

Blue Ridge Youth Theater  
Audition and Show Information Sheet

Babes in Toyland  
Winter 2011

A Little About the Show

“Babes in Toyland” was originally written as an operetta composed by Victor Herbert with a libretto (book and lyrics) Glen MacDonough. It opened on Broadway in October, 1903 and closed after 192 performances in March, 1904. The version we plan to do is an adaptation, with limited music, of that production.

It's a wonderful tale filled characters from Mother Goose's nursery rhymes (Contrary Mary, Tom-Tom, Jack & Jill, Little Bo Peep, Simple Simon, etc.), two young orphans (Alan & Jane), their wicked Uncle Barnaby and his henchmen (Gonzorgo & Roderigo), gypsies, dancing butterflies and/or spiders (depending on the adaptation), and the Master Toymaker himself!

The best known pieces are the title song, Toyland,  
[http://www.dramaticpublishing.com/download/mp3/05\\_Toyland\\_B06.mp3](http://www.dramaticpublishing.com/download/mp3/05_Toyland_B06.mp3)

and The March of the Wooden Soldiers which you can hear at the following link:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDdhg8CyeUo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDdhg8CyeUo).

And here is the wikipedia page:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babes\\_in\\_Toyland\\_%28operetta%29#1903\\_version](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babes_in_Toyland_%28operetta%29#1903_version)

Auditions, Rehearsals, Performances

Auditions will be on Monday 10/3 and Thursday 10/6 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. We will do a series of cold readings from the script, as well as some singing.

Rehearsals will be held Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 beginning 10/10. There will be no rehearsal on Thanksgiving.

We may have a few Saturday rehearsals on 10/29, 11/5 & 11/12 from 10:00 to 12:00, and an additional rehearsal on 12/15. I will know about those by the 10/27 rehearsal.

Auditions and rehearsals will be held at 58 West Main Street, upper floor, next to the Luray Fitness Center.

Tech week begins 12/4 and will be every night that week from 4:00 to 7:00. Actors who will need to leave early on those days should mark that on the audition form.

Our performance dates are going to be December 9, 16, & 17 at 7:00 and December 11 & 18 at 2:00. The venues are TBA but we may take a show to Shenandoah or New Market. Hopefully we'll have that nailed down next week.

We are also planning a musical float for the Luray Christmas Parade on December 10<sup>th</sup>. This is not mandatory but the more, the merrier! There will be riding and walking positions.

The participation fee for this show is once again \$50 per actor and is due at the first rehearsal on 10/10 unless other arrangements are made. Siblings receives a \$10 discount. As always, we have a few scholarships available, simply check the box on the audition form and talk with Barb at the first rehearsal.