



**Nelson's
Paradise merton
The Musical**

**STAGING THE
PRODUCTION**

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NELSON'S PARADISE MERTON - SYNOPSIS

Nelson lived in Merton with Emma Hamilton during the last 5 years of his life. He described it as "Paradise Merton".

The musical begins when Nelson first went to sea as a young man and tracks his life through to his death.

It covers:- his wedding to Fanny; his relationship with Emma Hamilton and the birth of their daughter Horatia; and the key battles that Nelson won: St Vincent 1797, the Nile 1798, Copenhagen 1801 and Trafalgar, where he died on 21st October 1805.

The musical was written to commemorate the bicentenary of Nelson's death at the battle of Trafalgar on 21st October 1805 and was performed at the New Wimbledon Theatre by Merton Schools on 20 & 21st October 2005.

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CAST & SCENES IN WHICH THEY APPEAR

Character	Scenes they appear in
4 Narrators	All scenes
Young Nelson	1
Captain Suckling - Nelson's uncle	1
Captain Skeffington	1
Seaman Briggs	1
Captain Ludwig	1
Seaman 1	1
Seaman 2 non speaking	1
Seaman 3 non speaking	1
Seaman 4 non speaking	1
Seam 5 non speaking	1
Seaman 6 non speaking	1
POLAR BEARS	
Adult Nelson	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9
Fanny	1, 2, 4
Josiah	1, 2
Parson	1
Napoleon	2, 3, 5, 9
Admiral Sir John Jervis	2
Captain	2
Officer	2
NELSON'S CREW HMS CAPTAIN	2
SPANISH CREW SAN NICHOLAS	2
SPANISH CREW SAN JOSEF	2
Newspaper seller	2
King George 11 - non speaking	2
Captain Berry	3
14 BATTLE SHIPS - BRITISH	3
13 FRENCH BATTLE SHIPS	3
FRENCH TROOPS	3

Character	Scenes they appear in
Captain Foley	3
Officer	3
Captain of the l'Orient	3
Captain's son	3
L'orient crew	3
British Captain	3
Surgeon	3
PRESS GANG CREW	
Emma Hamilton	4, 5, 6, 7
William Hamilton	4
Italian crowds	4
Naples Royal Family - non speaking	4
ENGLISH CROWDS	4
Lord Mayor of London - non speaking	4
Rev Nelson - Nelson's brother	4
Midwife	4
British soldiers	5
Danish soldiers	5
Horatia - child	5
Admiral Villaneuve	6
33 Spanish and French Ships	6
Captain Blackwood	6
British fleet 26 ships	6
Captains 47 th meal	6
Captain Hardy	6
Doctor Scott	6
Mr Pasco - Flag Lieutenant	6
Surgeon Beatty	6
Nurse	7
Captain Whitby	7
Seamen, Marines	7

COSTUMES

Period is 1771 - 1805

Regency style clothing

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Merchant navy costumes of that period

British Naval Uniforms for officers and sailors

Press Gang uniform

SONGS

PHOTOCOPIABLE SONG SHEET

CD WITH:

- SONG VOCALS FOR PRACTICE
- SONG BACKING TRACKS FOR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE
 - LINK-UP MUSIC

MUSICAL SCORE

SONGS in order of appearance :

Don't you dare with a polar bear!

Anchor's away

My Destiny

The Press Gang

We have a hero in you

I'll write a letter to you

Napoleon's Lament

Passage to Glory

NELSON LINK-UP MUSIC

Songs can be solos or backed by choir.
All stage singing performances need to be choreographed.

The Scenery /Technical /Props/Lighting/Sound

Scene 1	Scenery	Technical	Props	Lights	Sound
The Young Nelson	Chatham	Projection Shipping area	PP Letter	Blue Icy light	Sound of walruses Sound of a cannon blasting Song: Don't you dare with a Polar Bear
	Cyclarama HMS Raisorable	Map Florida, Bermuda, Lesser Antilles £20,000 King's Prize Northwest route to India	PP Musket		
	The North pole	Ice scenery + walruses. The Carcass Ship stuck in the ice.			
	Cyclarama 12 th March 1787 Nelson marries Fanny	Map of Leeward Islands			
	Cyclarama - Nelson stands on sand dune looking out to sea	Map of Norfolk Picture of Burnham Thorpe			Sound of sea and wind at Norfolk Link Music

Scene 2	Scenery	Technical	Props	Lights	Sound
Battle of St Vincent	Seascape	Projection 1797 Battle of St Vincent	French Flag British Flag Letter for Nelson		French Troops being marshalled
	Foggy weather	Map Spanish Coast/Mediterranean	British Fleet : HMS Captain + 14 ships Spanish Fleet 27 includes SAN NICHOLAS SAN JOSEF Captain San Nicholas & San Josef side by side so that Nelson can board both creating a <i>Patent Bridge</i>		Fighting sounds
	London	NEWSPAPER HEADLINE NELSON'S PATENT BRIDGE	PPs Weapons Newspapers for sale		London street noise
	Cyclarama King George 11 Knights Nelson				Crowds cheering
	Cyclarama Nelson getting shot in the arm and having it amputated	Tenerife Burnham Thorpe - recuperating			Sound of arm being sawn off. Song: My Destiny

Scene 3	Scenery	Technical	Props	Lights	Sound
Battle of the Nile	Seascape	Projection 1798 THE BATTLE OF THE NILE Map traces the journey India, Egypt, Malta, Middle East, Gibraltar, Malta, Syria, Greece, Turkey	French Flag French Fleet: The L'Orient + 12 ships British Fleet : Vanguard and 13 ships	Evening light	Sea sounds The wind blows Battle noises Screaming as the Capt of the L'Orient has his legs blown off.
	Deck of the l'Orient	The pyramids at Ghiza ABOUKIR BAY	The French fleet line up their ships close to the shore with their guns facing seaward Grain barrel to place the Capt of the L'Orient in.		
	Deck of the Vanguard		PP Poetry book - Boy stood on the burning deck.		Song: THE PRESS GANG
	London scenery	HERO OF THE NILE THE PRESS GANG	PP Surgeon's bag		

Scene 4	Scenery	Technical	Props	Lights	Sound
Emma & Horatio	<p>Bay of Naples</p> <p>Cyclarama : Italian Crowds</p> <p>Ballroom</p> <p>Room in the Hamilton House</p> <p>Cyclarama Guillotine & women knitting</p> <p>Cyclarama: Body hanging from langyard</p> <p>Cyclarama : Napolese Royal family stealing out into the night - goods being loaded onto a ship</p> <p>Cyclarama: Coach with the Hamiltons and Nelson</p> <p>Paradise Merton</p> <p>Dark stage Merton one side Capt's Cabin the other</p>	<p>Projection : LONDON - HERO OF THE NILE</p> <p>The Tour - map traces the journey</p> <p>Burnham Thorpe</p>	<p>Chair and table PP First Aid equipment</p> <p>Dress Sword presentation Lord Mayor of London</p> <p>Bed Baby</p> <p>PP Letters Writing tables x 2 Chairs</p>	<p>Spot lights either side of stage</p>	<p>Song: WE HAVE A HERO IN YOU</p> <p>Cheering French crowds</p> <p>Crowds cheering</p> <p>Crowds cheering</p> <p>Baby crying</p> <p>SONG; I'LL WRITE A LETTER TO YOU</p>

Scene 5	Scenery	Technical	Props	Lights	Sound
Battle of Copenhagen	<p>Sea scape -</p> <p>Cyclarama: Men shooting at one another and dying</p> <p>Cyclarama: Nelson shaking hands with the Danish Prince</p> <p>Paradise Merton</p> <p>Dark stage</p>	Projection Baltic area	<p>Danish, Swedish, Prussian & Russian Flags</p> <p>Signal 39 DISENGAGE THE ENEMY</p> <p>PP Telescope</p> <p>Signal 16 ENGAGE THE ENEMY MORE CLOSELY</p> <p>PP Letter and Wax</p> <p>Couch</p>	Spotlight on Napoleon	<p>Battle sounds</p> <p>SONG: NAPOLEON'S LAMENT</p>

Scene 6	Scenery	Technical	Props	Lights	Sound
Battle of Trafalgar	SEASCAPE	Projection 1805 BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR			French National Anthem Fanfare
	Cyclorama : Spanish and French Ships	Map of Spanish Coast	33 ships - Combined French and Spanish fleet		
	Cyclorama : St Mary's Church Nelson & Emma exchange rings				
	Cyclorama : Nelson leaves for Portsmouth				
		September 1805 Nelson's 47 th birthday celebration	British Fleet: Victory and 25 ships Table prepared for the captains' dinner + chairs		
	Deck of the Victory	Projection: Battle plan flashes			Drum rolls
		Signal: ENGLAND EXPECTS THAT EVERYMAN WILL DO HIS DUTY Signal 16: ENGAGE THE ENEMY MORE CLOSELY 1.15 21 ST October NELSON IS SHOT BY A FRENCH SNIPER	Nelson's Will Sand thrown onto the deck Cannons rolled in		Battle sounds
	Orlop Deck		PP Large Handkerchief Surgeon's table and implements		Sound of men groaning in pain Link Music

Scene 7	Scenery	Technical	Props	Lights	Sound
Nelson's Funeral	<p>Paradise Merton</p> <p>Cyclarama: Nelson's body being put into a barrel and filled with brandy</p> <p>Cyclarama: Body lying in state and crowds coming to see it.</p> <p>Cyclarama : Flotilla carrying the coffin.</p> <p>Cyclarama: Crowds cheer the flag</p>		<p>Bed</p> <p>Seamen holding the flag</p>		<p>Guns in the distance Carriage arriving</p> <p>Liquid being poured</p> <p>SONG: PASSAGE OF GLORY</p>