchen is queen.

Act III

Three years later, in the midst of preparations for christening the baby princess, the dwarf pays a secret visit to the queen and demands his reward. The queen becomes so upset that he relents a little and offers to release her from her promise if she can guess his name. With the wishing fairy’s help, she speaks the dwarf’s name, and he disappears in a rage. Happiness reigns in The Land Of Once Upon a Time.

— CAST OF CHARACTERS —

Jongleurs—Who Proclaim Events To Follow:  
 Jeannie Cunningham, Jana Miller, Janet Miller  
 Honor Lee Daniels, Ferrol Phillips, Shelia Stiles

Children Around The Blue Mill:  
 Ann ..... Debbie Moeller  
 Frances ..... Joyce Klema  
 Gertrude ..... Vicki Wallert  
 Marianne ..... Sherry Soukup  
 Johan ..... Bobbie Kraus  
 Fritz ..... Ricky Wallert  
 Kay ..... Alice Soukup  
 George ..... Kent Cunningham  
 Franz ..... Alan Wanek  
 The Miller, Who Sleeps and Brags Too Much ..... Alan Olds  
 Gretchen, His Pretty Daughter ..... Vicki Nuss  
 Dame Miller, Her Mother ..... Linda Weber  
 A Stranger, Of An Inquiring Nature ..... Roger Robinson  
 Huntsmen, For the King ..... Steven Strode, Matty Soukup,  
     Lyle Brown, John Vleck

Major Domo, The Court Announcer ..... Don Rice  
 King, Who Demands Much ..... Darrel Ptacek  
 Courtiers, Of the King .. Larry Wallert, Tom Vopat, Jim Klema Frank Dlabal  
 Ladies In Waiting:  
 Lady Clothilde ..... Donna Sebesta  
 Lady Marian ..... Kay Ptacek  
 Lady Lucia ..... Gretchen Eschbaugh  
 Lady Louise ..... Kaylene Karban  
     Marcia Dolezal, Barbara Zorn  
     Margaret Borell, Shirley Shiroky

Rumpelstiltskin, A Dwarf With Mystical Powers ..... Ronald Warta  
 Lackey, From the Court ..... Steven Hoch  
 Fairy, Very Helpful to Gretchen ..... Priscilla Anschutz  
 Fiddlers, Court Musicians ..... Alma Mattas, Wilma Mattas  
 Jesters, Of the King’s Court ..... Brent Cunningham, Alan Motzner  
 Pages, To the Queen ..... Larry Charvat, Gary Charvat  
 The Grand Begum of Bengal, Bearer of Gifts ..... Charles Bouska  
 Royal Interpreter, Of the Court ..... Tim Stiles  
 The Maharajah of Iranistand, Bearer of Gifts ..... Dennis Rice  
 Slave, Of the Maharajah ..... Dallas Seifers  
 Body Guard, To the King ..... Larry Claussen

— CHORUS —

Gloria Buehler	Lee Roy Charvat	Janie Dolechek
Janet Pekarek	Barbara Reno	Arita Wallert
Carol Small	Sharol Small	Candace Soukup
Janet Steinle	Patricia Hlaus	Alan Vopat
Steve Soukup	Alice Rezac	Louise Soukup
Gerald Soukup	Dorothy Wagner	Ricky Reno