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Show Spotlight: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

SYNOPSIS

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Any Dream Will Do



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Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a musical retelling of the bible story from the book of Genesis. Joseph, who is highly favored by his father, is given a beautiful coat of colors! His brothers, who are jealous, decide to sell him into slavery. Joseph is wrongly put into jail, but ends up getting out by being able to interpret the Pharaoh's dreams. He then becomes Pharaoh's right-hand man. During this time, Joseph's family is starving and in need of food. So they go to the Pharaoh to get supplies and are met by Joseph. They don't recognize him, which hurts Joseph. While getting them their food, Joseph plants a golden cup in the youngest brother's sack. Before they leave, Joseph stops them and accuses them of being thieves. They empty all their sacks, and Benjamin, the youngest, reveals the cup. The brothers are sorrowful and begin to ask for forgiveness and for Jacob to be spared and to take one of them instead. Joseph's heart is softened as he sees the change in the brothers and he reveals himself to them. In the end everyone is reunited and Joseph gets his colored coat back.

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Andrew Lloyd Webber is an English composer who is considered one of the most influential figures in musical theatre. Like Stephen Sondheim, the Gershwins, and Rodgers and Hammerstein, Webber has pushed the boundaries of the musical and has made fan favorite musicals that are still performed today. Andrew Lloyd Webber has received many awards and is one of sixteen people who have received an Emmy, an Oscar, a Grammy, and a Tony. These individuals who have received all four are often nicknamed an "egot". Andrew Lloyd Webber is still active in the theatre community today and continues to compose new shows. The shows, however, that he is most known for are Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat, Phantom of the Opera, Jesus Christ Superstar, and Cats.



Any Dream Will Do

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Donny Osmond as Joseph

sing one of the musical's most

famous songs,

"Any Dream Will Do"!



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