



# MAMMA MIA!

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## Show Guide



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## Synopsis

### Act One

Near the beach of a beautiful, small Greek island, a young woman, Sophie, mails three envelopes; one to Sam Carmichael, one to Bill Austin and one to Harry Bright. ("I Have a Dream").

Suddenly, two of Sophie's old friends, Ali and Lisa, appear. They are there for a very special occasion: Sophie is getting married tomorrow! But even Sky, Sophie's fiancé, doesn't know the secret she now reveals to her friends: After reading her mom's old diary, Sophie has learned that years ago, Sophie's mother, Donna, knew three men, and one of them is Sophie's father ("Honey, Honey"). It is these three men that Sophie has invited to her special day. It's her dream to have her father give her away at her wedding.

Just as Sophie is plotting with her friends, her mother, Donna, is reminiscing with her old pals, Rosie and Tanya, who have also come to the island for Sophie's wedding. Donna, Rosie and Tanya were once the pop singing trio "Donna and the Dynamos." Donna introduces her friends to Sophie's fiancé, Sky, along with Pepper and Eddie, who work at Donna's hotel/bar, the Taverna. Donna laments constantly working to run the Taverna ("Money, Money, Money").

As Donna and the girls exit, Sam, Harry and Bill arrive at the Taverna. They comment that it's been twenty one years since they were last here, but none of them realize the significance. Sophie meets them and is shocked to see all three before her. Sophie wants to keep the reason for their presence on the island a secret from Donna and admits that she sent the wedding invitations ("Thank You for the Music"). Sophie is about to usher them to their rooms when Donna comes in and sees the three men. All of her old feelings come bubbling to the surface ("Mamma Mia").

Donna can't hide her feelings from Rosie and Tanya ("Chiquitita"). Donna tells them that although she always told them that Sam was Sophie's father, she was never sure. She reveals that all three of the possible dads are at the Taverna. Rosie and Tanya try to comfort Donna, rousing her spirits, telling her the old Donna that used to be the life of the party is still in her ("Dancing Queen").

In the meantime, Sophie, too, is in turmoil at the arrival of her "three dads." She asks Sky to promise not to leave her like her father left her mother. He promises his constant love before Pepper and Eddie take him away for his bachelor party ("Lay All Your Love on Me").

At Sophie's bachelorette bash, "Donna and the Dynamos" sing one of their old tunes ("Super Trouper"). Harry, Bill and Sam arrive at the party and they are welcomed into the fray ("Gimmie, Gimme, Gimme"). Sophie gets a moment with each of her potential dads. Sam doesn't learn why he's there, Harry learns Sophie doesn't know who her dad is and Bill learns Donna inherited the money to build the Taverna from his his great-aunt Sophia. Upon learning Sophie's age, Bill has an epiphany. ("The Name of the Game). He tells Sophie to let Donna in on her scheme and she asks him to give her away at the wedding; he agrees.

Sophie and Sky's parties converge ("Voulez Vous"). Sam takes Sophie aside to say that he would be proud to be her father. He promises to walk her down the aisle at the wedding. Then Harry meets her and promises the same thing! Overwhelmed, Sophie is stunned as the curtain falls.

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## Synopsis (cont.)

### Act Two

As the second act begins, Sophie is having a nightmare (“Under Attack”). Upon awakening, Sophie is confronted by Donna who thinks she wants to cancel the wedding. But Sophie is determined to not repeat what she sees as her mother’s mistake: raising a child without a father. The guys return from partying, Donna sends Sky to shower, and puts Eddie and Pepper to work. After they depart, Donna is left with her thoughts (“One of Us”), until Sam enters. They reach out to each other, but are held back (“S.O.S.”).

Pepper approaches Tanya on the beach with a cocktail and flirts with her. She shuts down his advances. (“Does Your Mother Know?”).

Sophie finds Sky and confesses that she invited Harry, Bill and Sam, hoping that one of them would be her real father. Sky is upset that she didn’t tell him the truth, accusing her of using their wedding as a way to find her father. He walks away angry. Sophie tries to go after him, but Sam stops her, telling Sophie that she shouldn’t get married if she has any doubts (“Knowing me, Knowing You”). Sophie, convinced that their love is strong, goes after Sky.

In Donna’s room, Harry offers a check to help pay for the wedding and they reminisce about their past (“Our Last Summer”). Sophie comes in with her wedding dress and although there is still tension between them, she asks Donna to help her get ready. (“Slipping Through My Fingers”). Sophie asks Donna to give her away at the wedding.

After Sophie leaves, Sam comes in and tells Donna her father should walk Sophie down the aisle. Donna refuses to hear it and dismisses the very idea (“The Winner Takes it All”).

As Rosie puts the final touches on the wedding decorations, Bill tells her of his anxiety over marriage and children. Seeing a kindred spirit, she woos him to see if there is a chance for their relationship to grow (“Take a Chance on Me”). Bill is about to succumb to her advances when wedding guests begin to arrive.

With Donna walking Sophie down the aisle, the wedding begins. Before Sky and Sophie can say their vows, Donna breaks in, telling everyone that Sophie’s father is there. Sophie reveals that she invited Sam, Harry and Bill, knowing one of them was her father. All three men agree to be Sophie’s Dad.

Sophie proposes to Sky that they postpone the wedding and explore the world together. But before the wedding decorations can be taken down and with the priest still present, Sam asks Donna to marry him (“I Do, I Do, I Do”). There ends up being a wedding after all!

Sophie and Sky head out to see the world (“I Have a Dream”), but not before a rousing sent off!

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## Characters

**Donna Sheridan** Fiercely independent and hardworking, Owner of a taverna on a beautiful Greek island. She is the former lead singer of Donna and the Dynamos.

**Sophie Sheridan** Donna's daughter who, upon finding her Mom's old diary, discovers she has three possible dads and is determined to have her father walk her down the aisle at her wedding.

**Harry Bright** One of Sophie's possible fathers. Formerly known as "Head Banger," he is now a banker.

**Bill Austin** Another of Sophie's possible fathers. A writer and world traveler.

**Sam Carmichael** The last of Sophie's possible fathers. An American architect; has regretted leaving Donna for years.

**Tanya** One of Donna's best friends and a former member of Donna and the Dynamos. She is recently divorced from her third husband, wild and sensual.

**Rosie** Donna's other best friend and the third member of Donna and the Dynamos. Unmarried and carefree.

**Sky** Sophie's fiancé; romantic and athletic. He is assisting Donna in expanding the taverna.

**Ali & Lisa** Sophie's two best friends and bridesmaids at her wedding. Intelligent, loving, and extremely loyal.

**Pepper & Eddie** Donna's employees, bar-staff, waiters, boatmen, and organizers of Sky's bachelor party

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## Musical Numbers

### Act One

- “Prologue: I Have a Dream”** Sophie
- “Honey, Honey”** Sophie, Ali, Lisa, Ensemble
- “Money, Money, Money”** Donna, Tanya, Rosie, Company
- “Thank You for the Music”** Sophie, Sam, Harry, Bill
- “Mamma Mia”** Donna, Company
- “Chiquitita”** Tanya, Rosie, Donna, Ensemble
- “Dancing Queen”** Tanya, Rosie, Donna, Company
- “Lay All Your Love on Me”** Sky, Sophie, Men
- “Super Trouper”** Donna and the Dynamos
- “Gimme, Gimme, Gimme”** Sophie, Ali, Lisa, Company
- “The Name of the Game”** Sophie, Bill, Ensemble
- “Voulez Vous”** Company

### Act Two

- “Entr’acte”** Company
- “Under Attack”** Sophie, Ensemble
- “One of Us”** Donna
- “S.O.S.”** Sam, Donna, Ensemble
- “Does Your Mother Know”** Tanya, Pepper, Ensemble
- “Knowing Me, Knowing You”** Sam, Ensemble
- “Our Last Summer”** Harry, Donna, Ensemble
- “Slipping Through My Fingers”** Donna, Sophie
- “The Winner Takes It All”** Donna
- “Take a Chance on Me”** Rosie, Bill
- “I Do, I Do, I Do”** Sam, Donna, Company
- “I Have a Dream”** Sophie, Company

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## About *Mamma Mia!*

*Mamma Mia!* is based around the songs of ABBA, a Swedish pop/dance group active from 1972 to 1982 and one of the most popular international pop groups of all time. ABBA members and composers Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus were involved in the development of the show from its inception. Andersson and Ulvaeus also contributed to the score of the Tim Rice musical *Chess*.

The plot of *Mamma Mia!* is structured like a classical Greek comedy, based on the model by Aristophanes. In Greek comedies, the world is turned upside down by misunderstandings or divine intervention and order is restored by the end of the play. Even the music that comes following the resolution of the story has its roots in ancient Greece!

*Mamma Mia!* opened at London's Price Edward Theatre on April 6, 1999. This was exactly 25 years following ABBA's win at the Eurovision Song Contest where they wowed the judges with the song "Waterloo."

*Mamma Mia!* didn't hit Broadway until after a successful US national tour, however, the tour was preceded by wildly popular London West End and Toronto productions.

On any given day, approximately 7 performances of *Mamma Mia!* are taking place around the world. It has been translated into 22 languages and premiered in more cities in a shorter time span than any other musical in history.

## *Mamma Mia! at CDT*

The costumes for CDT's production of *Mamma Mia!* are variations of late 1990s runway and ready to wear fashion and the Dynamos' stage costume designs are inspired by concert costumes worn by Elton John.

The chemistry between Sophie (Jessica Fredrickson) and Sky (Aleks Knezevish) is real- they are married to each other and although they have been in shows together since tying the knot, it's rare that they play a couple on stage.

Michelle Barber, who plays the role of Tanya, has graced the CDT stage in 70 shows- what a "Dancing (and singing) Queen!"

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## Word Search

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## Word Search Key

