



DREAMS 'Joseph' predated 'Superstar'

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students, Browning said. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," or "Joseph," is based on the "coat of many colours" story of Joseph from the Bible's book of Genesis. This was the first Lloyd Webber and Rice musical to be performed publicly; their first collaboration, "The Likes of Us," written in 1965, was not performed until 2005, according to Wikipedia. The show has only a few lines of spoken dialogue; it is almost entirely sung-through.

Its family-friendly story, familiar themes and catchy music have resulted in numerous stagings. "Joseph" was first presented as a 15-minute "pop cantata" at Colet Court School in London in 1968, and it was published by Novello and recorded in an expanded form by Decca Records in 1969. After the success of the next Lloyd Webber and Rice piece, "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Joseph" received amateur stage productions in the US beginning in 1970, and the first American release of the album was in 1971. The musical was mounted on Broadway in 1982. Several major revivals, national tours, and a 1999 direct-to-video film starring Donny Osmond followed.

Pharaoh (Taylor Beeks), center left, and Joseph (Jacob Vallie), in chains, dance into an unlikely partnership during a dress rehearsal of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a musical comedy with music composed by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics written by Tim Rice. Mark B. Gibson photos



Joseph's brothers gather for a trip to Egypt in search of food. The brothers are acted by, in no particular order, Wesley Parker, Julian Morehouse, Dillon Gibbons, Shaelyn Scott, Izzy Marlinga, Avery Winwood, Tyrin Vice, Taylor Beeks, Alex Rector, Rowen Bierwirth and Asher Young.



"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" opened Thursday night and continues through this weekend and next.



Joseph's brothers set out on a trip to Egypt in search of food.



An imprisoned Joseph laments his fate with members of the Children's Choir from Chenoweth Elementary School. Members of the Children's Choir are, in no particular order, Grace Neal, Carlie Morales, Alessandra Alejos, Evelyn Cortes, Beatriz Torres, Kadence Gomez-Sorensen, Alexa Ortega Averie Kuehnl and Yaresly Vacquez.

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