

THE LIFE AND LOVE OF JOE COOGAN

*Opera in one act, adapted from the Dick Van Dyke Show
TV episode*

"The Life and Love of Joe Coogan," by Carl Reiner

Libretto by KATE LIGHT

Music by PAUL SALERNI

SYNOPSIS

"The Life and Love of Joe Coogan," an adaptation of the Dick Van Dyke Show episode of the same name, tells the story of television writer Rob Petrie and his wife Laura Petrie, in a moment of comic insecurity in their usually carefree marriage.

Rob meets a tall, good-looking man named Joe Coogan on a public golf course. When he inadvertently learns that Joe was long ago in love with Laura, courting her with love sonnets, he becomes uncharacteristically jealous and insecure.

Unbeknownst to Rob and Laura, Joe is now a priest. The mix-up leads to a zany dinner party and a surprise ending.

Duration: 50 minutes

Cast:

Buddy Sorrell: Tenor
Mel Cooley: Bass-baritone
Rob Petrie: Lyric Baritone
Joe Coogan: Baritone
Laura Petrie: Lyric Soprano
Millie Helper: Soprano
Sally Rogers: Mezzo-soprano

Orchestration: Trumpet, trombone, alto sax, piano, percussion, string quartet, bass

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