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PROPS HIRE

WE OFTEN FIND, THAT THESE DAYS, TIME IS ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS COMMODITIES AND THERE NEVER SEEMS TO BE ENOUGH OF IT. THAT IS WHY WE HAVE GONE INTO PROPS AS MANY OF OUR CUSTOMERS OFTEN FORGO THE PROPS AND JUST IMAGINE THEY ARE CARRYING A PLATTER OF FOOD OR BASKET ETC. FINE IN A SURREALISTIC PIECE BUT NOT FOR "OLIVER!"

NOW YOU COULD USE THE REAL THING SUCH AS A BASKET OF SOFT FRUIT BUT IT GETS DROPPED, VERY OVERRIPE (SMELLY) AND IS THROWN AWAY AT THE END, A COMPLETE AND UTTER WASTE! HOWEVER, WITH OUR FAKE FRUIT THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN. THE BASKETS ARE STUCK TOGETHER SO EVEN IF IT THEY WERE TURNED UPSIDE DOWN THE "FRUIT" DOESN'T FALL OUT. BEING PLASTIC, IT IS NOT GOING TO GO OFF! AND OF COURSE, THE CAST DON'T EAT IT!



OUR BANQUETING PLATTERS SUCH AS THE CRAB AND LOBSTER, TURKEY AND CHICKEN WOULD BE AN ABSOLUTE NIGHTMARE IF THEY HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR A FEW DAYS. SO, ALTHOUGH IN DAYLIGHT, THEY ARE FAKE TO THE HUMAN EYE, THE NEAREST MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE IS 20' AWAY AND THE STAGE LIGHTING IS NOT DAYLIGHT AND HOPEFULLY YOU HAVE MOVING ACTORS! NOW, I AM SURE THAT YOU COULD MAKE ALL OF THE PROPS, BUT HAVE YOU GOT THE TIME? AND WOULD THEY LOOK AS GOOD?

TELEPHONES ARE OFTEN REQUIRED FOR PLAYS AND WE HAVE A LARGE SELECTION FOR HIRE COVERING FROM THE 1920'S TO THE CURRENT DAY. YOU COULD RUN A SOUND EFFECT CD AND HOPE TO STOP IT WHEN THE HANDSET IS LIFTED...BUT...WHY NOT HAVE A TELEPHONE RINGER FROM US AND MAKE SURE THE ACTOR LIFTS THE HAND SET MID - "RING". THAT WAY, IT IS MORE REALISTIC AS THE RINGING TONE IS CUT AT THAT POINT.

CANDLES ARE OFTEN USED AND QUITE RIGHTLY NO NAKED FLAME SHOULD BE USED ON STAGE, IT'S JUST DOWNRIGHT DANGEROUS! WE HAVE BATTERY OPERATED CANDLES WHICH ARE ENTIRELY SAFE AND LOOK VERY REALISTIC IF THE LIGHTING IS SUBDUED. THE SAME ONES ARE USED ON "PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" SO, IF IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR THEM, IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME! BATTERIES ARE SUPPLIED PROFESSIONAL ONES NOT THE CHEAPIES OUT OF THE GARAGE!

FOLLOWING ON WE HAVE MANY LANTERNS SUCH AS STORM LANTERNS AND RAILWAY SIGNALLING LAMPS AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE FOLLOWING PAGES, AGAIN COMPLETELY SAFE, AS THERE IS NO HEAT.

CAMERAS ARE ALSO VERY USEFUL AND I DOUBT YOU WILL HAVE A BABY GRAFLEX (1940'S PRESS CAMERA) LYING AROUND. WE ALSO HAVE MANY OTHERS FROM 1916 TO THE PRESENT DAY. MOST ARE NON PRACTICAL I.E. THEY DO NOT WORK, BUT, SOME WILL FLASH. BATTERIES ARE INCLUDED.

**WE THEN COME ON TO THE MORE "ESOTERIC" PROPS..... OR AS OFTEN CALLED HERE
....."WHAT DID HE BUY THAT FOR?"**

HERE'S A FEW SUGGESTIONS...

- **FISHING NETS ..."CAROUSEL" OR "PIRATES OF PENZANCE".**
- **CHIMNEY SWEEPS BRUSHES ..."OLIVER!", "MARY POPPINS "**
- **KNIFE GRINDERS WHEEL...OWL ON A PERCH...BOWLS AND SPOONS, WALLETS..AND MUCH MORE..."OLIVER!"**
- **THE "WHAT THE BUTLER SAW" MACHINE AND THE SEASIDE TELESCOPE.....
"DADS ARMY", "OH, WHAT A LOVELY WAR!" OR "OUR DAY OUT".**
- **TRUNCHEONS..."PIRATES OF PENZANCE".**
- **THE BARRELS..."OUR DAY OUT" (FOR THE CLIFF TOP SCENE WITH THE ACTRESS TEETERING ON THE BARREL SHE APPEARS TO BE AT THE TOP OF THE CLIFF, SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE) OR "PIRATES OF PENZANCE", (I AM A BIT OF A SAVOYARD) "DICK WHITTINGTON" OR ANYTHING ELSE...**
- **GARROTTS, MACE, FLAILS, STOCKS, AXE, SOME GRUESOME PROPS FOR "DEATHTRAP"**
- **EXECUTIONERS AXE AND BLOCK, FAKE OF COURSE, BUT WOULD GIVE YOU A SPLITTING HEADACHE.**
- **BUGSY MALONE'S CAR AND SPLURGE GUNS.**
- **THE TIGERS HEAD HUNTING TROPHY AND OUR TYPE 229 CAMERA....."WHEN WE ARE MARRIED"**
- **FOOTLIGHTS FOR OLD TIME MUSIC HALL, ALSO, CHANDELIERS.**
- **ACME BOMBS AND DYNAMITE.....PLEASE SEE THE VIDEO CLIP ON THE WEBSITE**
- **THE FIREPLACE AND ASPIDISTRA, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS FOR "MY FAIR LADY"**

THE TASK OF FILLING UP THE GAPS, I'DE RATHER LEAVE TO YOU, BUT IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER.....MATTER, MATTER, MATTER, MATTER ETC (2 G&S REFERENCES!)

AS YOU WILL SEE THERE ARE OVER 1130 PROPS TO CHOOSE FROM BUT IF YOU CAN THINK OF SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T HAVE, WE WILL INVESTIGATE.



PLEASE READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, BUT, IN THE MEANTIME PLEASE NOTE....

NON PRACTICAL MEANS "IT DOES NOT WORK". "RINGS WITH OUR TYPE 321 RINGER" BUT IT MAY NOT WORK WITH OTHERS. WE SUPPLY RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES AND CHARGERS WITH CANDLE EFFECTS FREE OF CHARGE. BREAKAGES AND LOSSES ARE CHARGEABLE. SOME FITTINGS NEED SOME GAFFA TAPE (NOT SUPPLIED) TO SECURE THE BATTERIES IF THERE IS NO PRACTICAL MEANS OF HOLDING IT. SOME FITTINGS ARE FROSTED/ DIRTIED FOR EFFECT, PLEASE DO NOT CLEAN THEM. SOME PROPS ARE MAINS OPERATED. THIS IS SHOWN IN THE BROCHURE THESE ARE ON 15 AMP PLUGS, IF YOU NEED ADAPTERS PLEASE ASK. NON-DIM ITEMS ARE FITTED WITH 16 AMP PLUGS AND WE WILL SUPPLY ADAPTERS FREE.

PRICES ARE PER WEEK EACH, NO DAY RATES AVAILABLE AND OUR PRICES ARE ALREADY REASONABLE SO NO DISCOUNTS ARE GIVEN. IF YOU ASK FOR US TO GET A PROP AND THEN CHANGE YOUR MIND, YOU WILL STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.

CARRIAGE IS EXTRA. PLEASE PACK THE PROPS CAREFULLY TO PROTECT THEM.

SETS OF PROPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR "OLIVER!", "DAD'S ARMY", " 'ALLO, 'ALLO" AND 'ALLO, 'ALLO 2 "MY FAIR LADY", " MATILDA", "MARKET BOY ", "CABARET", "WHEN WE ARE MARRIED", ANNIE "CALENDAR GIRLS"AND MANY OTHERS.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH YOUR REQUIREMENTS.