***The Impresario* – Synopsis**

The action takes place in a theatrical office in Vienna during the late 18th century. Herr Frank, an opera producer, is persuaded by his assistant, Buff, to undertake a new production, much against his better judgment. He encounters difficulty with the two singers competing for the leading role, Madame Silverklang, an aging prima donna and Miss Sweetsong, an aspiring ingenue. Each is determined to win the part and scorns the abilities and accomplishments of the other. Finally, Herr Eiler, the banker who is backing the production, placates the singers, and is so pleased with himself in the role of mediator that he decides to fire Frank and take his place as impresario. Everyone, including Buff, decides to go along with Eiler rather than Frank, and poor Frank storms out, bequeathing them his position and possessions and denouncing their greed.