Public access description

This poster advertises the musical production, 'La Petite Poucette'. The part of the child protagonist, Poucette, was played by a famous vaudeville actress, Milly Meyer. The synopsis of the musical was given as follows, in a review published in the New York Times on March 29, 1891:

'Seven daughters and seven sons come to Paris from Auvergne under the guard of the youngest child, Poucette. Everything goes wrong, but Poucette makes everything right. She has a rare talent for disguise, and dances and sings as the dilemma may require (...). What more can one ask than the comfortable enjoyment of easy fun, with no intellectual wear and work?'

An earlier review in the same newspaper was less gracious, observing of its star,

'When she is on stage the nonsense of the play is attractive, but all the rest is dull and wearisome.'

Descriptive line

Poster, 'La Petite Poucette' by Maurice Boutet de Monvel, French, 19th Century.

Physical description

A young girl dressed in French folk dress is depicted singing and holding a red umbrella. Behind her in a cartouche-like rectangle can be seen a chorus of girls in similar attire, set against a cream ground.

Dimensions

Height: 788 mm, Width: 575 mm

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