

Amsterdam Marionette Theatre

The Castle in the Air (Le 66!) - Jacques Offenbach



Jeannette



Jeannot



farm-animals



pedlar Bertrand



Bertrand's monkey

'The Castle in the Air' is a short **opera**. The music was written by **Jacques Offenbach**.

What is an opera?

An opera is a play in which the actors sing instead of speak - almost as in a musical. But the music in an opera is different: we call it '*classical music*'.

Long before the musical was invented there were opera's: they were invented 400 years ago!



The story

Mister Offenbach sits at his piano. He wants to write some music for a new opera. What shall he compose this time? He has already made so much music...

Then the Muse appears. She's a kind of goddess who helps artists getting good ideas. She shows him some famous theatres for which he could write something. Then Pinocchio appears. That's it! Offenbach will write a play for the marionette theatre! Quickly he sets to work...:

Jeannot is a poor farmer's boy who dreams of becoming a millionaire. He goes on foot to Paris together with his girlfriend Jeannette. On the way they earn money by singing and dancing. Even the farm-animals dance along happily.

Then they meet a pedlar who has a lot of beautiful stuff. Also he has a lottery machine. With his last money, Jeannot buys a ticket. He wins!! But if you expect the story ends here, you are wrong....

Lots of fun with

***The Castle in the Air* by Jacques Offenbach!**

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